

Safe Arrival Parent Portal

Introduction

York Region District School Board is pleased to be piloting *a new, more efficient* student absence reporting system. This new system will reduce the time it takes to verify student attendance making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences. In addition to our toll free number, we are now offering parents the convenience of reporting student absences through the Internet.

You can now report student absence quickly and conveniently in one of two ways:

- 1. Parents can log into a website, yorkrdsb.schoolconnects.com to access a Safe Arrival Parent Portal where an account can be set up to report absences.
- 2. If you have an Android or Apple device, you can also download the SafeArrival app. You can go to the Google Play store or the Apple App and search using the keyword "safearrival" (one word) to download the Synrevoice SafeArrival app. Use district code yorkdsb for York Region District School Board.
- 3. Parents can call into an automated interactive telephone system via a toll free number (1-855-203-2994) through which absences can be reported.

Both methods will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Therefore future absences may be reported ahead of time, i.e.; Doctor's appointment.

In addition, we will also be introducing an automated notification system to contact parents who have not reported their child absent. The automated notification system will contact parents at multiple contact numbers until one of the designated contacts is reached. If our system is unable to reach a designated contact after 15 minutes, office staff will follow up. By reporting your child absent in advance using the Safe Arrival toll free number or Safe Arrival Parent Portal website, you will not receive a call.

The benefit of using the Safe Arrival website is that you may report your child's absences, update your contact phone numbers and email addresses should they change, as well as review messages sent through our SchoolConnects system.

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Activating Your Parent Portal Account

When parents click on the link in the email invitation, they are brought to the parent portal website.

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Parents must enter one of the following pieces of information contained in the email into the "Login Name" field:

- Name
- Phone number
- Email address

Parents enter their password from the invitation into the "Password" field. Once this information is entered correctly, a popup screen appears that steps the user through the authentication process.

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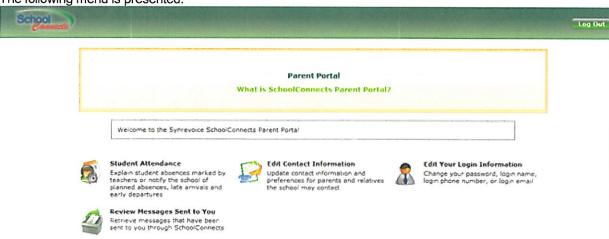


The authentication process involves SchoolConnects emailing a 6 digit confirmation number to the parent login email. The confirmation number must be entered into the "Please input the authentication code" field.



Once the confirmation number is entered correctly on-screen, the account is authenticated and the user enters the parent portal.

The following menu is presented:



Parents can update their contact information, report a student absence or edit their login information.

Reporting an Absence using Parent Portal

To report an absence, a parent clicks on the "Student Attendance" icon and the following screen appears:



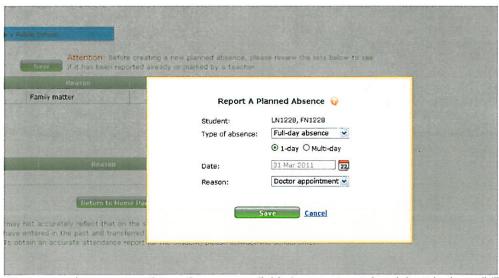
Explain Absence / Report Planned Absence 🕡

There are no marked absences.

Click on student name to select student: Vanessa Miller TRAINING SCHOOL Attention: Before reporting a new planned absence, please review the lists below to New Planned Absences: 2 see if it has been reported already or marked by a teacher. Edit Date Entered By Absent full day Mark Miller 7 Nov 26 Weather 3:08 PM * Nov 22 7 Nov 23 Absent full day Illness Nov 22 3:01 PM Pt514 Absences Marked by Teachers: 0 Date Incident - Periods

Note: The attendance data on this screen may not accurately reflect that on the students official record. The reason displayed for each incident is according to what the students parent(s) have entered in the past and transferred to the official student records. However, changes made to the official records may not be reflected here. To obtain an accurate attendance report for the student, please contact the school office.

To report an absence, the parent clicks on the "new" button and the following screen appears:



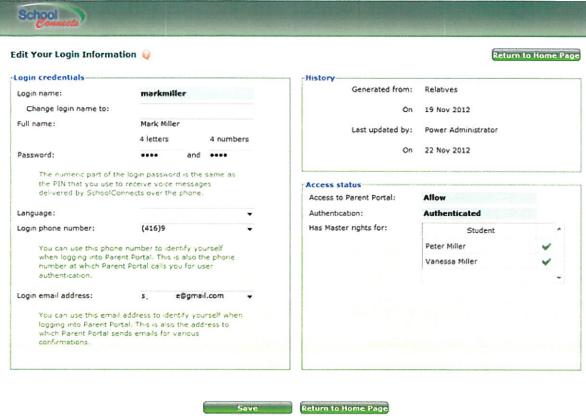
(The same absence reporting options are available in parent portal and the telephone IVR.) Absences reported through the parent portal appear in the daily attendance report.

When parents report an absence through the parent portal or through the telephone interactive voice response system (IVR) and there is an email address on file with any or all parents, an email confirmation message will be sent to all email addresses, one email for each day absent.

Update Login Information

Parents can change their login information by clicking on the "Edit Your Login Information" icon and the following screen appears:





In this screen, parents can change their:

- Password
- Login name
- Login phone number
- Login email address

When creating a new password, the password MUST contain 4 alpha characters followed by 4 numeric characters. The numeric characters serve as the parent's PIN. The PIN will be requested by SchoolConnects if the parent receives an automated attendance call from SchoolConnects.

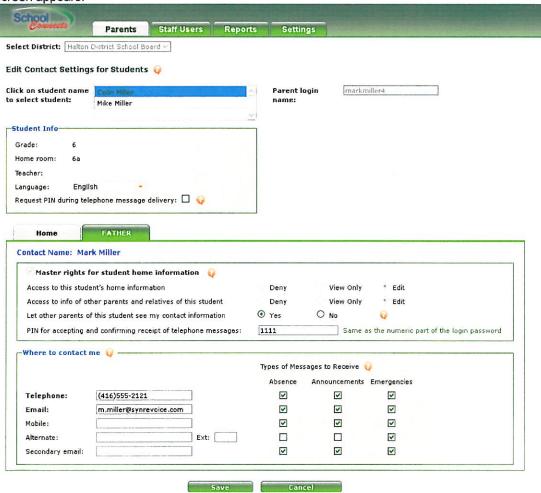
If parents experience a problem logging in, they can click on a link and have their password or user name emailed to them. Parents can login using the login name they were assigned (or modified), their login email address or their login telephone number.





Update Contact Information

To update parent contact information, parents click on the "edit contact information" icon and the following screen appears:



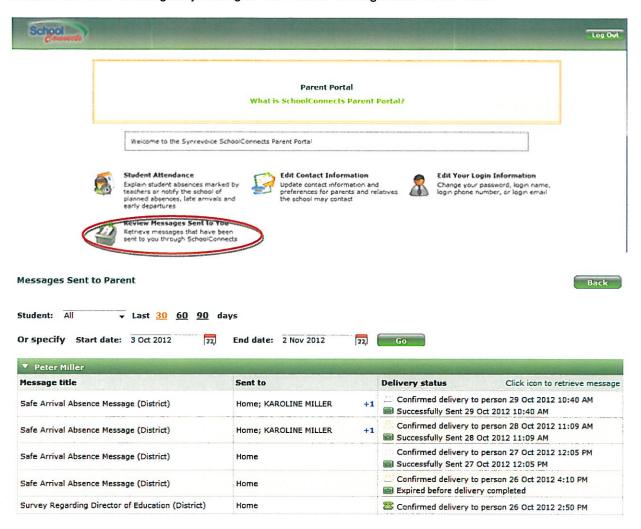
Parents can check off which phone numbers SchoolConnects calls for absence, general announcements and emergency messages.

Information entered by parents is automatically updated in the SchoolConnects Address Book. This information is also protected from change during the daily The Student Management System Address Book update.



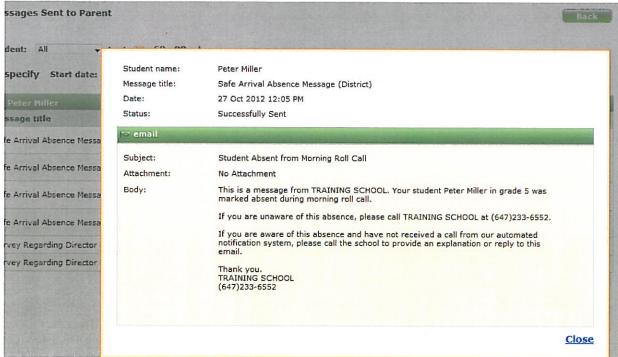
Reviewing Messages Sent Via SchoolConnects

Parents can review messages by clicking on the "Review Messages Sent to You" icon.

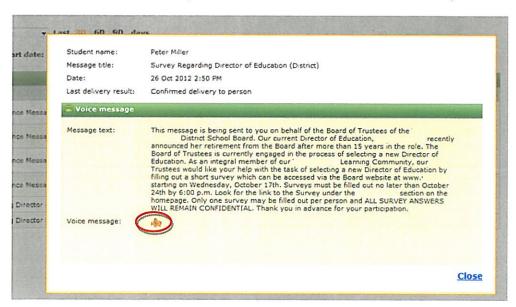


Within this module, email messages can be reviewed by clicking on the the green envelope icon.





If parents click on the green telephone icon, they can listen to messages and review the text of your message onscreen. Apple Quicktime player must be installed in order to listen to messages.



By clicking on the speaker icon, the message will be loaded and played in Quicktime.

Logout of the Parent Portal

Click the Logout button in the upper right hand corner of the Parent Portal window, and choose OK.