



Middle School Newsletter

November 11, 2019

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Week of November 11, 2019

Monday, November 11:

2nd Grade Music Program 6:00-7:00pm

Menu: Chef's Choice

Tuesday, November 12:

Morning Open Gym 6:50

Choir Grades 4-8, 3:15-4:15

ASL 3:30-4:15

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 (104th & Federal)

Menu: Crispy Chicken Sandwich or Cheese Pizza

MS extra option: Pepperoni Pizza

Wednesday, November 13:

End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

Middle School Science fair projects due

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

Destination Imagination 3:45-5:00

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00pm

CPA Board Meeting 6:15-8:15 pm

Menu: Beef Soft Tacos with House made Salsa, Toasted Cheese Sandwich

MS extra option: Meat Lover's Calzone

Thursday, November 14:

Morning Open Gym 6:50-7:30

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

Elementary Spelling Bee 4:00-5:00

Menu: Coconut Chicken Strips w/Sweet Chile Sauce & Orange Rice, Macaroni & Cheese with Garlic Bread

MS extra option: Bratwurst Sandwich with Caramelized Onions

Friday, November 15:

Brown Bag Pick up During dismissal 3:15

Open Gym 3:45-4:45pm

PTA Bingo Night 5:00-7:00pm

Menu: Hamburger or Cheeseburger & fries, Veggie chile Cheese Fries with Tortilla

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.
- *****The exception to this late work policy is daily math homework. Students now have three days past the DUE DATE to turn in homework for partial credit. Any work turned in on the fourth day or later beyond the due date will receive zero credit. We cannot stress how vitally important it is for students to keep up on daily work, and the new policy is designed to encourage accountability. Late homework piling up creates a snowball effect. Students begin to feel overwhelmed and the material is not relevant to them after a week. Please note that awarding of credit remains the same (80% one day late; 60% two days late; 40% three days late; 4+ days late = no credit)*****
- 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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“The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science”

—Albert Einstein

November 13th All boards and final reports are to be brought to the science room upon arrival to school. Please do not put names on the boards but have names on the reports. The boards will receive a number for the science fair judging that will be on Friday 11/15.

This week, we will be studying:

6th Grade: We will continue studying Geology and Earth Systems this week. The test for this unit will be on 11/21.

Attention 6th Grade Parents: If you are interested in being a chaperone for our Keystone Science School field trip on February 5th-7th, please send me an email and I will get you the background check information. We are limited to 10 chaperone spaces, and spaces will be reserved based on who has completed their background checks and paid the \$130 fee to the front office first.

7th: Cell division will be a mini unit that we will test on tomorrow. We will the start studying DNA.

8th: Weather and climate will continue this week with a focus on climate. The test for this unit is on Friday, 11/15.

It is my recommendation that each student study 10 minutes per day the notes or book work that we did each day. Homework is posted daily on Google Classroom.

Lab Mondays: We have started Lab Mondays. Please remind your child to wear long pants and tie back their hair on Mondays in preparation for the labs.

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

Important Dates for Middle School Students!

November 13th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

November 13th: Middle School Science Fair Projects Due

November 18th: Progress Reports Sent Home

November 22nd: Middle School Science Fair Awards Assembly 2:45 PM

November 25th-29th: No School— Thanksgiving Break

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes
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Thanksgiving Thought: "Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts."

Henri Frederic Amiel

6th Grade: Unit 2: Civilizations of the Americas: - Chapter: Early North and South America

This week we will continue looking at the Inca and other natives of North America. Students have been doing a great job participating in discussions and other elements of learning we have been doing in class.

7th Grade: Unit 1: Ancient Southwest Asia and Africa - Chapter: Judaism and the Jewish People

This week we will our study on Judaism and the Jewish People. There are 3-4 main units I teach on world religions and this is the first. Because it is about religion I will be teaching the major tenets and beliefs as well as the history of the religion and the role it plays in the modern world. I am in no way trying to convince students of the efficacy of any given religion as I believe religion is very personal for the individual. It is expected that they will know and understand basic beliefs, history and some of the literature of a given religion in order to understand its impact in the world.

8th Grade: Topic 2: European Colonization of North America

Students will be looking at and completing their Colony projects they have been working on in class and then we will begin looking at the rumblings of revolution leading into the American Revolutionary War.

Continuation Information: Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 19, at 5:00 pm in my classroom. Please see the email sent from me on 11/1/2019 for details from our last meeting.

National History Day: Theme: *Breaking Barriers in History.*

I am including a list of important upcoming dates (this is NOT a summary of all due dates).

Important Dates:

- Final Project Due Date: January 21, 2020
- Middle School Showcase: January 27, 2020 - all students are required to attend. This is 100 points on their grade. Please make plans appropriately.
- Regional Charter School Competition Registration Due: January 31, 2020
- Charter School Regional Competition: February 22, 2020
- National History Day State Competition: May 2, 2020

This week we focused on thesis statements and research principles focusing on primary and secondary sources and how to evaluate them.

Weighted Grades

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:

- Major grades = 55%
- Tests, projects, presentations, community service and other major assignments
 - Minor grades = 45%
- 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 you all had a great weekend! This week in language arts:

6th graders will be reading chapters 9 and 10 of A Wrinkle in Time.

7th grade will draft their career research papers.

8th grade will begin the *Boy in the Striped Pajamas* unit.

Please contact me with any questions! Have a great week!

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

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SEL Lab

Share a smile, be kind, pass it on....

Monday (All grades) -- Mindfulness Monday.

Tuesday (All Grades) -- Study hall

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (6th and 7th Grade) -- We will continue our unit on values. Values are a resource students can turn to and use in a wide range of situations. Identifying, focusing on, and remembering values has been shown to improve coping skills and positive decision making. Research on values shows that focusing on them increases people's resilience to stress and improves psychological well-being.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (8th Grade) -- We will continue our unit on "My Energy". This unit is about connecting the examination of all of our thoughts, beliefs, perceptions, assumptions, and interpretations to two types of energy; energy that holds us back (catabolic energy) or energy that moves us forward (anabolic energy). Students will understand the *connection between experiences, thoughts, feelings, and behaviors as a result of this unit*.

Communications:

Monday, all students will complete a Passion Project Check-in reflection that can be found on Google Classroom. It will be turned in at the start of class Tuesday for a grade.

Tuesday: Tuesday usually is Typing.com. However, if it would be useful, you may have this class time to work on the Science Fair. If you need me to print out anything for your Science Fair boards or report on Tuesday during class, you must email it to me before 8 am on Tuesday:

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Wednesday-Friday: Passion Project workdays. If students picked Science Fair for their Passion Project, they would need to let me know what they plan to focus on for the next ten days to get approval. It is not just a study hall time.

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

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We have a busy week ahead in language arts:

The 6th grade group reading *Holes* will continue this week with chapter 26. They will also focus on establishing recognition and knowledge of the vocabulary for the second half of the book.

7th Grade will conclude their study of Edgar Allen Poe this week. They will read two more short stories and then write an author analysis on Poe and the works we studied in class.

8th grade continues to focus heavily on word choice, commonly misused words, and homonyms. They will also continue to read, demonstrate comprehension, and analyze nonfiction articles.

Let me know if you have any questions. Have a great week!

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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All Grades:

- The second Galileo assessment takes place this week on Tuesday and Wednesday. It provides a snapshot of student progress to this point. This important tool also helps us identify areas of concern and revise instruction as needed.
- The Mid-Quarter Test is also this week, on Friday the 15th. It will cover only those topics taught in the first half of this quarter.
- With the test-heavy week, homework will be very limited. You can expect your student to say, "I don't have math homework tonight."

6th Grade - We will continue with *Converting in Measurement Systems*.

7th grade - 7th grade will work on *Translating Words into Expression*.

8th grade - We will dive into *Solving Systems of Equations*. This is nothing more than a fancy way of saying "more than one equation."



Community Service/Mrs. Hughes
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Community Service

Second quarter hours are due December 13th. Please turn them in as soon as possible if they are complete.

Total Student Hours Completed: 1485

10+ Hours	20+ Hours	30+ Hours
Jakob H., Jessany A., Ella F., Lila R., Myra W., Anaiah C., Valeria C., Tammy L., Michaelangelo D-R., Isaac E., Itzel S., Kevin T., Emma B., Owen C., Oliver D., Jaelah M., Demarco L., Dominic H., Desirae G., Elijah S., Dianna G., Leon J., Lucas G., Cesar V., Addy A., John S., Sabastian M-B., Hannah V., Azariah M., Alivia M., Makayla B., Daniela B., Koral M., Nayeli N-M., Shyya M., Darius P., Jovani M., Rachel G., Lauren G., Delynah D.,	Faustina P.-28 Mac Z.-23 Emilia M.-28.5 Anthony M.-21.5 Isabella M.-20 Liam S.-22.5	Cianna S.,-49 Lydia C.- 49 Erin S.- 92.5 Ethan B.-238 Jordyn R.-30 Camryn Jo R.-30 Yaira O-P.-40 Javier H-P-40

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 16th 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