

# Middle School Newsletter



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## Week of May 7th

### Monday, May 7:

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Choir 3:15-4:00

Drama 3:45-6:00

Yogurt with Educational Snacks

(V) Pancakes with Omelet, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Broccoli Florets

### Tuesday, May 8:

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night fundraiser 5:00-8:00

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Transition Night 6:30-8:00

French Toast Muffin

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Glazed Carrots

### Wednesday, May 9:

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

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:30

CPA Board Meeting 7:00-9:00pm

Plain Bagel with cream cheese

Chicken Potstickers with not so fried rice, (DF) (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Chopped Lettuce with Ranch & Edamame

### Thursday, May 10:

NJHS – Jr. Entrepreneur 3:45-5:00

Writer's Workshop with sign up 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 3:45-5:00

Apple Cinnamon Muffin

(DF) The Revolution Dog, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Sliced Cucumber

### Friday, May 11:

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

Travel Club 3:30-4:30

Lemon Muffin

Mac & Cheese & Chicken Bites, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Steamed Corn

**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. 8th-Rollercoaster Project (see Google Classroom)- **Due May 10th**

6th grade: Our final unit of the year will be an introduction to chemistry. This will be the content for the final test of the year. Final test is on May 22.

7th grade: We are beginning our last unit of the year, plate tectonics. This will be the content for the final test of the year. Final Test is on May 22.

8th grade: We are continuing our unit on Space. Roller coaster projects will have class time on Mondays to work up to the May 10th deadline. Wednesday, May 9 will be build time after school until 4:30.

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 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.

5/14 Officer Meeting

**Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes**  
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8th Grade Finals	6th and 7th Grade Finals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Writing - Essay (May 11)</li> <li>• Social Studies - project (May 14)</li> <li>• Literature - Test (May 15)</li> <li>• Science - Roller Coasters (May 10), Test (May 16)</li> <li>• Math - Project (May 18)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◇ Writing - May 17</li> <li>• Social Studies - May 18</li> <li>• Literature - May 21</li> <li>• Science - May 22</li> <li>• Math - May 23</li> </ul> <p>Teachers will share details with each class.</p>

**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** The State competition was held on Saturday. Congratulations to all who participated!

**Continuation Information:** We will be setting up for Continuation on May 21st at 3:45 p.m.

**6th Grade:** This week we will continue our unit on Revolutions (Pearson chapter 7). Over the course of the next couple of weeks I will be trying to give students a few more opportunities to study in class for their unit test. Students will receive the details for their final this week.

**7th Grade:** This week we will continue our lessons on Islam. Just a reminder that this unit is looking at how a significant world religions have influenced cultures and other world systems. It is in no way trying to convince students for the purpose of belief. Students will receive the details for their final this week.

**8th Grade:** This week we will jump in full blast into World War II. The final for 8th graders in my class is a Holocaust poster project. Students received the details on it today.

**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

## Math with Mrs. Avozani and Mr. Armstrong

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**6th Grade:** We will be reviewing concepts from the year, completing Galileo tests and exploring algebraic expressions and equations.

**7th Grade:** We will be reviewing concepts from the year, completing Galileo tests and looking at operations with integers and rational numbers.

**8th Grade and Algebra I:** We will be reviewing concepts from the year, completing Galileo tests and starting our end-of-year Golf Course Projects! Our golf courses will be a fun and creative showing of slopes, volumes and more. This project will culminate with the annual CPA Invitational; when 1st graders come over to Middle School and play the course!

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

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All Classes- Our current project will be focusing on how texture is directly related to how the light hits the subject in our photographs. Students will turn in 4 texture pictures by May 11th on Google classroom. The Weebly website capstone project due date has been pushed back to Wednesday, May 16th at the start of class. I hope this extra time will help students complete this final project.

All project details can be found on Google classroom. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns: [julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org)

### Cougar Time

*Look hard enough and you will always find a light. -*

*- Rachel Scott*

**6th Grade** -- 6th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY this week by learning about Rachel Scott and Rachel's Challenge. We will focus on having a Positive Mental Attitude. Wednesday is our study hall day this week.

**7th Grade** -- 7th grade will continue to work on the character trait EMPATHY this week by learning about Rachel Scott and Rachel's Challenge. We will focus on having a Positive Mental Attitude. Wednesday is our study hall day this week.

**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: Our books clubs are going great! I am so proud of the kids and their hard work as we build independent reading and group discussion skills. Students will continue reading, working, and discussing in class. Additionally, students will receive guidance regarding their final for literature on block day (either Tuesday or Wednesday) this week. We will not have a final test, but it will be an in-class final assignment related to their book club book.

7th Grade Literature: Cyrano continues this week! Our goal is to finish and discuss Act 4 and begin Act 5. Students will have an in-class assignment related to Act 4 that should be completed at home if they do not finish in the allotted class time. Additionally, students will receive a study guide / assignment sheet regarding their literature final on Tuesday of this week.

8th Grade Writing: This week we will be typing, revising, and finishing our Literary Analysis essays. Students have a typed rough draft due to Google Classroom on Wednesday, May 9th and the FINAL typed draft will be due Friday, May 11th by 10:00pm. Students will also be bringing home a permission slip to watch *The Book Thief* in class as it is rated PG-13 - watch for it!

### From Ms. Durfee:

When I was in college, a student posed the question whether it was better to be a parent before one became a teacher. Another student took offense when I said that I believed I was a better teacher because I was a momma first. I countered that he would probably be a better parent for having been a teacher, so it evened out.

Being a parent is, in my opinion, the toughest and most important job anyone undertakes, but being a teacher is a close second! I love these kids like they were my own (and sometimes they make me crazy like my own!). I am blessed to spend each school day with your children. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for this very precious gift.

### **6th: Due Date Change: Short Story due May 17, 2018**

Because of the quality of work I saw as I read our 6th grade writers' first drafts of their stories last week, I wanted to give them the opportunity to further explore their stories and dig into some writing techniques, so this will be our last unit of the semester. We will start out revising using some of the feedback from our peer reviewers and then work on some specific techniques to enhance our writing.

I encourage you to read what your students have written so far!

7th: Last week we put our slam poetry unit behind us and turned to persuasive letter writing, our last unit of the school year! The students brainstormed some topics that are important to them. I will be placing students in groups based on what they want to write about and we will begin researching our topics this week.

8th: Our exploration of myths and symbols continued last week with a shift to pantheons and the common characters we find therein. This week we will be looking at archetypes and the Hero's Journey along with both traditional myths and modern stories that exemplify those characters.

## 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: 1869**

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., Valeria 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., Jessica R., Serenity V., Carlee K., Kimberly A., Ebony H., Victoria M., Eric S., Manuel B., Savion M., Jaidyn M., Nevaeh Q., Marissa R., Paola C., Justice C., Josh C., Aaron A., Leah L., Natalia M., Jessy M., Aly V., Makayla B., Mason J.	Jeremiah M.- 20 Ezra V.- 26 Giselle M-M- 20 Daniel T.-20 Irwin T.-24.5 Diego S.-21	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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11<sup>th</sup> cutoff date for 4<sup>th</sup> 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 requirement. 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 following 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.

Dear Middle School Parents,

National Junior Honor Society is a national academic honors organization that teaches middle and high school-aged students how to become better citizens by following its foundations: character, scholarship, citizenship, service and leadership. As students start to build these character traits, they will be more successful and help those around them to do the same.

Our NJHS by-laws require that we inform every student and parent of the selection process which moves as

follows:

- ◇ The first step in the selection process is based purely on academic achievement. Sixth and seventh grade students are eligible for the spring induction ceremony. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 90% and must be approved by the Faculty Council in order to be accepted as a member of the NJHS. A student's grade point average (GPA) will be determined for National Junior Honor Society by averaging grades at the end of third quarter. A total of five grades will be averaged to find a student's cumulative GPA. All academic classes (Science, Literature/Writing, Social Studies, Math) will be included in the average.
- ◇ In addition, a student's grades in specials classes will be averaged and counted as one grade.
- ◇ Finally, each potential member will be evaluated by a Faculty Council to assure they meet the high standards of leadership, scholarship, service, citizenship, and especially character.

Leadership is based on the students' participation in community or school activities, or election to an office. To meet the service requirement, the student must have been active in service projects in the school and community. Citizenship is measured by the student's participation in civic related organizations and/or activities. Character is measured in terms of integrity, behavior, ethics and cooperation with both students and faculty.

Students with eligible GPAs received a letter and a form last week on Tuesday, May 1st that must be completed and returned. The following is a timeline leading up to our induction of members:

- May 1st: Invitations to apply for membership sent home, along with a Student Activity Form to those students with eligible GPAs only
- May 4th: Student Activity Information Forms due for those who are eligible w/ 90% grade average
- May 7th: Selection process information letter sent via weekly Email Blast
- May 7th: Faculty Committee meets to evaluate potential candidates
- May 9th: Letters sent to students selected for membership
- May 11th: Response cards for Induction ceremony due along with number attending
- May 14th: Induction Ceremony at 7:00pm

If you have any questions about NJHS or the selection process for future reference, please feel free to contact me by phone or email (303) 438-1882 ext. 513 or [sandra.murphy@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:sandra.murphy@crownpointeacademy.org).

Sincerely,

Sandy Murphy, National Junior Honor Society Advisor

