

**CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT
"Make a Mark, Make A Difference"
2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year**



September 2017

Open House

The annual Open House for parents was on August 29. Teachers gave an overview of the curriculum, scheduling, events for the year, and structure of the school. The event was well attended and positive feedback was received from parents. The Cawley Administration presented to parents at 5:45 pm in the gymnasium. The Hooksett PTA provided dinner for the Cawley staff before the event.

NWEA Testing

All Cawley students will be taking the NWEA test in math and reading from September 5 – September 15. The data will be used to guide teachers in planning instruction. Students will also be taking the math and reading NWEA test in January and June. The goal is for all students to meet or exceed their targeted growth.

High School Information Nights

On Monday, September 11, there will be a presentation regarding the transition to high schools for parents in the Cawley Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Students are welcome to accompany their parents. Superintendent, Dr. Littlefield and Principal, Matthew Benson will clearly outline the process for selecting a high school.

High School Fair

On Monday, September 25 there will be a high school fair for the Class of 2018. Bow, Goffstown, Londonderry, Manchester Central, Manchester Memorial, Manchester West, Pembroke Academy and Pinkerton Academy will all have their own spaces to present and answer questions. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm and parents and students will have the opportunity to attend three forty minutes presentations.

Student Council Elections

Student Council elections will be held on Monday, September 25. The open positions are seventh grade treasurer, eighth grade president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Homeroom representatives will be selected in early October. The purpose of student council is:

- To develop positive attitudes and practice good citizenship
- To promote school spirit
- To improve school morale
- To provide a forum for student expression

Athletics

The 2017 Cross Country season practices will begin Tuesday, September 5 from 2:40 - 3:45. A practice and meet schedule will be handed out during the first week of the program. All students may participate, regardless of skill level, and should start training on their own as soon as possible. Running shoes are recommended. An official cross-country course is 2.1 miles.

Field Hockey is offered as a club sport. The goal of the program is to provide an introduction to the sport of field hockey. Emphasis will be on the development of skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The first practice will be on Thursday, September 7, from 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Soccer tryouts for girls will begin on Tuesday, September 5, from 2:45 until 4:30 pm. The date for boy's soccer tryouts to begin is TBD.

All students must have sports physical must be on file with the school nurse. A physical after **September 1, 2016** is considered current.

Performing Arts

Mrs. Gatzoulis and Mr. Davini are incredibly excited to welcome in the new school year in the Performing Arts Department. Numbers continue to hold strong with over 50 students in chorus and over 80 in band.

The jazz band will begin rehearsals after school on Monday, September 18, and is open to all students. There will be a wide variety of music including swing, rock, Latin, and other genres. Students will also be learning how to improvise cohesive solos which boosts confidence, develops creativity, and challenges developing musicianship. The jazz band will have some unique performance opportunities this year, in addition to the annual performance for the Hooksettites in May.

The 2nd annual Coffee House will take place on October 25 at 6:30 pm. Students in the Performing Arts program will share their musical interests and talents through pieces that they have selected and rehearsed independently or in small groups.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

August 28, 29, 30: Teacher Workshop Days: 7:40 am - 2:40 pm
August 29: Open House: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
August 31: First Day of School for Students
September 4: No School, Labor Day
September 5: Fall NWEA Testing Begins
September 11: High School Information Night, 6:30 pm
September 15: Dance, 6:30 – 9:00 pm
September 18: School Pictures, 8:00 am
September 25: Student Council Elections, 8:00 am (7th & 8th Grade Only)
September 25: High School Fair, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
September 29: Professional Development Day for Teachers, 7:40- 2:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal