

Middle School Newsletter



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Week of February 3, 2020

Monday, February 3:

Drama Practice 4:00-6:00

Menu: Chicken & waffles, Cheese Pizza

MS extra option: Pepperoni Pizza

Tuesday, February 4:

Morning Open Gym 6:50-7:30

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

Yearbook 3:40-4:40

Menu: Beef or Bean Nachos with cheese

MS extra option: Taco Salad, Baja cabbage slaw

Wednesday, February 5:

6th Grade to Outdoor Lab (leave)

Ukulele Club Grades 3:15-4:15

Destination Imagination 3:45- 5:00pm

Menu: Chicken Potstickers w/ fried rice & flatbread, Spaghetti Marinara & cheese

MS extra option: Chicken gyro on flatbread with marinated tomatoes and creamy cucumbers

Thursday, February 6:

6th Grade at Outdoor Lab

PTA Meeting 6:00-7:00pm

Menu: Oven roast chicken with brown rice, Cheese calzone

MS extra option: Turkey bacon bagel sandwich, Purple mashed potatoes

Friday, February 7:

6th Grade Outdoor Lab (return)

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

Menu: All-beef hot dog with bbq baked beans, Justin & Hosea's veggie enchilada

MS extra option: Italian sausage hoagie w/roasted red peppers and provolone

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.

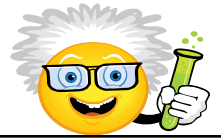
My Student has a Missing Assignment. How Long Does He/She Have to Turn It In for Partial Credit?

- 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: This is the week for Outdoor Lab! We will leave Wednesday morning. Please have students bring all their bags to the cafeteria. It is going to be great Colorado weather, but it will be cold. Please look over the packing list so that everyone is prepared. Here is the packing list link for our field trip: <https://www.keystonescienceschool.org/data/documents/school/parent-resources/student-packing-list.pdf>

7th: We are continuing our unit of the human body with dissections. The dissection reflections are part of the second semester project. The other part, the human body system project, was introduced last week. The rubric and directions are posted on Google Classroom.

8th: We are beginning physics this week.

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!

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

February 12th: End of Grading Period for Progress Reports

February 13th: Middle School Dance

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

We will wrap up this unit this week and move into *Age of Explorations*. We will also be presenting projects in class this week and starting our personal finance unit through a program titled *EverFi* and two courses titled *Vault* and *FutureSmart*.

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

We will be continuing to work on this unit this week. We will also be presenting projects in class this week and starting our personal finance unit through a program *Junior Achievement Finance Park*.

8th Grade: Topic 3: The Revolutionary Era

We will be continuing this unit this week. We will also be presenting projects in class this week and starting our personal finance unit through a program titled *Foundations in Personal Finance*.

National History Day

We will finish in-class presentations this week. Students invited to participate in the regional should be making arrangements for improving their projects - ALL PROJECTS CAN BE IMPROVED. This will involve looking at the notes/recommendations the judges make and ensuring compliance with all rules and guidelines.

Theme: *Breaking Barriers in History*.

Important Dates:

- 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 8 and 9 of A Wrinkle In Time.

The 7th grade will wrap up their formal advertising presentations this week. We will then shift gears to look at process writing.

The 8th grade will finish reading Discovering Wes Moore and test over the book at the end of the week.

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

“He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life.” — Muhammad Ali

Monday -- ALL GRADES: Mindfulness.

Tuesday -- ALL GRADES: Study Hall Day.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday will be spent working on different ELA skills.

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All course work can be found on the Google Classroom under, **CLASSWORK** tab.

Monday: Page 17 from the workbook is due at the start of class. Continue Lesson 3.

Tuesday: Wrap up any of Lesson 3 and then Typing.com

Wednesday-Friday: 6th Grade is at Outdoor Lab, 7th Grade will present parts of their shield assignment to practice speaking in front of a small group.

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

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We have a busy week ahead in language arts:

In the two days that they are in class next week, 6th grade will be reading several nonfiction texts in relation to the events and themes found in Louis Sachar's novel, Holes.

7th grade will be reading the conclusion of Jack London's The Call of the Wild and reviewing for a whole unit assessment the following week. Students will need to demonstrate knowledge of both the vocabulary and content from the novel.

8th grade will be making propaganda posters and writing speeches associated with characters from George Orwell's Animal Farm. They will have several days to complete both assignments and they will present to the class on Friday.

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 is *Outdoor Lab* week at Keystone, so our math week will be very short. We will move on to *Expressions and Equations*, where students will learn to express numbers and quantities with variables.

7th grade - 7th and 8th grades will be taking their quarterly Galileo assessments later in the week. To start our week, we move on to our next unit, *2-Dimensional Geometry*. We will learn about angle relationships in triangles, and in bisected parallel lines.

8th grade - 7th and 8th grades will be taking their quarterly Galileo assessment later in the week. We'll wrap up the unit on *Transformations* with Dilations.



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., Dely- nah 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