

# Middle School Newsletter



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## Week of August 27, 2018

### Monday, August 27:

Zee Zees Cinnamon Crisp Bar

(DF) The Revolution Dog, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Green Peas

### Tuesday, August 28:

Cheerios & Zac Apple Bar

(V) Green Chile & Cheese Tamale, Fiesta Scoops, Santa Fe Chile Chicken and Black Bean Wrap, Cucumber & Tomato Salad

### Wednesday, August 29:

Cocoa Critters Cereal

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Edamame & Blanched Broccoli Florets

### Thursday, August 30:

Corn Chex Cereal & Mini Dipperdoodle Bar

Mac & Cheese & Chicken Bites, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Glazed Carrots

### Friday, August 31:

Lemon Muffin

(V) Cheesy Pizza Bite Meal, Chicken Caesar Salad, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

## How Do I Know What Homework My Student Has Tonight?

### Literature, Writing, Science, Social Studies, and Math:

- 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, or you must request access to the teacher's Google Classroom. If you need your student's Google Classroom login information, please contact Erin Keyes at [erin.keyes@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:erin.keyes@crownpointeacademy.org).

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

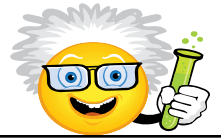
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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 days late, students can earn up to 60% credit. Assignments turned in three or more days late will be given 40% 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, August 16th
  - If a student turns the assignment in on Friday, August 17th, he/she 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, August 20th, the highest possible grade is 60%, or 10.8 points (rounded up to 11). If turned in on Tuesday, August 21st or later, the maximum possible grade is a 40%.
- The teachers update their grades by Tuesday morning on August 21st, and you notice that your student has a missing assignment. Your student will now have until the **FOLLOWING Monday, August 27th** to turn in the assignment at the 40% 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: Assignments will be put on the Google Classroom. Grade information will be available on Infinite Campus this week. Our first grades are going in later this week. Tuesday mornings will be the most up to date grade by 8am.

GUIDELINES and TIMELINES for SCIENCE FAIR were distributed on FRIDAY. All items are on Google Classroom. The Science Fair Agreement is due on August 31 and Science Fair Topic is due on September 7th.

6th grade: We have started our Energy Unit. Study notes and watch Google Classroom for assignments. Our first test of the year is scheduled September 5th.

7th grade: We have started our Chemistry Unit. Study the periodic table and watch Google Classroom for assignments. Our first test of the year is scheduled September 5th.

8th grade: We have started our Genetics Unit. Study your vocabulary and watch Google Classroom for assignments. Our first test of the year is scheduled September 7th.

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: Please help your child remember to have long pants, short sleeves and a hair tie (if hair is long enough to fall forward if they lean forward it needs to be tied back) for labs on Monday.

## Important Dates for Middle School Students!

Wednesday, September 12th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

Monday, September 17th: Progress Reports Sent Home

Thursday, September 20th: 8th Grade Ropes Course Field Trip

Tuesday, September 18th: Fall Picture Day (Uniforms Required)

Thursday, October 4th and Friday, October 5th: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 12th: End of 1st Quarter

Tuesday, October 23rd: Report Cards Sent Home

## Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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**Week two is in the books!** It's hard to believe we are already two weeks in. I hope your students are adjusting well to being back on a school schedule. While I know in some cases that can make you more busy, I want to again give you a few ideas of things you can do to help your student be successful in middle school:

- Make sure they are eating breakfast and send them with a lunch - empty stomachs and in turn low blood sugar affect concentration, memory, attitude, and performance. It is imperative that middle school students are eating a balanced diet.
- Check their planner or Google Classroom daily for all missing, current, and up coming work. Almost everything they need for my class is available on Google Classroom.
- Make sure their pencil pouch stays stocked with the following: pencils, pens, colored pencils, highlighters, scissors, and tape.
- Get students in bed by 9:00pm on school nights. Studies prove that middle schoolers need almost as much sleep a toddler. This means 8-10 hours a night. Sleep affects all of the same things diet can. A student with poor sleep habits and a poor diet is being set up for failure.

I still have a few students that have not purchased a three (3) or (5) subject college ruled, spiral notebook. Please make sure they do so as soon as possible as it will be harder to transfer things over the farther we get into the year. A single subject spiral notebook WILL NOT work for this year.

### Magazines

We need magazines for class. We are looking for any of the following: Time, Sports Illustrated, National Geographic, Better Homes and Gardens, Good Housekeeping, Newsweek, Popular Mechanics, Life, Popular Science, or any other magazine that is more education based. Please have your student bring them to my classroom.

### Google Classroom

There are still a few students that have not signed into GC. Students are able to see all the posts and assignments for each of their classes. Parents have access to an email that shows them what their student has missed, what is up coming and announcements. In order to receive this access you need to email me from the email that you would like to receive the information at. In your email please state your request and who your student is and I will get you connected.

### All Classes

This week we will be doing a geography unit for each class. Students took a pretest on Friday to give me an idea where some of their weaknesses were and what we need to make sure we review before we begin new content. For classes this unit involves the basics of map reading as well as other skills that will help students understand the impact that geography has on history.

### Continuation Information

Stay tuned for our first meeting date.

### National History Day

Our theme this year is Triumph and Tragedy. More information will be coming.

### 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.

## 6th and 7th Writing, 8th Literature with Mr. Scott

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I hope you all had a fantastic weekend! We have great things happening in writing and literature this week:

6th - The 6th grade will be working with Mr. Scott and Mrs. Southern this week on the the 6+1 Traits of Writing.

7th - 7th Grade will be starting *The Outsiders* at the end of the week.

8th - The 8th grade students will get some more practice with close-reading/context clues this week, before starting *To Kill a Mockingbird* next week.

## SEL Lab and Electives with Mrs. Worley and Mrs. Southern

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### SEL Lab:

"For nearly every challenging moment in life, there's a yoga pose to help you feel better".  
 Mandy Ingber

Last week was amazing! Students learned how to simply stop and breathe. We learned how to relax our minds and bodies by sitting quietly, softly closing our eyes, and connecting to our breath. We also learned our first yoga pose, the Power Pose.

This week we will continue practicing our breathing while also learning a few more yoga poses; the Sun Dance, the Warrior, and the Chair and Twist.

Middle school is a challenging time in a child's life. My hope is that I can teach each student a few helpful tools that they might use to assist them when they face stressful situations or just need assistance focusing and being present in the moment. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

Students will have study hall Tuesday.

### Drama:

**8th Grade:** Quiz today on Five Aspects of Great Voice. If students do not get the grade that they desire, they can make an appointment with me to retake it before or after school in the next two weeks. We are starting our project focusing on using our voice, Radio Show. Students will work in groups and perform a radio show in a few weeks. If your student has not yet added the Drama Google Classroom and answered the question found under Classwork, please have them do so now as it is late.

8th Grade Drama Google Classroom code: 0jrb1rc

**6th and 7th Grade:** Quiz today on Five Aspects of Great Voice. If students do not get the grade that they desire, they can make an appointment with me to retake it before or after school in the next two weeks. We are starting our project focusing on using our voice, Puppet Show. Students will have picket their scripts and will practice over the next few weeks. If your student has not yet added the Drama Google Classroom and answered the question found under Classwork, please have them do so now as it is late.

6B Google Classroom code: 952iee

6A Google Classroom code: uxnplp

7th Grade Google Classroom code: kuk072

\*\*Note not all students have chosen Drama as an elective, if they are not in Drama this semester, I will have your student in Foundations for Life starting in January.

## 6th and 7th Literature, 8th Writing with Ms. Laxton

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I hope you all had a great weekend!

This week, all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students will complete their beginning of year Galileo assessment on Monday and Tuesday. This will let me know where students are academically and help me set instructional goals for the year.

The remainder of the week will be spent on reviewing fiction literary terms. All students will have a test on these literary terms next week.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

## Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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ALL grades: Beginning-of-the-Year Galileo testing takes place this week. This gives us a benchmark to see where our students stand after the summer, and helps us focus our instruction.

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Having quizzed on *Absolute Value and Integers*, we now move on to *Factors and Multiples*.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade quizzed on *Adding and Subtracting Integers*; we now move on to *Multiplying and Dividing Integers*.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade quizzes today on *Rational and Irrational Numbers*, and *Number Sets*. Instruction turns to *Exponents and Scientific Notation* next.

Please contact us if you have any questions!

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**Community Service**

Summer and 1st quarter hours are due October 5th.

10+ Hours	20+ Hours	30+ Hours
Keira E., Faustina P., Jaelah M., Kevin T-B., Melissa B., Alex T., Tammy L., John S., Mac Z.,	Anaiah C. - 22	Erin S. - 48 Cori R. - 100 Joey R. - 100

**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.
- Students cannot receive any compensation for those hours
- Students cannot do the work for the house they live in - exceptions must be arranged through Mrs. Hughes
- Activities like babysitting only count if it is so the parent can complete some kind of service act (serving in a soup kitchen or leading a troop of some kind, etc.) - babysitting for a date night **does not** count