



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of March 4, 2019

Monday, March 4: Talent Show Audition Forms Due

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

NJHS 3:45-4:45

Zee Zees Cinnamon Crisp Bar

(V) Cheesy Pizza Bite Meal, (DF) Sesame Chicken Wrap, Seasoned Carrot, Corn & Peas

Tuesday, March 5:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Wholegrain Cheerios with Animal Crackers

General Tso's Chicken, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich, Glazed Sliced Carrots

Wednesday, March 6:

NHD Arvada field trip (documentary)

Ukulele Club, 3:15-4:30

Destination Imagination 3:30-5:00

Banana Muffin

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Veggie Chef' Salad, Garbanzo, Edamame & Shredded Carrots

Thursday, March 7:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

DI Practice 3:30-5:00

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

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00 PM

Bagel with Cream Cheese and Orange Juice

Pepperoni Pizza, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes with Ranch

Friday, March 8:

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

Apple Pancake Bowl

Popcorn Chicken Bites with BBQ Bean Sauce, (DF) (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans

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 sent home today!)

6th grade: This quarter is focused on ecosystems and ecology. **Our next test is March 14th!** The Ecology brochures are due by this evening, submitted on Google Classroom.

7th grade: We will complete our final dissection today and wrap up our study of the immune system tomorrow. The focus for the rest of the week will be on body types leading to classification.

8th grade: **The unit test for waves and light (chapters 4 and 6) is this Wednesday!** I sent home the permission slip for the field trip to the Denver Museum of Nature and Science coming up on March 15th. The permission slips are due back by this Thursday, March 7th.

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 8th: 3rd Quarter Community Service Hours Due (7.5 hours required)

March 9th: Regional History Day Competition

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

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Learning is hard! As many of you are aware, I have a knee injury that we are still trying to figure out the extent of but will most likely mean surgery. Already, my body is having to learn and adjust to a new normal. Walking on crutches is hard but my arms, core, and good leg are learning how to do it and feel stronger. The same is true in the classroom. Learning new content can be hard. Learning a new way to do something that challenges what we think is right can be hard. But just like our muscles need to be stretched and strained to grow, our brains need the same process. Students often try to avoid the struggle but it is through the struggle that they learn. Encourage your student to push through the struggle.

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

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 continuing our study of 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 and The Constitution* This week we will finish our look at the Declaration of Independence and finish the Revolutionary Era by looking at the Constitution.

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 working on building their speeches with Mrs. Southern

7th grade will examine alternate points of voice by starting their Villain Story assignment. A rough draft is due next Monday, March 11th.

8th grade will complete activities to examine audience and word choice in writing 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

"The Darkest Night Is Ignorance".-Buddha

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

Monday -- All grades will begin by taking an internet safety pretest. Students will understand that we will be focusing on the importance of their safety 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 the amount of appropriate information to share about themselves online.

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 the amount of appropriate information to share about themselves online.

Foundations for Life:

All Classes:

We continue this week to look at budgets based upon the Game of Life. Students will learn specifically about groceries and prepping a menu for a week. 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.

The end of the quarter is 2 weeks away, March 15th.

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

This week, 6th grade will continue to read the memoir I am Malala. We will focus on cause and effect this week.

7th grade will finish reading the non-fiction book, Enrique's Journey. We will focus on the text features of all types of non-fiction writing.

8th grade will be working on several assignments and activities that coincide with the conclusion of George Orwell's novel, Animal Farm. They will focus on propaganda techniques as well as characteristics of fables 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- This week 6th grade will conclude their unit on **Equations**. We will be taking our unit test tomorrow March 5th. We will begin a unit on **Geometry** on Wednesday. Students can expect a skills review quiz this Friday.

7th Grade- This week 7th grade will begin a unit on **3D Geometry**. This unit will include work on surface area and volume. We will have our regular weekly quiz this Friday.

8th Grade- This week 8th grade will conclude their unit on **2D Geometry**. We will be taking our unit test on Thursday March 7th. We will be moving on to **Equations with Roots and Radicals** next. There will be no skills review quiz for 8th grade this week due to unit testing.

Algebra- Students in Algebra have begun a new unit on **Solving Inequalities**. This unit will cover one and two step inequalities and end with graphing and solving compound 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: 1715

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.,	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