



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of March 18, 2019

Monday, March 18:

Spring Picture Day

Talent Show Auditions 9:00-10:00 am

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

Dipperdoodle Bar

Chicken Bites, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Seasoned Carrot, Corn & Peas

Tuesday, March 19:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser Night- Flyer Needed 4-7pm

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00

8th Grade Continuation Meeting 5:00-6:00pm

Academy Board Meeting 6:15-8:00

Bagel with Cream Cheese

(V) Hearty Veggie Chili, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans

Wednesday, March 20:

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Blueberry Muffin with Pineapple Juice

Popcorn Chicken Bites with Spicy Garlic-Soy Noodles, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Glazed Sliced Carrots

Thursday, March 21:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

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

Cinnamon Raisin Bagel with Cream Cheese & Jelly

Chicken Taco Trio, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Black Beans, Edamame, Corn & Diced Carrots

Friday, March 22:

No School Teacher Work Day Have a safe and fun Spring Break!

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. This deadline was extended to today (3/18) due to last week's snow days, but the grade will still be included for 3rd quarter.

6th grade: We are beginning our natural resources unit this week.

7th grade: We are beginning our unit on Growth and Behavior. The Human Body project is due March 20th. We will have a quiz/small test on Thursday, March 21st over chapter 2.

8th grade: We have started out unit on Newton's Three Laws. The roller coaster top ten list and dream design is due today. We will also review the CMAS science test so students know the format of the test prior to the start of testing in April.

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!

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 any information we receive about State when we get it. The sooner you register the more information you will get.

Important dates:

- State Qualifiers Meeting - March 18th - 3:45-4:20
- National History Day State Competition - May 4th - University of Colorado Denver Campus

6th Grade: *Two Worlds Meet*

This week we will be looking at famous explorers, the conquest of the Americas, and the growth of trade between Europe and the Americas.

7th Grade: *Islam*

This week we will continue 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, the ideas behind it, the men that wrote it and the process they went through to create this document. 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 will be presenting their speeches this week.

7th grade will be practicing some test taking strategies in order to prepare for CMAS testing.

8th grade will be finishing their creative writing unit by working on their alternate points of view story. It is due on Thursday.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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SEL Lab

"Life presents you with so many decisions. A lot of times, they're right in front of your face and they're really difficult, but we must make them." —Brittany Murphy

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 complete a lesson about why it is important to protect their personal information while online.

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

Wednesday and Friday (6th Grade) -- Students will complete a 2 day lesson titled Two Kinds of Stupid. Students will learn about how easy it is to lose valuable opportunities because of content that is posted online.

Thursday (6th Grade) -- Mirror Image Arts

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

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Foundations for Life:

*****New Quarter Started*** Please remember that at the beginning of the quarter, grades may look poor as there are only a few assignments recorded.**

All Classes:

Budget Assignment will be due Wednesday, complete through section E. We have worked on this for the last month, having check-ins with each section.

We will discuss how unexpected monthly expenditures impacted our budgets and key learnings from the budgeting experience. We will take a look at writing checks and understanding balances within a checking account and that will finish up our week (as we did not get to this last week with the snow days).

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 I Am Malala, the memoir of Malala Yousafzai. She was a Pakistani teenager who was shot by the Taliban and became a humanitarian activist.

7th grade has finished reading the non-fiction novel, Enrique's Journey. They will follow the text with several additional non-fiction articles and assignments.

The due date for 8th grade's Animal Farm culminating projects has been rescheduled to this Wednesday, March 20th. This means that students will have two more work days in class, and then we will wrap up the unit for this novel on Thursday.

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 finish working with independent and dependent variables in graphs and tables. We will begin our next unit **Geometry** when we return from Spring Break.

7th Grade- 7th grade will continue work with **3D Solids** as we explore surface area with prisms this week.

8th grade- 8th grade will continue work with the **Pythagorean Theorem** and its usefulness in finding the distance between two points.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will begin a new unit on **Absolute Value Equations 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: 1809

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., Arthur G-H., Ricky R., JonChristian C., Leslie M., Ian 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