

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

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**November 2018**

**Parent Conferences**

Parent conferences will be on November 13. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with all of their child's teachers to discuss academic and social progress.

**Report Cards**

The first trimester will end on November 30. Report cards will be distributed on December 7. The report card will have grades for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter unified arts and 1<sup>st</sup> trimester yearlong courses.

**Report Card Information Night (Change of Date)**

The date for Report Card Information Night for parents has been rescheduled for November 28 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. This year a new report card is being implemented to better measure student learning. The report card will now include learning competencies, which provides parents with a more accurate understanding of their child's learning. Letter grades will still be on the report card and honor roll certificates will still be awarded. Report cards will be issued three times a year in the months of December, March and June. The informational night will provide parents with an overview and understanding of the new reporting system for student learning.

**Washington D.C.**

One hundred-forty two eighth grade students will be going to Washington D.C. November 6 - 9. Students will cruise the Potomac River, take a picture in front of the White House, tour Ford's Theatre, visit National Arlington Cemetery, the Newsuem, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, World War II and Korean War Memorials, and Smithsonian Museums.

**Arlington National Cemetery**

On Wednesday, November 7, Hailee Bulger, Teaghan Casey, Joseph Czekanski, Mya Gaspie will have the honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery as part of the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. These students were chosen randomly through a raffle. The students and staff of Cawley Middle School are humbled to be chosen to participate in this ongoing memorializing of all those who served and made the ultimate sacrifice defending our freedom.

**Geography Bee**

Cawley is participating in the National Geographic Bee again this year. This is a national competition open to all middle school students. The intent of the bee sponsored in part by the National Geographic Society is to promote geographic

literacy. The 2018 - 2019 bee began the week of October 15 with the classroom level of the competition. All students participated in this level of the bee in their social studies classes. The top thirty students from the classroom level will be invited to take part in the school level of the bee. The school bee will be held on December 3. The school champion will then take a qualification exam for the state bee to be held in the spring. State champions are invited to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national bee.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

On November 1, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) held its Induction Ceremony for new members who have demonstrated scholarship, leadership, service, character, and citizenship. This year 53 students were recognized for their achievement, which brings the total Cawley membership to 87 students. Former Cawley student and NJHS member, Emma Boudreau was the keynote speaker at the induction ceremony.

The new inductees:

Haley Alden	Reese Hatin	Adler Moura
Hailey Beaudoin	George Kalampalikis	Crosby Nolan
Tina Bjelogrljic	Emma Knight	Medhanit O'Mara
Kyle Bobola	Noah Laliberte	Miia Osorio
Sarah Bolduc	Nicholas LeBlanc	Adelle Paiton
Hailee Bulger	Sarah Maddox	Eliza Paquin
Kylee Burne	Emma Madsen	Amanda Peabody
Emma Malone	Maximilian Yakubovich	
Julia Cahoon	Joanne Magnifico	Samuel Plessner
Bryce Cooper	Camden Marasco	Arianna Soucy
Skylar D'Amore	Jackson Marshall	Lauren Soucy
Jack Dambach	Leah Martell	Abigail Stark
Maeve Gilligan	Ava Morton	Emily Stelmach
Austin Gorham	Devyn May	Jasmine Tsang
Aabhusan Gurung	Noah McCarthy	Irherhe Unukegwo
Pragyeeshree Gurung	Kylie McNally	Jacob Vogel
Samiksha Gurung	Caden Michaud	Benjamin Wolthers
Zachary Hall	Sophia Mosher	

### **Digital Safety Presentation**

On November 27, at 6:30 pm the PTA has coordinated Detective, Matt Fleming from the Bedford Police Department and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force to present to parents, *Social Media: A Predator's Playground* at Cawley Middle School. This presentation will give parents a better understanding of how to support their children using technology safely. The objective of this presentation is to continue to educate parents about digital citizenship and internet safety in today's world. There has been communication with Detective Fleming about presenting to students on November 27 during the school day like he did in March 2016.

### **Title I Update**

There are currently 10 students receiving math support and 12 students receiving reading support. Title I Coordinator, Sarah Levesque invited 52 students in total and is working diligently to contact parents to increase enrollment in the program. Students can attend either the morning session from 7:00 am – 7:45 am or afternoon session from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm. Students are also able to attend both sessions.

### **Veterans Day Assembly**

On November 5, at 8:00 am Cawley Middle School will have a Veterans Day assembly to honor all members of the military. The JROTC from Pinkerton Academy will present the colors. The Cawley select band and chorus will perform the National Anthem and also Grand Old Flag. Students from Cawley will read a poem and passage on the meaning of Veterans Day. Veterans from the Liberty House in Manchester will attend the ceremony with the director of the Liberty House speaking to the student body. Students and staff have submitted names and photographs of family members or close friends who have served or are currently serving in the military to be posted in the halls of Cawley.

### **Cawley Students Have Farmer Fever and Beware**

The Farm to School initiative coordinated by Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Tremblay was put into action when the students returned from the Hip Peas Farm in September. Mrs. Nusbaum, Hooksett Director of Nutrition Services, invited students to prepare the fresh harvest that they had planted last spring. Students learned first hand the safety and sanitation expectations of working in a commercial kitchen as they prepared the produce for service on the school lunch garden bar.

Students who attended the field trip to the Hip Peas Farm wanted to express their gratitude to the farmers and staff at the farm in a meaningful way. They brainstormed together and decided to plan a harvest breakfast. Committees were formed, schedules were made, tasks were distributed, speeches were written and invitations were mailed. Students were able to showcase their talents by publishing a digital presentation, creating a themed sign as a gift for the farm, designing invitations and menus, making decorations and setting the schedule. Students gave a tour of the school, cooked and served meals, delivered speeches and returned the classroom to readiness for the rest of the day. The students took charge, leaders communicated expectations to each other and the outcome was a meal that could have been served in a restaurant. #Farmer Fever, created by our students will serve as a reminder of the special bond between both the students and farmers because of this experience.

### **CODERZ**

The Hour of Code at Cawley takes a twist with students participating in the NH Cyber-Robotics Coding Competition this year. Coordinated by ALPs teacher, Donna Tremblay, students are completing guided missions at school. This initiative is co-sponsored by the NH Department of Education and Intelitek.

This challenge is open to all middle and high school students in NH. The first stage of the competition runs until November 4. The qualifying round begins November 5 and will run until November 15.

Trevor Pope, from Intelitek visited Cawley to see the program in action on October 26. Mr. Pope worked with a few students to get past a mission or two. He also spoke with sixth grade students regarding how the gyro worked. Cawley is currently in 7th place and rising in the ranks.

### **Builders Club**

The Builders Club is off to a great start this year with over 50 members. On October 20, fifteen student volunteers helped out at "The Spooktacular," which took place at Hooksett Memorial School. Members helped with the sale of a variety of treats and drinks and played games with the younger participants. Many of the members even dressed up for the event. Students also volunteered at the Halloween event at the Hooksett Public Library.

### **Athletics**

#### **Cross Country**

Great job to the cross-country team as they ended the season competing in the Division III Tri-County Championship meet on October 13. Both the girls and boys teams had solid individual performances setting several season personal best marks. Top 5 performers for the boys were Logan Huard, Dylan Vincent, Mason Paquette, Connor Woodward and Jack Damback. Top 5 performers for the girls were Sarah Rouseau, Julia Salvas, Faith Mamos, Kyra Courtemanche and Kylie McNally.

#### **Boys Soccer**

The boys' soccer team's season came to an end on October 15 with the boys fighting hard in a complete game effort and a 5-3 win over a playoff team. The boys showed vast improvement over the year and were starting to peak towards the end of the season.

#### **Field Hockey**

The girls' club field hockey team had 35 girls play this fall. The girls showed continual improvement over the course of the season. The season ended on October 20 at the end of the year tournament where the girls played their best ball to date. The girls fought hard with a tie and win.

#### **Girls Soccer**

Congratulations to the girls' soccer team for finishing with a perfect 10-0 regular season record while capturing the #1 seed in the tournament. The girls played great team ball all year while only allowing two goals in the 10 regular season games. The girls finished runner up in the tournament.

Tryouts for winter sports began the week of October 29.

### **Dallas Brass**

On October 23, the 8th grade band members were invited to Pinkerton Academy to perform with the professional brass ensemble Dallas Brass. This was an inspirational and memorable day. Students were given music to prepare weeks in advance in preparation for the show. The day started with an hour-long rehearsal with the Dallas Brass where students learned the logistics of the day and received some finer points on their music. The rehearsal was followed by a workshop and private concert by the Dallas Brass musicians. Students were given suggestions to improve their practicing, learned more about the musicians and listened to inspirational stories of people following their dreams. The students performed on stage with Dallas Brass playing, "Star Wars."

### **Performing Arts**

The "Coffee House" fundraiser on October 24 was once again another successful event. Students were invited to perform music of their choice in a small comfortable venue. The acts ranged from a soaring performance of Tom Petty's "Free Falling" on vocals and guitar to lighter acts like "You're Never Ever Getting Rid of Me" from the musical "Waitress."

On November 2 and 3, the Drama Club, performed the "Headless Horseman" in the cafeteria. On November 5, select chorus and band members performed for the Veterans Day Assembly.

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

November 1:	National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm
November 2:	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Ends for Unified Arts Classes
November 2:	Drama Club Performance, 7:00 pm
November 3:	Drama Club Performance, 10:00 am
November 3:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Begins for Unified Arts Classes
November 5:	Veterans Day Assembly, 8:00 am
November 6 – 9:	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
November 12:	No School, Veterans Day
November 13:	No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
November 21 – 23	No School, Thanksgiving Break
November 27:	Digital Safety Presentation, 6:30 pm
November 28:	Report Card Information Night, 6:30 pm
November 30:	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Ends
November 30:	PTA Dance, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



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