

# Pemberton Pride

The Newsletter of Pemberton Township Schools

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## THREE SCHOOLS NAMED NATIONAL SCHOOLS OF CHARACTER

Pemberton Township Schools is proud to announce that three of its learning facilities were named National Schools of Character for their outstanding character education programs.

Fort Dix Elementary School, Howard L. Emmons Elementary School and Samuel T. Busansky Elementary School were among only 36 schools throughout the United States to receive the distinct designation.

Formerly identified as the Character Education Partnership, Character.org was established in 1993 and certifies schools and districts each year at the national level that have met the rigorous standards articulated in Character.org's 11 Principles Framework for Schools. Each school is assessed by a team of trained evaluators. This criteria includes defining, implementing and embedding core values into the school culture,

using comprehensive, intentional and proactive approaches to develop character, creating a caring community, and providing students with opportunities for moral action while fostering their self-motivation.

The principles also state that ample opportunities should be provided to help individuals practice their core values and serve others in the process. Core values must be reaffirmed on a yearly basis to ensure character growth in various ways.

Samuel T. Busansky Elementary School, Howard L. Emmons and Fort Dix Elementary School were previously named National Schools of Character in 2018. The designation is valid for five years and then the schools must go through the comprehensive evaluation process to apply for the designation again.

Pemberton Township Schools' three selections were the most among any school district in New Jersey in 2023. Each of the three schools will be honored by Character.org at its next International Forum in Washington, D.C. in November.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized on the national level for character education," Pemberton Township Schools superintendent Jeff Havers said.



*Students at Busansky designed garden layouts to facilitate environmental awareness and build an outdoor learning area to enhance the campus.*

"The prestigious designations for our three schools are a product of our staff members working tirelessly to incorporate character education into the curriculum and facilitate the increase of social-emotional and character development at our schools. Our students have benefited tremendously from their efforts."



*An instructor at Emmons Elementary School helps a student with a reading assignment during an independent learning session.*



*Fort Dix student Malayah Carter is recognized by principal Darvis Holley for displaying the Marine Corps Core Values of honor, courage and commitment.*



Pemberton Learning Community: Pursuing Excellence One Child at a Time



# CONGRATULATIONS PTHS TOP 12!



AMELIA ADAMS

**Rank: 1**

**Activities:** Yearbook Club, Girls Tennis, Softball, National Honor Society

**Awards:** Scholar Athlete Award, Senator Jean Stanfield's Senior Spotlight Award, Tennis All-Star, Distinguished Honor Roll

**Future Plans:** Stockton University, Illustration and Fine Arts, Air Force National Guard



NOAH ABBOTT

**Rank: 2**

**Activities:** STEM Academy, National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, W.H.Y. Club, Robotics and Engineering Club

**Awards:** Senator Jean Stanfield's Senior Spotlight Award, 1st Place in 2022 F.B.L.A. Southern Regional Cybersecurity Exam

**Future Plans:** Rowan College at Burlington County, Liberal Arts and Sciences



RACHEL HUSSMANN

**Rank: 2**

**Activities:** Robotics and Engineering Club, Yearbook Club, National Honor Society, Student Ambassador, Girls Tennis, Swim Team, Softball

**Awards:** Four-Year Varsity Swimmer Award, Student-Athlete Award, AP Scholar with Honor, Senator Jean Stanfield's Senior Spotlight Award

**Future Plans:** Stockton University, Computer Science



JORDAN SESSLER

**Rank: 4**

**Activities:** Yearbook Club, Robotics and Engineering Club, Lasagna Love Charity

**Awards:** AP Scholar with Honor, N.J. Student of the Month, Scholastic Achievement Award, Youth Leader at American Legion Jersey Boys State

**Future Plans:** Rowan University, Biological Studies



EVAN LIN

**Rank: 5**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Future Business Leaders of America, W.H.Y. Club, Tri-M, Robotics and Engineering Club, Senior Citizens Center Volunteer

**Awards:** AP Scholar, F.B.L.A. Cybersecurity Exam Top 10

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University, Computer Science



NAYOKA PERSON

**Rank: 6**

**Activities:** Math Team

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University, Accounting and Mathematics



# LOOKING TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE!



JEANINE HAMMERLE

**Rank: 7**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, W.H.Y. Club, Girls Bowling, Girls Tennis

**Awards:** Girls Bowling MVP, Girls Tennis Hornet Award, BCSL Girls Tennis All-Star

**Future Plans:** Rowan College at Burlington County, Psychology



ELYSSA GRAVATT

**Rank: 8**

**Activities:** National Honor Society, STEM Academy

**Future Plans:** Rowan College at Burlington County



JAMES GLAPION

**Rank: 9**

**Activities:** Robotics and Engineering Club, Boys Tennis

**Awards:** AP Scholar

**Future Plans:** Rutgers University, Mechanical Engineering



EDGAR MENDOZA

**Rank: 10**

**Activities:** STEM Academy, Robotics and Engineering Club

**Awards:** STEM Award

**Future Plans:** Rowan College at Burlington County, Computer Science



ELLA SOUTH

**Rank: 11**

**Activities:** Marching Band, H.O.S.A. President, Medical Arts Academy Advisory Board Vice President, National Honor Society President, Wrestling Manager, Baseball Manager

**Future Plans:** The College of New Jersey, Chemistry



MAYA OKULEWICZ

**Rank: 12**

**Activities:** PTHS Musical, Marching Band, H.O.S.A., G.S.A., Choir, National Honor Society, Class of 2023 Officer

**Awards:** AP Student of Excellence Award

**Future Plans:** Wagner College, Nursing



# Congratulations Class of 2023!



## HELEN A. FORT EIGHTH GRADE AWARDS CEREMONIES!





# Congratulations 2022-23 National Honor Society & National Junior Honor Society Inductees!

## Helen Fort and Newcomb

### PTHS



## 2023 ATHENA CHAPTER INDUCTEES

Evelyn Campos	Madison Mangas
Angelica Cornish	Sanai Martindale
Jason Fagans	Cole McGreevy
Kinu Freeman	Evelyn Moran
Christopher Haines	Chloe Mullings
Destini Holliday	Tori Penon
Joshua Horton	Nikolaus Ryder
Zion Jackson	Cristian Tarin
Carlee Jensen	Emily Ventura

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Inductees

Victor Bayron	Jonathan Lin
Brooklyn Beam	Gabriella Lorenzo
Malayna Cintron	Tehya Murray
Demitri Donald	Raymond Myers
Javontae Donald	Grace Nasuti-Hayes
Joshua Edmond	Carson Parker
Jenevieve Espada	Jacee Roberts
Aidan Friedman	LaQuan Sheffield-Washington
John Godwin	Maryella Strengberg
Jaxson Hager	Jennifer Toll
Lily Immel	Abigail Tornetta
Sophia Krohn	Ryan Volk
Brayden Laubaugh	Joseph Wills

Addison Yacono

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Inductees

Willa Speer	Jaxsen Campbell
Cooper Delisi	Parker Miller

Edward Davis

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Inductees

Emma Connors	Rylee "Ozzie" Moore
Abigail Jackson	Sydney Taylor

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Invite Community Residents 18 & Under to Enjoy

## FREE Breakfast & Lunch!

**DATES & TIMES VARY BY LOCATION  
LOCATIONS:**

#### **Pemberton Early Childhood Education Center**

100 Arney's Mt. Rd., Pemberton

Monday – Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

#### **Stackhouse School - 125 Trenton Rd., Bldg 1, Browns Mills**

Monday – Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – August 25<sup>th</sup>

Breakfast 9:00-10:00 AM, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

#### **Pemberton Township High School - 148 Arney's Mt. Rd., Pemberton**

Monday – Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast 9:00-10:00 AM, Lunch 12:00 – 1:00

Beginning August 7<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, meals will be available

Monday through FRIDAY - Same times

#### **Denbo-Crichton Elementary School - 2 Learning Way, Browns Mills**

Monday – Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 AM, Lunch 11:30 – 12:30

**MEALS MUST BE EATEN IN THE BUILDING  
NO TAKE-OUT MEALS AVAILABLE**



**All Sites Closed July 4<sup>th</sup>**

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