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Date: February 5, 2007  
To: Huntington School Parents  
From: Stephen Choi, Director of Technology  
Re: Parent Portal Guide



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We are pleased to announce the pilot launch of the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

The following information is provided to you as a guide to assist you in using Parent Portal. Since our implementation of PowerSchool this past summer, we have made significant changes in how we operate in order to facilitate the communication of valuable information, such as attendance and grades.

Although Parent Portal provides an intuitive interface, I have attached the following guide to enhance your experience. Please keep in mind that this is a pilot launch of Parent Portal and we are working towards understanding all the features in order to maximize the use of this technology.

Parent Portal will only become successful through the combined efforts of our teachers, administrators and you. Your feedback is always appreciated and I encourage you to email them directly to me at [pspilot@smusd.us](mailto:pspilot@smusd.us)

If you need to obtain your username / password, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting student achievement through the use of technology.

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## What is Parent Portal?

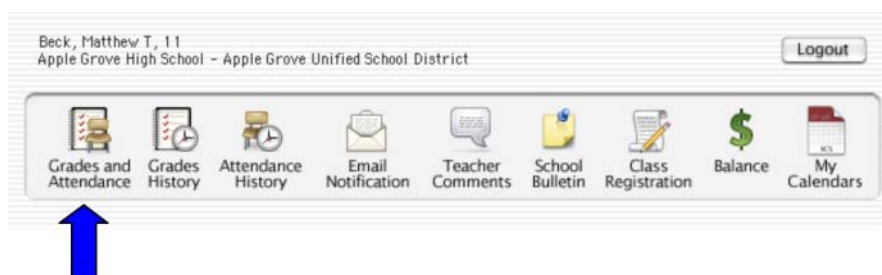
PowerSchool, a web-based student information system, empowers all stakeholders to focus on the real job at hand, optimizing student achievement of each and every student. By providing real-time visibility to the key determinants of a student's success, such as Attendance, grades, and discipline, stakeholders can be much more proactive in monitoring a students' progress.

The lynchpin of this approach is parental involvement. Study after study has validated the fact that active parental interest and participation in their child's education is THE single most important determinant of a student's achievement. It is not a student's ethnicity, gender, or even economic status that will influence academic achievement. It is the active interest and involvement of the parents and guardians to their child's schoolwork and activities on a daily basis that will ultimately underwrite student progress. This is where the PowerSchool Parent Portal comes in to play, so lets take a look!

Please visit <http://ps.smusd.us> and login with your designated username and password.

## PowerSchool Parent Portal

Once logged into the system, students and parents will see a variety of options to view across the top of the page. This page that initially appears is called the Grades and Attendance Screen.



On the Grades and Attendance page, a parent or student can get a real-time view of last and this week's attendance by period, as well as total absences by period for the current term, and past terms. These absent and tardy totals are clickable, and will reveal the dates of each attendance event.

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### Class Score Detail

Course	Teacher	Expression	Final Grade
Chemistry I	Brachmeyer, Dan	3(A)	3 85%

**PARENTS - I WILL POST NEW ASSIGNMENT GRADES ON THE SECOND AND LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH.**

**CREDENTIAL:** Single Subject Teaching Credential  
**CREDENTIAL DATE:** 12/15/1994  
**UNIVERSITY:** San Jose State University  
**DEGREE:** Bachelor of Arts  
**DEGREE DATE:** 06/17/1992  
**MAJOR:** Liberal Studies  
**MINOR:** Music

General Chemistry I is a study of the fundamental theories and principles of chemistry. Topics include measurement, atomic structure, chemical bonds, chemical reactions, stoichiometry, solutions, and acids and bases. *STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HANDLE DANGEROUS CHEMICALS.*

View an interactive Periodic Table of Elements at this site, and find links to additional material.

Due Date	Category	Assignment	Score	%	Grd
05/17/2005	Chemistry	Homework #1	21/25	84	B
05/20/2005	Chemistry	Quiz #1	22/25	88	B+
05/24/2005	Chemistry	Homework #2	17/25	68	D+
05/27/2005	Chemistry	Quiz #2	24/25	96	A
06/02/2005	Chemistry	Homework #3	23/25	92	A-
06/07/2005	Chemistry	Homework #4	21/25	84	B
06/10/2005	Chemistry	Test #1	84/100	84	B

Next, the student's parents might want a quick view of grades from previous terms. This will enable them to better understand their kids overall grade point average and, again, better understand where to apply some time and energy to beef up a child's weak subject or topic areas.

**Note:** The grades displayed on the Grades History screen ONLY represent final grades for classes in the past. It does not display classes currently in session.

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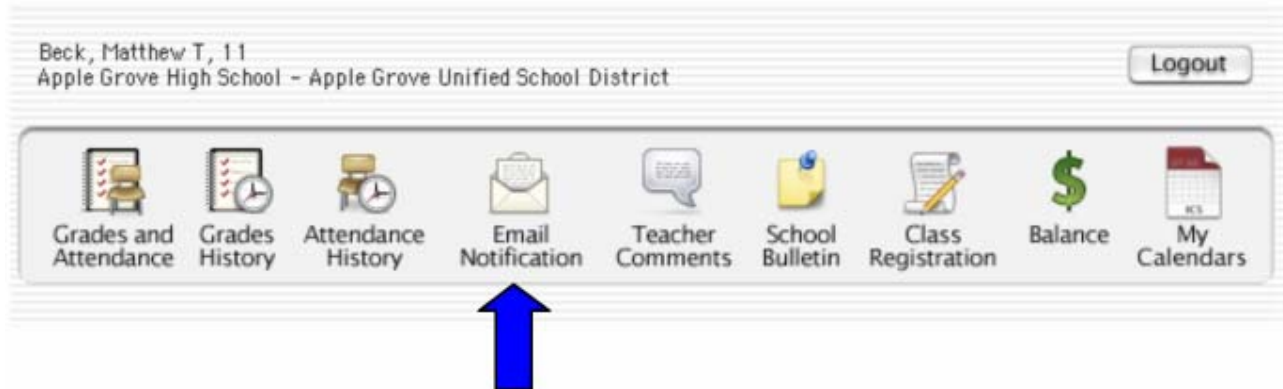
A blue arrow points to the Attendance History icon.

Next, the student's parents might want a quick view of attendance history. This will enable them to better understand any attendance patterns that may be impacting their performance, such as excessive absences or tardiness in a particular class.

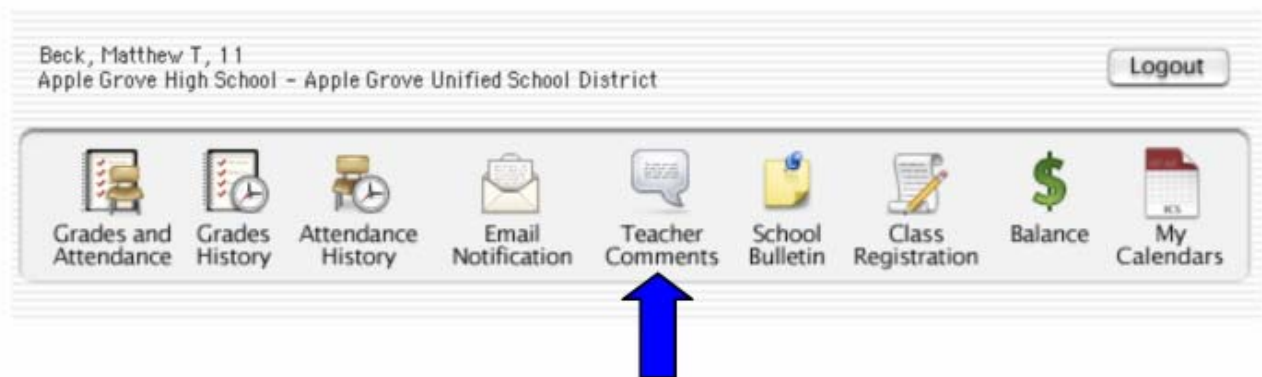
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Email updates can also be scheduled automatically, and might include other parents, noncustodial parents, aunts, uncles, grand parents, and so on. This is an extremely popular and powerful tool that will enable parents to really keep a pulse on what is going on with their child at school.



Next, the student's parents might want to view any teacher comments that have been posted. Again, this will enable parents to really keep a pulse on what is going on in each individual class.

The remaining features are currently not active in this pilot launch. We hope to incorporate School Bulletin, Class Registration, Balance and My Calendars in the near future.