



## **December 2019**

### **September Students of the Month**

The following students were selected as the September Students of the Month as a result of best demonstrating the word of the month, "Productive." Congratulations to Sarah Bolduc, Acacia Dow, Eliza Paquin, Emma Malone, Maggie Roy, Olivia Crockwell, and Keegan Wolverton.

### **October Students of the Month**

The following students were selected as the October Students of the Month as a result of best demonstrating the word of the month, "Proud." Congratulations to Emma Malone, Jacob Croteau, Kyra Courtemanche, Seldin Hajdarevic, Sawyer Mullen, Logan Phillips, Anna Perkins and Abigail Read.

### **New Hampshire PTA Administrator of the Year**

I was recently recognized as the New Hampshire PTA Administrator of the Year. The award recognizes the "outstanding dedication, leadership and support of the PTA, school, families and children." I was honored and humbled to receive this award. I share this award with the dedicated Hooksett PTA executive board and all the members. The Hooksett PTA continues to go above and beyond supporting the students, parents and staff in the Hooksett School District.

### **CTE Opportunities at Pinkerton Academy**

Family and Consumer Science teacher, Mrs. Olsen, Advanced Learning Program teacher, Mrs. Tremblay and Industrial Technology teacher, Mr. Trimmer have been working on a new initiative to connect students with career and technical education opportunities. Through resources offered by Doug Cullen and Jen Haskins of Pinkerton Academy, students will have the opportunity while in middle school to begin exploring possible career interests. On November 14, Mrs. Olsen and Mrs. Tremblay attended the Pinkerton Academy CTE Middle School Connection Series to explore CTE opportunities available to Cawley students.

The first step in career development at the middle school was to have every 8th grade student complete an online career readiness survey with their Chromebooks to uncover possible careers based on their talents. One hundred sixty students participated in the career interest inventory. The survey results will be used to target the students when opportunities become available.

Thirty-nine students participated in the "Food for Thought" speaker series on November 21 at Pinkerton Academy. This event focused on the daily operations of media production/broadcasting specialists at stations WMUR and WZID. Students had the opportunity to interact with local celebrities in television and radio careers and ask questions about their inspirations and career paths. Students were invited to attend based on their experiences with Hawk News.

### **Cyber Robotics Coding Competition**

Cawley Middle School has made the New England Cyber Robotics Coding Competition finals on December 7. This was a school-wide effort coordinated by the Advanced Learning Program teacher, Donna Tremblay in which every student had the opportunity to complete coding missions. Two

students from Cawley will represent the school on December 7. At press time those two students had not been selected.

### **Robotics**

Cawley has two robotics teams this year. The Cawley Robotics team, the Fire Breathing Rubber Duckies, had a great performance at the regional qualifying tournament at Londonderry Middle School. They won the Robot Design Award and earned a spot at the NH State Championship on December 7. They also finished in second place in the robot game, with their personal best score of 270 points. The 19th Robotics Battalion Cawley Team competed at a qualifying event at Hillside Middle School in Manchester. The team had three solid performances in the project, robot design, core values and they finished 10th in the robot game. Both teams worked well together, did their very best, had fun and represented themselves and their school positively.

### **Chess Club**

The Cawley Middle School Chess Club meets every Friday after school. Seventh grade math teacher, Jay Palmieri volunteers to be the advisor. Students have varying abilities and are all learning and having fun.

On Saturday November 2, nine members of the Cawley Chess Team traveled to World Academy in Nashua to participate in their first scholastic tournament. In the beginner's section, Tyler Krajcik earned the 4th place trophy and Anel Tosunbegovic earned the 5th place trophy. The other seven participants received medals for their participation. Two weeks later, Anel and Tyler participated in a tournament in New London and tied for first place. Congratulations to the Chess Club and Mr. Palmieri.

### **Girls INC.**

The Girls Incorporated of New Hampshire's Young Women's Leadership is meeting for seven weeks with several girls at Cawley during their lunches on Mondays. The Young Women's Leadership Group will focus on the uniqueness of girls and build on their strengths including assertiveness, friendship and creativity along with building a sense of community through hands-on activities and discussions. The meetings will take place through the middle of January.

### **Builders Club**

The Cawley Builders Club has been busy. Members helped the Hooksett PTA with their annual Spooktacular event at the end of October. They also made and

delivered Spooky-Grams, with the proceeds going to Make-A-Wish. In early November, the members participated in the Kiwanis One Day Event where they prepared food for those in need. In preparation for Thanksgiving the members made cards for Family and Youth Services. In addition the members helped make up the holiday food baskets at Hooksett Town Hall. The holiday season will be busy starting off with Salvation Army Bell Ringing at the Bass Pro Shop and also at K-Mart. The Builders Club will also be volunteering at the PTA Holiday Carnival and the Hooksett Library Christmas Party, as well as making holiday cards and Christmas food baskets.

## **Athletics**

Winter sports are up and running. Boy's basketball is off to a fast start with two convincing league wins over Nashua Catholic and Amherst. Girl's basketball represented well at a jamboree on November 16, as they competed at a high level against Division 1 teams. The Cawley girls shook off a ten point loss in their first league game against a very tough Nashua Catholic team. The team responded with a 28 point win over Amherst. Both teams appear to be adjusting nicely to the bump up from D3 to D2. All standings and scores can be found on the league web

site: <http://www.tricountyathletic.org>. Cheer has their team picked and will be making their basketball debut on December 6.

## **Performing Arts**

December is a busy month for the Performing Arts Department at Cawley. The band and chorus are gearing up for the Winter Concert performances on December 10 and 11. The jazz band, band and chorus will perform at Memorial, Cawley and for the Hooksett Community in three separate performances. See dates below for the performances at Cawley

This years' musical was selected on October 31, as the Unified Arts teachers dressed up as characters from "Disney's High School Musical Jr.", which will be performed April 2 and 3. Auditions will take place the third week of December and the cast will be announced before winter break.

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

December 2:	1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Begins
December 3:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Begins
December 9:	Report Cards Distributed to Students
December 11:	Winter Concert, 9:30 AM, 6:30 PM Cawley Gymnasium
December 16:	Geography Bee, 8:00 AM
December 16-20:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Progress Checks
December 23- Jan. 1	Winter Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



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