



Middle School Newsletter

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Crown Pointe Academy

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Week of December 10, 2018

Monday, December 10:

Drama 3:45-5:00

Blueberry Crisp Cereal

(DF) Chicken Bites with BBQ Bean Sauce, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Steamed Corn

Tuesday, December 11:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

NO CHOIR TODAY

Yearbook 3:40-4:40

Wholegrain Cheerios & Mini Dipperdoodle Bar

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Broccoli Florets with Ranch

Wednesday, December 12:

Ukulele Club, 3:15-4:30

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Stock Market Club 3:30-4:30

CPA Board Meeting 6:15-8:15

Yogurt & Educational Snacks with Orange Juice

(DF) Jerk Drumstick with Pineapple Carrot Rice, Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Glazed Sliced Carrots

Thursday, December 13:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

FISH JR. Grades K-3, 3:45-5:00

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Apple Crisp Cereal

(DF) Roasted Turkey & Stuffing, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Chilled Seasoned Green Beans

Friday 14:

Middle School Event 6:30-9:00pm

Bagel with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice

(V) Cheese Pizza, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Pinto Beans & 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.

6th grade: We are beginning our final project this week. The earth science bloom ball project will wrap up on the 17th.

7th grade: Continuing our unit on muscles and bones. The final for this unit will be the semester final on December 19th.

8th grade: 8th grade continues to work on Energy. The final for this unit will be the semester final on December 19th.

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: Lab Mondays will continue in January. We will use today and next Monday to prepare for finals.

Important Dates for Middle School Students!

Friday, December 14th: Middle School Snowflake Soirée Dance

Wednesday, December 19th: Middle School Geography Bee

Middle School Finals Schedule:

Thursday, December 13th: Writing Final

Friday, December 14th: Social Studies Final

Monday, December 17th: Literature Final

Tuesday, December 18th: Math Final

Wednesday, December 19th: Science Final

Thursday, December 20th: Any Make Up Tests

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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The Christmas Truce of 1914 How many of you know about the Christmas Truce of 1914? World War I was in full force and the troops were literally in the trenches. Pope Benedict XV called for the truce but it was originally rejected. Historians debate over where it started and no one knows exactly how it spread across the Western Front but some two-thirds of the troops, nearly 100,000 people, in that region were able to experience peace in a time of war. Many believe that a simple carol or shout of "Merry Christmas" initiated a day of goodwill between enemies. But for one day, they put their rifles down, turned off the tanks, and shared in the celebration of the peace of Christmas.

One-hundred four years later, many people still find themselves looking for peace in time of personal turmoil. You may not know who they are - they could be a neighbor, a co-worker, a student, a family member or friend - but they are desperately looking for peace, for a truce that can bring healing and quiet to a restless, wounded, or struggling mind and heart. Remember to show a measure of kindness, a jolly holiday greeting, or even just a smile with those you connect with this season. Be an instrument of peace in a world of turmoil.

Social Studies Final - All Classes - Presentations begin Friday, December 14.

Students received the directions for my final on Monday, December 3. They will be doing a presentation in my class based on what they have learned and worked on this quarter. All presentations must be submitted by midnight, Thursday, December 13th to receive full credit. Any presentations not completed and presented by Tuesday, December 18th will receive a zero grade. Students will have two work days this week.

Winter Break Homework

Students are encouraged to work on research for their NHD projects and beginning to work on putting the projects together over break however, there will be no mandatory homework over the break.

History Day (NHD)

Upcoming due dates:

- December 11 - submission of Project Type Google form is due
- December 14 - 30 resource items in notebook due as part of their final

6th Grade Economics This week we will continue our unit on economics. This will include topics like economic systems, as well as specialization, saving, and investing.

7th Grade Government and Citizenship This week we will continue to work on the purpose of government and the role of the citizen.

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 final assessment is once I have a better idea.

Continuation Information: Tuesday, February 5 at 5:00 will be our next Continuation meeting for parents after school. If you have pictures to submit for the memory book/slide show please email them to cpa8pics@crownpointeacademy.org. You should have received an email last week with the picture information on it. I will be putting up the dress code for Continuation on Google Classroom. Please make sure you adhere to it so as to avoid any awkward situations.

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 prepping for their final exam on grammar this week.

7th Grade: Students will be working on their final (the current event summaries) this week.

8th Grade: Students will be taking their final on *Discovering Wes Moore* and then beginning their drama mini-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

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." – *Thomas Jefferson*

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday -- ALL GRADES: This week SEL Lab will be used to study and prepare for finals.

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

Drama:

****Fabric Needed for backdrops. ****

If you have any fabric pieces large or small that you are willing to donate to drama, please send it to school with your student. Anything is useful, we specifically need lots of greens, grays, browns, and blacks, but can truly use all prints, colors, and textures.

8th Grade: We will finish our character assignment on *Twelfth Night* and turn it in on Friday. Students will have one last assignment due before the end of the year around watching *The Greatest Showman*.

7th Grade: We will finish our character assignment on *Much Ado About Nothing* and turn it in on Friday. Students will have one last assignment due before the end of the year around watching *The Greatest Showman*.

6th Grade: Ask your students about the progress we are making and check google classroom for the backdrops. I am proud of the work that we are doing and the effort the students are making.

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

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I hope that everyone enjoyed their weekend!

This week, 6th graders will finish reading Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. They will also begin reviewing for their final.

7th grade students will finish Jack London's novel, *The Call of the Wild*. They will also start reviewing for their final.

8th grade students will complete their creative writing assignment that will be graded as their 1st semester final.

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:

Students in all grades are wrapping up their current units, and will test on them Thursday. Friday and next Monday are devoted to comprehensive review for all grades.

6th: Students finish the **Three Types of Percent Problems** today, and quiz tomorrow. Wednesday is a review for Thursday's Unit Test, which covers **Rates & Ratios, Conversions, and Percents**.

7th: 7th Graders continue with **Two-step equations** today, with a quiz tomorrow. Wednesday we'll review **Expressions and Equations (1- and 2-step)** in preparation for Thursday's unit test.

8th: In 8th Grade we'll add **variables on both sides** of the equation today, which is the last skill in this unit. We'll continue working on **multi-step equations, equations with fractions, and equations with variables on both sides** today and tomorrow. Wednesday we'll review **Expressions and Equations (all equations)** in preparation for Thursday's unit test.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will complete the unit on solving **Systems of Equations**. Our unit test will be this Tuesday. We will move on to solving absolute value equations, which we will continue after break.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1486

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., Carter S., Rachel G., Heather R., Randi T.	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