

Middle School Newsletter



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Monday, April 9: CMAS Testing Begins

Choir 3:15-4:00

Drama 3:45-6:00

NJHS 3:45-4:45

(DF) Cocoa Critter Cereal

(V) Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Omelet, Chicken Caesar Salad, Broccoli Florets

Tuesday, April 10:

Yearbook Committee 3:45-4:45

French Toast Muffin

(DF) Spaghetti & Meatballs, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Glazed Carrots

Wednesday, April 11:

FISH Grades 4-8, 3:45-5:00 pm

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:30pm

Board Meeting 7:00-9:00pm

Plain Bagel with Cream Cheese

Mac & Cheese & Chicken Bites, Steamed Corn

Thursday, April 12:

Debate Practice 3:45-5:00pm

Banana Muffin

(V) Bean & Cheese Quesadilla, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Sliced Cucumber

Friday, April 13:

Open Gym (Grades 5-8) 6:50-7:30

Travel Club 3:30-4:30

Open Gym 3:45-4:30

Blueberry Burst Muffin

Beef Cheeseburger, Sesame Chicken Wrap, Baby Carrots & Edamame

How Do I Know What Homework My Student Has Tonight?

Literature, Writing, Science, Social Studies:

- Daily homework assignments will be added to the Google classroom by **the end of every day**.
- Teachers will also add an announcement if there is NO homework that night.
- **You must have access to your student's Google Classroom account.** If you need your student's Google Classroom login information, please contact Erin Keyes at erin.keyes@crownpointeacademy.org.

Math:

- Daily homework assignments will be shared with parents via Class Dojo, which will send a message to your email account or to your phone if you have downloaded the Class Dojo app.
- **Students typically have math homework on Tuesday nights**, but this is subject to change during the week.
- If you need access to Class Dojo, please contact Stephanie Avozani at Stephanie.avozeni@crownpointeacademy.org.

How Can I Use Infinite Campus to Understand My Student's Grades?

- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on the individual class to see assignments and grades earned.
- When teachers collect assignments that have not been graded, teachers will put in a score of either **T (Turned In) or M (Missing)**. That way you know if your student has missing assignments. A score of T does not affect your student's grade; a score of M counts as a 0 and will negatively impact your student's grade.
- If you have questions about individual assignments, please contact the teacher directly.
- Teachers will update Infinite Campus each week by Tuesday mornings at 8:00 a.m., so parents can see the most current grades at that time. See below for how long students have to turn in an assignment for credit.

My Student has a Missing Assignment. How Long Does He/She Have to Turn It In for Partial Credit?

- Students will have **at least one week** to turn in a missing assignment for credit. The amount of credit lost is determined by how late the assignment is. If an assignment is one day late, students can earn up to 80% credit. If an assignment is two or more days late, students can earn up to 60% credit.
- Students will have one additional week to turn in any assignment recorded as missing from the Tuesday after the assignment is posted. For example:
 - ◇ An assignment is due on Thursday, November 30th
 - ◇ If a student turns the assignment in on Friday, December 1st, they will receive 80% of the points earned, so if the assignment is worth 20 points and a student gets two questions wrong for a score of 18 points, they will get 80% credit for that 18 points, i.e., 14.4 points rounded to 14.
 - ◇ If a student turns in the assignment on Monday, December 4th, the highest possible grade is 60%, or 10.8 points (rounded up to 11).
 - ◇ The teachers update their grades by Tuesday morning on December 5th, and you notice that your student has a missing assignment. Your student will now have until the **FOLLOWING Monday, December 11th** to turn in the assignment at the 60% credit of the points earned level.
 - ◇ **In this example, the student had 8 school days** to turn the assignment in for partial credit. Once grades post that following Tuesday however, the assignment will not be accepted and the student will receive a 0.
- Please contact any teacher if you have questions about the late work policy.

Thank you for your continued support of your middle school student!
Please let us know if you have any questions.

Science with Mrs. Roe
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All Classes: Daily assignments will be put on the Google Classroom. Grade information is available on Infinite Campus, and grades will be updated by Tuesday mornings. Second semester project info is available on Google Classroom. 6th- Ecosystems Project (see Google Classroom) 7th-Body Systems Project (see Google Classroom)- Grades will be in IC by Friday, 8th- Rollercoaster Project (see Google Classroom)- Teams must be confirmed by Friday

6th grade: We are beginning our Matter Unit this week. Ecosystem part 3 is due April 18.

7th grade: We are beginning our unit on natural selection.

8th grade: We are continuing to study Newton’s Laws of Motion. We will be setting groups for the roller coaster project by this Friday.

Grades for science are weighted:

15% Homework and Practice

35% Unit Tests

25% Semester Projects (Science Fair-Fall, Grade Specific-Spring)

25% Interactive Notebook and Textbook Checks

Lab Mondays: With the changing schedule of the end of the year Lab Mondays will be wrapping up for this year this week. This change does not mean that labs are over for the year, they will just not be regularly scheduled. Thank you to Hannah Campbell and Beth Stacy for your help all year.

Student Council Information

The following is our schedule for meetings this semester. All "assembly meetings" are open to ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL students to bring their ideas and help with events. Both meetings will run [from 3:45PM until 4:30PM](#) in room 504.

4/16 Officer Meeting 4/30 All Assembly Meeting 5/14 Officer Meeting

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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All Classes

- Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus for grade information and Google Classroom for daily information.
- Students should always have pencils, pens (3 colors), colored pencils, scissors, and tape in their pouches at all times.

Google Classroom

- Please make sure you and your student are checking the Google Classrooms for middle school. This will help students stay caught up on work, keep their notebooks organized, and locate important information for several of their classes.
- All notes are available on Google Classroom the day we do them. Please check your notebooks to make sure you have everything.

National History Day - Conflict and Compromise

Students who are competing in the State competition on May 5, need to make sure they are registered using the link: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoHACC2ozqJPTckmL7wNejdDsI4aYwhi-6xE84akJGA0d42w/viewform>. Beginning today, Mrs. Worley and I will be offering work days every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday until 4:30 pm. If arranged ahead of time, Mrs. Worley will be available at 7:00 am in the tech lab.

Continuation Information

8th Grade Parents: We have two weeks to get any final pictures included in the memory book. If you come across any last minute pictures you would like included in the slide show or memory book, please email them to cpa8pics@crownpointeacademy.org as soon as possible. See IC Messenger or Dojo for information on how to turn in hard copy photographs. We will have our final Continuation meeting of the year on Thursday, April 26th at 5:00 pm in my classroom. Please plan to be part of our planning for this fun event.

6th Grade: This week we will begin our unit on Revolutions. There will be no homework Monday - Wednesday due to CMAS testing.

7th Grade: This week we will finish the Beliefs of Christianity and begin . Just a reminder that this unit is looking at how a significant world religion has influenced cultures and other world systems. It is in no way trying to convince students for the purpose of belief.

8th Grade: This week we will continue to look at the Constitution. After looking at the content again I have decided to stretch it out to make sure that we are adequately covering each topic and have plenty of time to read through the entire document. There will not be a final test but they will have a project instead.

Weighted Grades

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:

- Major grades = 60%
- Tests, projects, presentations, community service and other major assignments
 - Minor grades = 40%
- Quizzes, homework, classwork, notes, participation, and other daily or minor assignments

This does make it so that you can't add up their total number of points and divide it by the total points possible and calculate a correct grade. Please email me if you have any questions.

Math with Mrs. Avozani and Mr. Armstrong

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ALL CLASSES: All classes will be taking part in CMAS testing this week. There will be no homework and we will take a break on learning new concepts for the week. Make sure to eat healthy and get plenty of sleep!

Cougar Time and Electives with Mrs. Southern and Mrs. Worley

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All Classes:

Due to Standardized Testing this week, we will only have Photography and Design on Thursday and Friday. I am hoping that the students will be able to turn in their first assignment on Friday, but I may have to push back this due date based upon how far that we get during class time. The pictures will be turned in to google classroom.

Again, in case you missed it last week: A huge thank you to Donorschoose.org and Staples for purchasing 10 new cameras for our students to use. We are so lucky to have these additional resources so that we will only have to share cameras between 2 students in a class.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns:

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Cougar Time

“Learning to stand in somebody else’s shoes, to see through their eyes, that’s how peace begins. And it’s up to you to make that happen. Empathy is a quality of character that can change the world.” – Barack Obama

6th Grade -- 6th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY.

7th Grade -- 7th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY.

8th Grade -- 8th grade will continue reading the book *Speak*.

Language Arts with Ms. Durfee & Mrs. Murphy

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From Mrs. Murphy:

6th Grade Literature: This week, we will be reviewing survey results regarding how students feel our class is running regarding community, learning, environment etc. Then, we will be creating both class and individual smart goals to help us be successful the rest of the year.

7th Grade Literature: With testing this week, we won't get to see as much of each other as usual. However, we will be starting our next unit on drama as we read *Cyrano de Bergerac*. Students will get a week off from homework as it is testing week.

8th Grade Writing: We are still pulling through *The Book Thief* and plan to read some this week. We will also spend some time examining symbolism in the story. We will also review active and passive voice - our grammar principle from last week. Students will not have any homework this week due to testing.

From Ms. Durfee:

Students in all 3 grades will be testing in the morning Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, so we will have a modified schedule this week, but we will continue learning!

6th: We will continue our poetry unit this week, using the book *Hate That Cat*. *We ended last week making predictions about what might happen in the book based not only on textual clues in the book, but what we know happened in the prequel Love That Dog. We will continue to talk about using figurative language in poetry as well as poetic forms.*

7th: We explored some contemporary poets this week and how they have been influenced by classic poets. This week we will continue this as well as beginning to look at poetry as protest with slam poetry.

8th: Last week we reached the point in *To Kill a Mockingbird* where we find out that Tom Robinson was found guilty for a crime he didn't commit. We also looked at Harper Lee's life in Alabama and how it informed the book. This week we will continue reading and making connections with history.

Have a great week!

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

3rd quarter hours were due March 9th. Any outstanding hours need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Total Student Hours Complete: 1846

10+ Hours	20+ Hours	30+ Hours
Logan K., Brianna M., Yinlai Y., Reina L., Erin S., Chandler T., Anaiah C., John S., Alex T., Josias M., Owen M., Faustina P., Damien L., Alicia S., Robert M., Jamie M., Camryn Jo R., Tammy L., Angelo B., Vale- ria C., Dianna G., Yolanda O., Aria H-S., Andrew J., Ian M., Abad V., Benjamin W., Steven B., Michaelangelo D., Faustina P., Erin S., Ricky N., Jesus R., Hector S., Giselle M., Alex P., Melissa Z., Katherine C., Alicia P., Maiya T., Dylan B., Greg M., Naomi V., Aydin M., Conchita C., Matthew Q., Ezequiel V., Lilly H., Allison R., Trinity B., Smriti P., Juan N., Carter S., Ethan C., Giselle M-A., Chance H., Yaira O-P., Janett A., Aly V., Makayla B., Itzel O-P., Dakota W., Anthony V., Christian P., Heather R., Jonathan A., Shyya M., Mario M-M., Jes- sica R., Serenity V., Carlee K., Kimberly A., Ebony H., Victoria M., Eric S., Manuel B., Savion M., Jaidyn M., Nevaeh Q., Ma- rissa R., Paola C., Justice C., Josh C., Aaron A.	Jeremiah M.- 20 Ezra V.- 26 Giselle M-M- 20 Daniel T.-20 Irwin T.-24.5	Cori R.-50 Anjelica G.-38 Anthony M.-30 Lizeth G.-40 Joey R.-50 Mac Z.-55 Lance M.-48 Megan M.-32

Community Service Grading

- 2.5 new hours each quarter in addition to the hours required the quarter before
- To receive a 100%, students should have a total of 2.5 hours at the end of 1st quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2nd quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3rd quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11th cutoff date for 4th quarter.
- Until the previous quarter's requirements are met no new credit will be given.
- Students will receive 20 points for each **completed** half hour of service in the quarterly require-
ment. Additional half hours are credited to the following quarter up to the 10 hour requirement.
Once the 10 hour requirement is met the student will receive a 100% for that quarter and all follow-
ing quarters.
- A log (available in Mrs. Hughes' room) must be completed for each month's service and turned in
to Mrs. Hughes' room.
- Partial half hours will receive no credit. Hours turned in after the quarterly deadline will be counted
toward the total in the next quarter.