

PowerSchool Parent Portal User Guide

PowerSchool Student Information System

PowerSchool

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Preface

Legend

- This guide uses the > symbol to move down a menu path. If instructed to “Click File > New > Window,” begin by clicking the File menu. Then, click New and Window. The option noted after the > symbol will always be on the menu that results from your previous selection.
- It is easy to identify notes because they are indented and prefaced by the text “**Notes.**”

Audience

This document is intended for parents and students who use PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Introduction

Welcome to PowerSchool! PowerSchool helps your school access and maintain student, staff, and schedule information. PowerSchool is a database application that runs on a server, which is the center of your student information system. PowerSchool uses the Internet to facilitate student information management and communication among school administrators, teachers, parents, and students.

PowerSchool Parent Portal is a tool that is integrated into the PowerSchool Student Information System (SIS) that is specifically developed for parents and students.

PowerSchool Parent Portal gives parents and students access to real-time information including attendance, grades and detailed assignment descriptions, school bulletins, lunch menus and even personal messages from the teacher. Everyone stays connected: Students stay on top of assignments, parents are able to participate more fully in their student's progress, and teachers can use their gradebook to make decisions on what information they want to share with parents and students.

Getting Started

To get started, you must log in to PowerSchool Parent Portal.

Open PowerSchool Parent Portal

Before you can log in to PowerSchool Parent Portal, you will need your school's PowerSchool Parent Portal URL, your username, and your password. If you do not have this information or have questions, contact your school's PowerSchool administrator.

How to Log In to PowerSchool Parent Portal

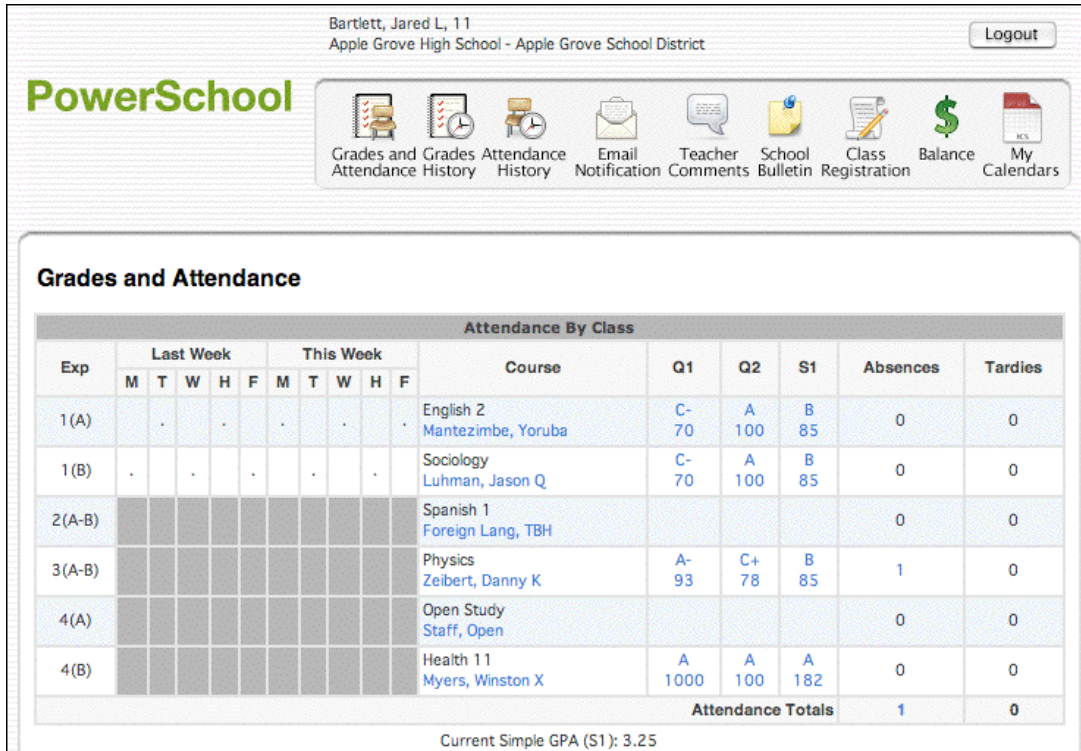
1. Open your web browser to your school's PowerSchool Parent Portal URL. The Log In page appears.



2. Enter your username in the first field.
3. Enter your password in the second field. The characters appear as asterisks (*) to ensure greater security when you log in.
4. Click **Enter**. The PowerSchool Parent Portal start page appears. For more information, see *PowerSchool Parent Portal Start Page*.

PowerSchool Parent Portal Start Page

When you log in to PowerSchool Parent Portal, the start page appears. This page serves as the central point from which you begin your PowerSchool Parent Portal session.

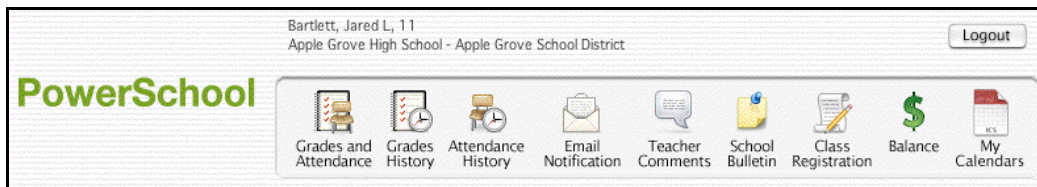


The PowerSchool Parent Portal start page consists of the following main areas:

- Navigation bar
- Main menu
- Print icon

Navigation Bar

The navigation bar appears at the top of the PowerSchool Parent Portal start page, and is common to every page in the application.



The navigation bar includes the following information:

Feature	Description
[PowerSchool Logo]	Click to return to the start page.
[Student]	The name of the student.
[School/District]	The name of the student’s school and school district.


Feature	Description
Logout	Click to log out of PowerSchool Parent Portal. For more information, see <i>Quitting PowerSchool Parent Portal</i> .
[Main Menu]	Contains links to PowerSchool Parent Portal functions. For more information, see <i>Main Menu</i> .

Main Menu

The main menu consists of several icons within the navigation bar and includes links to the following features:

Feature	Description
Grades and Attendance	Click to view student grades and attendance for the current term. For more information, see <i>Grades and Attendance</i> .
Grades History	Click to view student grades for the previous term. For more information, see <i>Grades History</i> .
Attendance History	Click to view attendance history for the current term. For more information, see <i>Attendance History</i> .
Email Notification	Click to set the e-mail notifications you can receive on a regular basis. For more information, see <i>Email Notifications</i> .
Teacher Comments	Click to view any teacher comments. For more information, see <i>Teacher Comments</i> .
School Bulletin	Click to view the current school bulletin. For more information, see <i>School Bulletin</i> .
Class Registration	Click to register for classes and view course requests. For more information, see <i>Class Registration</i> .
Balance	Click to view the current lunch balance and fee transactions. For more information, see <i>Balance</i> .
My Calendars	Click to subscribe to specific homework and event calendars. For more information, see <i>My Calendars</i> .

Print Icon

Several pages in PowerSchool Parent Portal display a print icon  at the bottom of the page. Click this icon and a printer-friendly version of the page displays in a secondary browser window. Use your browser print command to print the page.

Working with the Main Menu

Read this section to help you understand the basics of working with the main menu.

Note: You do not need to complete the activities in any particular order, but you should be familiar with all of them.

Grades and Attendance

Use this page to view the grades and attendance for the student in the current term. The legend at the bottom of the page displays the attendance and citizenship codes and their meanings.

How to View Grades and Attendance

1. On the main menu, click **Grades and Attendance**. The Grades and Attendance page appears.

Grades and Attendance																
Attendance By Class																
Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	Q1	Q2	S1	Absences	Tardies
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F						
1(A)											Health 12 Maxedon, Kerry				0	0
1(B)	.	.	.	.	.	A	.	A	.	.	Speech Lura, Colleen R	A 100	A 100	A 100	3	0
2(A)											Swimming Sand, Victor E				0	0
2(B)											Chamber Singers Berndt, Gordie E				0	0
3(A)	A	.	A	.	A	.	A	.	.	.	Current Affairs Manston, Greg T	C 75	D- 60	D+ 68	1	0
3(B)	.	A	.	A	.	A	.	A	.	.	AP American Lit and Comp Bowe, Sheldon K	C+ 78	D- 60	D+ 69	1	0
4(A-B)											Spanish 2 Visitor, Temporary				0	0
Attendance Totals													5	0		

Current Simple GPA (S1): 2.22
[Show dropped classes also](#)

Attendance By Day																
Last Week					This Week					Absences		Tardies				
M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	S1	YTD	S1	YTD			
					A	A	A			0	9	0	0			
Attendance Totals													0	9	0	0

2. To view attendance data for dropped classes, click **Show dropped classes also**.
3. To send e-mail to a teacher, click the name of the teacher.

Note: To use this function, your web browser must be properly configured to automatically open an e-mail application, and the e-mail application must be properly configured to send messages.

- To view grade details, click a grade in the term column. The Class Score Detail page appears.

Class Score Detail					
Course	Teacher	Expression	Final Grade		
Speech	Lura, Colleen R	1(B)	A 100%		
Due Date	Category	Assignment	Score	%	Grd
05/19/2006	ASMTS	SPEECH ERRORS	15/15	100	A
Grades last updated on 5/19/2006					

- To view assignment details, click an assignment under the Assignment column. The Assignment Description page appears. Use the browser **Back** button to return to the Grades and Attendance page.

Assignment Description	
Teacher	Lura, Colleen R
Course	Speech
Assignment name	SPEECH ERRORS
Description	2. Syntactic Development List 25 speech errors that you have heard and recorded over the past week.

- To view the absences or tardies for the selected class during this term, click a number in the Absences or Tardies column. The Dates of Attendance page displays all absences or tardies for that class.

Dates of Attendance
Dates of all absences for Speech Exp. 1(B) (ENG2100.4) for S1:
1. Thursday, May 25, 2006 - A
2. Monday, July 17, 2006 - A
3. Friday, July 21, 2006 - A

- To view the absences or tardies for all classes during this term, click a number in the Attendance Totals row. The Dates of Absence or Dates of Tardies page displays all absences or tardies. Use the browser **Back** button to return to the Grades and Attendance page.

Dates of Absence for S1
Open Study - Exp. 1(A)
Speech - Exp. 1(B)
1. Thursday, May 25, 2006 - A 2. Monday, July 17, 2006 - A 3. Friday, July 21, 2006 - A
Trigonometry - Exp. 2(A-B)
Current Affairs - Exp. 3(A)
1. Friday, June 16, 2006 - A
AP American Lit and Comp - Exp. 3(B)
1. Friday, June 2, 2006 - A

- 8. In the Attendance by Day section, click a number in the Absences or Tardies column. Depending on your selection, the Dates of Attendance page displays the total absences or tardies for the semester or for the year-to-date.

Dates of Attendance
Dates of all absences YTD:
1. Monday, November 20, 2006 - U 2. Tuesday, November 21, 2006 - U 3. Wednesday, November 22, 2006 - U 4. Thursday, November 23, 2006 - U 5. Friday, November 24, 2006 - U 6. Monday, January 8, 2007 - V 7. Monday, January 22, 2007 - A 8. Tuesday, January 23, 2007 - A 9. Wednesday, January 24, 2007 - A

Grades History

Use this page to view the quarter and semester grades for the student for the current term.

How to View Grades History

- 1. On the main menu, click **Grades History**. The Grade History page appears.

Grade History				
Q1				
Course	Grade	%	Cit	Hrs
Chamber Singers	A	0		0
Health 12	A	0		0
Speech	A	0		0
Swimming	A	0		0
Q2				
Course	Grade	%	Cit	Hrs
Chamber Singers	A	0		0
Health 12	A	0		0
Swimming	A	0		0
S1				
Course	Grade	%	Cit	Hrs
Speech	A	0		0

2. Click a grade in the % column. The Class Score Detail page appears.

Class Score Detail					
Course	Teacher	Expression	Final Grade		
			A (90%)		
Due Date	Category	Assignment	Score	%	Grd
No assignments found.					
Grade stored on 1/29/2007					

Attendance History

Use this page to view the attendance record for the student in the current term. The legend at the bottom of the page displays the attendance codes and their meanings.

How to View Complete Attendance Records

On the main menu, click **Attendance History**. The Attendance History page displays the student's attendance record for the current term.

Meeting Attendance History		5/15-5/19					5/22-5/26					5/29-6/2					6/5-6/9					6/12-6/16				
Course	Expression	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F
		Health 12 Maxedon, Kerry 304 E: 5/15/06 L: 5/11/07	1(A)
Speech Lura, Colleen R 115 E: 5/15/06 L: 5/11/07	1(B)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Swimming Sand, Victor E Pool E: 5/15/06 L: 11/17/06	2(A)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

Email Notifications

Use this page to select which e-mail messages you want to receive on a regular basis, including the student's grades, attendance, and assignment scores.

How to Receive Automatic E-mail Progress Reports

1. On the main menu, click **Email Notification**. The Email Notifications page appears.

Email Notifications

What information would you like to receive?

- Summary of current grades and attendance
- Detailed reports showing all assignment scores for each class
- Detailed report of attendance
- School announcements
- Balance Alert (Note: Will only be sent when a student is low on funds.)

How often? Once every two weeks

Send now?

Email Address(es)
(separate multiple email addresses with commas)

2. Use the following table to enter information in the fields:

Field	Description
What information would you like to receive?	Select any of the following checkboxes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of current grades and attendance • Detailed reports showing all assignment scores for each class • Detailed report of attendance • School announcements • Balance Alert
How often?	Use the pop-up menu to choose how often you want to receive the e-mail messages selected above.
Send now?	Select this checkbox to immediately send the e-mail messages selected above.
Email Address(es)	Enter the e-mail addresses to which you want the system to send the e-mail messages selected above. Separate multiple addresses with commas.

3. Click **Submit**. The Changes Recorded page appears.

Teacher Comments

Use this page to view any comments that teachers entered regarding items such as the student's achievement or behavior.

How to View Teacher Comments

1. On the main menu, click **Teacher Comments**. The Teacher Comments page appears.

Teacher Comments			
Exp.	Course	Teacher	Comment
1 (A)	Health 12	Maxedon, Kerry	Participates enthusiastically. Demonstrates leadership qualities.
1 (A)	Open Study	Staff, Open	
1 (B)	Speech	Lura, Colleen R	

2. To open an e-mail message to send to a teacher, click the teacher's name.

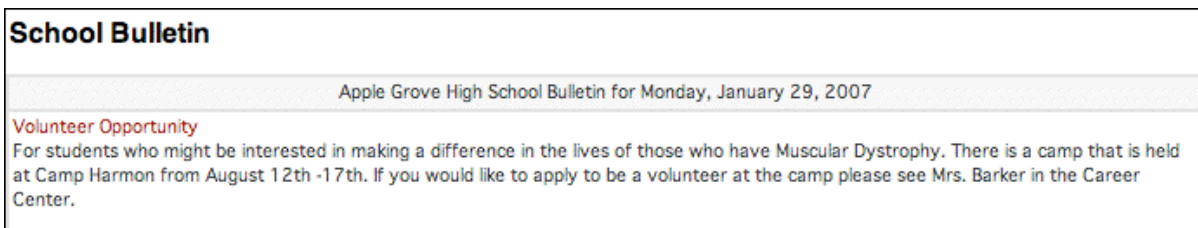
Note: To use the e-mail function, your web browser must be properly configured to automatically open an e-mail application, and the e-mail application must be properly configured to send e-mail messages.

School Bulletin

Use this page to view the daily school announcements.

How to View the School Bulletin

1. On the main menu, click **School Bulletin**. The School Bulletin page displays any messages for the current day.



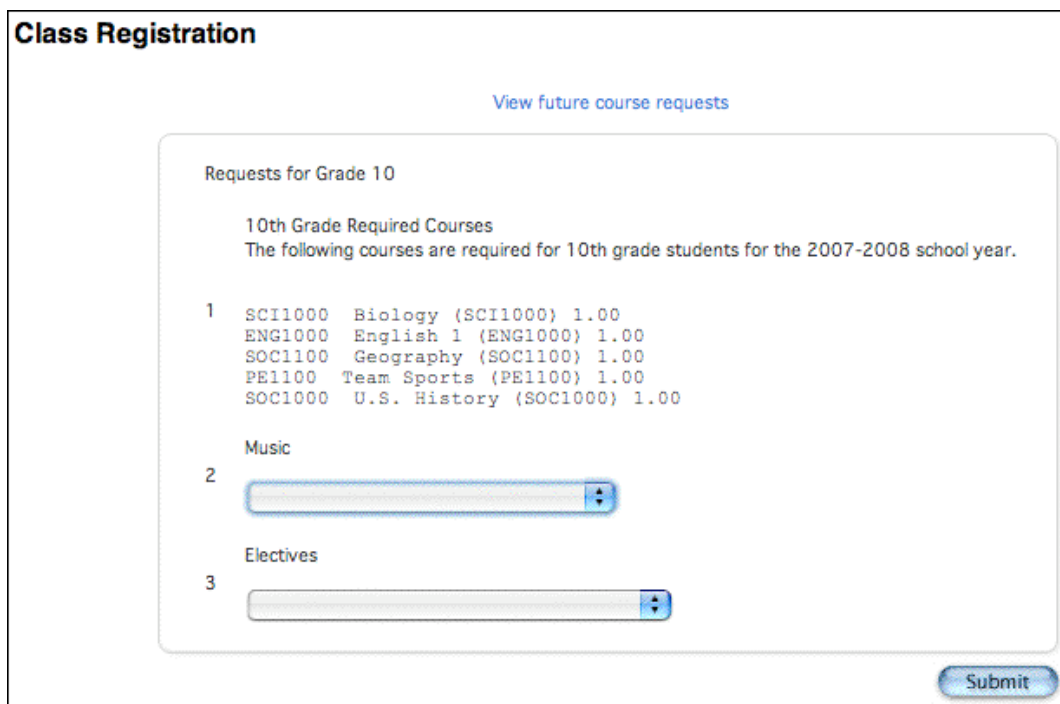
2. To view another day’s bulletin, click a date link at the bottom of the page.

Class Registration

Use this page to request classes for the next year and to view any existing course requests.

How to Register for Classes

1. On the main menu, click **Class Registration**. The Class Registration page appears.



2. Do one of the following:
 - Select the courses that you want to request for the next enrollment period from the pop-up menus. Click **Submit**. The Future Course Requests page appears.
 - Click **View future course requests**. The Future Course Requests page displays existing course requests.

Future Course Requests						
Crs Num	Course	Type	Term(s)	Cr Hrs		
1. ENG1000	English 1	Required		.		1.00
2. PE1100	Team Sports	Required		.		1.00
3. SCI1000	Biology	Required		.		1.00
4. SOC1000	U.S. History	Required		.		1.00
5. SOC1100	Geography	Required		.		1.00
6. ART2000	Studio Pottery	Elective		.		1.00
7. MUS1000	Concert Choir	Elective		.		1.00
Total Credit Hours Requested						7.00

Balance

Use this page to view lunch balance and fee transaction information for the selected student.

Note: If you are not able to access this page, contact your school for balance information.

How to View Balances

On main menu, click **Balances**. The Balances page appears. The Meal Transaction section displays the student's current lunch balance and each transaction line item.

Meal Balance							
Meal Transactions - Current Balance: \$-3.00							
Date	Time	Net	Balance	Description			
01/29/2007	4:12 PM	-3.00	-3.00	Lunch			
Fee Transactions - Current Balance: \$50.00							
Date	Time	Fee Type	Description	Fee	Paid	Balance	
05/10/2006	10:04 PM	SOY Balance	SOY Balance	5,025.00	5,025.00	0.00	
01/29/2007	4:10 PM	Athletic	Soccer Fee	50.00	0.00	50.00	
				Totals:	5,075.00	5,025.00	50.00

My Calendars

My Calendar, a personal calendar application, is a tool to help parents and students stay on top of daily events and better manage their time. Using My Calendar, you can subscribe to and receive homework and school event information in the form of a calendar on your desktop computer. With My Calendar, you can:

- Subscribe to calendars to keep up with homework assignments, grades, school events, and more.
- View more than one calendar at a time from within a single unified window to quickly identify schedule conflicts and pockets of free time.

- Keep your priorities straight with a built-in To Do list.

IMPORTANT: In order to use My Calendar, you must first have iCal installed on your computer. You will need Mac OS X version 10.2.3 or later to use iCal. iCal is available as a free download. For more information, visit the Apple Inc. website at www.apple.com/ical.

How to Subscribe to Calendars

1. On main menu, click **My Calendars**. The My Calendars page appears.

My Calendars

My Calendars operates in conjunction with iCal, a personal desktop calendar application. iCal runs on any Macintosh computer with Mac OS X v10.2.3 or later. It is recommended that you install Mac OS X v10.2.3 before downloading iCal. Visit [iCal's](http://www.apple.com/ical) web site to obtain a free download of iCal.

Homework Calendars

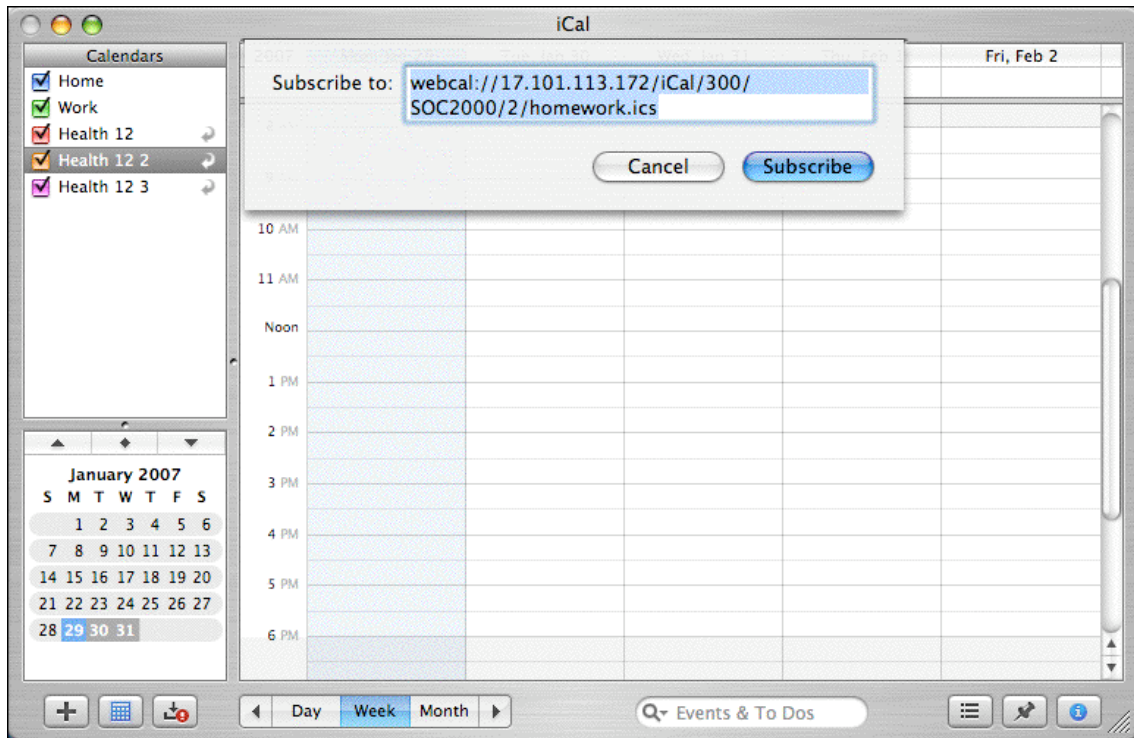
Exp	Course	Teacher	Class Assignments Only	Class Assignments With My Scores and Final Grades*
1 (A)	Health 12	Maxedon, Kerry	Subscribe	Subscribe
1 (A)	Open Study	Staff, Open	Subscribe	Subscribe
1 (B)	Speech	Lura, Colleen R	Subscribe	Subscribe
2 (A-B)	Trigonometry	Taylor, Steven M	Subscribe	Subscribe
3 (A)	Current Affairs	Manston, Greg T	Subscribe	Subscribe
3 (B)	AP American Lit and Comp	Bowe, Sheldon K	Subscribe	Subscribe
4 (A-B)	AP Calculus	Carlson, Steven N	Subscribe	Subscribe
4 (A-B)	Physics	Martin, Gabriel U	Subscribe	Subscribe

*Subscription requests for calendars with assignment scores and final grades will require your PowerSchool username and password.

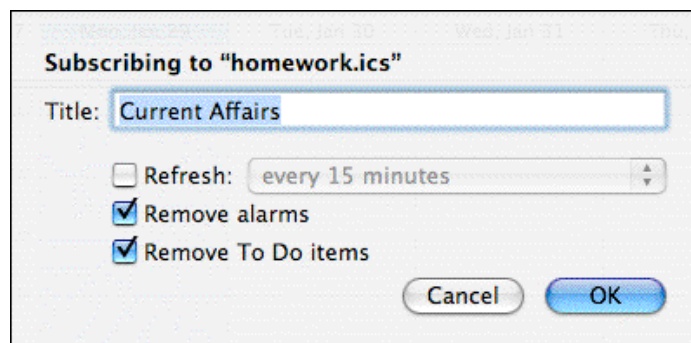
School Calendars

School Event Calendar - [Subscribe](#)

2. Click **Subscribe** in the Class Assignments Only column to receive the class assignments calendar. The iCal application opens, and the Subscribe To screen appears.



3. The calendar URL is automatically populated in the Subscribe to text box. Click **Subscribe**. The Subscribing to <calendar name> screen appears.



4. Use the following table to enter information in the applicable fields:

Field	Description
Title	By default, the system automatically populates this field with the class name.
Refresh	Select this checkbox to receive updated data, such as new homework assignments, grades, or school events, for the selected calendar. If you select this checkbox, use the pop-up menu to choose the refresh timeframe. It is recommended that you either select daily or weekly.
Remove Alarms	This function does not apply to My Calendar.

Field	Description
Remove To Do Items	By default, this checkbox is selected, and the system does not display the To Do List. Deselect the checkbox to enable the To Do List, which displays student homework assignments.

5. Click **Subscribe**. The calendar appears in iCal.
6. Click **Subscribe** in the Class Assignments With My Scores and Final Grades column. The iCal application opens, and the Subscribe To screen appears.
7. Click **Subscribe**. The Authentication screen appears.
8. Enter your PowerSchool Parent Portal username and password. Click **OK**. The Subscribe to <calendar name> screen appears. See Steps 4 and 5 for additional information.

How to View My Calendars in iCal

Each of the calendars you subscribe to appear in the Calendars lists section of iCal. Note the colored checkbox next to each calendar. If the checkbox next to a calendar is selected, the information contained within that calendar displays within the calendar view as the color of the checkbox. To view information about an item in the calendar view, click the item and information about the item appears in the Info drawer.

If you have subscribed to any of the Homework Calendars, outstanding assignments appear as items on your student's To Do List. Click any of the To Do List items to view information about that item in the Info drawer.

Quitting PowerSchool Parent Portal

Log Out of PowerSchool Parent Portal

When you are finished working in PowerSchool Parent Portal, it is important to log out of the application, which can be done from any page in the application.

Note: If you are not actively working in PowerSchool Parent Portal, your session may time out. If so, you need to log in again.

How to Log Out of PowerSchool Parent Portal

On the main menu, click **Logout**. The Log In page appears. You must enter your username and password again to redisplay the PowerSchool Parent Portal start page.