



Darwell School



Dear Parents/Guardians,

By now you will have received information that the teachers at Darwell School are piloting a new reporting system for student progress called PowerSchool. This means that it is new to all of us and we are learning along with you. Our teachers have worked hard to provide you with information about how your child is doing in all subject areas. We believe that this digital tool will allow parents to be more informed.

Please find attached to your child's progress report an important information page about how to log in to PowerSchool. There you will find usernames and passwords that will allow you to log in to the system. If you have previously logged into PowerSchool the password that you have created is still active and the password on the information page will not apply to you.

The purpose of logging in to the Parental Portal is to allow parents the opportunity to see up-to-date information on academic progress for their child. Parents will see assessments that teachers are putting into the system and how their child is doing. Our hope is that this will give parents more timely information and it will help all of us be more proactive in helping our students be academically successful.

This digital system will be replacing printed progress reports (report cards) that in the past were sent home. This gives parents the opportunity to log in at any time and see what progress is being made. On this report you will only see the overall general outcomes for each subject. Once you log in to the system, you will be able to select a general outcome and see all of the specific concepts that were covered to date. You will also be able to see the assignments that were used to determine that grade. To do this, across from the subject you wish to view, you will click on Y1. This will allow you to see the assignments that were used to determine that grade.

If you are unable to go online to view the progress report or you wish to receive a paper copy, please contact the school so that a progress report can be printed any time or at the next reporting period, which in this case will be March 24, 2017. Only those parents/guardians who request a printed report will receive one. At the last day of school a final progress report will be printed and sent home with students.

The digital progress report will be progressive in that it will constantly add outcomes as they are covered in class. Progress on outcomes will be updated as new assessments are completed.

In order to help parents learn how this new reporting system works, we are inviting all parents to: 1.) view a "How To Video" by visiting <http://bit.ly/NGPSPortal> 2.) visit our school website at darwellschool.ca OR 3.) come out to the school on one of the dates/times listed below. During this time, we will assist parents in logging into the system and taking them through the steps of getting detailed information about how their child is doing in each subject. This will only take about 15 minutes. It is important that parents bring their username and password which is found on the letter enclosed with the progress report.

Tuesday, November 29th - 1:00 - 3:00, Wednesday, November 30th - 10:00 - 3:00, and Thursday, December 1st - 10:00 - 12:00

If you are unable to come to the school during the times/dates above, please drop by the school at any time and we will have someone go through the process with you.

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