



Middle School Newsletter

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Monday, October 8:

Multigrain Cheerios and Zac Attack Strawberry Bar
(V) Creamy Pasta Alfredo, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Green Peas

Tuesday, October 9:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am
Choir- Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30
High School Information Night 6:30-8:30
Lemon Muffin
(V) Fiesta Scoops with Three Layer Dip, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Baby Carrots with Ranch

Wednesday, October 10:

Ukulele Club, Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30- Fees due
BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00
CPA Board Meeting 6:15-8:15
Cinnamon Crumble
Pepperjack Cheeseburger, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Broccoli & Carrot Salad

Thursday, October 11:

Open Gym all grades, 6:50-7:50am
FISH Grades 4-8, 3:45-5:00pm
Student Council 3:45-4:30
Yogurt and Granola with Orange Juice
(DF) Chicken Potstickers, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Grape Tomatoes & Pinto Beans

Friday, October 12:

End of 1st Quarter
Open Gym- Grades 5-8 3:45-4:30
Zac Omega Strawberry Bar
Mac & Cheese & BBQ Chicken, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Chilled, Seasoned Green Beans

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. They are all now under review and are being graded. Feedback will be given in the document itself and in a rubric emailed to each student with notes to improve their project and revise. Please hold off on beginning the testing until the plans are returned on October 10th. No experimentation should start before the research proposal is approved. All forms and support items are on the Google Classroom for the project so far.

6th grade: We continuing the fresh water unit this week.

7th grade: We are beginning our cell energy unit.

8th grade: We are continuing 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!

Friday, October 12th: End of 1st Quarter

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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And just like that, we are finishing first quarter! Yes, the quarter ends this coming Friday. Time flies. It can feel as if we blink and we have gone from the first day of school to nine weeks in. That is the truth for so much of life. We blink and time is gone. I have often thought about how important it is to redeem the time we are given. The middle school years can seem so long but in the scope of a life they are the shortest period of school a student has. Three years. Redeem those years with your child. Take them out for a cup of coffee. Go on an outing with your son or daughter, just the two of you. Pick up an activity together. And remember on those really hard days with them, that you will blink and they will be going off to high school or college or leaving the house. The time is short, redeem it well.

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. Our theme this year is Triumph and Tragedy. More information to come.

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: *History and Culture and Geography, and Vault* This week students have their One Minute, One Slide presentations due TODAY. The review question sets for *History and Geography* are due October 10th which is the same day as the final for the unit. Thursday we will begin our unit on *Geography*. On the last day of the week we will be completing the *EverFi Vault Finance* curriculum.

7th Grade: *History and Geography, Economics and Geography, and Junior Achievement Finance Park* This week students have their One Minute, One Slide presentations due TODAY. The review question sets for *History and Geography* are due October 10th which is the same day as the final for the unit. Thursday we will begin our unit on *Economics and Geography*. On the last day of the week, from now until December 7 we will be completing the *Junior Achievement Finance Park* curriculum.

8th Grade: *The Early Americans and European Exploration, European Colonization of North America, and Future Smart* This week students have their One Minute, One Slide presentations due TODAY. The IRNs for 1.1-1.3 are due October 10th which is the same day as the final for the unit. Thursday we will begin our unit on *European Colonization of North America*. On the last day of the week we will be completing the *EverFi Future Smart Finance* curriculum.

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 6th Grade will be starting their hamburger paragraphs with Mrs. Southern this week.

7th Grade: The 7th Grade will be working on their memoir pieces this week.

8th Grade: The 8th Grade will finish To Kill a Mockingbird this week and their test will be on Monday, 10/15.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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SEL Lab

“Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen”.
 Winston Churchill

8th Grade: This week we will begin topic 2 in the HiEQ curriculum, “My Energy”. We will connect the examination of all of our thoughts, beliefs, perceptions, assumptions, and interpretations into two types of energy; energy that holds us back and energy that moves us forward.

6th & 7th Grade: This week we will continue with Growth Mindset. We will do a lesson focusing on embracing challenges and 3 separate lessons about setting goals.

Tuesday is a study hall day.

Drama:

8th Grade: Students discovered it is challenging to design props and then film the silent movies. It takes planning and effort. They are doing a great job problem solving and we will finish filming this week and start editing. This Silent Film Capstone project will be their first grade in the 2nd quarter.

7th Grade: Students will begin to learn about what makes a strong ‘character.’ They will create a backstory to a ‘character of their choice and select a monologue to memorize. This unit will take us at least two or three weeks. As long as students use their time wisely in class, they should not have any homework.

6th Grade: Students will begin to learn about what makes a strong “character.” We will read the Taming of LaRue, a western play based off Shakespeare’s Taming of the Shrew. We will read through the script a few times and do some basic acting and understanding of stage actions.

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 focus on the horror genre in literature by reading the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

I enjoyed meeting many of you at conferences last week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Have a great week!

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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On Friday (the last day of the quarter), all Middle School grades will take an End-of-Quarter Final, which focuses on basic computational skills. In addition to being a refresher on the skills that students in each grade should have already mastered, it gives us another data point to base the *Assessment* portion of their grades, so that a student's grade isn't riding on a single Unit Test. Grade-specific Study Guides will be provided for students.

6th: We resume **Operations with Decimals** this week, concentrating on multiplication and division. Thursday will be a review/skills practice day in preparation for the End-of-Quarter Final on Friday.

7th: We wrap up Module 4 (**Rates and Proportionality**) early in the week, and will quiz Wednesday. Thursday will be a review/skills practice day in preparation for the End-of-Quarter Final on Friday.

8th: Module 4 (**Non-proportional Relationships**) concludes this week, with the quiz Wednesday. W Thursday will be a review/skills practice day in preparation for the End-of-Quarter Final on Friday.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

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

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1140

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.	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