



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of December 3, 2018

Monday, December 3:

Drama 3:45-5:00

NJHS 3:45-4:45

Apple Crisp Cereal

BBQ Chicken Sandwich, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Glazed Carrots

Tuesday, December 4:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Bagel with Cream Cheese

Chicken Enchiladas, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Chili Citrus Corn

Wednesday, December 5:

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Cinnamon Crumble & Pineapple Juice

Buffalo Chicken Crunchadilla, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Edamame & Grape Tomatoes

Thursday, December 6:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

7th Grade Junior Achievement Field Trip

Middle School Spelling Bee 4:00

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

PTA Meeting 6:00 @ Bar Louie Westminster

Yogurt with Honey Grahams & Orange Juice

Beef Cheeseburger, Chicken Pizza Party Salad, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

Friday, December 7:

Brown Bag Pick up –during dismissal 3:15

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

Cinnamon Raisin Bagel with Cream Cheese & Jelly

Kickin Chicken Parm Pasta, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, 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.

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: Students will apply their knowledge of plate tectonics and learn about earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes. Students will receive their test from last week on the rock cycle back today. Students can make test corrections and earn up to half credit back. For example, if a student received a 60% initially, if test corrections are made, they can improve that grade to an 80%. Test corrections must be turned in by Friday, December 7th at 4:00.

7th grade: Students will continue their human body unit with the muscular and skeletal systems this week.

8th grade: Students begin a unit on physics, taking a look back at a lab we did in 6th grade, Skate park. We will discuss energy transformations, kinetic and potential energy. Students will receive their sun, moon, and earth systems tests today. Students can make test corrections and earn up to half credit back. For example, if a student received a 60% initially, if test corrections are made, they can improve that grade to an 80%. Test corrections must be turned in by Friday, December 7th at 4:00.

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!

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

Thursday, December 6th: Middle School Spelling Bee

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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What inspires you? These are the words on a bulletin board in my classroom. The students can put anything on it that inspires them. In a sense, it is there board to use as an outlet when they can't say it somewhere else. Let me tell you, my students are amazing and here are some of the things that inspire them: The Dolan Twins, YouTube, Dobby in *Harry Potter*, Ariana Grande, and Chick-fil-a among some of the other things you would expect to see. But more than these, sprinkled all over my board are cards with the following: my cousins in Mexico, my friends (or lists of their friends), teachers, my family, my mommy & daddy. Even in middle school, they are thinking about things that matter and that includes you. As we go into these last few weeks of school, look for those opportunities to continue building your relationship with your child. You matter. They see what you do for them. Even if they won't tell you, you inspire them.

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

Students received their directions for their final in my class today. 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.

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 7 - working title and working thesis statements are due
- 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 basics, processes, and systems, as well as specialization, saving, and investing. This unit will be finished before Winter Break.

7th Grade Government and Citizenship, and Junior Achievement Finance Park This week will be all about preparing for the finance park. Our field trip is on Thursday, December 6. We still need chaperones so if you are able to come we would greatly appreciate it. 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 again on 11/30/2018 and a hard copy went home last week. Permission slips were due today. If you need another copy please email me as soon as possible and I will get one to you.

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 finish their mini unit on ethics with Mrs. Southern this week.

7th Grade: Students will continue with their podcast investigations this week.

8th Grade: Students will finish 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

"Cherish your own emotions and never undervalue them." - Robert Henri (1865 - 1929), American Painter and Teacher

8th Grade: This week we will begin a new unit, **Love in Action**. We will compare and contrast love and fear and learn the difference between adrenaline and cortisol. We will identify the chemical and physical changes that occur in the body with different thoughts and feelings.

6th & 7th Grade: This week we will begin our unit, **Thoughts, Emotions, & Decisions**. Students will learn about the relationship between thoughts, emotions, and decisions. They also learn strategies for calming down and staying in control when experiencing strong emotions.

Tuesday is a study hall day.

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

8th Grade: We are reading *Twelfth Night* in both modern day English and Shakespearean verse using a resource called, *No Fear Shakespeare*.

7th Grade: We are 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*. Ask your students about the progress we are making and check Google classroom for the backdrops.

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 continue reading Charles Dicken's *A Christmas Carol*.

7th grade students will finish Jack London's novel, *The Call of the Wild*.

8th grade students will begin working on a 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 received **Study Guides** for the **End-of-Semester Final Assessment**.

6th: Students will learn to **convert percents to decimals and fractions** (and vice-versa). Later in the week we will tackle the **"3 Types of Percent Problems"** (find how much x% of a number is, find the % given a number and the original amount, and find the original amount given a number and a %)

7th: 7th Graders will solve **one-step equations** and will quiz mid-week, then move on to solving **two-step equations**.

8th: 8th Grade continues with **Solving Equations** this week, specifically **multi-step equations** and equations with **variables on both sides** of the equation.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will continue the unit on solving **Systems of Equations**.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes
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Community Service

2nd quarter hours are due December 14th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1438

| 10+ Hours | 20+ Hours | 30+ Hours |
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| 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., | 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