

# CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



## October 2024

### Initial High School Tally

The Cawley Class of 2025 has 137 students. Pinkerton Academy is the Hooksett School District's high school of record. All 8th grade students are assigned to attend Pinkerton Academy. Parents can petition to have their child attend one of the schools that the district has a memorandum of understanding or enrollment agreement with currently. The initial tally for the Cawley Class of 2025:

Pinkerton Academy = 116  
Londonderry High School = 18  
Bow High School = 1  
Pembroke Academy = 2  
Goffstown High School = 0  
Manchester Central High School = 0  
Manchester Memorial High School = 0  
Manchester West High School = 0

Confirmation letters were mailed to parents on October 7. The names and contact information for each student will be emailed to the receiving school districts on October 31.

### September and October Staff Meetings

The New Hampshire Department of Education has partnered with Tutor.com to provide 24/7 access for students to get support in a variety of subject areas such as math, science, social studies, language arts, French and Spanish. Students can access Tutor.com through their Clever account for free. At the September staff meeting Dana Moore from Tutor.com presented to teachers on how to utilize the program. Visit the Tutor.com NHED website for more information.

At the October staff meeting, Jesse Palmer who teaches sixth grade language arts reviewed the process for planning and implementing a Writing Activity Guide. A WAG can be an argumentative, narrative or informational piece of writing. The Writing Activity Guides support one of Cawley's school goals which is for students to write for a variety of purposes across all content areas.

In addition, Captain Joe Stalker from the Hooksett Fire Department trained the staff in the Stop the Bleed program which teaches how to stop bleeding in a severely injured person.

## Key Dates

10/14: No School, Columbus Day  
10/16: Trimester 1 Progress Checks  
10/18: Cawley Fall Festival, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm  
10/23: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm  
10/28: Picture Retakes, 8:00 am  
10/30: NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30 pm  
11/1: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  
11/5: No School, Election Day  
11/7: Quarter 1 Ends  
11/7: Skywatch, 6:30 pm, Cawley back parking lot  
11/8: Quarter 2 Begins  
11/8: Veterans Day Assembly, TBD  
11/11: No School, Veterans Day  
11/12: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
11/27– 29: Thanksgiving Break

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## Firefighters Challenge

For over twenty years, either seventh or eighth graders have participated in the Hooksett Middle School Firefighters Challenge. Firefighters Challenge is on October 18.

Firefighters Challenge was created as a way to continue the process of educating children about fire safety in an age-appropriate way. Members of the Hooksett Permanent Firefighters Association volunteer their time and expertise to work with Cawley seventh grade students. The Unified Arts teachers are the judges and the health teacher, Derek Clark coordinates the annual event.

Homeroom classes compete against each other in individual categories, as well as the title of overall winner. Firefighters Challenge also consists of preparatory work in homerooms including the selection of a boy and girl runner and a selection of an alternate to run a modified obstacle course that is used for Firefighter training and certification.

## National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is hosting its first Cawley Fall Festival on Friday, October 18 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be guided tours of the haunted classroom and trails, indoor and outdoor games, a pumpkin decorating contest and a bake sale. There is no cost to enter the pumpkin contest and winners from each category (spooky, Disney, animals) and an overall winner will win prizes. Pumpkins should arrive fully decorated.

The NJHS Faculty Council met to review applications from seventh and eighth grade students who were invited to apply for membership. Forty applications were received and those who were selected for membership were notified by mail in early October. The Induction Ceremony for new members will be held on October 30 at 6:30 pm in the Cawley gym with a reception to follow in the cafeteria.

## Student Council

The Student Council currently has thirty representatives. The student the first general meetings in October. The Executive Board elections will occur on October 18. The students are hard at work planning fun and innovative activities for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving.

## Red Ribbon Week

National Red Ribbon Week is being recognized at Cawley Middle School from October 28 – November 1. The 2024 theme for the week is, "Life is a Movie, Film Drug-Free." Cawley students and staff will participate in a week designed to bring awareness to the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices and remaining drug and alcohol-free. Each morning an announcement will be made by a member of the student-led Heart of the Hawk group. In addition, videos from past and present students will be shared in which each video will highlight perspectives on why it is important to live a substance free lifestyle. On Friday, November 1, students and staff are invited to wear red as a symbol of commitment to a drug and alcohol free lifestyle.

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## New Clubs at Cawley

This year several students have requested new clubs. Seventh grader Dominic Buco met with me and proposed a Dungeon and Dragons club. Mr. Quinlan is the advisor and the students will meet every Monday. The Cawley Drama Club is back after a long hiatus and Mr. Quinlan is the advisor. The Drama Club meets on Fridays and will begin to prepare for a performance in late January. Lastly, seventh grader Vox Tremblay has presented to me twice about starting a Virtual Gaming Club at Cawley.

## Builders Club

The Cawley Builders Club is off to a good start. The members volunteered with face painting at Old Home Day and are looking forward to scooping ice cream at the Underhill Ice Cream Socials. The members will be selling Spookygrams prior to Halloween to help fund the Club's Christmas shopping for families in Hooksett.

## Unified Sports

The Cawley Unified Sports team under the supervision of Coach Derek Clark practices each week on Mondays during FLEX. The team consists of twenty-eight student athletes and student mentors. Student athletes work with their student mentors on improving their dribbling, passing and shooting skills for soccer as well as participate in team scrimmages. The Cawley team hopes to compete with the Rundlett Middle School Unified Sports team in the fall, winter and spring.

## Athletics

**Girls Soccer:** The girls soccer team has effectively executed their wide range of skills and finesse each game. Offensive player standouts include Emma Kubat and Alixandra Daigle. Defensive standout players are Ella Kubat, Milla Creamer, and Addison Carr. The team also welcomed many new players this season and have worked hard to become a united front on and off the field.

**Field Hockey:** The field hockey team is off to a great start this season with a 4 win and 1 loss record. With half the team being first year players, the girls are showing great promise and dedication to the game with the help of veteran players taking on a mentoring role. Both coaches are excited to see the growth that the rest of the season will bring.

**Boys Soccer:** The boys soccer team is currently 2-4 in a very competitive season. The team is hoping to grab a couple more wins to secure a spot in the playoffs. Eighth graders, Mason Valcourt and Ethan Lajewski are leading the team.

**Cross Country:** The cross country team is off to a great start with lots of new personal records in each timed run. Highlights so far include boys winning their 4th consecutive SAU 15 invitational meet.

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## Performing Arts

The Music Department at Cawley has several exciting events happening this month. On October 4, seventh and eighth grade band students were invited to attend a Pinkerton football game and perform with the band. The students had a great evening filled with food, friends, and music and got a good taste of what it's like to be in the high school band. On October 23 the Music Department will have the annual Cawley Coffee House in the cafeteria. Students have the opportunity to perform a song of their choice in a small group setting showing off music that they have been practicing on their own.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Benson, Principal

