

# CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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



## January 2025

## Key Dates

### Culture Fair

The World Language Department is excited to host its first ever Culture Fair event at Cawley Middle School on January 29. Seventh grade students have researched and created various products representing the French or Spanish countries and cultures of their choosing. Music, crafts, food, and travel are just a few of the many things expected to be at the fair. The entire Unified Arts wing will be decorated as famous areas in France and Spain and students will be running their booths and educating other students as experts of their craft. The student body has been invited to see the hard work with the goal of learning something new about the world around us.

### Drama Club

Drama Club will be performing their one-night-only production of "*The Epic Quest of the Damsels in Distress*," a two-act adventure of daring, dashing, and laughs. Mr. Quinlan who is a sixth grade language arts teacher is the advisor and director. The performance is Wednesday, January 29 in the Cawley Cafeteria. Admission is \$5.00, and snacks will be served before the show and during intermission.

### PTA Brain Games

The Hooksett PTA is once again sponsoring the annual Brain Games. The Brain Games will be on January 24 during a whole school assembly. This is an interactive assembly in which students are randomly selected to participate in a quiz style game show.

### Builders Club

After a busy holiday season, the Builders Club is starting the new year off with several activities. The members are making and donating dog toys to a local shelter and volunteering at the upcoming Hooksett Winter Carnival. The members will be making Valentines for Veterans and preparing first aid kits.

- January 20: No School, Civil Rights Day
- January 24: Brain Games Assembly, 8:00 am
- January 24: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
- January 27: 8th Grade trip to Pinkerton Academy
- January 29: Trimester 2 Progress Check
- January 29: Quarter 2 Ends
- January 29: Cawley Cultural Fair, 1:00 pm
- January 29: Drama Club Performance, 6:00 pm
- January 30: Quarter 3 Begins
- February 3: Unified Sports Hosts Concord
- February 4: Interim Reading Assessment
- February 5: Interim Writing Assessment
- February 10: Deliberative Session, 6:00 pm,
- February 11: Interim Math Assessment
- February 12: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm
- February 15: NJHS Pancake Breakfast, 8:00 am
- February 17: Unified Sports at Concord
- February 21: Early Release Day for Students, 11:30 am

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## Pinkerton Academy 8th Grade Electives Information Day

On January 27, only eighth grade students who are attending Pinkerton Academy next school year will be going on a field trip to Pinkerton Academy during the school day to talk directly with other students about their experiences in the areas of Junior ROTC, the arts, career and technical education and world languages. Students will move through these four programs during the full-day activity.

## Artificial Intelligence Staff Meeting

At the January staff meeting representatives from Pinkerton Academy provided high quality professional development for the Cawley teachers on the use of AI in schools. At the meeting staff learned how Pinkerton is using AI intentionally with their students and as educators. The Cawley teachers reviewed the academic integrity policy and learned the ongoing foundations and advancements of AI.

## Winter Assessments

On February 4, 5, and 11 students in grades six through eight will complete the New Hampshire Statewide Assessment System interim assessment for mathematics, reading and writing.

This interim assessment will allow math and language arts teachers to elicit evidence of learning to inform teaching and evaluate grade level instructional progress. It is a light footprint and takes less time to administer than the summative assessment, which takes place in the spring.

Students identified with severe cognitive disabilities that are eligible for the alternative assessment, Dynamic Learning Maps, will not participate in this winter assessment.

## Performing Arts

The holidays are over and the students in the band, chorus and jazz band are back to work. The entire community is very proud of all the students for their three Winter Concert performances. Students have begun rehearsing new repertoire for the upcoming Large Group Festival and Spring Concert. At the Large Group Festival students will be adjudicated by professional musicians and given a rating on their performance as well as feedback in the form of a clinic.

Preparations for this year's musical "Beetlejuice Jr." have begun. In a few weeks students will be auditioning for their roles and rehearsals will begin. The musical performances are April 10 and 11.

The Performing Arts Department is planning the second Coffee House on February 12 where students will select music of their choice to perform for an audience in a small setting. It is always such a pleasure to see the students performing to their strengths and interests. Hot chocolate and other refreshments will also be provided to help create a fun and relaxed atmosphere.

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## National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is beginning to plan for their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraising event. This year it will be held on Saturday, February 15 from 8:00 am -11:00 am in the Cawley Cafeteria. There will be a Valentine's theme with a variety of gift baskets that will be raffled off as well as a 50/50 raffle. All proceeds from this event will be donated to Hooksett organizations to benefit the community.

## Unified Sports

The Unified Sports team has been practicing and meeting since the fall and will have their first basketball game against Rundlett Middle School at Cawley on February 3. The team will then travel to Rundlett on February 17. Currently there are twenty students on the team.

## Athletics

**Boys Basketball:** The boys' basketball team is off to a 3-3 start in the Division 2 Tri-County League. They have wins against Southside and Parkside and Timberlane. Jake Santosuosso is leading the team in scoring, while they are getting some good defense by Xavier Vasquez and Travis Gallagher. Other contributing players are Noah Houston, Blake Mellow, Ethan Lajewski and Mason Valcourt. The team looks to have a strong finish in the next three weeks.

**Girls Basketball:** The girls' basketball team is off to a 7-0 start in league play and are heading into the toughest part of their schedule. Captains Carter Casey and Ella Kubat are doing a great job leading the girls in each practice and game.

**Cheer:** The cheer team has been working hard and had an outstanding performance at their first basketball game against Fairgrounds. They brought tons of energy and put on a great half time show. The team has four upcoming competitions in late January and February.

**Co-ed Volleyball:** Volleyball is a non-cut sport and will start Monday, February 10 after school ending at 4:00. Sign ups will be out mid January. Any questions contact Mr. Clark.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Benson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Matthew Benson, Principal