

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



September 2021

Cawley's New Teachers

On August 23, Cawley's new teachers attended a teacher orientation with the Cawley Administration. The day was very productive in welcoming the new teachers. Please welcome, Kimberly Ackles, school counselor, Paige Benotti, 7th grade social studies, Erin Brewitt, 6th grade, social studies, Heather Roberts, 6th grade, language arts, Tania Spencer, 6th grade special education, Derek Clark, health, all grades, Jessie Palmer, 6th grade, language arts and Suzie Campbell, 6th grade Reading Specialist.

NWEA Testing

All Cawley students will be taking the NWEA test in math and reading from September 15 – September 17. The data will be used to guide teachers in planning core instruction and target learning gaps. Students will also be taking the math and reading NWEA test in June. The goal is for all students to meet or exceed their targeted growth at the end of the school year.

Student Presentations

As a part of the NH Bullying Law, the Cawley Administration presented to all students regarding bullying in the first three weeks of school. These in-depth presentations provided students with strategies to identify bullying, stop bullying and treat others with respect and kindness. In addition, the administration presented the emergency management drills to all students.

High School Information Night

This year's annual High School Information Night was on September 13 at 6:00 in the Cawley Middle School in the gymnasium. During the informational night I outlined the process for parents and students that details the process for students transitioning to high school.

After the informational presentation, representatives from Pinkerton Academy spoke about the school's academic co-curricular and athletic programs and also provided valuable information about the transition to high school.

I have requested informational videos from the additional seven high schools to highlight their schools. These videos were posted on the Cawley website and emailed to parents on September 14.

Students may petition to attend one of the schools that the Hooksett School District has a Memorandum of Understanding with if the percentage of students petitioning does not go below 63.26% of 8th grade students attending Pinkerton Academy.

Starting on September 14, parents can request a High School Petition Request Form by sending me an email at mbenson@sau15.net. Petition forms are only needed for the following schools, Londonderry High School, Goffstown High School, Bow High School, Pembroke Academy, Manchester Central High School, Manchester West High School or Manchester Memorial High School. **The due date for a petition request to be reviewed is October 4.** Petition requests will not be accepted after October 4.

Student Council Elections

Student Council elections will be held on Monday, September 20. 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

8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

On September 21 there will be an informational meeting for parents and students regarding this year's 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. in the Cawley gymnasium. This year's 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. is scheduled from Tuesday, April 19 to Friday, April 22, 2022. At the meeting Principal, Matthew Benson, Washington D.C. Coordinator, Lori Adams and owner of Bennett Student Travel, Doug Bennett will provide a detailed overview of the trip and answer any questions.

ImPACT Concussion Testing

On October 1, Cawley Middle School will be offering ImPACT testing for students who are 12 years and 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

Fall sports began on September 7, with boys and girls soccer, cross country, and field hockey practicing. Game and meets begin the week of September 13.

Performing Arts

Band and chorus began the week of September 7. The band has currently has 52 students and the chorus has 35 students.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

Key Dates:

September 13: School Pictures, 8:00 am
September 13: High School Information Night/Pinkerton Presentation, 6:00 pm
September 20: Student Council Elections, 8:00 am
September 22: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Informational Night, 6:00 pm
September 27: 6th Grade Adolescents Parent Presentation, 6:00 pm
October 1: No School for Students, Professional Development Day
October 1: ImPACT Concussion Testing, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal