



# Middle School Newsletter

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## Week of September 24, 2018

### Monday, September 24: Sports Day

Zac Omega Blackberry Bar

(DF) The Revolution Dog, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Green Peas

### Tuesday, September 25: Crazy Hat/Hair Day

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

Choir- Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30

Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser, 5-8pm

Cinnamon Crumble

(V) Italian Calzoni, Santa Fe Chile Chicken and Black Bean Wrap, Cucumber & Tomato Salad

### Wednesday, September 26: Pajama Day

Ukulele Club, Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30- Fees due

Stock Market Club 3:30-4:30, MS only, Sign up required

Apple Crisp Cereal

Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes w/ Sausage, Ham & Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Edamame & Broccoli Florets

### Thursday, September 27: Mis-Match Day

Open Gym all grades, 6:50-7:50am

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

Student Council 3:45-4:30

Corn Chex & Zac Strawberry Bar & OJ

Mac & Cheese & Chicken Bites, BBQ Chicken Wrap, Glazed Carrots

### Friday 28: Super Hero Day

ALL SCHOOL PICNIC - 5:00-8:00

Snow Flurries Cereal

(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. Tuesday mornings will be the most up to date grade by 8am.

GUIDELINES and TIMELINES for SCIENCE FAIR have been distributed. All forms and support items are on the Google Classroom. Science fair topic proposals were due for all grades by Friday September 7th. Final approvals for topics means that research can now start. This Wednesday, September 26th, is the second after school research day from 3:45-4:30. On Friday, September 14th, I discussed with all classes how to use the public library research databases. If your child has a library card that they can use at school to access these, please send it with them. It is possible at the Westminster Library for sure to get a library card that is restricted to e-resources only and not (if it was lost) to be able to check out physical books on that account. **October 2nd is the deadline for the research proposal. No experimentation should start before the research proposal is approved.**

6th grade: We are finishing the unit on the ocean and the test will be this Friday, September 28th.

7th grade: We are continuing the unit on the cell membrane and cells.

8th grade: We are beginning our unit on weather and climate.

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. There will not be a lab on weeks when we do not have school on Monday.

If anyone is interested in volunteering on Fridays to help prepare for lab Mondays, the help would be greatly appreciated.

## Important Dates for Middle School Students!

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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**Lets go into week 7!** Have you told your student you love them lately? Middle school is a strange and awkward time with huge changes in physical, mental, and emotional aspects of their lives. And sometimes they don't come off as very loveable. But, lets be real. How many of us are perfectly loveable every day? Even though your child may act like they want nothing more than for you to leave them alone, and it may be tempting to, spend a little time each day talking to your child, finding out what is going on in their life, and tell them you love them. Even when they do not deserve it. Even when they act like they do not want to talk to you. Tell them you undeniably, unconditionally love them. They need to know it.

**History Day and Notebooks for Social Studies:** Because of a couple of fieldtrips we did not get into the notebooks this week but we will in the next few weeks. If your student does not have a 3-subject notebook they will need another 1-subject spiral dedicated to History Day. If they have a three subject notebook they do not need to purchase anything.

**Magazines:** We will continue to collect magazines throughout the year. Please feel free to send them in throughout the year.

**Google Classroom:** All parents have been invited to Google Classroom. Please see the email sent to you and sign up there for the updates.

**6th Grade: *History and Culture and Geography*** This week we will finish our unit on History and Culture. There will be a small test at the end of the week, or possibly early next week, over the sections we will have covered. Then we will begin our unit on Geography.

**7th Grade: *History and Geography and Economics and Geography*** This week we will finish our look at history and Geography. There will be a short test at the end of the week, or possibly early next week, over the sections we will have covered. Students need their world atlases this week as we work through these activities. Students will then begin a unit on Economics and Geography.

**8th Grade: *The Early Americans and European Exploration*** We will continue looking at the first exploration of the Americas and how this explorations changed the culture of the native peoples and ushered in the era of colonialism. We will also look at the exploration and colonialism of Africa and Asia.

### Continuation Information

Tuesday, October 2 at 5:30 will be our first Continuation meeting for parents after school. These meetings are where we will determine how we want this celebration to happen. Please join me parents.

### 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 everyone had a fantastic weekend! This is week in language arts:

6th Grade: We are wrapping up with our short stories. We are also working on word choice and the 6 + 1 traits of writing. This will continue in October when we will focus on all 6 + 1 traits.

7th Grade: We are finishing up with The Outsiders.

8th Grade: We will continue reading To Kill a Mockingbird. All students should be through chapter 13 by tomorrow.

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

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### SEL Lab



"It is not that I am so smart, it is just that I stay with problems longer".  
-Albert Einstein

6th Grade: This week we in SEL Lab students will learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply it to their social and academic lives. We will also begin setting goals and begin creating and use If-Then Plans, a research-based strategy for achieving goals. 6th Grade begins working with the Mirror Image Arts Programs this week as well. Please read the permission slip, sign it, and send it back by Wednesday.

7th Grade: This week we in SEL Lab students will learn how to develop a growth mindset and apply it to their social and academic lives. We will also begin setting goals and begin creating and use If-Then Plans, a research-based strategy for achieving goals

8th grade will start the HiIQ SEL Program this week. They will start off by examining their "foundation," the identity upon which they stand. Students will identify thoughts, beliefs, emotions, assumptions, interpretations, and perceptions they have about themselves and others. Our goal is to create a greater awareness regarding how their thoughts and perceptions about themselves and others have a large impact on how they feel about the world around them.

Students will have study hall Tuesday.

#### Drama

**8th Grade:** We are in our Silent Film groups and will be picking a fairy tale to act out. This unit is focusing on our facial expressions. We will start writing a script that only has movement as it is for the silent film. Starting next week, we will start recording our silent films.

**6th and 7th Grade:** We wrapped up on facial expression poster and are working on our Photobooth project. Students normally enjoy making all different expressions showing emotions. At the end of the week, we will begin our pantomime projects.

Remember to consistently be checking Infinite Campus for updates on student's grades. We will be wrapping up capstone projects almost every two weeks. Your student's choices to participate will dramatically impact their grades.

**6th and 7th Literature, 8th Writing with Ms. Laxton**  
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I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

This week, 6th grade will continue reading The Giver.

7th and 8th grades will be doing research and writing for their science fair projects.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor**

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This week in math:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: 6<sup>th</sup> grade will continue working on operations with fractions and will expand on their knowledge of number operations with decimals.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will be taking their Unit Test on Tuesday September 25th and then they will be exploring Ratios and Proportional Relationships
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will be working more with slope and writing equations using slope.
- Algebra: Students in Algebra will continue to work on solving equations involving fractions and the same variable on both sides this week. The students will also begin working on solving inequalities.

Please contact us with any questions!

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**Community Service**

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

**Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 574.5**

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., Jovani M., Lenna C., Josias M.	Anaiah C. - 22	Erin S. - 48 Cori R. - 100 Joey R. - 100 Andrew J.- 72

**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