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Greetings Parents/Guardians/Students,

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In an effort to increase and improve communication between students, teachers and families on student growth and performance, we are launching the PowerSchool Parent Portal. This is an easy to use web-based information system that can be accessed anytime of the day. Access to your child's information is password protected and will enable students and parents to monitor progress and performance in school. PowerSchool is a great communicative tool, but remember that any questions you have about your student should still be answered by calling and meeting with teachers, counselors, or administrators.

Parent Portal Features:

- Daily attendance updates
- Student grades on assignments, overall grades, and comments from teachers
- Bi- monthly grading updates on progress report dates (see handbook for dates)
- Ability for your child to better monitor his/ her success and make appropriate decisions about his/ her learning.
- As with progress reports, this tool should provide you a way to start a conversation with your child about progress and performance.

Grades will be updated consistently with progress report dates. If you wish to have more feedback than is provided by the Parent Portal please talk directly with your child or contact your student's teachers. This tool should not replace important face to face communication between teachers, families and students.

Next Steps:

Please attend one of the training dates list below. At the training you will be given a password and account username. Please let Jane Langdell know if you will need to attend a session other than that provided for your student's grade level. The website will be live and open to parents and guardians after your training date. If you are unable to attend the January training dates, individual trainings can be scheduled after February 1st.

<i>Trainings:</i>	Tuesday, January 19 nd	5:30 PM at PAML (6 th Grade families)
	Wednesday, January 20 th	5:30 PM at PAML (7 th Grade families)
	Thursday, January 28 th	5:30 PM at PAML (8 th Grade families)

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming training.

Sincerely,

Wendy K Baker