

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



September 2019

Cawley's New Teachers

Cawley welcomes four new teachers this year and a new school nurse. Caylin Carter will be teaching seventh grade math on Team Cornell. Tara Sanford will be teaching 7th grade language arts and Mikaela Gauvain will be teaching 7th grade social studies on Team Brown. Elizabeth Vanderhoek will be teaching music and directing the chorus. Charlene McCarron is the new school nurse. All of the teachers and nurse attended a school orientation on August 19 at Cawley.

Teacher Workshop Days

Teachers arrived back at school on August 26 and participated in workshops on August 27 and August 28. On August 27 at the opening staff meeting teachers reviewed expectations for learning and the district's Core Values. The staff collaboratively set school goals, reviewed FERPA, created a lesson template for planning multiple instructional strategies for a variety of learners, reviewed student data and were retrained in the eight emergency response actions. Staff was also trained online on bloodborne pathogens and bullying. On August 28, Superintendent William Rearick welcomed the staff back to school. Staff participated in team meetings with presentations by the administration, school nurse and school counselors.

NWEA Testing

In order to decrease the amount of time assessing students and increase instructional time, all students will be taking the NWEA assessment at the same time. This is a change as students used to test for a week. The NWEA fall assessment will take place on September 3 and 4. The majority of students will test in their homerooms from 8:00 am – 9:53 am. All staff will be proctoring the NWEA. 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 27, 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. At press time twelve students have signed up to take the assessment.

There is no school on September 27, as a result of a teacher workshop day. The PSAT testing will begin at 8:00 am and end approximately at 12:30 pm. The test is optional and not required by Cawley Middle School or any receiving high school.

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.

High School Information Nights

On Monday, September 9, 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. Principal, Matthew Benson will clearly outline the process for selecting a high school.

High School Fair

On Monday, September 23, there will be a high school fair for the Class of 2020. 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. This year there will be two 45-minute sessions for high schools to present, 6:30 pm - 7:15 pm and 7:20 pm - 8:05 pm. The last 25 minutes will not be a formal presentation. It will be a chance for parents to stop in to see any high schools they did not view a presentation and ask questions if needed.

Student Council Elections

Student Council elections will be held on Monday, September 23. 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 27, Cawley Middle School will be offering ImPACT testing for all students who are 12 years old or older 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

Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer and Girls Field Hockey tryouts will start Tuesday, September 3 after school from 2:45 – 4:30 pm. Cross Country practice will begin after school Wednesday, September 4, from 2:45 pm – 3:30 pm.

Students must complete the forms in the athletic handbook and bring them to the coach on the first day the team meets. The athletic handbook will be distributed during lunches starting on the first day of school. The following link is a PDF, and may open in a new application. Student or parents can [download an application to open PDFs from Adobe here](#). The athletic handbook can also be found by following [this link](#).

A current physical must be on file with the nurse before a student can participate in athletics. *A physical done after September 1, 2018 is current. Check with the school nurse to verify a physical is on file.*

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

Key Dates:

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| August 26, 27, 28: | Teacher Workshop Days: 7:40 am - 2:40 pm |
| August 27: | Open House: 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm |
| August 29: | First Day of School for Students |
| September 2: | No School, Labor Day |
| September 3-4: | Fall NWEA Testing |
| September 9: | High School Information Night: 6:30 pm |
| September 13: | Student Council Dance: 6:30 – 9:00 pm |
| September 16: | School Pictures: 8:00 am |
| September 23: | Student Council Elections: 8:00 am (7th & 8 th Grade Only) |
| September 23: | High School Fair: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm |
| September 27: | Professional Development Day for Teachers: 7:40 am - 2:40 pm |
| September 27: | PSAT 8/9 Test: 8:00 am – 12:30 pm |
| September 27: | IMPACT Concussion Testing: 9:00 am |

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal