

Middle School Newsletter



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Tuesday, January 21:

Morning Open Gym 6:50-7:30

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

Chipotle Night Fundraiser (Spanish Trip) 4:-8pm

Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Cheese Pizza

MS extra option: Pepperoni Pizza

Wednesday, January 22:

Ukulele Club Grades 3:15-4:15

MS Math Counts 3:45-4:30

Destination Imagination 3:45- 5:00pm

Menu: Beef or Bean nachos with Cheese Sauce

MS extra option: Taco Salad, Green Pea Guacamole & brown rice

Thursday, January 23:

Morning Open Gym 6:50am

FISH JR. K-3 Jump Rope Extravaganza, 3:45-5:00

Menu: French Toast Casserole with turkey sausage & berry sauce, Green Chile & Cheese Tamales w/ refried beans

MS extra option: Nashville Hot Chicken Sandwich

Friday, January 24:

***No open gym

PTA Snowball Dance 5:30-8:30pm

Menu: All-beef hot dog w/ BBQ baked beans, Fireside Broccoli Cheese Stuffed Potato w/ biscuit

MS extra option: Baja Fish Tacos

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.

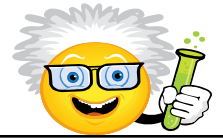
My Student has a Missing Assignment. How Long Does He/She Have to Turn It In for Partial Credit?

- 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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This week, we will be studying:

6th Grade: We will continue our ecology unit. Part 1 of the semester project is due on January 31st. The chapter 5 populations and communities test will be on January 29th.

Outdoor Lab Update: All forms must now be completed online instead of the paper forms. Please visit this link: <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/e/hN8fmUr8g7NtrJTNQhpXrY/>

7th: We are continuing our first unit of the human body with the skeletal system, muscular system, and integumentary system. This first set of systems will be tested on January 31st. Next week, we will begin dissections. The dissection reflections are part of the second semester project. The other part, the human body system project, will be introduced at the end of this week.

8th: We will continue our unit on waves. This week, we will be focusing on light and the electromagnetic spectrum. The waves test will be on January 31st.

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!

January 28th: Middle School History Day Showcase

February 5th-7th: 6th Grade Keystone Science School Field Trip

February 12th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

February 13th: Middle School Social Event

February 18th: Progress reports sent home

February 25th: Spring picture day and 8th grade continuation pictures

February 27th and 28th: Parent-Teacher Conferences

Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes

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Judges Still Needed! Commitment Hours Opportunity! We need judges for our National History Day Middle School Showcase on Tuesday, January 28th. If you are interested, there are three ways to register:

1. Use the following link: <https://forms.gle/szk5y9mYusTpTKTK9>
2. Email Mrs. Hughes directly at bonnie.hughes@crownpointeacademy.org for a link to the form

Training for the judges will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will be provided. You may judge any category except the one your student is competing in. If you have neighbors, family, coworkers, or friends who are willing to judge, please pass the registration/contact information on to them. THANK YOU AHEAD OF TIME!

6th Grade: *Unit 2: Civilizations of the Americas: - Chapter: Early North and South America* We will be picking this unit back up this week. My goal is no homework for the week until after our Showcase next Tuesday.

7th Grade: *Unit 1: Ancient Southwest Asia and Africa - Chapter: Judaism and the Jewish People* We will be picking this unit back up this week. My goal is no homework for the week until after our Showcase next Tuesday.

8th Grade: *Topic 3: The Revolutionary Era* We will be picking this unit back up this week. My goal is no homework for the week until after our Showcase next Tuesday.

National History Day: Projects should be finished. If you have questions, please reach out to me. 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**
- **DATE CHANGE: Middle School Showcase: January 28, 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

Continuation Information

Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 10, at 5:15 pm in my classroom. We will be sending out a list of needed items for the reception after the ceremony. It will be through Sign-up Genius please look for this sign-up after we return from break. We also need the following pictures from every 8th grade student:

- 1 baby picture - 2 years of age and under
- 1 current picture - from the last year
- 3-6 pictures in between - these can be from toddler years, lower or upper elementary, or early middle school. They DO NOT have to be school related pictures.
- Any group pictures you have involving multiple students from the class from any age/grade.

If you have digital pictures you would like to send it, please send them to cpa8pics@crownpointeacademy.org and include the name of the student in the subject line. This helps keep us organized as pictures begin to come in.

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:

The 6th grade will be focusing on chapters 5 and 6 of A Wrinkle In Time.

The 7th grade will be examining color and motifs as they apply to advertising and persuasion.

The 8th grade will continue reading Discovering Wes Moore.

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

“MR. BROWNE'S SEPTEMBER PRECEPT: WHEN GIVEN THE CHOICE BETWEEN BEING RIGHT OR BEING KIND, CHOOSE KIND.”— **R. J. Palacio**, *Wonder*

Tuesday -- ALL GRADES: Study Hall Day.

Wednesday -- ALL GRADES: Mindfulness.

Thursday & Friday -- 6th Grade will continue with our Thoughts and Emotions. We will do a few different activities that helps students recognize different emotions and how they affect us.

Thursday & Friday -- 7th Grade will continue our book study on the book Wonder.

Thursday & Friday -- 8th Grade will begin our unit called *Love in Action*. *Students will understand the connections between experiences, thoughts, feelings, and behaviors. They will also learn how experiences can lead to interpretations, limiting beliefs, and assumptions.*

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Tuesday: Typing.com

Wednesday-Friday: Students will start working through Unit #2 Interdependence in the Global Market Place. All information can be found on Google Classroom.

I do update grades on Infinite Campus by Tuesday at 8 am. Please do not hesitate to contact me at julie.southern@crownpointeacademy.org. This is the best way to communicate with me as I am often away from my desk for most of the school day.

**If a student turns in an assignment late or forgets to put their name on an assignment and resubmits it, I reserve the right to update the grades by the following Tuesday, as I have personal time commitments as well.

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

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We have a busy week ahead in language arts:

6th grade reading Louis Sachar's Holes will focus their attention this week on the use of flashbacks and foreshadowing. They will also be using supplemental nonfiction texts to connect this story to real world experiences and events.

7th grade is reading Jack London's The Call of the Wild. Along with enjoying this text as an adventure story, students will be able to identify the author's effective use of descriptive word choice and figurative language. A writing task will be assigned this week to demonstrate students' knowledge of conflict and point of view.

8th grade will continue reading George Orwell's novel Animal Farm. Students will focus on and discuss the various types of persuasive rhetoric used by the characters and their representation of an extended metaphor. They will also complete a visual assignment to provide an example of effective propaganda.

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

Math with Mrs. Davis and Mr. MacGregor

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6th Grade - This week we tackle *Exponents* and *Prime Factorization*. Quiz 3 is Friday.

7th grade - 7th grade has moved on to *Inequalities*. Students will learn to write, solve, and graph them, and apply that knowledge in problem-solving. Quiz 3 is Friday.

8th grade - We have moved on to *Transformational Geometry* (moving 2-dimensional objects around on a coordinate grid). Quiz 3 is Friday.



Community Service/Mrs. Hughes
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Community Service

3rd Quarter hours are due March 13th.

Total Student Hours Completed: 1688

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., Melissa R., Jalene M., Peyton S., Amber M., Nayeli N., Jaime V., Allison R., Melissa B., Randi T., Lenna C., Gabe H-S., Nevaeh S-L,	Faustina P.-28 Mac Z.-23 Emilia M.-28.5 Anthony M.-21.5 Isabella M.-20 Liam S.-22.5 Caleb K.-20.5 Gustavo A.-22	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