



BRIAR MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Principal's Corner

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Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!

I am humbled and honored to lead our Briar families into this school year, my 5th as Briar's principal! Mr. Weisenberger and I continue to work to be the best versions of ourselves as we lead and serve our students and staff every single day.

Schools will most certainly continue to be the linchpin of faith, hope, and promise for the next generation of learners, and here at Briar Middle School we are committed to doing our part. Through the variety of challenges and opportunities that will take place in our building this year, I look to our amazing staff to help instill kindness, humility, grit, and a drive in our students to make the world around them a better place.

Our mission each year is to keep every child healthy, happy, and always learning as they navigate the ever-changing ups and downs of being a middle school student. If this is your first time experiencing life as a parent or guardian of a middle schooler, hold on tight and enjoy the ride! This is such a pivotal set of moments in your child's life, and this age group is truly my favorite to work with. Collectively we will laugh, we may cry, but most importantly, we will grow!

Communication and collaboration with parents and guardians are key to the success of our students. I encourage you to be actively involved in your child's education and to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas you have. Together, we can create a supportive network that enhances the learning experience for all our students. I want to extend my commitment to all of our parents and guardians as we work together to ensure a successful year for your child here at Briar. Consistent communication will be a prime factor in our work together as I strive to keep all of you informed with the latest news from our corner of Pirate Country. The *Briar Weekly* newsletter will be sent every Friday, to share updates, information, and all the great things our staff and students are doing here at the middle school.

I am looking forward to serving our school, our families, and the community through my role as your child's principal. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thank you and have a wonderful year!

Jeff Thom



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Briar Middle School
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BRIAR OPERATING HOURS:

Office Hours: 7:00-4:00pm Monday-Friday during the school year

My staff and I are here to help! Please feel free to reach out to the rest of our team:

Assistant Principal & Athletic Director: Erick Weisenberger eweisenberger@perkinsschools.org

Head Secretary: Jen Martin jmartin@perkinsschools.org

Attendance & Athletic Secretary: Bonnie Fantozzi bfantozzi@perkinsschools.org

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