



PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howard M. Phifer Middle School

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Dear Students, Parents, & Guardians,

Welcome to Howard M. Phifer Middle School. Starting middle school is an exciting journey filled with new expectations. Some of you may be feeling nervous or uncertain. **BREATHE!** We're here for you every step of the way!

What Makes 6th Grade Special?

- Earlier start to the school day - Doors open at 7:35 AM
- First time using lockers
- Uniforms with HPMS logo
- Changing classes & traveling to classes independently
- Electives
- After school Clubs & Activities

Middle School comes with its own sets of challenges. You might face academic pressure, social dynamics, or personal growth. Remember, it's normal to feel overwhelmed at first. Seek help from your family members, teachers, counselors, administrators, and friends when needed; **YOU ARE NOT ALONE.**

As you embark on your 6th grade journey, remember that Middle School is about adapting and growing. Stay organized by practicing time management and taking good notes. Join activities to build connections and maintain a positive attitude. Enjoy the journey. You will do great. **WELCOME CLASS OF 2032!**

Sincerely,

Ms. Ruth Andrade-Thomas
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