

AUTEN ROAD INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

281 Auten Road, Hillsborough, NJ 08844 • Phone 908.431.6600 • Fax 908.371.1614



Be Kind, Work Hard, & Amazing Things Will Happen!

CHRISTOPHER CAREY, Ed.D. Principal

JENNIFER BATTISTA, Vice Principal SCOTT JENSEN, Vice Principal

August 1, 2025

Dear ARIS Parents/Guardians & Students:

On behalf of the entire staff at ARIS it is my pleasure to welcome you and your family to the 2025-26 school year. As we prepare for the year ahead, I would like to provide you with information regarding our upcoming open house event, and details about student schedules, classroom supply lists, and other pertinent information which will be helpful at this point in the summer. Additional information regarding the first day of school (including arrival & departure procedures), will be provided on or around August 28.

STUDENT SCHEDULES. Your child's schedule, along with his/her team, homeroom, locker & combination will be posted via the *Genesis Parent Portal* starting **Thursday, August 20 at 2:00 p.m.** In order to access any information on the Genesis Parent Portal, upon login, you / your child will first be redirected to electronically complete our district's "*School Start Up Form*" which addresses the following:

- 1. Contact information verification
- 2. Media release/consent and public image opt out.
- 3. Health Screening Opt In/Out
- 4. Emergency Dismissal Procedures
- 5. School Handbook Acknowledgement

OPEN HOUSE. Our annual *Open House* will take place on **Wednesday, August 27** from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. During the open house, you and your child are welcome to take a self-guided tour of the building, practice opening your locker, and check in with our school nurse and/or office staff with any questions.

Please use both the front and rear lots for parking. School maps will be provided at the main entrance. Teachers will not be present as they are not scheduled to report to school until September 2.

We recognize that some families will be on vacation or unable to attend the Open House. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate requests for independent visits to tour the school, both prior to, and after August 27. Rest assured, the first day of school (September 4) students will not be changing classes. The entire first day is reserved to take an additional tour of the school with their teacher(s) and to review essential information that students will need to be successful at ARIS.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR OPEN HOUSE: Due to the historically HIGH number of visitors for our open house, we are respectfully asking that each child is accompanied by only one adult/guardian. Our school's capacity is limited, and we are not able to accommodate 3-4 extra family members per visitor. The hallways become too congested and it takes away from the experience for our students.

SUMMER READING. If your child has not started a summer reading, now is the time to get started. There are a variety of choices available across a range of reading levels and genres. For complete details, please click HERE to access the assignment for grades 5-6.

CLASSROOM SUPPLY LIST. A check-list of recommended school supplies can be found on our school's web page or you can access the list <u>HERE</u>. Individual teachers may also require an additional item or two that are specifically needed for their subject area/class.

CHROMEBOOKS. Chromebooks for all students in grades 5-12 will be available for pick-up at <u>Hillsborough</u> <u>High School</u> during the last weeks of August. Be on the lookout for more information to come out mid-August with details on the exact dates/times for Chromebook pick-up. Students who are unable to pick-up their Chromebooks prior to the start of school will receive them in school on September 4th.

BUS INFORMATION. Student Bus Information will be available on the *Genesis Parent Portal* starting the week of August 18. Please contact the Transportation Department (908-431-6600, prompt #6) if your child's bus information is not posted by August 22.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE PROGRAM. The day at ARIS for students runs from 9:05 a.m. until 3:55 p.m. Our before and after school care program is directed by *Catholic Charities*. For hours, prices, and programming details, please call: 732-934-2800. You can also visit their website by clicking <u>HERE</u> and also click <u>HERE</u> for their informational flyer.

FIFTH GRADE & NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION PRESENTATION. If you are new to Auten Road Intermediate School and/or you missed our livestream orientation last Spring, please click <u>HERE</u> to view the recording of that presentation.

SAVE THE DATE! For your planning, **Back-To-School Night** for Grade 5 will be held <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 18</u>. Grade 6 Back-To-School Night will be Thursday, <u>September 25</u>. More information will be provided on or around September 11.

FROM ARSHSA (Auten Road's Home and School Association): Following the open house, cool off and enjoy a sweet treat at Rita's in Hillsborough (Triangle Road location) on 8/27 between 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM. Rita's will donate 15% of all sales during that time to ARSHSA to support our school programs and events!

On behalf of the entire ARIS staff, I wish you and your family an enjoyable remainder of your summer!

Sincerely,

Christopher Carey, Principal