



Middle School Newsletter

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Week of April 22, 2019

Monday, April 22:

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

Multigrain Cheerios with Giant Cinnamon Goldfish

(DF) Oven Roasted Chicken Sandwich, (V) Cheesy Ravioli, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Green Peas

Tuesday, April 23:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Choir 3:15-4:30

Yearbook Club 3:40-4:40

Continuation Meeting 5:00-6:00

French Toast Muffin

Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Sausage, (V) Taco Dippers Kit, (DF) Sesame Chicken Wrap, Steamed Sliced Carrots

Wednesday, April 24:

6th Grade field trip to Denver Zoo

End of Grading Period

Ukulele Club 3:15-4:30

Yogurt with Granola

Mac & Cheese with Chicken Bites, (DF) (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Coleslaw

Thursday, April 25:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

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

Student Council 3:45-4:45

Cinnamon Crumble with Pineapple Juice

(DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Pinto Beans & Grape Tomatoes with Ranch

Friday, April 26:

Open Gym 3:45-4:30 Grades 5-8

Cinnamon Chex Cereal with Orange Juice

(V) Italian Calzoni, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Broccoli Florets

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?

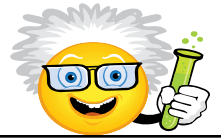
- If you need access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal, please contact the front office.
- In order to view your student's grades, please click on the Grades module. This will give you a view of your student's overall grades in each class.
- To get a more detailed view of a class, please click on 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 Projects were due on April 19th and grades will be recorded in IC this week. The projects were awesome! 6th graders did a great job!

8th grade- Roller Coaster Engineering Project– The last roller coaster build day is April 24th from 3:45 to 4:45. Final roller coasters are due May 2nd.

6th grade: We are wrapping up our natural resources unit this week with our Town Hall presentation. 6th grade will be going to the zoo on April 24th, and we will begin our chemistry unit later this week.

7th grade: We are continuing the Biodiversity and Evolution studies. The unit test is this Friday, April 26th.

8th grade: This week, we will begin our unit on astronomy, tying in physics and space. The roller coaster project is due May 2nd.

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!

April 23rd: 8th Grade Continuation Meeting 5:00 PM in Mrs. Hughes' classroom

April 24th: 6th Grade Field Trip to the Denver Zoo

April 24th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

April 29th: Progress Reports Sent Home

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Important Upcoming Information! This will be my last newsletter until Monday 5/13. Beginning on Thursday, 4/25 I will be out of the classroom through 5/10. I will return on 5/13 to finish the school year. While I am out, Mr. A. will be filling in as my sub. During the 12 days I am out you will be able to reach Mr. A at middleschoolsub@crownpointeacademy.org. Students have 3 days to get credit for any eligible work (late, missing, absent). I will finalize current grades on 4/24 before I leave for the day. There will be an assignment due on 4/24 in all grades that **MUST** be turned in if it will receive credit. All work completed while Mr. A. is teaching needs to be turned in by 5/10. No work from the time while he is here will be accepted after Friday, 5/10. Community Service hours are due on 5/10 however I will be inputting them on 5/13 so make sure you complete them.

History Day (NHD): Because a couple of odd scheduling complications, students that would like to work with Mrs. Worley or myself need to make a plan with us directly. Mrs. Worley will continue to be available and just needs to know if students want or need help.

Important dates:

- National History Day State Competition - May 4th - University of Colorado Denver Campus

6th Grade: *The Age of Revolutions*

We will finish looking at several different revolutions including the Scientific Revolution and the Enlightenment, the American Revolution, and the French Revolution.

7th Grade: *Ancient South and East Asia*

Classes have been divided into two sections to study China. One group is studying chapter 13 *Ancient China* and the other group is studying chapter 14 *The Empires of China*. On Wednesday, each group will present to the other what they learned. They must provide a handout to me on 4/24 by 4:00 pm that I can provide to the other group with a summary of what they have identified as the most important information to know. This can include vocabulary, ideas, people, places or even concepts.

8th Grade: *World War I, the 1920s, and the 1930s*

We will be looking at a series of videos focusing on authentic footage of WWI, the 1920s and the 1930s to prepare students for what they will be learning with Mr. A and World War II.

Continuation Information

Tuesday, April 23 at 5:00 will be our final Continuation meeting for parents after school.

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 create some visual pieces to accompany our reading of A Wrinkle in Time.

7th grade will continue reading The Diary of Anne Frank.

8th grade will continue reading The Book Thief.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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"WHEN GIVEN THE CHOICE BETWEEN BEING RIGHT OR BEING KIND, CHOOSE KIND." Mr. Browne in the book *Wonder*

Monday -- All grades will continue on their book studies in SEL Lab. Each book has a strong message about empathy and choice. If the weather permits, we will go outside to do our mindful breathing/movements.

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

Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday (6th Grade) -- 6th grade will read *Freak the Mighty* by Rodman Philbrick.

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

Thursday and Friday (7th Grade) - 7th grade is reading *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio.

Thursday and Friday (8th Grade) - 8th grade is reading *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson. Parents were sent a permission slip for this book.

Foundations for Life:

All Classes:

This week an expectations of behavior in the kitchen was handed out and must be signed and returned by this Friday to participate in the first Food Lab. We will learn all about cooking terms, pots, measuring, utensils, etc. through our measuring lab and using our Cooking Glossary.

If there are any food sensitivities I need to know about, please email at julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org and I will do my best to accommodate the needs.

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 students will experience a 'book-tasting' as they sample and preview 8-10 books about social injustice. After reviewing the books, they will pick their top 3 favorites and be placed in a small group that they will work with for the rest of the school year. Expectations will be handed out on Thursday as well as posted on Google Classroom. This is a really enjoyable unit to end the year.

7th grade will continue reading The Miracle Worker, which is a play about Helen Keller and her teacher, Annie Sullivan. We are focusing on the effective elements of drama.

8th grade will continue studying the effectiveness of word choice using their own writing to practice and edit.

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 conclude our unit on 2D Geometry this week. We will work on irregular figures and finish with shaded regions. We will have our unit test this Friday April 26th with a review session Thursday.

7th Grade- 7th grade will be taking their 3D Geometry unit test Tuesday April 23rd. We will then begin our next unit on **Probability**.

8th Grade- 8th grade will begin a new unit this week on **3D Geometry** where we will explore finding the volume of various 3D solids. We will begin this unit with finding the volume of Prisms and Cylinders.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will be moving on to a new unit this week, **Polynomials Expressions and Equations**. We begin this unit discussing polynomials and performing operations with them.

Community Service/Mrs. Hughes
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Community Service

4th quarter hours are due by May 10th.

Total Student Community Service Hours Complete: 1884

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., Con- chita C., Logan K., Allison R., Ezequiel V., Chan- dler 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., Sa- bastian MB., Angelo B., Jalene M., Carter S., Ra- chel 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., Ben W., Aly V., Giselle M., Arielle N., Nickita A., Peyton L., Kimberly A., Se- renity V., Trinity B., Aydin M., Michaelangelo D.	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