

CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year
"Make a Mark, Make a Difference"



SEPTEMBER 2024

Key Dates

September 16... School pictures for students, 8:00 am

September 16... Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Info Meeting, 6:00 pm

September 20... Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

September 23... Sixth Grade Adolescents Parent Information Night, 6:00 pm

September 27... Teacher Professional Development Day (No School)

October 4... Fall Cawley Sports Pictures, 8:00 am

Cawley's New Teachers

I am excited to announce three new teachers at Cawley Middle School, Jennifer Fay, Grade 7 Math on Team Brown; Brier Haigh, Art; and Erin Sobocinski as the Advanced Learning Program Teacher. The teachers attended an SAU new teacher orientation and school orientation on August 19. On August 26 Jennifer, Brier and Erin were all trained on how to use Schoology by Justine Thain.

Teacher Workshop Days

Teachers arrived back at school on August 27 and participated in planning for Open House, curriculum development, attended subject and team meetings and analyzed data to guide student grouping and targeted instruction during FLEX. At the opening staff meeting the Assistant Principal, Karin Rogers guided the teachers in creating their "recipe for success" that will promote a welcoming school environment in which students will be provided with a well rounded middle school experience academically and socially.

Summer Academy

During the course of the three week Summer Academy and Intervention Program, students participated in high quality and exciting learning opportunities. Students read novels and were actively engaged in targeted instructional stations for math, reading, writing and science. Twenty three students attended the program and did a commendable job working hard and making the most out of their summer learning.

Portrait of a Cawley Learner Assembly

The student body and staff participated in an opening welcome back assembly on September 6 that was organized and coordinated by Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Maguire, Mrs. Ackles, the Heart of the Hawk student group, and the Cawley cheerleaders. Captain Hawkins made his annual appearance at the assembly leading the student body in the Cawley Cheer. Videos created by Mrs. Maguire and students shared how important "Our House" is and the importance of communicating effectively. The Portrait of a Learner was



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once again unveiled. The students and staff will focus on “Responsibility and Communication” to start the school year. The students participated in a blindfolded obstacle course and had to communicate with each other to finish. In addition, students competed in a contest in which they emptied toothpaste onto a napkin and then tried to get as much toothpaste as possible back into the tube. The purpose of this activity was to encourage students to think before they say something that could upset or offend another person. The toothpaste activity emphasized “once it is out of the tube it is very difficult to put it back in,” just like taking back words that are upsetting to others.



Open House

The annual Open House for parents was on August 28. Teachers gave an overview of the curriculum, scheduling, events for the year and structure of the school. The event was well attended and positive feedback was received from parents. Members from the Cawley Builders Club volunteered to help parents navigate the school.

Student Presentations

As a part of the NH Bullying Law, the Cawley Administration presented to all students regarding bullying in the second week of school. These in-depth presentations provided students with strategies for identify bullying, stopping bullying and treating others with respect and kindness. In addition, the administration presented the emergency management drills to all students with a focus on “See Something, Say Something.”

High School Information Night

This year's annual High School Information Night was on September 9. 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 eighth grade students attending Pinkerton Academy. Starting on September 10, 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 2. Petition requests will not be accepted after October 2.

Eighth Grade Trip to Washington D.C.

On September 16, there will be an informational meeting in the Cawley Media Center for parents and students regarding the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C. This year's trip is scheduled from Tuesday, April 22 to Friday, April 25, 2025. At the meeting Assistant Principal Karin Rogers, Washington D.C. Coordinator Lori Adams, and Doug Bennett of Bennett Student Travel will provide a detailed overview of the trip and answer any questions.

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National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society board members met the first week of school and brainstormed ideas for a fall event at Cawley Middle School. The members are motivated to continue the many great service projects from past years and also add some new events to benefit the Hooksett Community. Over 60 invitations will be sent in September to all seventh and eighth grade students who are eligible to apply for the National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible, students must be in seventh or eighth grade, have at least an A- cumulative grade point average, and demonstrate their involvement in school and community activities. There are currently 31 eighth graders who were inducted in seventh grade and are returning this school year.

Co-Curricular Clubs

The Builders Club will have its first general meeting on September 18 at 7:00 am in the Media Center. All students are welcome to attend. The Cawley Middle School Builders Club is sponsored by the Hooksett Kiwanis. The goal is to build leaders by changing the world, one service project at a time. The Builders Club pledge to better our school, our community, our nation, and ourselves. The student members do various community service events throughout the year.

The 2024 Hawkbots Robotics season kicked off on September 12. This season the team(s) will embark on a mission to learn more about the complex challenges around exploring the oceans, and how they can innovate to help society gain a better understanding of life under the surface. The Hawkbots will meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.

Hawk's Eye Newspaper Club Extra! Extra! Are you interested in reporting the news, conducting interviews, writing, photography, digital layout, and being a part of a team, then consider joining the Hawk's Eye Newspaper Club. The club meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2:45 to 3:30 in room 122. The first meeting will be September 17. If you are interested and unable to come to the first meeting, please see Mrs. Meyer in Room 122.

The Student Council will have their introductory meeting on September 23 at 8:00 am in the Media Center. The first school dance is on Friday, September 20. The Student Council is looking forward to another exciting year of school spirit, leadership, and commitment to building our Cawley community.

Look for more information on Schoology in the coming weeks for the start of Chess, STEM, and Drama Clubs.

Athletics

Cawley offers Field Hockey, Cross Country, and girls and boys soccer. Games and meets will begin the week of September 16. For an up to date sports schedule follow the Cawley Website calendar. To follow standings and scores follow <https://www.tricountyathletic.org>.

Performing Arts

Band and chorus began on September 9. The band currently has 49 students and the chorus has 67 students. The Jazz Band will begin practicing in October. The first Cawley Coffee House is scheduled for October 23 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Benson, Principal