



Middle School Newsletter

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Crown Pointe Academy

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Week of January 14, 2019

Monday, January 14:

Drama 3:45-6:00

NJHS 3:45-4:45

Wholegrain cheerios and Zac Apple Bar

(V) Five Cheese Lasagna, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Carrot, Corn & Peas Blend

Tuesday, January 15:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Spanish Trip fundraiser, Dickey's BBQ Pit 4-8pm

French Toast Muffin

Fiesta Scoops with Three Layer Dip, Bean & Cheese Quesadilla, Garden Ranch Salad with Chicken Breast, Broccoli Florets

Wednesday, January 16:

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Stock Market Club 3:30-4:30

Zee Zees Cinnamon Crisp Bar and Orange Juice

(DF) Orange Chicken, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Edamame & Baby Carrots with Ranch

Thursday, January 17:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

Cinnamon Grahams with String Cheese

BBQ Beef Flatbread Melt, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Coleslaw

Friday, January 18:

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

Big Fish Night! 5:30-8:00- All CPA families welcome

Wholegrain Cinnamon Chex and Zac Strawberry Bar with Orange Juice

(V) Cheesy Pizza Bite Meal, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Steamed Sliced 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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Science Nearby: Opportunity for you and your family to enjoy hands on science! January 20-21: A Super Blood Wolf Moon Eclipse. "A what?" you may ask. There's a lot going on with this one, so here's the breakdown. **Total Lunar Eclipse:** This is the main event. A total lunar eclipse is also referred to as a blood moon. Though eclipses aren't that rare, this total eclipse is the only one we'll see until May 26, 2021. **Super Moon:** This means that the moon is at the time of the month that it is closest to the Earth. It will appear larger and brighter than it normally does. **Wolf Moon:** The first full moon of the year. The name comes from Native American roots, according to the Farmer's Almanac. "Amid the cold and deep snows of midwinter, the wolf packs howled hungrily outside villages."

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.

Semester 2 Projects:

6th grade-Ecosystem Project (Added to Google Classroom this week)

7th grade- Human Body Project (Added to Google Classroom this week)

8th grade- Roller Coaster Engineering Project (This week permission slips for 8th Grade Elitch's Trip will be sent home.)

6th grade: This quarter is focused on ecosystems and ecology. This week will continue to study the basics of ecology. Those interested in chaperoning our Outdoor Lab Trip, please keep watch for an email with the details on how to do fingerprints and a background check. We will let you know as soon as we have the updated process from the state.

7th grade: This quarter will have mini units going over the interconnections between human body systems. We will be grouping 2-3 systems in each test and our labs will be doing dissections during a few of our Lab Mondays. We will continue this week with the nervous system and discuss the endocrine system.

8th grade: The beginning of this quarter focuses on chemistry. We will be beginning chemical reactions 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 where we do not have school on Monday. If anyone is interested in volunteering on Fridays to help set up the labs your help is greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for Middle School Students!

January 29th: Middle School History Day Showcase 5:30-8:00 PM

February 6th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

February 6th-8th: 6th Grade Keystone Science School Field Trip

February 11th: Progress Reports Sent Home

February 15th: Middle School Social Event

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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We are in the long haul! Third quarter often feels like the longest quarter of the year. There are relatively few breaks between now and spring break. It is still dark in the morning and early in the evening. It's cold. But spring will come! In the meantime, hunker down and use this time to help your child. Get them to bed on time - 8 to 10 hours is the recommendation for middle schoolers. Make sure they are eating breakfast and have a healthy balanced lunch. Force them out for fresh air every now and then. Remind them that we all have to keep pushing through and there is reward in the end. Spring will come!

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

Magazines

We are still collecting magazines like National Geographic, Time, Smithsonian, Newsweek, etc. Please feel free to send them in throughout the year.

6th Grade: *Beginning of Civilization* This week we will continue looking at the beginning of civilization and especially be focusing on the Americas.

7th Grade: *Judaism and the Jewish People* We are going to continue our look at Judaism. I will be teaching your students about the history, beliefs, and other important information of this religion especially where it concerns the impact it has had on the world. We will be watching *Fiddler on the Roof* during this time as well.

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 week! This is week in language arts:

6th graders will start writing their compare and contrast essays this week.

7th graders will continue with their analyzing advertising unit this week.

8th grade students will be reporting on podcasts this week before moving on to their creative writing unit.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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SEL Lab

Positive feelings come from being honest about yourself and accepting your personality, and physical characteristics, warts and all; and, from belonging to a family that accepts you without question. - Willard Scott

Monday -- ALL GRADES: History Day work day. Process papers, annotated bibliographies, scripts, papers, and websites due tomorrow!!

Tuesday -- ALL GRADES: Study Hall Day.

Wednesday -- 7th & 8th Grade is mentor/leadership day when we work with our assigned 3rd graders.
 Wednesday -- 6th Grade: We will continue our unit on Thoughts, Emotions, & Decisions.

Thursday and Friday 6th and 7th Grade will continue to work through our unit on, Thoughts, Emotions, & Decisions. We will identifying what emotional knowledge is and how to strengthen it. Students will learn to understand that although emotions provide important information, fast, emotional reactions can lead them to act in ways they'll regret. This helps prepare students to think about the decisions they make rather than react to their emotions.

Thursday and Friday 8th Grade will begin learning about Emotional Intelligence. They will learn what emotional intelligence is and engage their own emotional intelligence in the process.

Foundations for Life:

All Classes: Students have three grades on IC at this point. If your student is missing one of them, they will be getting a D at best. This is only because it is the start of the quarter.

This week we will finish up our short unit on 'Self Concept' and introduce 'Goal Setting.' Students should be keeping up with Questions of the Day in class, however, if they are absent, these can be found on the Google Classroom.

8th Grade 8th Grade Foundations for Life Google Classroom Code: 5a696v

7th Grade: 7th Grade Foundations for Life Google Classroom Code: aj65itv

6th Grade: 6th Grade Foundations for Life Google Classroom Code: ay7lyv

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

This week, 6th grade will be starting a non-fiction unit, and they will begin reading / *Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai.

7th grade will begin a non-fiction unit that will include the start of Sonia Nazario's novel *Enrique's Journey*.

This week, 8th grade will start reading George Orwell's novel, *Animal Farm*.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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MATHCOUNTS: We are putting together our team of "Mathletes" to compete in the MATHCOUNTS portion of the upcoming **Charter School Academic Challenge** in early February. Interested students will test this Wednesday after school for a place on the team, and the team will be announced this Friday, the 18th. We will field a team of 4 students, with 2 alternates. Please note the alternates may compete in the individual part of the competition. MATHCOUNTS is open to all 6th through 8th graders. We hope to see you Wednesday!

6th Grade- 6th grade will be working with **parts of an expression** and **order of operations** this week. These concepts can be found in Module 9 of your student's Go Math textbook.

7th Grade- 7th grade will be working on **solving and graphing inequalities** this week. This lesson will conclude our unit on Solving Equations and Inequalities. Students should be unit testing sometime next week.

8th Grade- 8th grade will continue work on **Solving Systems of Equations**. We will finish working with solving by graphing and transition to **solving systems of equations by substitution** later this week.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will continue exploring **The Pythagorean Theorem and Finding Distance and Midpoints** this week. We will focus on **Distance and Midpoint Formulas** this week.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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Community Service

3rd Quarter hours are due by March 8, 2019.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1662

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., Jaime V., Valeria C., Victoria M., Juan N., Darius P., Donovan M.	Anaiah C. - 22 Liam S.- 22.5 Jessy M.- 23 Tula M.—26	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