

Middle School Newsletter



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Monday, April 29:

Progress reports sent home

Colorado Children's Choral – K-5th

Drama Club 3:45-6:00

- Zee Zees Cinnamon Crisp Bar
- (DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Steamed Corn

Tuesday, April 30:

Open Gym 6:50-7:50 All Grades

Stories Rock (Mizel Center) in house 7th grade only

Choir 3:15-4:30

- Bagel with Cream Cheese
- Cheesy Chicken Quesadilla, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Steamed Sliced Carrots

Wednesday, May 1:

Ukulele Club Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:30

Extra Drama Club Practice 3:45-6:00

- Cinnamon Chex Cereal w/ Ed snacks
- Spaghetti Marinara (V) w/ Mozzarella, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Chopped Lettuce & Sliced Tomatoes w/ Ranch

Thursday, May 2:

Open Gym – All Grades 6:50am-7:50am

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

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00

- Dipperdoodle Bar w/ OJ
- (DF) The Revolution Dog, (V) Sunny Sandwich Kit (sunbutter & jelly), Chili Citrus Black Beans & Corn

Friday, May 3:

Talent Show 9:30-10:30

Volunteer Brown Bag Event 3:15

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

- Cinnamon Crumble
- (V) Green Chile & Cheese Tamale, Chicken Caesar Wrap, 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:

8th grade- Roller Coaster Engineering Project– Final roller coasters are due May 2nd.

6th grade: We will continue our chemistry unit. The final for 6th grade is May 23rd.

7th grade: We are beginning the geological time and plate tectonics unit. The final for 7th grade is May 23rd.

8th grade: This week, we will continue 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 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!

April 29th: Progress Reports Sent Home

May 10th-May 23rd: Final Exams

May 17th: Middle School Softball Games

May 20th: Awards Assembly

May 21st: 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony

May 23rd: Last Day of School for 6th and 7th Graders

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes
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Important Upcoming Information! While Mrs. Hughes is out, Mr. A. will be filling in as the sub. During the 12 days he is here, you will be able to reach Mr. A at middleschoolsub@crownpointeacademy.org. 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 in-putting them on 5/13 so make sure you complete them.

History Day (NHD): 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 continue reading A Wrinkle in Time. Quarter 4 journals are due Wednesday, May 1st.

7th grade will continue reading The Diary of Anne Frank. Quarter 4 journals are due Wednesday, May 1st.

8th grade will continue reading The Book Thief. Quarter 4 journals are due Wednesday, May 1st.

Let me know if you have any questions!

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

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“You have to know what you stand for, not just what you stand against.”

— Laurie Halse Anderson, Speak

Monday -- All grades will continue on their book studies in SEL Lab. Each book has a strong message about empathy and choice.

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

Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday (6th Grade) --. 6th grade will finish reading 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:

We will begin our first Food Labs this week. We will be making Chocolate Waffle Cookies. To prepare us for making our cookies, we will first learn about proper washing and drying of dishes. We will experience laundry 101. I am super excited to get into the kitchen with the students. Having said that, about 11 students did not turn in their kitchen use permission slips, so they will be working on an alternative assignment this week, learning knitting. Finally, today is my son's birthday, if you are a student that actually read this, please email me for extra credit by Wednesday!

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!

6th Grade: Progress reports are being sent home today with all students. Please contact meghan.laxton@crownpointeacademy.org regarding any assignments before April 22nd. Contact julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org for any assignments between April 22nd and the end of the year. You will see that Mrs. Southern has entered in the assignments with the due dates relating to the book study/small book clubs and final. These will be the last assignments that are anticipated to be in the grade book before the end of the school year. Please note that a BLANK grade does not mean a missing grade. All missing grades appear with an M in IC. Students seem to be enjoying the small groups. Remember that all students must keep up with the reading in class, and if they are necessary, they may make arrangements to come in at 7:30 am to read before school starts as there are no extra copies to check out.

7th grade will continue to read the play *The Miracle Worker*, focusing on word choice and idioms.

8th grade will move into realistic fiction, writing two stories that focus on theme and moral.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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6th grade- Because of losing a class period last week to the zoo field trip, students will be finishing up our 2D Geometry unit Tuesday. We will move on to **3D Geometry** Wednesday.

7th Grade- We will be continuing our unit on **Probability and Statistics**. We will be focusing on the probability of both experimental and theoretical compound events.

8th Grade- 8th grade will be moving on to our final unit **Statistics** this week. We will begin the unit discussing **Data Displays** including Scatter Plots and trend lines.

Algebra- Students in Algebra will continue work with **Factoring Polynomials** this week. We will begin the week discussing factoring quadratic equations and then end the week learning how to solve quadratics.

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