



PENNSAUKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Howard M. Phifer Middle School

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! I hope you had a restful and relaxing summer. As the Principal of Howard M. Phifer Middle School, I know the success of a school is dependent upon the hard work, dedication, and partnership that exist between school staff, parents, community members, and most importantly, the students. With our committed partnership, we will continue our success here at Phifer.

School will begin on **Thursday, September 4, 2025** and it will be a full day for students. Please note the school hours: our school day begins at **7:35am** and ends at **2:28pm**. **Bus information and lunch forms will be mailed out in the next several weeks.** Please make sure all forms have been filled out and completed for your child.

Phifer Middle School will continue with the Yondr pouch since it had a dramatic impact on classroom participation with students. Morning homeroom will end at **7:50am**. Students must be in their homeroom by 7:45am to avoid being marked late to school. **The school day ends at 2:27 pm.** We are encouraging parents NOT to pick up their students AFTER 2:00 pm.

Your child's schedule will be available in the Genesis portal on August 28, 2025. Please be sure to log in and sign all the required forms so they can gain access to their schedule. You can call the school AFTER August 28th if you need assistance. Please mark your calendars for **August 20, 2025** which will be our 6th grade Orientation and Wednesday **September 17, 2025** which is Back to School Night..

I encourage parents and guardians to visit the Phifer Middle School website at phifer.pennsauken.net and the District's site at pennsauken.net. These web pages provide information about the school's academic programs and upcoming events. The **District Calendar, Student Handbook, Dress Code, and Code of Conduct** are available on these sites. Please remember: Phifer Logo Shirts are a required part of the daily uniform. Students are allowed to wear Phifer hooded sweatshirts, but the hoods are not to be up during the school day. Please review these expectations as well as appropriate behavior in school and on the school bus with the students. We appreciate your help with these responsibilities. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at jon.reising@pennsauken.net.

I am looking forward to a very positive school year!

Sincerely yours,

Jon Reising

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