

Middle School Newsletter



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Week of February 11, 2019

Monday, February 11:

Progress Reports Sent Home

Drama Club Pomona Visit

Zac Omega Strawberry Bar

(V) Five Cheese Lasagna, Honey Mustard Chicken Wrap, Steamed Corn

Tuesday, February 12:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Panda Express Spanish Trip fundraiser 4:00-8:00pm

Blueberry Bagel with Cream Cheese

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Veggie Taco Salad, Broccoli Florets

Wednesday, February 13:

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Stock Market Club 3:30-4:30

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00 CPA Board Meeting 6:15-8:15

French Toast Muffin

Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, (DF) (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Edamame & Baby Carrots with Ranch

Thursday, February 14:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50-7:50am

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Bagel with Cream Cheese and Pineapple Juice

Turkey & Cheddar Flatbread Sandwich, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit, Coleslaw

Friday, February 15:

Breakin Club 3:45-4:45

Middle School Event 6:30-9:00

Yogurt with Honey Grahams

(V) Cheese Pizza, 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?

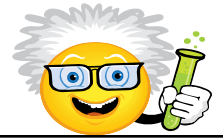
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on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

Science Spotlight:

Outdoor Lab was so very fun! Here is a link to the photos of the adventures that the 6th grade had:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d1Ojhjolj9HspRymSI1m5DfUskTHTF5c?usp=sharing>

6th grade: This quarter is focused on ecosystems and ecology. This week, we are continuing our studies of ecology.

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 our mini unit on metabolism, and we will also have a guest speaker this week.

8th grade: We are beginning our unit on physics with a study of waves.

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!

February 11th: Progress Reports Sent Home

February 15th: Middle School It's Always a Good Time Dance

February 26th: All Middle School Field Trip to Arvada Center

February 28th: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00 PM

March 1st: Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Happy Valentine's Day! Did you know in one of the legends surrounding Valentine's Day is that Valentine sent the first valentine message from prison to a girl who had visited him? He signed the greeting "Your Valentine." Use this week to tell your student positive affirmations, not about what they can do, but about who they are. Tell them you love them unconditionally and that they will always be "your valentine." They need to know it.

History Day (NHD): We would like to meet with all of our Showcase finalists (see last week's newsletter for a list) on Thursday, February 14 for a meeting immediately after dismissal for one hour. This is when we will begin to really prepare for our Regional competition so it is important that students be there if possible. If not, we need to set up a time to meet with them this week.

Important dates:

- February 12 (9-11) - Aurora Theater Company - to work with performance finalists
- February 13 (12:30-2:30) - Website design - to work with our website finalists
- February 14th (3:45-4:45) - all finalists meeting with Paula and I to discuss plans forward
- March 6 (time TBD) - Arvada Center Digital Lab - for documentary finalists
- Charter School Regional Competition - March 9th - at Crown Pointe Academy.

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 finish looking at the beginning of civilization and especially be focusing on the Americas.

7th Grade: *Judaism and the Jewish People* We are going to finish 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, March 19 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. We have extended the deadline for pictures to Friday, February 22.

PLEASE GET THEM IN ASAP! The dress code for Continuation is 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 will begin looking at building claims before they transition to speech writing with Mrs. Southern later this month.

7th grade will put their evidence and warrant skills to the test by looking at murder mystery stories.

The 8th grade will continue their creative writing unit by studying and authoring children's books.

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 have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear." Martin Luther King, Jr.

Monday, Thursday and Friday -- 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade will discuss the importance of both gratitude and love this week. We will work on why it is important to look for the good in ourselves and others.

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: Mirror Image Arts

Foundations for Life:

7th and 8th Grade Classes: Students turned in job applications and interview question worksheets. Students may be asking you about Social Security numbers, addresses of people they can use as references, etc. They do not need real SS#s, however, you may want to double check that you have their SS# cards so when they do start to look for after-school jobs, they are prepared. This has been a fun process to work through with them.

6th Grade Classes: Students will finish job applications and interview question worksheets. Students may be asking you about Social Security numbers, addresses of people they can use as references, etc. They do not need real SS#s, however, you may want to double check that you have their SS# cards so when they do start to look for after-school jobs, they are prepared. This has been a fun process to work through with them.

All Classes:

We continue this week to look at budgets based upon the outcome of our job interviews in our Game of Life.

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

6th grade will reflect on their Outdoor Lab experience and then continue reading the nonfiction text I Am Malala. They will focus this week on the value of education and its affect on society.

7th grade students are continuing to read Enrique's Journey, the nonfiction account of a young boy who flees Honduras to find a better life in the United States. They will focus on empathy and point of view.

8th grade continues to read Animal Farm and is focusing on characterization and allegory.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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6th grade- Students in 6th grade will continue working with **Solving Equations**. This week we will work on solving one step equations with addition/subtraction as well as multiplication/division. 6th grade students will also complete their third round of Galileo testing this week beginning on Wednesday and concluding on Thursday. There will be no homework assigned on these days due to testing.

7th grade- Students in 7th grade will continue work on **2D Geometry**. We will work this week on finding the area of triangles, trapezoids, and circles. 7th grade is finished with Galileo testing and will resume weekly quizzes this Friday. Weekly quizzes cover currently material that we are working with and are preparation for our unit test.

8th grade- Students in 8th grade will continue work with **2D Geometry**. We will continue exploring the various types of transformations. We will begin the week with **Rotations** and conclude the week with **Reflections**. 8th grade is finished with Galileo testing and will resume weekly quizzes this Friday. Weekly quizzes cover currently material that we are working with and are preparation for our unit test.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will begin a new unit on **Scientific Notation** this week. This unit will cover why we use scientific notation, how to convert number into and out of scientific notation, and end with operations with numbers in scientific notation. 8th grade is finished with Galileo testing and will resume weekly quizzes this Friday. Weekly quizzes cover currently material that we are working with and are preparation for our unit test.

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: 1693

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., Daniela B.,	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