

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



September 2022

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 following people; Kristin Yeaton, Advanced Learning Program, Hailey Thompson, 6th grade math, Megan Warnick, 8th grade, math, and Alexandria St. Jean, 8th grade, math. On August 24 the new teachers attended the SAU new teacher orientation.

National Junior Honor Society

The Cawley Middle School Chapter of National Junior Honors Society is excited for the 2022-2023 school year. The student executive board members enjoyed a great summer completing community service projects and giving back to New Hampshire and Hooksett. They are excited for the events being planned this year to continue giving back to our great community. There are 25 returning 8th grade students and 48 invitations going out to current 7th and 8th graders.

Builders Club

The Cawley Builders Club plans to start meetings and activities in early October. The first board meeting will be Monday, October 3. The first full member meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 am in the Media Center. The Builders Club builds community connections between Cawley students and the Hooksett Community.

NWEA Testing

All Cawley students were assessed in reading and math using the NWEA test from September 14 – September 16. 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 week 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 12. During the informational night I outlined the process for parents and students that detailed 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.

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 13, parents can request a High School Petition Request Form by sending me an email at mbenson@sau15.net.

Petition forms are 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 3.** Petition requests will not be accepted after October 3.

Student Council

Student Council elections will be held on Monday, September 26. The open positions are seventh grade treasurer, eighth grade president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. 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

The first Student Council dance will be on September 23 from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm. The Student Council is set to have their first general meeting in October. The Student Council Advisors, Ms. Gibson and Mr. Hamilton are thrilled to begin a new and promising year of student government and leadership and look forward to promoting many school-wide activities and events in the upcoming months

8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

On September 19, there was 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 18 to Friday, April 22, 2023. At the meeting Principal, Matthew Benson, Assistant Principal, Karin Rogers, Washington D.C. Coordinator, Lori Adams and owner of Bennett Student Travel, Doug Bennett provided a detailed overview of the trip and answered any questions.

ImPACT Concussion Testing

On September 30, 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.

Title I

The Cawley Title I program is gearing up to offer services for students who are at risk of or have fallen below grade level expectations in the areas of reading and math. Title I will be offered in the afternoons weekly from Monday - Thursday from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Once fall NWEA testing is completed, more students will be invited to the program based on this data point along with others including teaching recommendation. This summer seven students participated in the Title I program and received support in reading and math.

Athletics

Fall sports began on September 7, with boys and girls soccer, cross country, and field hockey practicing. Games and meets began the week of September 12. Field hockey and soccer results can be found at: tricityathletic.org.

Performing Arts

Band and chorus began on September 8. The band currently has 49 students and the chorus has 38 students. Jazz Band and afterschool chorus will begin in October.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

Key Dates:

September 19:	School Pictures, 8:00 am
September 19:	8 th Grade Washington D.C. Trip Informational Night, 6:30 pm
September 23:	Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
September 26:	Student Council Elections, 8:00 am
September 27:	6 th Grade Adolescents Parent Presentation, 6:00 pm
September 30:	No School for Students, Professional Development Day
September 30:	ImPACT Concussion Testing, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal