



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of February 25, 2019

Monday, February 25: BOOK FAIR 7:45am-4:15pm

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

Quick Start 3:45-4:45

Zee Zees Cinnamon Crisp Bar

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Green Peas

Tuesday, February 26: BOOK FAIR 7:45am-6:30pm

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Middle School Field Trip Arvada Center

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Book Fair Family Event 4:00-6:30pm

Bagel with Cream Cheese

Bfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Sausage, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans

Wednesday, February 27: BOOK FAIR 7:45-4:15

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

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Quick Start 3:45-4:45

Yogurt with Granola and Orange Juice

Chicken Bites, (DF) (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Steamed Sliced Carrots

Thursday, February 28: BOOK FAIR 7:45am-9:00

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50am-7:50am

Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00

Wholegrain Cheerios and Animal Crackers

Buffalo Chicken Crunchadilla, (V) Veggie Taco Salad, Black Bean & Corn

Friday 1: BOOK FAIR 11:00am-7:00pm

No School - Parent Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00

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?

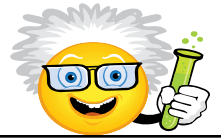
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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 Brochure due March 4th

7th grade- Human Body Project Due March 20th

8th grade- Roller Coaster Engineering Project (details coming next week)

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

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. This week, we are finishing the immune system and moving out of systems and into different organisms.

8th grade: We are continuing our unit on physics with a study of waves. Studying what we're learning about mechanical and electromagnetic waves for 10 minutes each night will help student remember the difference.

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 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 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

March 15th: End of 3rd Quarter

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Coming to the end of a quarter! March 15th is the end of 3rd quarter. Now would be a great time to check in with your student and see what kind of support they need from you to be able to finish this quarter strong. This would also be a great time for your student to advocate with their teachers about what they need to do to get their grades up if needed.

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:

- 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 *Early Civilizations of North and South America* This week we will be looking at the Inca and other North American cultures.

7th Grade; Christianity We are beginning Christianity. Due to the nature of these lesson I will be giving a simple final assessment but it will be more important that students contribute to the discussions that we will be having in class. 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.

8th Grade: The Revolutionary Era This week we will be looking at the Revolutionary Era and possibly begin looking at the Constitution. We will be bringing in a guest speaker to speak to the students about life in the colonies during the Revolutionary Era and how the Revolution was won.

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. You will hear from Mrs. Worley if we haven't received your pictures. 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 continue learning how to build claims with Mrs. Southern this week.

7th grade will begin drafting their "This I Believe" essays.

8th grade will be learning about Anne Frank before going to the performance at the Arvada Center tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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SEL Lab

Empathy is about finding echoes of another person in yourself. - Mohsin Hamid

Monday -- all grades will preview the bookfair.

Thursday and Friday -- 6th and 7th Grade will finish their unit on Thoughts, Emotions, and Decisions. We will end with discussing Frustration and the best ways to deal with this emotion.

8th Grade -- Will continue their unit on Emotional Intelligence. We will focus on Empathy. They will connect thoughts, feelings, and beliefs to self-perception. They will also understand the connection between perception and judgement

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:

All Classes:

We continue this week to look at budgets based upon the Game of Life. Students will learn about budgeting, transportation costs, and insurance. Students may also start to learn about a checkbook register and how to keep track of the amount of money being earned and spent each week.

On Monday there will be a check in with our SMART goals. Students will need to fill out a reflective sheet.

It is a short week as we have a field trip on Tuesday and no school on Friday, due to Parent-Teacher Conferences.

If you would like to meet with me, I will be in Mr. Scott's classroom during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

6th grade continues to read I Am Malala and will focus this week on connections between Malala and Anne Frank.

7th grade will continue reading Enrique's Journey with a focus on overcoming adversity, also making connections to the life of Anne Frank.

8th grade will finish reading George Orwell's novel Animal Farm this week and begin several culminating activities to conclude the study of the book.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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Please note that all grades will lose two days of instruction this week due to the Anne Frank field trip to the Arvada Center on Tuesday, and Parent-Teacher Conferences on Friday.

6th: We wrap up our unit on *Equations and Inequalities* this week with solving and graphing simple inequalities. We will quiz Thursday, have a thorough review next Monday, and take the Unit Test on Tuesday, March 5.

7th: 7th Grade has completed their unit on **2-Dimensional Geometry**. The unit review is today, with the Unit Test on Wednesday (not tomorrow due to the field trip). Thursday's quiz will be a skills review.

8th: We continue our unit on 2-Dimensional Geometry with lessons on *Symmetry* and *Congruence and Similarity*. The unit wraps up later in the week with *Special Pairs of Angles* and *Remote Interior Angles*. Full review and test are early next week.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will finish their Unit on 3D Geometry this week. We will be reviewing today with a unit test Wednesday. Our next unit will be **Solving and Graphing Inequalities**.

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: 1709

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., Leah L.	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