

# Middle School Newsletter



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## Monday, November 26:

Progress Reports Sent Home

Drama 3:45-5:00

Wholegrain Cheerios & Educational Snacks

Creamy Chicken Alfredo, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Chilled Seasoned Green Beans

## Tuesday, November 27:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook 3:40-4:40

Yogurt & Cinnamon Grahams

(V) Fiesta Scoops with Three Layer Dip, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Green Peas

## Wednesday, November 28:

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Blueberry Muffin with Orange Juice

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Veggie Chef's Salad, Grape Tomatoes with Ranch & Edamame

## Thursday, November 29:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

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

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Honey Grahams with Cinnamon Rumbles

(V) Bfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Omelet, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Island Glazed Carrots

## Friday, November 30:

Open Gym Grades 5-8 3:45-4:30

CPA Movie Night 6:30-8:30

Autumn Spice Muffin with Orange Juice

Mac & Cheese & Chicken Sausage Bites, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Broccoli & Carrot Salad

## 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?

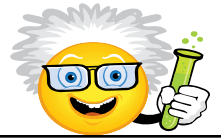
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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.

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

7th grade: We will begin our unit on the human body this week.

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!**

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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**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!** As we enter this time of year it is important to remember that, for better or worse, everyone is more stressed around the holidays. So many things can contribute to this stress. And while we as adults are familiar with these feelings, many of our students are not. As we go through the next four weeks, find ways to reach out to your student and involve them in the family planning that happens around this time of year. Take time to talk to them about their worries and fears. Let them know that this time of year is about more than just presents and the fast paced celebrations and get-togethers we often find ourselves engaging in; it is about showing kindness, being generous with whatever you can, and helping to create peace.

**History Day (NHD):** This week we will be working on continuing to add to the sources in their notebooks and begin working on thesis statements. They will need 15 more items in their notebook by Tuesday, December 4.

**6th Grade Economics** This week we will begin our unit on economics. This will include topics like economic basics, processes, and systems, as well as specialization, saving, and investing. I'm hoping to get through this unit a little faster than some of the others.

**7th Grade Government and Citizenship, 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 but may add a Finance Wednesday to make sure we get through our Junior Achievement Finance Park curriculum before our field trip on the 6th of December. We do need chaperones however, this field trip does require a brief training to be able to help facilitate. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. I sent a digital permission slip home on 11/17/2018 and a hard copy went home today.*

### 8th Grade

#### *European Colonization of North America*

This week we will continue our unit on *European Colonization of North America*. *We will be looking specifically at the different colonial regions. 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 complete writing activities focused on the trait of audience this week.

7th Grade: Students will build resumes as part of their career unit this week.

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

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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### SEL Lab

*"Everybody has to look at his or her own footprint and do the best they can. It's not about being perfect, it's about doing something. If we're looking for perfection, we'll never, ever get there."* Laurie David

8th Grade: This week we will finish working on overcoming fear and the power of both positive and negative self talk. We will also review the 4 different bids we received on replacing the fence, the Positive Footprint project.

**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 will also spend a little time working on gratefulness and thankfulness, in honor of the holiday.

Tuesday is a study hall day. Wednesday is mentor/leadership day when we work with our assigned 3rd graders.

### Drama:

**\*\*Progress reports are coming home today with all students. Please know that Infinite Campus has more updated grades. \*\***

**8th Grade:** We will begin our final unit, Shakespeare. We will learn about Shakespeare as well as his influence in our modern day movies and shows. Finally, we will begin reading *Twelfth Night* in both modern day English and Shakespearean verse using a resource called, No Fear Shakespeare.

**7th Grade:** We will begin our final unit, Shakespeare. We will learn about Shakespeare as well as his influence in our modern day movies and shows. Finally, we will begin reading *Much Ado About Nothing*, in both modern day English and Shakespearean verse using a resource called, No Fear Shakespeare.

**6th Grade:** Students have a wonderful opportunity to help create the actual sets that will be used in our drama club's production of *Jungle Book*.

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

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I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

6th grade will begin a three week drama unit that will include a class reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

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

8th grade will review commonly misused words and homophones and build sentence structure 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:

6<sup>th</sup>: We wrap up Module 7, ***Applying Rates and Ratios***, with a review session tomorrow and quiz on Wednesday. Our next lesson is all about ***Percents***.

7<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade continues working toward ***Solving Equations*** this week, with more exercises on ***Expressions and Terms***.

8<sup>th</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade continues with ***Solving Equations*** this week.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will begin a new unit on ***Systems of Equations***. We will work on solving equations in two variables this week. This will include writing and solving equations from word problems.

## Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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### Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

**Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1427**

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., Angelo B., Jalene M.	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 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