

CAWLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

"Make a Mark, Make a Difference"

2017 New Hampshire Middle School of the Year

October 2026



Initial High School Tally

The Cawley Class of 2027 has 140 students. Pinkerton Academy is the Hooksett School District's high school of record. All eighth 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 2027 is listed below:

Pinkerton Academy = 116

Londonderry High School = 15

Bow High School = 4

Pembroke Academy = 0

Goffstown High School = 0

Manchester Central High School = 0

Manchester Memorial High School = 0

Manchester West High School = 0

Private = 5

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 30.

October 2nd Professional Development Day

In preparation for the security audit in December that will be completed by the New Hampshire Homeland of Security all teachers completed the Introduction to the Incident Command System developed by FEMA on October 2. In the morning session teachers met in their content areas to develop lessons with increasing rigor to actively engage students.

In the afternoon Lynn Lyons, a nationally and internationally recognized speaker who is a licensed clinical social worker, psychotherapist, and author presented to the Hooksett staff. Lynn travels globally to speak and train professionals and families on managing anxiety disorders. Lynn's presentation to the Hooksett staff was "Managing Anxiety in a School Setting: A Plan for Schools and Parents," which addressed the increasing prevalence of anxiety-driven behaviors that derail student academic focus and executive functioning.

Firefighters Challenge

For over twenty years either seventh or eighth graders have participated in the Hooksett Middle School Firefighters Challenge. The tradition continued this year with seventh graders participating in the Firefighters Challenge on October 16.

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 health teacher Micaela Darmody 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.

Clubs at Cawley

There has been a lot of excitement and participation with clubs starting up in September. The following clubs, organizations and before and after school activities have began; Jazz Band, Wellness Wednesday, Dungeons and Dragons Club, Drama Club, Art Club, STEM Club, Newspaper Club, Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Builders Club, Homework Club and Robotics.

Builders Club

In September, the Builders Club welcomed new members bringing the total number of students participating to 43. The members volunteered at the Kiwanis 5K race on Old Home Day and Cawley had the largest number of volunteers from any other school. The Cawley students were passing out water, face painting, and cheering on the runners as they completed the course. In October, members will be volunteering at the Ice Cream Socials and Book Fair taking place at Underhill School. The members will also be making Boo Bags to be sold at lunches during the week of Halloween which is a fundraiser to help support the Builders Club and all the fun activities throughout the year.

National Junior Honor Society

The National Junior Honor Society is actively preparing for the 2026–2027 academic year. The initial reading buddies trip to Fred C. Underhill School is scheduled for October 21. During this event, returning eighth-grade members will read to first-grade students and take part in a getting to know you themed activity around bats.

The NJHS Executive Board is currently developing new plans for the organization while coordinating the Induction Ceremony, which will take place on October 28 at 6:00 pm. at Cawley Middle School. Additionally, members are looking forward to participating in community service opportunities, including assisting at the PTA-hosted Bingo Night on November 13, from 6:30 pm. to 8:45 pm.

Performing Arts

Band, Jazz Band and Chorus are all in full swing. Rehearsals have been packed with blooming music and students are already putting finishing touches on pieces that they will be performing at the Veterans Day Assembly and Winter concerts. The Performing Arts Department is excited to host the Cawley Coffee House on October 21 at 6:30 pm 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. It's a great opportunity for students to perform in front of family, friends and the staff.

Unified Sports

The Cawley Unified Sports Team under the coaching of health teacher Micaela Darmody practices each week on Mondays during FLEX. The team consists of twenty-five 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 participating in team scrimmages. The Cawley Unified Sports team will play Rundlett Middle School and Bow Middle School on October 22 in soccer at Cawley Middle School.

Athletics

Field Hockey has been off to a fantastic start to their 2026 season. With only seven returning players, the team welcomed many new excellent additions who are new to the game of field hockey. Currently with a winning record, both the coaches and the players are excited to see how much progress they have made since their start in September. The boys soccer team has been working hard and showing steady improvement. They are coming off a tie and look to finish the regular season strong. The girls soccer team has been building their chemistry and have fought hard for three wins this season. The girls have shown a large improvement from the beginning of the season. Runners have been working hard to qualify for the Tri-County finals on October 17. Both teams have finished first place at several meets and finished the regular season on October 14 at the Pinkerton Academy sending schools meet.

Winter sports signups will be emailed to all parents in the last weeks of October. Girls and boys basketball and cheer tryouts will begin the week of November 9.

Upcoming Dates to Note at Cawley:

October 21: Cawley Coffee House, 6:30 pm
October 22: Unified Sports at Cawley 10:00 am - 1:30 pm
October 23: Unified Sports at Cawley 10:00 am - 1:30 pm (Rain Date)
October 28: NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:00 pm
October 29: School Pictures Retake, 8:00 am
October 30: Student Council Dance, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
November 6: Quarter 1 Ends
November 3: Parent Teacher Conferences
November 9: Quarter 2 Begins
November 10: Veterans Day Assembly
November 11: No School Veterans Day

Respectfully Submitted,



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