

Middle School Newsletter



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Week of March 11, 2019

Monday, March 11:

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

Multigrain Cheerios with Giant Cinnamon Goldfish

(V) Five Cheese Lasagna, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Steamed Corn

Tuesday, March 12:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Bagel with Cream Cheese

(DF) The Revolution Dog, Chicken Parm Pasta, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Broccoli Florets

Wednesday, March 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

Mini Lemon Muffin with String Cheese

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

Thursday, March 14:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50am-7:50am

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

Student Council 3:45-4:30

Turkey & Cheddar Flatbread Sandwich

(V) Creamy Pasta Alfredo, Chicken Caesar Wrap, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Steamed Sliced Carrots

Friday, March 15:

End of 3rd Quarter

8th Grade Field Trip to DMNS

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

Wholegrain Cinnamon Chex Cereal

(V) Cheese Pizza, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Coleslaw

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?

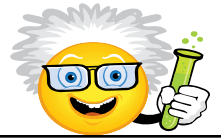
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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 Project due April 19th

7th grade- Human Body Project Due March 20th

8th grade- Roller Coaster Engineering Project– Top ten list and dream design due March 14th

6th grade: This quarter is focused on ecosystems and ecology. **Our next test is March 14th!** I will have the brochures graded by tomorrow. Revisions are due back to me by Thursday.

7th grade: We are beginning our unit on Growth and Behavior. The Human Body project is due March 20th.

8th grade: We have started out unit on Newton's Three Laws. On Thursday, the roller coaster top ten list and dream design is due. This Friday, we will be attending the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Please remember to bring a sack lunch!

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!

March 15th: End of 3rd Quarter

March 15th: 8th Grade Field Trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science

March 18th: Spring Picture Day

March 22nd: No School– Teacher Work Day

March 25th-29th: Spring Break

April 1st: Report Cards Sent Home

April 5th: Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast 7:30 AM

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes
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Last week of 3rd Quarter! This is the last week that work for third quarter that is eligible for credit can be turned in. If your student has not turned in their community service hours for this quarter please have them do so before Friday as that is the last day for 3rd quarter credit unless arrangements have been made with me.

History Day (NHD): I will email out the schedule for regionals as soon as it is finalized.
Important dates:

- 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 finishing North American cultures and moving on to the meeting of the Old World and the New World. There will not be a test for the Early Civilizations unit.

7th Grade: *Islam*

This week we will begin our unit on Islam, the second largest religion in the world. Like the previous units, I may 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 Constitution*

This week we will be looking at the Constitution. Students will have a final project for this unit that they will receive directions for this week. Students will receive their own copy of the Constitution and will be reading it through during this unit.

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: The rough draft of body paragraphs 2 and 3 must be handwritten and is due at the start of class on Tuesday, March 12th. The typed copy of body paragraphs 2 and 3 is due March 13th. The handwritten rough draft of the conclusion paragraph is due on Thursday, and the typed conclusion is due on Friday. **The final typed speech is due at the start of class on Monday, March 18th.** Students will present all of next week.

7th grade students will be turning in their villain stories this week, and 8th grade will be storytelling from alternative points of view 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

"Don't promote negativity online and expect people to treat you with positivity in person."Germany Kent

March will be Internet Safety Month in SEL Lab for all grades.

Monday -- All grades will continue to learn more about internet safety this week. Students will understand the importance of making wise decisions when on the internet, their phones, and when gaming during the month of March.

Tuesday -- All grades will have a study hall day.

Wednesday and Friday (6th Grade) -- Students will complete a 2 day lesson about internet etiquette.

Thursday (6th Grade) -- Mirror Image Arts

Wednesday (7th and 8th Grade) -- 3rd grade mentorship program.

Thursday and Friday (7th and 8th Grade) -- 6th and 7th Grade will complete a 2 day lesson about internet etiquette.

Foundations for Life:

All Classes: All class resources to complete assignments are currently on Google Classroom.

Game of Life Grocery costs will be due at the start of class Tuesday. It is a separate packet from the budget.

We will then finish our budget section E together, unexpected experiences and modify our budget to have money to cover the costs. Students seem to really be learning, growing, and adapting to their money situations. So many wonderful conversations have come from this unit.

We will take a look at writing checks and understanding balances within a checking account and that will finish up our week.

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

6th grade will continue to read and discuss the nonfiction memoir, I Am Malala. This week they will focus on improving sentence structure, specifically when responding to comprehension questions.

7th grade is working in small groups to complete a theme/subject collage project for chapters 1-10 of Enrique's Journey.

8th grade is working on the completion of two post-reading assignments for Animal Farm. One is a creative/visual project and the other is a writing assignment. See the post on Google classroom for further details.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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As this is the last week of the quarter, all grades will be taking their End-of-the-Quarter Final Assessment on Friday. Regular lessons will wrap up today and tomorrow to allow ample time for test review. Students in all grades will also take their second Computation and Math Facts tests tomorrow.

6th: We wrap up *Relationships in Two Variables* by learning how to write equations from a table and a graph.

7th: We continue our 3D Geometry unit, focusing on the volume of various solids. The next couple of days include ***pyramids, cones, and spheres***.

8th: 8th grade wraps up *Triangle Theorems* this week, with lessons on ***midpoint and length of a line***.

Algebra: Students in Algebra will conclude their unit on **Solving and Graphing Linear Inequalities** today with a unit test tomorrow. Our next unit will be **Solving Absolute Value and 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: 1755

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. Lucas G., Athena S., Vanessa G., Christian P., Jaidyn M., Aria H-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