

# Middle School Newsletter



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## Week of May 13, 2019

### Monday, May 13:

\*\*\*Drama Club 3:45-4:30\*\*\*

NJHS 3:45-4:45

- Cinnamon Grahams with String Cheese
- Chicken Bites**, (V) Cheddar Cheese Sandwich, Seasoned Carrot, Corn & Peas

### Tuesday, May 14:

Chipolte Family Night 4-8 (Spanish trip fundraiser)

- Blueberry Muffin
- Pepper Jack Cheeseburger, Mighty Meaty Deli Combo Sandwich, Seasoned Green Beans

### Wednesday, May 15:

BOGO Scholastic book fair

- Cinnamon Crumble
- Korean BBQ Beef Bowl, Ham & Cheddar Sandwich, Baby Carrots with Ranch

### Thursday, May 16:

BOGO Scholastic Book fair

8th Grade Field Trip to Elitch's

3rd-5th Grade Field Day 8:20-11:20

K-2 Field Day 12:10-3:10

- Bagel with Cream Cheese & Orange Juice
- Pepperoni Pizza, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Citrus Black Beans & Corn

### Friday, May 17:

BOGO Scholastic Book Fair

8th Grade Softball Game 8:00

5th Grade Softball Game 9:00

6th Grade Softball Game 10:00

7th Grade Softball Game 11:00

- Yogurt with Granola
- (DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Veggie Chef's Salad, Braised Greens

## 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](mailto: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– Congratulations to Itzel Ochoa Polvon, Alex Trejo, Ben Worley, Louis Padilla, and Josias Martinez! Their roller coasters will be competing at Elitches on May 16th!

6th grade: We will continue our chemistry unit. The final for 6th grade is May 23rd. The final will be over chapters 1-3 and will focus on solids, liquids, and gases. Galileo testing will be on Monday, May 13th.

7th grade: We are beginning the geological time and plate tectonics unit. The final for 7th grade is May 23rd. The final will cover chapters 7 and 9-12. Galileo testing will be on Monday, May 13th.

8th grade: This week, we will wrap up our unit on astronomy. Today is our egg shuttle drop. The astronomy test is on Tuesday, and Galileo testing will be on Wednesday, May 15th. 8th graders should wear their class shirts on Thursday for the field trip, and we will have one final group activity to wrap up the year.

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: Today was our final lab Monday. Thank you to Beth Stacy for her help all year.

## Important Dates for Middle School Students!

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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**I'm back!** It's hard to believe this school year is almost over. 8th grade has 7 more days and the rest of middle school has 9 more day. It is really important that students push through until the end so that we finish strong together. For my classes there will be no more large projects but we will be doing smaller assignments that can add up on their grades. Please encourage your students to finish well.

**History Day (NHD):** History Day is over. While we did send a good group to state none of them qualified to move on. However, hopefully they had a great experience that will help them do even better next year.

**Finals:** We will be having a final in my class however, it is not something they can study for. It will be more about effort and participation in the process as we complete it in class.

**6th Grade: *The Age of Revolutions***

We will finish looking at the French Revolution Tuesday and Wednesday. After we finish we will begin working on our final in my class.

**7th Grade: *Iran, Turkey, and Cyprus***

Because of recent world events, I am adding in a quick unit on these three countries, focusing mostly on Iran. We will also be working on our final this week.

We are looking for 7th grade families to help us with our Continuation events. We are looking for people that can help from 5:00-7:30 and 7:30-10:00. Responsibilities include food prep and serving, collecting tickets and handing out programs at the door, and clean up at the end of the evening. Please email Mrs. Worley or Mrs. Hughes if you are able to help.

**8th Grade: *Late 20th Century and Final***

We will be looking at some of the major events of the late 20th century. We will also have our final at the end of the week.

**Continuation Information:** Set-up for Continuation will be on Monday, May 20, at 3:45 in the gym.

Continuation is on Tuesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm in the gym. Students need to be in the cafeteria at 6:20 on Tuesday, dressed and ready to go.

**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:

All classes will be preparing for their finals in class 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

"Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." -Ronald Reagan

**Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Friday (6th Grade) --** 6th grade will finish the year in SEL lab learning about how to best deal with serious peer conflicts. They will recognize that other people may have different perspectives analyze how identifying others' perspectives can help prevent conflicts. They will have the opportunity to practice recognizing different perspectives in response to a scenario. We will also address serious conflicts between students and how these can make them feel unsafe at school and often require staff intervention. This lesson helps students recognize serious conflicts and identify strategies for avoiding them.

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

**Wednesday (7th and 8th Grade) --** 3rd grade mentorship program. This will be our last day working with our 3rd grade students.

**Monday, Thursday and Friday (7th Grade) -** 7th grade will finish 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:**

Students will wrap up the cooking labs (or knitting) with making quesadillas on Monday. Students will turn in 2 reflections of the labs that we just completed. We will start learning about laundry and have an assignment due Monday, May 20th.

It has been a joy to cook with your students and I think they have enjoyed the experience as well.

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

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I hope that everyone had a great weekend!

6th Grade: Students are halfway through their books. They have turned in 2 assignments now and have studied for at least 2 hours for their final over the story map and summary of their books. The third assignment is due May 15th. Please check IC for their grades. Resources can be found on Google Classroom.

7th grade will be preparing for their final exam in literature. Their test will include the content of the play, *The Miracle Worker* and ALL of their literature terms.

8th grade will be submitting their writing final on Monday.

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

## Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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All grades are working on their End-of-Year projects. These are in-class assignments; students should not have homework unless they're absent and need to make up missed class time.

6th grade is creating a *Middle School Survival Guidebook*, a collection of information and wisdom that will help guide incoming 6th graders as they make the transition to Middle School.

7th grade is recreating their ideal school based on the square footage of CPA. Students will use their creativity and inventiveness to design their ideal middle school based on the rough dimensions of CPA, adding, subtracting, or re-tooling aspects of the school and its grounds.

8th grade is constructing a math board game based on the game *Trivial Pursuit*. The game is designed to be a comprehensive review of the material covered over the course of the year, presented in a creative, engaging manner.

Projects for all grades are due this Friday, the 17th. Since 8th grade has their field trip to Elitch's this Thursday, they actually started this past Friday.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11<sup>th</sup> cutoff date for 4<sup>th</sup> 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