

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL  
Going Paperless  
Effective 2016-2017 School Year

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We are excited to announce that beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, Columbia High School will be going paperless. For students and parents in Grades 9-12, all school and student information will be communicated electronically. In addition to our school website, student information will be available through the district's Parent and Student Portals. Report cards will be sent via email.

"Making the move to a paperless reporting system has many benefits," said Columbia High School Principal, Mr. John Sawchuk. "Not only does going paperless save money in terms of printing and postage, but provides access to student attendance, homework, report card grades, midterm reports, and schedules." Mr. Sawchuk also notes that because the information will be communicated electronically throughout the year, parents no longer need to worry about missing pertinent documentation such as report cards. The portal is an incredible tool for engaging parents and students in the day-to-day happenings of our school building, and gives parents the ability to stay immediately informed about their child's education unlike ever before. School calendars, exam dates, and newsletters are posted on the district website as well.

Because report cards will now be sent via email, parents will need to have a valid email address on file. If you did not provide us with an email address on your child's verification form sent home at the beginning of the year, please call the Guidance Office at 207-2020 to provide this information.

The dates for viewing report cards, midterms and class schedules will be posted on the district website. Notifications and reminders may also be received via e-mail blasts, Facebook and Twitter.

In addition, this summer we will launch a new mobile app to provide even more convenience for parents and students. This new app will allow access to student information, creating better communication, collaboration and success for your child's learning experience.

We are very excited to implement paperless initiative as so many districts in the Suburban Council have already done. In our world of increasing technology and in line with environmental conservation, we appreciate your cooperation.