

Dear CPS Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are almost through December and are about to conclude 2023! It seems we were just putting away our beach chairs and preparing for a new school year and the arrival of our students. Now, warmer weather is behind us and the school year is in full swing.

The district's strategic initiative to develop a state-of-the-art student information system to serve as our educational hub is rigorous and comprehensive, and please allow me to take this opportunity to share updates on our building, configuring, and implementing our new Student Information System (SIS) **PowerSchool** and our progress on this endeavor.

Beginning in the fall 2023, the SIS implementation team began its journey to build our PowerSchool ecosystem for our students, staff and families. Throughout September, we successfully built our web-based system, and readied it to accept a myriad of data and information. In October and November, we imported our current student body and their demographic information, our teachers' and staff information, each school's course catalogs, student and teacher schedules, three years of historical grading and achievement data, grading standards and skills for our PreK-5th grade schools, and configured our attendance taking and notification portals.

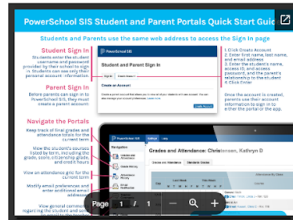
Also, we've prepared and are ready to launch our new online Enrollment solution for students and families new to our district. This feature integrates seamlessly with our new system, and our new to Canton families can expect smooth operations and streamlined communication during their enrollment processes.

In December, the SIS implementation team built the Parent/Guardian and Student web based portal. In this portal, parents/guardians can receive daily, weekly, or monthly automated email progress reports about their child, in addition to accessing information at any time via PowerSchool. Parents enter PowerSchool via the secured public portal, and as with the rest of PowerSchool, it is accessible anytime, anywhere from a computer or mobile device with an Internet connection. The public portal provides easy online access to communicate with teachers and school personnel regarding grades and attendance, financial balances, calendars, and much more! We've also developed a CPS PowerSchool Family Site that guides parents/guardians on how to create an account and navigate the web-based portal and mobile app. Below is a sneak peak! Later in the spring, we'll share with families through emails, videos, and documents how to access the link and set up their accounts. We also plan to host evening workshops if folks need support in setting up their portal access.



Welcome! This website was created to provide students and their families with information regarding the Canton Public Schools' new Student Information System - PowerSchool.

If this is your first time using PowerSchool, we invite you to check out the Quick Start Guide below!



And once we return from winter break, our PowerSchool Scheduling Team for our secondary schools will be formally trained by PowerSchool on how to prepare our system to build master schedules. In preparation for our work ahead, we've set up our system for teachers to submit their course recommendations and students to submit their course selections directly in PowerSchool! We anticipate this will allow for a more efficient scheduling process. Course selections and recommendation training videos and resources are already developed for our teachers and students, and soon we'll share these resources with teachers and students and guide them through this process.

We are currently in the heart of building our Special Programs application, which will allow access and management of documentation for families for our students on learning plans (IEPs, 504s, etc.) directly within PowerSchool.

We are right on schedule in our implementation of PowerSchool and we will continue to monitor our work on upcoming tasks, managing our project, and staying true to our timeline. Staff training by PowerSchool will occur often after winter break, and as the year progresses, we'll continue to share news and updates.

Before we wish you all a restful winter break with families and friends, please enjoy a few photos of our PowerSchool SIS! We look forward to a smooth implementation of PowerSchool in **July, 2024**.

Here's the main landing page for Administrators and Main Office Administrative Assistants:

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS Administrator interface. The top navigation bar includes the PowerSchool SIS logo, a search bar, and user information (JF). The left sidebar contains navigation links: People, Attendance, Health, School Enrollment, Courses and Programs, Data and Reporting, District Management, System Management, and Applications. The main content area is titled 'Start Page' and features a 'Students' dropdown menu, a search bar, and a 'Current Student Selection (0)' section. Below this is a 'Daily Bulletin - Monday, December 18, 2023' section with a legend for 'No bulletin items were found for this date.' The right sidebar shows 'Quick Data' with an 'Incident Count' chart and a 'View Incidents' link.

Here's a Teacher's landing page:

The screenshot shows the PowerSchool SIS Teacher interface. The top navigation bar includes the PowerSchool SIS logo, a search bar, and user information (JG). The left sidebar contains navigation links: Navigation, PowerTeacher Pro, Start Page, Daily Bulletin, Schedule, Staff Directory, Forms, Meals, Reports, Recommendations, Bell Schedule, Enhanced Referrals, New Referral, and Referral Review. The main content area is titled 'Current Classes' and displays a table of classes with columns for Exp, Course, Attendance Status, Take Attendance, Multi-Day Attendance, Seating Chart, Submit Lunch Counts, Student Information, and Print Class Reports. The table lists several classes, including 'US History 1 H' and 'Street Law CP', each with a 'PowerTeacher Pro' link.

Exp	Course	Attendance Status	Take Attendance	Multi-Day Attendance	Seating Chart	Submit Lunch Counts	Student Information	Print Class Reports
P2(D1) P3(D2) P4(D3) P5(D4) P6(D5) P1(D7)	US History 1 H PowerTeacher Pro							
P3(D1) P4(D2) P5(D3) P6(D4) P1(D6) P2(D7)	US History 1 H PowerTeacher Pro							
P5(D1) P6(D2) P1(D4) P2(D5) P3(D6) P4(D7)	US History 1 H PowerTeacher Pro							
P6(D1) P1(D3) P2(D4) P3(D5) P4(D6) P5(D7)	US History 1 H PowerTeacher Pro							
P1(D2) P2(D3) P3(D4) P4(D5) P5(D6) P6(D7)	Street Law CP PowerTeacher Pro							
P1(D2) P2(D3) P3(D4) P4(D5) P5(D6) P6(D7)	Street Law H PowerTeacher Pro							

Here's an example of the Parent/Guardian Portal:

Grades and Attendance

Grade History

Attendance History

Email Notification

Teacher Comments

Forms

School Bulletin

Class Registration

Balance

My Schedule

School Information

Grades and Attendance

Standards Grades

Attendance By Class												
Exp	Last Week					This Week					Course	
	M	T	W	H	F	M	T	W	H	F		
P1(D1) P2(D2) P3(D3) P4(D4) P5(D5) P6(D6)											Physics CP ✉ Email Parker, Stephanie - Rm: 156	
P2(D1) P3(D2) P4(D3) P5(D4) P6(D5) P1(D7)											Spanish 3 CP ✉ Email LeClair, Alicia - Rm: 424	
P3(D1) P4(D2) P5(D3) P6(D4) P1(D6) P2(D7)											Wellness11 ✉ Email Coleman, Kathleen - Rm: 139	
P4(D1) P5(D2) P6(D3) P1(D5) P2(D6) P3(D7)											Algebra 2 CP ✉ Email Sutherland, Olivia - Rm: 247	
P5(D1) P6(D2) P1(D4) P2(D5) P3(D6) P4(D7)											English 3 CP ✉ Email Hahn, Rebecca - Rm: 403	
P1(D2) P2(D3) P3(D4) P4(D5) P5(D6) P6(D7)											US History 2 H ✉ Email Eromin, Michael - Rm: 142	

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