

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

March 2026



Report Cards 2nd Trimester

The second trimester ends on March 18 with the third trimester beginning on March 19. On March 25 at 2:00 pm report cards for the Trimester 2 will be posted in PowerSchool. Students will also be able to access their report cards in PowerSchool at 2:00 pm. Report cards will not be sent home with students, however Honor Roll certificates if applicable will be distributed.

Daughters of American Revolution Appreciation Night

On February 13, several Cawley Middle School students were recognized by the Daughters of the American Revolution Molly Stark Chapter during their annual Education Appreciation Night, held at the Manchester Millyard Museum. The event celebrated outstanding achievement among students and educators and featured the presentation of award certificates, medals, as well as a monetary prize for first-place recipients.

Cawley Middle School is proud to recognize the following students for their outstanding achievement:

Sixth Grade Division

First Place: Zoey Staples
Second Place: Cora Zeuge
Third Place: Caroline McLean

Eighth Grade Division

First Place: Rivka Sharma
Second Place: Ben Fontaine
Third Place: Madison Huberty

Both first-place winners had the opportunity to read their essays aloud during the ceremony. The students completed this work as part of the Advanced Learning Program and represented Cawley Middle School with professionalism and pride.

Cawley Drama Club

The Cawley Drama Club's production of *The Phantom Tollbooth* was on Friday, March 13. This one-night-only production took audiences on a whimsical road trip through the world of knowledge, featuring clever puns, zany characters, and unexpected bravery. The production was well attended and the thirty-eight students did a commendable job with the props, costumes and acting. The director/advisor of the Drama Club, Mr. Quinlan coordinated another amazing performance.

Empty Your Backpack, Sam Demma

On March 30, Cawley Middle School is excited to welcome motivational speaker and author Sam Demma. The author of Empty Your Backpack and Be Someone's Taco, Sam will share an inspiring message that aligns closely with the Portrait of a Cawley Learner and our commitment to student growth and well-being.

Through engaging stories and relatable experiences, Sam encourages students to reflect on their own "backpack", the worries, self-doubt, and challenges they carry and guides them in replacing those barriers with confidence, purpose, and a growth mindset. He emphasizes the importance of taking small, consistent steps toward personal goals, empowering students to believe in themselves and recognize their own value.

Student Council

The Student Council is taking the lead for many of the activities involving Middle School Month promoting a Cereal Drive to facilitating the Pep Rally on March 20. The members have delivered many morning announcements, posted notices around the school and even created a video PSA that was viewed at the opening assembly. Middle School Month will culminate with a school wide event including a glow dance, board games and athletic games in the gym on March 20.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is holding a book drive in March to benefit the Hooksett Public Library. Each grade level has the opportunity to earn points for the Middle School Month competition based on the number of donated books. The eighth grade NJHS members are planning for their next trip to Underhill School at the end of the month to work with first grade students. This will be the third trip to Underhill this school year. They look forward to visiting their new buddies and helping them with curriculum related activities.

Athletics

Co-ed Volleyball: The volleyball team has been working hard on their bumps, sets and serves and are excited for their five game season. There are eighty students who have signed up to play this season.

Spring Sports: A sign up link with detailed information for all spring sports will be sent out the third week of March. Baseball, softball, boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse tryouts will be Monday, March 30. Time and locations TBD. Track & Field practices will begin Monday, April 6 with time and location to be determined based on the weather. Golf team tryouts will hopefully begin in April when the snow melts at a location to be determined.

Performing Arts

On March 9, eighth grader Dean Wayman performed alongside other talented middle school band students in the New Hampshire Band Directors Association Honors Band rehearsal and performance at Pinkerton Academy. Students around the state submitted auditions, and the top

musicians were selected to participate. Dean received the second highest score of any percussionist in New Hampshire.

The music department is excited to bring the chorus and band students to a new performance opportunity this month. On March 25, Cawley musicians will perform outside of the NH State House for a Music In Our Schools Month performance. Afterwards, students will take a tour of the State House.

Rehearsals and technical production are well underway for the 8th grade musical of The Lion King, Jr. Students are learning new and useful skills that require a lot of problem solving and perseverance. Over 95% of the eighth graders are participating in classes that directly impact the coordination of the musical. The classes are Costume Design, Musical Technology, Musical Theatre, Art Musical Set Design and Musical Set Construction. There will be four performances, with morning performances and evening performances on April 9 and 10. The evening performances begin at 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

March 18: Trimester 2 Ends
March 19: Trimester 3 Begins
March 20: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
March 23: 8th Grade Class Picture, 8:00 am
March 25: Trimester 2 Report Cards Emailed to Parents
March 30: Sam Demma, Unpack Your Backpack Assembly
March 31: 8th Grade Washington D.C Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm
April 9: 8th Grade Musical Performance, 9:15 am, 7:00 pm
April 10: 8th Grade Musical Performance, 9:15 am, 7:00 pm
April 10: Quarter 3 Ends
April 13: Quarter 4 Begins
April 20: Club Photos, 8:00 am
April 21 - 24: 8th Grade Trip to Washington D.C.
April 22: 7th Grade Project Safeguard
April 24: Early Release Day, 11:30 am
April 27 - May 1 April Vacation

Respectfully Submitted,



Matthew Benson, Principal