



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of January 22, 2019

Tuesday, January 22:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Wholegrain Corn Chex and Educational Snacks

Chicken Bites, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Steamed Corn

Wednesday, January 23:

Kindergarten Round Up

Ukulele Club, 3:15-4:30

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Mini Lemon Muffin with String Cheese

Tomato Curry with Grilled Chicken, Chicken Gumbo & Cornbread, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Glazed Sliced Carrots

Thursday, January 24:

Kindergarten Round Up

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

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

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Zac Omega Strawberry Bar with Orange Juice, (V) Cheese Pizza, Buffalo Chicken Wrap, Seasoned Green Beans

Friday, January 25:

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

PTA Winter Dance 6:00-8:30

Multigrain cheerios with Cinnamon Grahams and Pineapple Juice

(DF) The Revolution Dog, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Broccoli Florets

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?

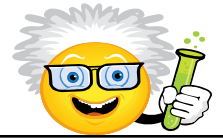
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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.

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 (Permission slips for the Elitches field trip have been sent home. They are due back by February 22nd.)

6th grade: This quarter is focused on ecosystems and ecology. This week will continue to study the basics of ecology. **The test over this unit is on Friday, February 1st.**

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 wrap up the nervous and endocrine systems this week. **The first mini test is this Friday, January 25th.**

8th grade: The beginning of this quarter focuses on chemistry. We will be continuing our work on balancing equations and working with 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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Martin Luther King, Jr

...I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character...

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity.

We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

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:

- All papers and websites should have been turned in on Friday, January 18th.
- January 25 - Exhibits, Performances, and Documentary
- January 29 - Middle School Showcase - 5:30 pm - this is a required event your student must sign up for.

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 weekend! This is week in language arts:

6th graders will be working on annotating skills using the speeches of Martin Luther King Jr. this week.

7th graders will continue working on their advertising projects. They will start presenting them on Monday, January 28th.

8th grade students will continue working on 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

“You can't make decisions based on fear and the possibility of what might happen.” — Michelle Obama

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 continue 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 will begin their unit on 'Goal Setting.' We will learn about short-term and long-term goals. Students will form SMART goals and form a plan to meet them throughout the semester. We will also have a short vocab quiz at the end of the week. Students can retake the quiz until the date posted on IC if they are unhappy with their grade on the quiz.

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, all grades will begin reading new, full length texts.

6th grade will begin reading *I am Malala*, which is the account of a young heroic Pakistani girl.

7th grade will begin reading *Enrique's Journey*, which is a nonfiction story of a Honduran immigrant child.

8th grade will continue reading George Orwell's allegory of the Russian Revolution, *Animal Farm*.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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6th Grade- 6th grade will continue work on **Simplifying Expressions**. This week we will focus on using the **distributive property** and **combining like terms**. Our next lessons will include work with translating word problems into expressions and substitution.

7th Grade- 7th grade has finished their unit on **Solving Equations and Inequalities**. We will be taking our unit test this **Friday, January 25th**. There will be no weekly quiz for 7th grade this week as we are focusing on the unit test. Our upcoming unit will focus on **2-dimensional Geometry**.

8th Grade - 8th grade will continue work with **Solving Systems of Equations**. This week we will introduce the final method, **Solving by Elimination**. We will end this week with a quiz on all three methods for solving systems of equations. 8th grade will be taking a unit test over this material next week.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will take a unit test on the **Pythagorean Theorem** tomorrow Wednesday, January 23. We will then move into a unit on **2-dimensional Geometry**.

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., Cianna S.,	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