



# Middle School Newsletter

November 5, 2018

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## Week of November 5, 2018

### Monday, November 5:

NJHS 3:45-4:45

Drama 3:45-5:00

Dipperdoodle Bar

(V) Five Cheese Lasagna, (DF) Sesame Chicken Wrap, Island Glazed Carrots

### Tuesday, November 6:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir- Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30

Bagel with Cream Cheese

Spicy Chicken Chorizo & Cheddar Eggel (egg & bagel Sandwich), Chicken Caesar Wrap, Green Peas

### Wednesday, November 7:

Ukulele Club 3:15-4:30

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Cinnamon Crumble

(V) Green Chile & Cheese Tamale, (V) Veggie Chef's Salad, Edamame & Grape Tomatoes

### Thursday, November 8:

Open Gym all grades, 6:50-7:50am

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

Student Council 3:45-4:30

Yogurt with Honey Grahams and Orange Juice

Beef Cheeseburger, (V) Hummus Dippers, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

### Friday, November 9:

Middle School Science Fair Due and Middle School Science Fair Judging

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

Cinnamon Raisin Bagel with Cream Cheese & Jelly

(V) Mac & Cheese & BBQ Chicken Bites, ((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](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.

GUIDELINES and TIMELINES for SCIENCE FAIR: November 9th is quickly approaching. On Friday morning students will bring their final reports (with their names on them) and their science fair boards (with no names, pictures of themselves or other identifying components) to room 504 (the science room) to turn them in. It is essential that boards/reports be turned in in the morning to get the numbers for the science fair judging. Boards without these numbers before school starts will not be judged. All forms and support items are on the Google Classroom for the project so far. There are links for how to wrap up the board and report from October 26th. 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.

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, November 9th: Science Fair Due

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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**Month of Gratitude** November is one of my favorite months. I love the crisper air and the end of the trees losing their leaves. I enjoy the snow when it falls and extra time with my family. As we approach Thanksgiving I try to spend some extra time being thankful for the many blessings I have. As we start the month, consider taking some time each day to talk with your student about something they (and you) are grateful for. Sharing in a simple, positive conversation like this can help to really open the doors for communication and give you some insight into your student.

**History Day (NHD)** This week we will be working on how to utilize our notebooks for tracking sources and begin working on thesis statements.

**6th Grade: Geography** This week we will continue our unit on *Geography*. *We are going to change up our notes a bit and do more with graphic understanding instead of just written outlines. I am hoping to catch a few of my students that struggled a little bit with our last unit and also move a little faster through it. I will post on Google Classroom specifically when our test is. I am hoping to finish this unit up before Thanksgiving break.*

**7th Grade: Economics and Geography, and Junior Achievement Finance Park** This week we will continue our unit on *Economics*. *We are going to change up our notes a bit and do more with graphic understanding instead of just written outlines. I am hoping to catch a few of my students that struggled a little bit with our last unit and also move a little faster through it. I will post on Google Classroom specifically when our test is. I am hoping to finish this unit up before Thanksgiving break. 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*. *We are going to change up our notes a bit and do more with graphic understanding instead of just written outlines. I am hoping to catch a few of my students that struggled a little bit with our last unit and also move a little faster through it. I will post on Google Classroom specifically when our test is. I am hoping to finish this unit up before Thanksgiving 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 be researching and writing their body paragraphs this week.

7th Grade: Students will be workshopping their career papers this week.

8th Grade: Students will be wrapping up their advertising min-unit 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**

“Consistent positive self-talk is unquestionably one of the greatest gifts to one’s subconscious mind.”— Edmond Mbiaka

8th Grade: This week we will continue 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 continue working 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.

**Drama:**

**8th Grade:** Students will finish recording their own monologues and completing the assignment “Whose Phone Is This Anyway.” We will begin our new unit about Technical Theater.

**7th Grade:** Students will finish recording their own monologues and completing the assignment “Whose Phone Is This Anyway.” We will begin our new unit about Technical Theater.

**6th Grade:** Students will work on mini-projects around publicity and costume design this week.

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

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I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

6th Grade Literature: Monday and Tuesday, students will use class time to write their two paragraphs on two significant differences between the book and the movie, *The Giver*. They will use notes from watching the movie and chapter summaries from the reading to provide evidence for the differences. This assignment is on Google Classroom and is due start of class Wednesday.

For the rest of the week, we will start a quick unit on summarization and gist using *The Gift of the Magi* as a resource text. Most work will be completed in class and will not be homework if students use class time wisely.

7th grade will start 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.

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:

Tuesday and Wednesday this week all grades will be taking the second of the five Galileo diagnostic assessments we do throughout the year. Accordingly, students will have a lighter homework load this week. Although these have no bearing on students' grades, the Galileo tests are an important assessment tool for us, and it is important that students are here for them on the scheduled test days. Making them up afterward takes valuable instruction time and sets students further behind.

6<sup>th</sup>: We finished Module 6 on Friday (***Rates and Ratios***), and continue the concept this week in Module 7, ***Applying Rates and Ratios***.

7<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> Grade quizzes today on Module 5, ***Proportion and Percent***. This also marks the end of Unit 2 for 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, meaning the Unit Test is just around the corner. Thursday will be test review day, with the Unit 2 test this Friday. Our next unit is ***Solving Equations***

8<sup>th</sup>: Module 6 (***Functions***) concludes this week, with the quiz Thursday. This is the end of the unit as well; the Unit test will take place early next week.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will be continuing work on ***Linear Equations***. This includes investigations of slope, the 3 forms of linear equations, and being able to manipulate equations into different forms.

## 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.	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