

# The CAWNY CONNECTION

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Welcome back! 2024-2025

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**WELCOME** to an exciting new school year! God has done great things! CAWNY is His school and our situation can be compared to Luke 5:1-11: "...nevertheless at thy Word, I will..." Let us stand firm today on the idea that He is working through us. This is our foundation that was laid by our forefathers who believed in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus helps us to journey on with a loving and good God. May each one of us continue to give all that we have to the work of the Lord because we KNOW that our labor is not in vain.

Let's begin this September with this idea: "I used to ask God to help me. Then I asked God if I might help Him. I ended up asking God to do His work through me."

This school is a result of many co-laborers working within a divine framework for the purpose of equipping this next generation of students to go and serve others with lives that are dedicated to our faithful and mighty God. So let this new school year begin!



Welcome back to school! The staff and I feel blessed to be working with such a wonderful group of students and families this school year.

Our mission here at CAWNY is to:

- **PREPARE** students for Christian life
- **PARTNER** with parents
- **PROVIDE** a Christ-centered environment
- **PROMOTE** academic excellence

Throughout this school year, we will be focusing on our yearly Scripture verse:

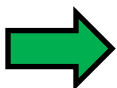
**"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own**

**interests but each of you to the interests of others."** Philippians 2:3-4

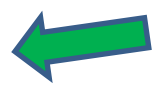
Welcome the following new students: We are so happy you are here!!!! Ms. Engert, Administrator

Ja'mya Lewis (Kindergarten)  
Jeriah Price (Kindergarten)  
Jackson Kaiser (1st grade)  
Thaddeus Schoenfeldt (3rd grade)  
Gabriella VanBrunt (3rd grade)  
Jamal D'Apollo (4th grade)  
Ethan Zimmerman (9th grade)  
Mason D'Orazio (5th grade)

Shiloh McCoy (6th grade)  
Nicholas Salvo (6th grade)  
Abigail Boyle (8th grade)  
Joel D'Orazio (8th grade)  
Ja'Moni Williams (8th grade)  
Ethan Zimmerman (9th grade)  
Liam Kenny (10th grade)  
Paola Cremades Diez De Los Rios (11th grade)



**SAVE THE DATE** Fall Fest is Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 11AM – 4PM



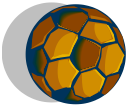


Welcome our new teacher in grades 5/6. Mrs. Taylor holds a BA in Psychology from Seton Hill University, Greenberg, PA. and a Masters of Social Work from The University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA. She worked for Niagara County as a child welfare supervisor.



Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have been married for 29 years and have 3 children; the oldest son, Zac(27) works as a Lab Tech, their daughter, Allura (23) works for an accounting firm, and their youngest, Ben (20), is a graduate of CAWNY and currently helps out at home caring for our 2 cats, 2 dogs, and 10 chickens. They are members of Redeemer Lutheran Church in North Tonawanda, NY

*"I am so excited to be starting a new chapter of my life as a teacher at CAWNY. The school was a gift and a blessing to us and I look forward to paying it forward by helping students to grow both academically and in Christ."*



Welcome new soccer coach Bradley Poeller. Bradley is a 2017 graduate from CAWNY, while in high school he played soccer, flag football, basketball and cross country. He earned CNA certification from BOCES. He assisted Mr. Doores coaching soccer in 2022. Bradley spent 3 years in the US Army and now works for Lockport Cares. Come out and cheer our team – great to see our alumni return to our school!!

## *September Birthdays*

I will praise the. For I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Psalm 139:14

(K) Jeriah P. - Sept. 23rd  
(3rd) Gabriella V. - Sept. 29th  
(7th) Gemma G. Sept. 8th  
(7th) Lilly C.- Sept. 30th  
(8th) Sophia W. - Sept. 23rd

(11th) Nehemiah C. - Sept. 2nd  
(11th) Ava H. -Sept. 7th  
(11th) Matthew K. - Sept.13th  
(12th) Abby M. - Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>

Parents- Just a reminder to contact the office either by phone call (716) 433-1652 and you can leave a message or e-mail: [mainoffice@cawny.com](mailto:mainoffice@cawny.com) if your child will not be in school. When they return to school if you will, please send an excuse into their teacher. We would appreciate your help in this so much! Mrs. Gifford

# 3/4

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! I am the 3rd/4th grade elementary school teacher here at CAWNY, Mrs. Jones. I am so very excited to start this new year! My classroom curriculum will be filled with engaging hands-on activities, experiments, and new concepts. Students are going to be learning multiplication, division, the writing process, and so much more! I actively encourage my learners to shine brightly in our classroom and *Be the Light* (Matthew 5:14). I feel so blessed to be part of this Christ-centered school and can't wait to connect with all the wonderful students. Looking forward to all the fun and learning ahead!



The Earth Science class is a NY State Regents class which will cover the scope defined by NY State. A 16 page reference guide will be provided to each student which can be used for all tests. Students will learn about the Sun, moon and stars, space, Earth interior, rocks and minerals, atmosphere, weather and geologic history.

This year the class will be taught via two consecutive periods, 2 days a week. This will include assignments from the textbook, regents handouts, lab work and testing. The longer class periods should allow more time to complete work in class which will reduce homework for diligent students. All assignments will be posted on Google classroom. *Mr. Doores*

# 5 6

Welcome to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I am so excited to be teaching this year. This year the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be spending their days exploring the history of the United States from its first beginnings as home to Native Americans, to early discovery and exploration by European adventurers, and how it has evolved into the nation it is today. The combined classes will also be Observing God's World through study of both plants and animals and the Earth and space.

Fifth Graders will be going on a Reading Quest, while learning grammar and writing skills. Sixth graders will spend time reading with Mrs. Farrington and practice grammar and writing skills with Mrs. Taylor. Math for 5<sup>th</sup> grade will build on last year and expand in decimals and fractions. For 6<sup>th</sup> graders math will expand on decimals and fractions and introduce pre-algebraic concepts. Parents can expect their children to have some work to be completed at home as the day will be filled with so much learning that we won't be able to complete everything in class. The work will mainly be independent projects, with a small amount of homework that wasn't able to be finished in class. *Mrs. Taylor*



The National Honor Society is a service organization open to Juniors and Seniors who have shown excellence in leadership, character, service and academics both in and out of school. The next induction opportunity will be later this Fall.

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Welcome back kids! Now you've moved up to another grade! I'm so excited to start the new year with you. Though your vacation has come to an end, that doesn't mean the fun will. In the first month of school, look forward to reviewing and improving your reading/writing and math abilities. We will have interactive and hands-on activities involving centers, puzzles, and games. We will learn about our community helpers/professionals that bless us. Most importantly, we will learn more about God's

word! We also have a trip coming up towards the end of this month to a farm! *Mrs. Ndow*





There is a lot of fun music to experience this year! Each class begins with a psalm of praise and singing to the Lord as we explore hymns and Christian music, and the history behind the songs we sing. High school students will focus on music appreciation and music theory as we study different genres of music & composers. They will also have opportunity to make their own music. Elementary and middle school will grow as music makers as we play instruments and sing to the Lord through stories and song. They will learn to work together as a team through music and movement as they play and sing worship songs each week! And....we are looking for donations of ukuleles and xylophones (not toy ones).



This year in our ELA programs we will be having reading enrichment classes for grades 3-7. We will be developing critical thinking skills in reading through inference, analysis, & citations. Grade 7 will be developing their grammar skills along with writing skills in the areas of paragraphs & essays. Grades 8-9 develop their ability to understand & use figurative language in reading & writing. They continue to develop their ability to write excellent essays as well as learning literary analysis. Grades 10-11 will become excellent writers in essays, literary analysis, and critical thinking skills. Various novels will also be read, discussed, and analyzed throughout the year for all groups. Our seniors will be working on British literature and analysis through a rigorous online program. *Mrs. Farrington*



During these first few weeks of school the different history classes will be studying assorted topics. These include an overview of different history philosophies, the beginnings of world and American history. Some will also study logical fallacies. U.S. government will be the topic for the seniors for the first half of the year. In all this we need to understand that "History is His Story." -Mr. Evans

From Michael Stephenson; Sep. 2024

*"He Who was seated on the throne said, I am making everything new." – Revelation 21:5*

It's a new year and with it are new classes with a new year of Exploring To Discover.

- ❖ We'll explore math, science and finances to discover aspects of how God has created the world we live in and how we can know Him as we learn.
- ❖ We'll explore God's Word to discover The Lord Jesus – Who He is, Why He came and how we can learn to trust Him.
- ❖ Through our time together, my prayer is that we would realize there's great joy in discovering.

Vincent van Gogh will be our first master artist studied in art class this year. Van Gogh's paintings and drawings will be our inspiration as we learn to paint florals, landscapes, life drawing and nature. We will learn color theory, art history, painting, drawing, and perspective. *Ms. Russell*

List of materials you can donate:

9 by 12 canvas (Michaels \$12.99)

Arches watercolor paper 140 lb. cold press

Pastel paper all sizes (Cheap Joe's Art Supply) or Michael's.



**PTO** (Parent Teacher Organization) hosts and helps with many events throughout the school year. Some of these include:

- Mother's Day flower sale
- Christmas Cupboard (in-school store for kids to shop for gifts)
- Concessions at home sporting events,
- Fall & Spring fundraisers
- Teacher appreciation



And more! Our next scheduled meetings are:

September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

September 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

October 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

October 22<sup>nd</sup>, time to be determined – arranging baskets for Fall Fest.

Please mark your calendars and join our family of volunteers that help support CAWNY in many ways! We are looking forward to meeting all of our new families and joining together to support our school!

Welcome our International Students

Can you name the countries?



## SPORTS NEWS

### September Soccer Games

09/10 First home game

09/12 Away at CAB

09/17 Away at SMSD

09/24 Away at Gilead

