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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Cawley Middle School for the 24th opening of our school. I hope that everyone had a great summer. The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming the students back on the first day of school Monday, August 31. The 2026 - 2027 school year should be an exciting and rewarding experience for our school community.

Starting on Tuesday, September 8, Cawley students will be able to ride their bicycles to and from school. On page 30 of the Hooksett School District's Parent/Student Handbook, it states,

"Cawley Middle School students may ride traditional, unassisted bicycles to and from school, provided they lock them in the designated school bike rack. Please note that the Hooksett School District is not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage to the student's bicycle. **All micro mobility devices (e-bikes, scooters, skateboards, e-skateboards, and self-balancing devices) are strictly prohibited at Cawley during the school day (7:40 am - 2:40 pm).**"

The bike rack has been ordered and will be installed on September 4 next to the gym entrance doors on the grass. In my opening announcements and meetings the first week of school I will explain the new bicycle procedures.

In addition, at the opening meetings I will be reviewing the expectations regarding the state law HB2, which mandates that all public schools adopt a "bell-to-bell" prohibition on the unauthorized use of personal communication devices (i.e. cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, smart glasses and similar gadgets) during the school day. Students will need to keep the aforementioned devices in their backpacks in their lockers during the school day.

Cawley's Open House is on Wednesday, August 27 from 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm. Open House begins in the gymnasium with a quick presentation by myself and the Assistant Principal, Karin Rogers. Open House presentations will be an overview of the curriculum, events for the year, procedures, etc.

This is not a time for individual parent conferences. Open House is designed for parents, but students are welcome to attend.

Fall sports begin on the second day of school, Tuesday, September 1. In order for your child to participate in a fall sport, **you must complete the [Fall Sports Sign Up Form](#) and have a cleared physical on file with the school nurse by August 31.**

Tryouts for boys soccer, girls soccer and girls field hockey will begin Tuesday, September 1 after school ending at 4:30 pm. Cross county practice will begin Tuesday, September 1 after school ending at 3:45 pm.

Important Upcoming Cawley Dates:

August 27: Open House, 5:45 pm - 8:00 pm
August 31: First Day of School for Students
September 1: First Day of Fall Sports, 2:45 pm
September 4: No School for Students and Staff
September 7: No School, Labor Day
September 14: School Pictures for Students, 8:00 am
September 14: 8th Grade High School Information Night, 6:00 pm
September 18: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
September 21: 8th Grade Washington D.C. Informational Meeting, 6:00 pm
October 2: No School for Students, Professional Development Day for Staff

I am looking forward to a great school year.

Sincerely,

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