

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

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**September 2018**

**Cawley's New Teachers**

Cawley welcomes five new teachers this year. Matina Goulakos will be teaching sixth grade math on Team Yale. Olivia Kotusky will be teaching seventh grade math on Team Cornell and James Palmieri will be teaching seventh grade math on Team Brown. Christian Lacroix is the new special education teacher for grade six and Audria Gonthier will be a special education teacher for students in grade seven and eight. Sarah Rushia will be the sixth grade science teacher on Team Princeton. Teachers attended an orientation on August 22 at Cawley.

**NWEA Testing**

All Cawley students will be taking the NWEA test in math and reading from September 4 – September 14. The data will be used to guide teachers in planning core 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.

**PSAT 8/9**

On September 28, Cawley Middle School will provide 8th grade students with the opportunity to take the PSAT 8/9 assessment. The PSAT 8/9 is an assessment that students take in preparation for taking the SAT in high school that colleges use as part of the application process.

The PSAT will measure what students already know in reading, writing and language, and math. The results will also provide students with skills they need to work on in order to be successful in college.

College Board who is responsible for developing and assessing students' scores will mail the students' results to Cawley Middle School. The school will mail these results to parents. The PSAT scores do not and will not be provided to any college.

There is no school on September 28, as a result of a teacher workshop day. The PSAT testing will begin at 8:30 am and end approximately at 11:00 am. The test is optional and not required by Cawley Middle School or any receiving high school.

**Summer Work**

A big thank you to the teachers who worked this summer on the Middle School Report Card Committee, attended the NGSX science training, participated on interview committees, worked at Extended School Year, taught and coordinated

Summer Academy, worked on creating evidence to score competencies and attended IEP meetings.

### **High School Information Nights**

On Monday, September 10, 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 24 there will be a high school fair for the Class of 2019. 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 24. 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

### **ImPACT Concussion Testing**

On September 28, Cawley Middle School will be offering ImPACT testing for all students free of cost. ImPACT testing is a computerized exam that measures cognitive functions such as memory, processing and reaction time. This test is used by healthcare professionals to determine a child's readiness to return to play after a head injury. This first test provides a baseline that is used for comparison if a head injury is suspected.

### **Athletics**

The 2018 cross-country season practices will begin Wednesday, September 5 from 2:40 pm - 3:30 pm. 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 meeting will be on Thursday, September 6, from 2:45 pm to 3:15 pm. The first practice will be on September 10 from 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm.

Soccer tryouts for both girls and boys will begin on Tuesday, September 4, from 2:45 until 4:30 pm.

All students must have sports physical must be on file with the school nurse. A physical after **September 1, 2017** is considered current.

### **Performing Arts**

The Drama Club will hold auditions for the fall production of "The Headless Horseman" on Friday, September 7 from 2:45 - 4:30pm in the Chorus room. The show will take place on Friday, November 2 at 6:30 pm.

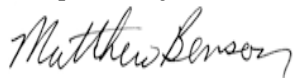
Band and chorus will begin on the second day of school. Currently there are 67 students enrolled in band and 49 students enrolled in chorus. Jazz band will begin in September.

### **Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:**

#### **Key Dates:**

August 27, 28, 29:	Teacher Workshop Days: 7:40 am - 2:40 pm
August 28:	Open House: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
August 30:	First Day of School for Students
September 3:	No School, Labor Day
September 4:	Fall NWEA Testing Begins
September 10:	High School Information Night: 6:30 pm
September 14:	Dance: 6:30 – 9:00 pm
September 17:	School Pictures: 8:00 am
September 24:	Student Council Elections: 8:00 am (7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Only)
September 24:	High School Fair: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
September 28:	Professional Development Day for Teachers: 7:40 am - 2:40 pm
September 28:	Baseline Concussion Testing: 9:00 am
September 28:	PSAT 8/9: 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal