



- 3/18 Spring Picture Day
- 3/19 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 3/19 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 3/19 Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser (Spanish Trip)
- 3/22 No School—Teacher Work Day
- 3/25-3/29 Spring Break— No School
- 4/1 Report Card Sent Home
- 4/4 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 4/5 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast 7:30
- 4/5 Elementary 3rd Quarter Awards 9:00
- 4/5 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 4/8 Start of CMAS Testing Window
- 4/9 6th Grade Spanish Trip Meeting



## From the Director

### Why Do Parents Choose a Charter School?

Why did you choose a charter school for your child? This question was posed to hundreds of parents in Columbus, Ohio who are choosing to enroll their children in area charter schools. The top five responses to this were as follows:\*

- Discipline, safety and dress: 42%
- Individual attention : 42%
- Specific, unmet academic/physical needs: 39%
- Quality of education in general: 30%
- Communication: 9%

While these are not all the reasons parents make the choice, it is important to note that school safety is the top concern. With so much bad news in the world around this issue, it is important as a parent to feel as though your child is safe *at* school and safe *in* school as well. Our own annual parent surveys match these numbers almost exactly.

School safety falls into two categories. The first is physical safety. Here at Crown Pointe Academy we oversee this is by having a very secure school safety plan: locked doors, controlled single point of entry, two-way radios, security cameras in the hallways and outside, two-deep classroom and playground supervision, lockdown and lockout procedures, and a unique pickup and drop off system. All of these pieces come together to create a complete plan that ensures that the school is focuses on making student safety a priority.

The second piece of the puzzle occurs inside the school. This involves student discipline, bully prevention, and an active response to problems. Student discipline is both an art and science. It requires active listening skills, fairness, empathy, and instruction. It can sometimes be a mystery to some parents how issues get resolved because of confidentiality, but the process always involves these four elements. Bully prevention is another mixture of talents where experience is an essential element. Our staff, led by our counselor Mrs. Knutson, makes sure a proactive direction is taken to stop problems either before they occur or as soon as we become aware of them. The final step is taking quick, direct action to handle problems early on so they don't become bigger issues.

All of these strategies are used to ensure that Crown Pointe has a solid approach to school safety. All of this effort is essential in making sure that we can perform our other mission of educating students. Is all of this effort and focus really necessary? Absolutely, and it is one of the main reasons parents choose Crown Pointe.

## Volunteering Update

Thank you to all of the families who have completed their commitment hours this year! There are 45 families who have completed their hours, and many of those have far exceeded their required hours. As a school, we have logged over 9,000 hours! Please keep logging your hours through the monthly commitment hours forms or by sending an email to [volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org) to log your hours from home.



It's not too late to get some of your commitment hours in before the end of the year. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include the Brown Bag Pick Up event coming up on Friday, April 5th at 3:15 in the cafeteria, committee meetings in April and May, driving on or chaperoning class field trips, and assisting with special events such as Field Days, 8th Grade Continuation, and Kindergarten Graduation. Keep watching your Monday Folders for future volunteer opportunities!

Volunteer Appreciation Week is coming up! Families who have completed their hours will be invited to a special breakfast as our way of saying "Thank You!" to those who have fulfilled their commitment to Crown Pointe. Stay tuned for more details about the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

If you ever have any questions about volunteering or recording your hours, please contact the front office or send an email to [volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org). Thank you for all of your support!

*"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."  
—Sherry Anderson*

## Academy Board Call for Candidates

The Academy Board of Crown Pointe Academy is seeking candidates from the parent community for two Board positions. This critical volunteer position serves to ensure Crown Pointe Academy's contractual obligations are fulfilled. The term of office will run from July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2021.

The Academy Board's roles are:

- To ensure that the Operating Contract Between Crown Pointe Academy and the Charter School Institute, as well as state and federal laws are adhered to in all activities and decisions of the Academy Board, staff, students, parents and the School's advisory committees.
- To serve as final authority in matters affecting staffing, budget, curriculum, calendar decisions and other school concerns, and to ensure these are consistent with and promote the educational goals of the Operating Contract and Crown Pointe Academy policy.
- To act as the official voice of Crown Pointe Academy concerning public information, media contacts and public relations.
- To adopt policies and procedures that govern Crown Pointe Academy.

If you are interested in this challenging and vital position, please submit your Declaration of Candidacy for the Academy Board to the front office by April 5, 2019.

If you would like to learn more information before submitting your Declaration of Candidacy, please attend the Board Candidates Workshop on Wednesday, April 3rd in the CPA library.

Please contact Dawn Baird with any questions at [dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org).

# State Mandated Tests are Fast Approaching!

Students in grades 3-8 will be completing the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) testing between April 8th-26th. Most grade levels have six tests in English Language Arts and Math that take between 65 and 110 minutes each to complete. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will complete testing in science, which includes three tests that take approximately 80 minutes each.

**Your child's attendance on these testing dates is essential.** We encourage you not to schedule any activities that require your child to be absent during the testing days. We know that you are aware that your child's participation on these tests is very important, so please take time to review the following testing tips with him/her:

- Make sure your child is well rested for school, especially on the day of the test;
- Provide a hearty breakfast on the morning of the test;
- Be sure your child arrives on time to school each day and attends regularly;
- Encourage your child to do his/her best;
- Remember it's important not to judge your child on the basis of a single test score. It's more important to focus on progress over a marking period than on the results of one test.
- Contact your child's teacher whenever you have questions about his/her progress, including test results.

Please take time to remind your child of the following test taking strategies as the test approaches:

- Stay calm. Some students find it helpful to relax themselves with a couple of slow, deep breaths before they begin the test;
- Read and/or listen carefully to directions from the teacher before beginning the test;
- Begin as soon as you can and complete the test exactly as you are told to do;
- Read each question and all possible answers before selecting the correct one;
- Check over the test at the end of the test session to be sure that you have answered all the questions; and
- Keep working until time is up. If you finish early, go back and check your answers.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's success, and as always, please call your child's teacher, Mr. Ouweneel, or Mrs. Keyes if you have questions about the CMAS assessments.

## 2018-2019 CPA Yearbooks on Sale Now!

It's time to purchase your 2018-2019 CPA yearbooks put together by the Middle School Yearbook Club. Students have been working hard to make this year's book amazing!

To order your yearbook, go to [www.TreeRing.com/validate](http://www.TreeRing.com/validate). Crown Pointe's school code is: 101392221425678. Standard yearbooks are \$16.50, or you can customize your yearbook for an additional fee.

**The deadline to order your yearbook is Tuesday, April 23rd in order to have your yearbook by the end of the school year, so order now!**

Yearbook Club still needs your photos! Email your photos to [yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org) or send them to the office on a CD.

Contact Jesika Hardman, Yearbook Club's parent advisor, with any questions at [yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org).

**Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882**

219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
127	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
512	Davis, Typhany	Middle School Math Teacher
410	Felten, Adina	4th Grade Teacher
103	Fiorini, Leslie	Front Office
408	George, Andrea	3rd Grade Teacher
102	Gerber, Trisha	Front Office
406	Gonzalez, William	4th-8th Grade Spanish Teacher
228	Granado, Alicia	Kindergarten Assistant
412	Hardy, Liz	5th Grade Teacher
123	Hernandez, Diane	Evening Custodian
210	Hersh, Kala	1st Grade Teacher
211	Holmes, Liann	1st Grade Teacher
212	Hubin, Ashley	2nd Grade Teacher
514	Hughes, Bonnie	Middle School Social Studies Teacher
104	Jaime, Felicia	Health Aide
521	Johnson, Kim	Middle School Assistant
418	Johnson, Velvet	3rd Grade Assistant
107	Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
409	Kokoszka, Jessie	4th Grade Teacher
222	Lacert, Abbi	2nd Grade Assistant
221	Lamb, Michaela	1st Grade Assistant
513	Laxton, Meghan	Middle School Language Arts Teacher
510	MacGregor, Matt	Middle School Math Teacher
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Executive Secretary
113	Munier, Morgan	Day Custodian
422	O'Connor, Katie	5th Grade Assistant
307	O'Neal, Pam	K-8 Music Teacher
106	Ouweneel, Keith	Director
118	Pilbeam, Jen	RtI/ELL Coordinator
407	Qualkinbush, Morgan	3rd Grade Teacher
419	Ring, Anna	4th Grade Assistant
504	Roe, Marcia	Middle School Science Teacher
421	Ross, Brenda	5th Grade Assistant
209	Rullo, Rosemarie	Kindergarten Teacher
220	Melo, Thalia	1st Grade Assistant
313	Satterfield, Ann Marie	K-3 Spanish Teacher, K-8 Art Teacher
511	Scott, Jay	Middle School Language Arts Teacher
599	Sherlock, Evan	Expo Teacher
425	Sinclair, Jennie	4th Grade Assistant
405	Smeltzer, Danielle	Special Education Teacher
417	Sonday, LuCinda	3rd Grade Teacher
523	Southern, Julie	Middle School Electives Teacher, 6th Grade ELA Teacher
117	Strass, Monica	Innovation Programs Director
208	Sullivan, Jackie	Kindergarten Teacher
318	Varner, AJ	Physical Education Teacher
411	Wetmore, Melanie	5th Grade Teacher
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
502	Worley, Paula	MS RtI, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

**Staff e-mail Formula:**

firstname.lastname@crownpointeacademy.org

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anytime from the

*Infinite Campus Parent Portal*

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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