

**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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**October 2020**

**NH SAS Assessment**

The transition to remote instruction in the spring of 2020 caused by the COVID-19 pandemic was unprecedented. With this in mind, the NH Department of Education is providing a range of assessments in the fall, in order to gain a perspective on the needs of students in New Hampshire from the systemic level down to the individual level.

In October, students in grades six through eight will complete the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System interim assessment for Mathematics and English Language arts. Students will take their previous grade level assessment. This interim assessment will allow teachers to elicit evidence of learning to inform teaching and evaluate grade level instructional progress in relation to the common core standards.

**Parent Conference Sign Ups**

On October 22, Cawley Middle School will be emailing links for parents to sign up for virtual parent conferences. Parent conferences will take place November 10, and will all take place using Zoom Video Conferencing Software as no visitors are allowed in Cawley Middle School. The emails for each grade level will be sent at the following times through the Bright Arrow Notification System:

Grade 6 – 9:00 am  
Grade 7 – 9:15 am  
Grade 8 – 9:30 am  
UA - 9:45 am

Each parent conference is scheduled for 10 – 15 minutes. Parents will meet the teachers and discuss their child's academic progress.

If a parent does not have access to an email or the link, he/she will still be able to call the office and set up an appointment at the times designated above.

**Red Ribbon Week**

Red Ribbon Week is being recognized at Cawley Middle School from October 26 - October 30. Cawley students and staff will participate in a week of activities designed to bring awareness to the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices and remaining drug-free. The week will focus on the Cawley Community taking a school-wide stance against drugs.

The national theme for the week is “Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug-Free” and ribbons and posters will be hung throughout the building to bring awareness to the drug-free movement.

Each day, a video of a former student or community member will be presented to the students during morning announcements. Cawley Alumni and community members will explain their connection to the middle school and the Hooksett Community. They will speak about what they are doing now, and the path they took to get there. The speakers will highlight why they have chosen not to make drugs and alcohol a part of their lives.

On one of the days, a moment of silence will be announced to recognize the lives that have been lost to substance abuse, and those who may still be struggling with addiction.

School Resource Officer Bergeron, will be participating by offering chances for students to win a reward for displaying positive behaviors during the week. The rewards are being donated by the Hooksett Police Department.

On Friday, October 30, students and staff will participate in a Wellness Walk and RED OUT, in which all members of the Cawley community will take a walk outside during FLEX and wear red to raise awareness of the short- and long-term effects of drug use.

### **Builders Club**

Builders Club had their initial meeting on October 7, with 23 members attending. The meeting focused on what Builders Club is all about with building character, performing community service, and developing leaders.

The advisors, Mrs. Crain and Mrs. Aumann acknowledged the top three volunteers from last school year, Amanda McAndrews with 20.5 hours, Abbie Aumann with 17.5 hours and Evangeline McCabe with 15 hours.

The advisors discussed the open board positions which are President, Vice President, Secretary, Publicist, and class representatives. Interested members were given applications and asked to return them by October 14.

The next meeting will be October 21. At this meeting the members who are running for a board position will be asked to give a brief speech addressing why they want to be a board member. After the speeches members will vote.

The Builders Club is working with the PTA to volunteer at the Drive-Thru Spooktacular on October 17 at Cawley. Members can dress in costume and wave to the people in the cars.

### **National Junior Honor Society**

The National Junior Honor Society met on October 6, and elected new Executive Board Members. Leading the Cawley chapter will be Abigail Gowern as President, Arushi Saravanan as Vice President, and Maggie Roy as Publicist. This year the Secretary position will be opened up to 7th grade members once they are inducted. The Faculty Council met and reviewed all applications and acceptance letters will be sent home this month. An induction ceremony is being planned that will follow district protocols for social distancing. More information will be sent out to all new and returning members before the end of the month. The returning 8th grade students are excited to begin thinking about new service projects and different ways to continue to be involved in the school and community.

### **Athletics**

The Cawley cross country runners have been working extremely hard and breaking their own personal best marks each week. The top performers heading into the Tri-County Championship Meet are: Boys- Tyler Clouthier, Calan Murphy, Miles Shea, Jacoby Acevedo and Timothy Dodd. Girls- Michaela Mercier, Acacia Dow, Lillian Sibona, Kyra Courtemanche and Ashley Clouthier

Field hockey is off to a great start and the team has come so far since the first day of tryouts. The team has been working hard learning new skills as well as refining current skills. Anna Perkins is leading the team in goals scored while Margo Laliberte has been providing some fantastic goal keeping.

The boys' soccer team has really come together as a team. They are currently 2-1 and are looking forward to honoring the 8th graders during the last regular-season home game. The 8th graders include Gavin Stone, Jeffrey Hickey, Justin Dion, Noah Celio, Thomas Montminy, and Tiago Keyes. The team is also very proud of the 7th and 6th graders which include Brayden Miller, Hayden Marshall, TJ Paquin, Caden Jordan, Jack Welch, Lukas Houston, Owen Huard, Mirza Subasic, Jacoby Jordan, Sam Acevedo, and Finn McDonald.

### **Performing Arts**

Band and chorus classes started on September 28. If there are any students who wish to join chorus who have not yet done so, please email Mrs. Vanderhoek at [evanderhoek@sau15.net](mailto:evanderhoek@sau15.net) to have the class added to their schedule.

Students will remain socially distanced in both classes taking every necessary precaution to maintain student safety. Since the size of the ensembles are too large for a regular classroom in normal circumstances, the directors have had to split the ensembles up into smaller groups in order to see all of the students each week and maintain safety standards. The directors are very excited to say that they are planning a virtual performance later in the year before winter break. Students will choose a piece to perform **individually** or in small groups for the concert. Things

certainly look different this year, but Mr. Davini and Mrs. Vanderhoek are committed to providing the best opportunities in band and chorus for the Cawley students.

**Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:**

**Key Dates:**

October 12: No School, Columbus Day  
October 13 – 16: 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester Progress Checks  
October 22: Parents Receive Email Link to Sign Up for Parent Conferences  
October 23: Picture Retakes/Fall Sports Pictures, 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
Red Ribbon Week

Respectfully Submitted,



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