

Middle School Newsletter



December 17, 2018

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Week of December 17, 2018

Monday, December 17:

Drama 3:45-5:00

4th Grade Music Program 6:00-7:00 pm

Blueberry Crisp Cereal

Chicken Taco Trio, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Chili Citrus Corn

Tuesday, December 18:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:00 **Note early time for pick up

Cici Family Night (Spanish Fundraiser)

Yogurt & Granola

(DF) Chicken Bites with BBQ Bean Sauce, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Broccoli Florets with Ranch

Wednesday, December 19:

Pajama day!

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Middle School Geography Bee 4:00-5:00

Autumn Spice Muffin

Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Edamame & Baby Carrots

Thursday, December 20:

Holiday Shirt Day!

End of 2nd Quarter

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

Holiday Sing-a-Long - 10:15

NO FISH today

Cocoa Critters Cereal and Orange Juice

Creamy Chicken Alfredo, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Coleslaw

Friday, December 21, 2018–Monday, Jan 7, 2019: No School Winter Break

Students return to class Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. Report cards sent home on Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2019. **Have a wonderful break!**

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?

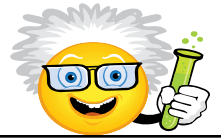
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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. **All make up work is due by Tuesday at 4:00 for the semester!**

6th grade: We are completing our final project today. The earth science bloom ball project will wrap up on the 17th and we will have a class activity on Tuesday and Wednesday.

7th grade: We are completing our final project today. The earth science bloom ball project will wrap up on the 17th and we will have a class activity on Tuesday and Wednesday.

8th grade: We are completing our final project today. The earth science bloom ball project will wrap up on the 17th and we will have a class activity on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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!

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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Grown-Up Christmas List In the lyrics composed by Linda Thompson-Jenner:
 No more lives torn apart / That wars would never start / And time would heal all hearts
 And everyone would have a friend / And right would always win / And love would never end
 This is my grown up Christmas list

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

Most students were ready today. There were a few stragglers that needed to finish over the weekend. Any presentations not completed and presented by Tuesday, December 18th will receive a zero grade.

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.

2nd Quarter Grades: I will have second quarter grades finalized on Friday (12/21).

History Day (NHD)

Any students completing a documentary have a form they need to pick up from me and get signed by you allowing them to bring devices into class to work on their documentaries.

Upcoming due dates:

- January 15 - Rough drafts due, annotated bibliography rough draft due
- January 18 - Papers and Websites due
- January 25 - Exhibits, Performances, and Documentary

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:

All Students: Make sure you talk with Mr. Scott immediately if you are missing any assignments for 2nd quarter!

Let me know if you have any questions!

I hope you all enjoy a wonderful and safe break! See you in the new year!

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

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SEL Lab

“DREAM BIG, WORK HARD, MAKE IT HAPPEN!”

Monday and Tuesday -- ALL GRADES: This week SEL Lab will be used to study and prepare for finals. STUDY at home as well!!!!!!

Wednesday is mentor/leadership day when we work with our assigned 3rd graders. It is also PAJAMA DAY at CPA!!

Thursday is FUN DAY in SEL Lab. Have an AMAZING break!!

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, greys, browns, and blacks, but can truly use all prints, colors, and textures.

8th Grade: Students will have one last assignment due Wednesday over The Greatest Showman which we have been watching in class.

7th Grade: Students will have one last assignment due Wednesday over The Greatest Showman which we have been watching in class.

6th Grade: Students have completed one backdrop and are nearly done with another two. This has been an adventure with them. 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!

6th and 7th grade students will take their literature final today.

8th grade students will be working on a compare and contrast assignment.

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

Have a wonderful break!

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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This week in Math:

Students in all grades took **Part 1** of the Final Assessment, and will take **Part 2** tomorrow after one last review session today.

All MISSING/MAKE-UP **MUST** be turned in no later than tomorrow, Tuesday the 18th. Remember, there is **NO HOMEWORK** over the Christmas Break.

Math will be showing ***The Nightmare Before Christmas*** on Thursday, Christmas Fun Day.

Have a wonderful and safe vacation. See you in 2019 !!

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1527

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., Desirae G.	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