

Middle School Newsletter



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Week of November 12, 2018

Monday, November 12:

Drama 3:45-5:00

Blueberry Crisp Cereal

(V) Cheesy Ravioli, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Chili Citrus Corn

Tuesday, November 13:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30, Yearbook 3:40-4:40

8th Grade Continuation Meeting 5:00-6:00

1000 Degrees Pizza (Spanish Fundraiser)

Zac Omega Strawberry Bar

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Garden Ranch Salad with Chicken Breast, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

Wednesday, November 14:

End of Grading Period

Ukulele Club Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30, Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00, Stock Market Club 3:30

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00, Board Meeting 6:15-8:15

Yogurt & Educational Snacks & Orange Juice

(V) Bfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Omelet, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Glazed Sliced Carrots

Thursday, November 15:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

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

Mini French Toast Muffin and String Cheese

(DF) Roasted Turkey & Stuffing, Sesame Chicken Salad, Chilled Seasoned Green Beans

Friday, November 16:

Bagel with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Pinto Beans & Baby Carrots

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?

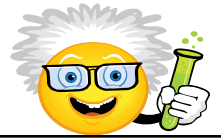
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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: This year's science fair projects were a huge success. The judges commented on how well done they were. They were quite impressed! Thank you to everyone who helped make this a great inquiry-based opportunity for the middle school students. Presentations of the boards will be done in class on November 14th and 15th.

6th grade: We are continuing Plate Tectonics and the Rock Cycle this week. This unit's test is on November 29th.

7th grade: Continuing our unit on DNA. Our test on DNA will be on November 16th.

8th grade: 8th grade continues to work on the sun moon and earth system this week. The unit test will be on November 29th.

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!

Tuesday, November 13th: 8th Grade Continuation Planning Meeting 5:00 p.m.

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

Monday, November 26th: Progress Reports Sent Home

Thursday, December 6th: 7th Grade Field Trip to JA Finance Park

Thursday, December 6th: Middle School Spelling Bee

Friday, December 14th: Middle School Winter Festival and Dance

Wednesday, December 19th: Middle School Geography Bee

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Giving Thanks Each Day for My Students Being a teacher is one of the best, hardest things a person can do. Yes, I said that correctly. There are so many rewards in the career path I have chosen and I would not change it for the world at this point in my life. But teaching is hard. It is hard to stay at the top of my game; it is hard to be creative and innovative. It is hard to keep kids interested when they would rather be doing something, ANYTHING else. But, everyday I am given the gift of an encounter or two that reminds of why I am here and doing this job. A student that has that “ah ha!” moment or a student that has a breakthrough on a concept, a student that trusts me with something important or a student that makes me laugh, all keep me in this job. Each and everyone of my students have given me one of these opportunities and a dozen more. For that I am thankful and blessed to be part of the CPA family.

History Day (NHD)

This week we will be working on how to utilize our notebooks for tracking sources and begin working on thesis statements. They have 5 resources they need to put into the NHD section of their notebooks and turn in 11/12.

6th Grade: Geography This week we will finish our unit on *Geography*. *The test for this unit will be on Thursday, 11/15.*

7th Grade: Economics and Geography, and Junior Achievement Finance Park This week we will finish our unit on *Economics*. *The test for this unit will be on Thursday, 11/15. We will have Finance Friday working on our Junior Achievement Finance Park curriculum.*

8th Grade: European Colonization of North America This week we will continue our unit on *European Colonization of North America*. *I will post on Google Classroom specifically when our test is. I am hoping to finish this unit up before Winter Break.*

Continuation Information

Tuesday, November 13 at 5:00 will be our second Continuation meeting for parents after school.

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: Students will finish writing their body paragraphs this week.

7th Grade: Students will continue with the Careers unit.

8th Grade: Students will start *Discovering Wes Moore* this week.

Let me know if you have any questions! Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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

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SEL Lab

“I have learned that as long as I hold fast to my beliefs and values - and follow my own moral compass - then the only expectations I need to live up to are my own.”- Michelle Obama

8th Grade: This week we will finish working on overcoming fear and the power of both positive and negative self talk. We will examine some exercises that will assist us with negative self talk and how to replace it with positive also work on a collage. We will begin work on the planning of our fence building next week.

6th & 7th Grade: This week we will finish our unit on Values, Decisions, and Friendship. 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. We are also looking at Tuesday is a study hall day.

Drama:

8th Grade: Students will learn about stage directions and different types of stages. They will have a short quiz on this on Friday. We will also discuss many of the different professions associated with theater.

7th Grade: Students will learn about stage directions and different types of stages. They will have a short quiz on this on Friday. We will also discuss many of the different professions associated with theater.

6th Grade: Students will wrap up their mini-projects around publicity and costume design this week.

Hope you all have a wonderful break next week and enjoy the time with family and friends.

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

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I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

6th grade will continue working on a unit that reviews the narrative arc and applies our knowledge of summary and theme. This should not be homework if students use their class time wisely. We will also be working with vocabulary and context clues. All classroom materials can be found on Google Classroom under Classwork tab: Summary and Theme notes and Gift of the Magi lessons.

7th grade will continue the unit on *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London.

8th grade will review commonly misused words in preparation for their creative writing unit. We will also work on strengthening our grammar skills.

Have a great week, and contact me with any questions!

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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This week in Math:

Grades and assignments are updated in *Infinite Campus*. With the upcoming Thanksgiving Break, all make-up work is due **no later than this Friday, the 16th**. Please check *Infinite Campus* this evening with your student to view Missing assignments.

6th: We continue with Module 7, **Applying Rates and Ratios**. Students will convert measurements within systems (Standard and Metric), and also across measurement systems. The week will conclude with a quiz on Module 7.

7th: 7th Grade takes the **Unit 2 Test** today. We will go straight into our next unit, **Solving Equations**, tomorrow.

8th: Today is the comprehensive review day for Unit 2, with the Unit Test tomorrow. We will start our next unit, **Solving Equations**, Wednesday.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will be continuing work on **Linear Equations**. This week we will focus on working with scatter plots and finding the line of best fit using our knowledge of linear equations. We will be taking a quiz Wednesday on this concept and finish this unit with a comprehensive Unit Test this Friday.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1356

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., Hannah V., Matthew Q., Micah M., Sabastian MB.,	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