

# Middle School Newsletter



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## Week of September 3, 2018

### **Tuesday, September 4:**

D CPA here for In-House Field Trip for MS

Choir 3:15-4:30\*\* new time

Cinnamon Grahams & String Cheese

(V) Bean & Cheese Pupusa, Turkey and Cheddar Sandwich, Coleslaw

### **Wednesday, September 5:**

Ukulele Club Grades 4-8, fee, 3:15-4:30

Strategic Planning Committee meeting 5:15-6:15

Zee Zees Berry Apple Crisp Bar & OJ

Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, Honey Mustard Salad with Grilled Bites, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomatoes with Ranch

### **Thursday, September 6:**

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

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00

Multigrain Cheerios & Zac Strawberry Bar

(V) Cheesy Ravioli, ((V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), (DF) Sesame Chicken, Chili Citrus Corn

### **Friday, September 7:**

Open Gym grades 5-8, 3:45-4:30

Honey Buttons Cereal & OJ

(V) Cheese Pizza Panda Pie, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, (V) Veggie Chef's Salad, Edamame & Grape tomatoes

## 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 have been distributed. All forms and support items are on the Google Classroom. Science fair topic proposals are due for all grades by Friday September 7th. I am responding to each project with feedback and final approval.

6th grade: We are wrapping up our Energy Unit. Study notes and watch Google Classroom for assignments. The energy test is on Wednesday.

7th grade: We are wrapping up our Chemistry Unit. Study the periodic table and watch Google Classroom for assignments. The chemistry test is on Wednesday.

8th grade: We are wrapping up our Genetics Unit. Study your vocabulary and watch Google Classroom for assignments. The genetics test is on 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: 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.

## 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 three - I can't believe it!** This might have been my fastest start to a year ever. I know some of the students are feeling the same way based on things they have said. By now the new normal should be established. This can include things like a new bedtime or a new plan for getting ready on the morning. If you feel your student has not made these transitions well please reach out to the teachers. We have strategies that may help them out but we don't always pick up on the need right away. You may be better tuned in to your child than we are. A few things to remember:

- Student's bodies change in middle school. This means they may experience and do things they and you don't understand and have never experienced before.
- Puberty is in full bloom - literally. Please encourage your student to shower multiple times a week especially if they are sweating during the day. Brushing hair and teeth and using deodorant should be routine.
- Please make sure your student has clean uniforms. This can be a source of teasing for students.

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.

**6th Grade: *History and Culture*** This week we will continue looking at primary and secondary sources. We will also look at archaeology and culture and how they impact our study of history.

**7th Grade *History and Geography*** This week we will continue looking at primary and secondary sources. We will also look at cultural diffusion and how science and technology impact our study of history.

**8th Grade *The Early Americans and European Exploration*** We will continue looking at the first established civilizations in the Americas, what their societies were like and how they were structured, and the many works they created.

### 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 you all had a great weekend! Here's what's coming up this week in language arts:

6th Grade - The 6th grade will be kicking off their creative writing unit this week, featuring horror stories for fall.

7th Grade - The 7th grade will be continuing with The Outsiders and working on character traits.

8th Grade - The 8th grade will be starting To Kill A Mockingbird this week.

Please contact me if you have any questions!

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

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### SEL Lab:

"The best way to capture moments is to pay attention. This is how we cultivate mindfulness." – Jon Kabat-Zinn

SEL Lab is going well! Students are learning how to simply stop and breathe and also how to attach breathing to our movements.

This week we will continue to learn to slow down, breathe, and get our bodies and minds into the present moment. We will also take a personality quiz and a learning styles quiz. Watch for the quizzes on the google classroom, they would be great for parents to take as well :)

We have changed some of the terminology and activities we will be using in SEL Lab. We will be practicing controlled breathing and mindful movement, not yoga and meditation.

Everything we do in SEL Lab is meant to be uplifting, calming, relaxing, and a positive experience for EVERY student. We very much value the individual beliefs of both the student and their families. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns. Thank you!

Students will have study hall Tuesday.

### Drama:

We are so excited to welcome the Denver Performing Arts Center on Tuesday and Wednesday for the performance of A Midsummer's Night Dream and follow up workshops.

**8th Grade:** We are continuing to work on our project focusing on using our voice, Radio Show. Students will work in groups and perform at the start of next week. If your student did not get the grade they desired on the Voice Quiz, then they can retake it until the end of this week.

**6th and 7th Grade:** We are continuing to work on our project focusing on using our voice, Puppet Show. Students will practice this week. If your student did not get the grade they desired on the Voice Quiz, then they can retake it until the end of this week.

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

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Happy Monday!

We have many exciting things happening this week in 6th and 7th grade literature and 8th grade writing!

Students in all grades will continue their review of fiction literature terms in both text and their own writing. They will have a test this week.

Please contact me with any questions. Have a great week!

## 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 has completed Module 2: Factors and Multiples and will be moving on to work with **Rational Numbers** (Classifying Rational Numbers and Identifying their opposites and absolute values)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade will be quizzing for Module 2 on Wednesday September 5. Our next module will focus on **Rational Numbers** (Converting fractions and decimals, adding rational numbers)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade has completed Module 1 and will be moving on to Module 2 where we will be focusing on **Scientific Notation** (Integer Exponents and representing numbers using scientific notation)
- Algebra: Students in Algebra are currently finishing up work in Module 2 where we were exploring Real Numbers (classifying numbers, closed sets). Students will be testing on this Module Wednesday September 5. We will be moving on to Module 3 where we will explore **Evaluating Expressions**.

## Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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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