

Middle School Newsletter



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Week of October 15, 2018

Monday, October 15:

Quick Start 3:45-4:45

Cinnamon Grahams and String Cheese

(V) Cheesy Ravioli, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Seasoned Garbanzo Beans & Baby Carrots

Tuesday, October 16:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Open Gym 3:45-4:30

Wholegrain Cheerios and Mini Dipperdoodle Bar

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Sliced Carrots

Wednesday, October 17:

2nd Grade Field Trip to Butterfly Pavilion

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

Stock Market Club 3:30-4:30

Middle School Open Gym Night 6:30-9:00

Cinnamon Crumble and Orange Juice

(V) Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Omelet, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Coleslaw

Thursday, October 18:

No School Teacher Work Day

Friday 19- Oct.22

No School – Fall Break

Students Return Tuesday, October 23rd

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.

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: October 2nd was the deadline for the research proposal. Feedback has been given in the document itself and in a rubric emailed to each student with notes to improve their project and revise. The projects have been approved to begin. I will be spending October 26th reviewing how to do the abstract, analysis, conclusion, and the board presentation. All forms and support items for the science fair are on the Google Classroom.

6th grade: We continuing the fresh water unit this week. The unit test is Wednesday, October 17th.

7th grade: We are beginning our cell energy unit. The unit test will be on Wednesday, October 24th.

8th grade: We are continuing our unit on weather and climate. The unit test is on Wednesday, October 24th.

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!

Wednesday, October 17th: Open Gym Night

Tuesday, October 23rd: Report Cards Sent Home

Friday, October 26th: Honor Roll Breakfast

Friday, November 9th: Science Fair Due

Wednesday, November 14th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

Monday, November 26th: Progress Reports Sent Home

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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2nd Quarter, here we come! Second quarter is a fresh start for everyone. Now is a great time to see if your student needs their pencil pouches restocked, their locker cleaned out, their uniforms washed, etc. It is also a good time to check in with your kids about hygiene habits. One of the hardest parts of middle school is often the teasing and torment that can and does happen. When the things we are made fun of is out of our control it can be doubly painful. Hygiene is totally within a student's control and is a great life skill for them to start developing. Please remind your student of all the good habits they should be in the midst of developing: showering daily or every other day at this point, brushing their teeth and hair every morning, and using deodorant. Please also remind your students of the school policy that no sprays or aerosols are allowed at school; this includes all forms of cologne or perfume as well as some deodorants. It can create a dangerous situation for people who are highly allergic or sensitive to those scents. We understand many students are very conscientious of how they smell, but please remind them that a light spritz at home in the morning should be enough to get them through the day. If they want to freshen up throughout the day, send them with a stick of deodorant. Middle school is when we need to be encouraging these good habits. Please talk to your child and get them into a good lifelong routine.

History Day and Notebooks for Social Studies: 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. Our theme this year is Triumph and Tragedy. More information will be coming.

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. If you are unable to sign in, please let me know so we can troubleshoot to get you connected.

6th Grade: *Geography and Vault* This week we will begin our unit on *Geography*. *There will be no finance unit this week.*

7th Grade: *Economics and Geography, and Junior Achievement Finance Park* This week we will begin our unit on *Economics and Geography*. *We will not be working on our Junior Achievement Finance Park curriculum this week.*

8th Grade: *European Colonization of North America, and Future Smart* This week we will begin our unit on *European Colonization of North America*. *There will be no finance unit this week.*

Continuation Information

Tuesday, November 13 at 5:00 will be our second Continuation meeting for parents after school. Please see the email I sent last week for more details.

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: The sixth grade will be peer editing and finishing up their hamburger paragraphs with Mrs. Southern.

7th Grade: The seventh grade will begin drafting their short stories.

8th Grade: The eighth grade will take their To Kill a Mockingbird test on Monday and spend the rest of the short week comparing and contrasting the book and film.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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SEL Lab

"I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear." —*Nelson Mandela*

8th Grade: This week we will begin topic 3 in our HIEQ curriculum, Overcoming Fear. We will examine the fears that stand in our way but that also allow us to discover a great deal of courage inside ourselves. It takes a lot of bravery to overcome our fears, but when we do, we develop a stronger sense of ourselves in the process.

6th & 7th Grade: This week we will start a unit on Values and Decisions.

Values are a resource students can turn to and use in a wide range of situations. Identifying, focusing on, and remembering values has been shown to improve coping skills and positive decision making. Research on values shows that focusing on them increases people's resilience to stress and improves psychological well-being

Tuesday is a study hall day. No school Thursday and Friday -- Happy Fall Break!

Drama:

8th Grade: We will watch the silent films in class on Monday. Students will then have a few days to "speed date" monologues, take a quick glance at them, make some notes, grade them and finally have to pick one to work with on Tuesday after the break. This will lead us into our new unit on character.

7th Grade: Students have selected their monologues. They will practice, practice, practice throughout the week. On Wednesday, they will create a backstory to help develop a strong character for their monologue. They are required to memorize 20-25 lines of their monologue and then present the rest in character. This will take a few weeks to accomplish

6th Grade: Students have enjoyed reading and 'blocking' the script, The Taming of LaRue, loosely based on William Shakespeare, The Taming of the Shrew. Ask your student about what character they have and what backstory they created for the character to make it uniquely theirs.

6th and 7th Literature, 8th Writing with Ms. LaxtonMeghan.laxton@crownpointeacademy.org x513

I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

This week in literature, 6th grade will finish the novel, The Giver.

7th and 8th grade will continue with the horror genre of literature by continuing to read the works of Edgar Allen Poe.

Have a great week and enjoy fall break!

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregorTyphany.davis@crownpointeacademy.org x512Matt.MacGregor@crownpointeacademy.org x510

6th Grade: 6th grade will continuing working on operations with decimals. We will finish Module 5 Tuesday and have a quiz over decimal operations this Wednesday October 17th. This also concludes Unit 2. We will be reviewing Unit 2 material Tuesday October 23 and will take the Unit 2 Test Wednesday October 24.

7th Grade: 7th Grade is working more with percents. We will be working on the 3 types of percent problems and finding percent of change this week.

8th Grade: 8th Grade is working more with proportional relationships through bivariate data sets.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will be working with functions. We will focus on composite functions this week. We will be taking our next quiz Wednesday of next week.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1352.5

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., Lenna C., Conchita C., Logan K., Allison R., Ezequiel V., Chandler T., Jeremiah M., Irwin T.B., Abad V., Eric S., Ariana O., Giovanni P., Steven B., Anthony M., Savion M., Alex P., Daniel T., Shyya M., Elijah S., Dianna G.	Anaiah C. - 22 Liam S.- 22.5 Jessy M.- 23	Erin S. - 48 Cori R. - 100 Joey R. - 100 Andrew J.- 72 Megan M.-32 Jordyn R.-45 Camryn Jo R.-47

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 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