

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

August 30, 2016

Dear Families,

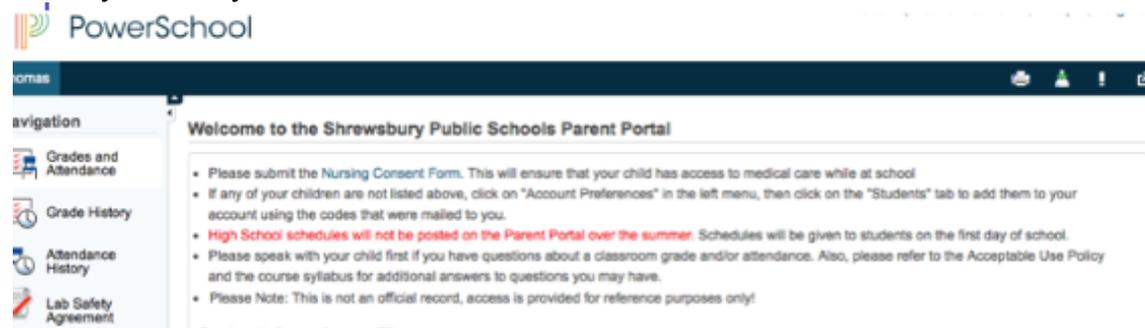
Not even Red Sox fans could be more excited about an Opening Day. Thanks so much for helping your children to prepare for a strong start. I was impressed by our students' level of readiness and engagement. In classrooms, in the lunchroom, and in the hallways your children showed both kindness and effort. We'll work to reinforce these two qualities all year, beginning with the first full day for Kindergarten tomorrow.

Leading a school provides lots of opportunities to work on systems, and to improve the routines that support healthy school communities. You'll likely hear about at least one of them today. I'm calling it "silent ten". Students enter the cafeteria to the sight and sounds of waves on the beach and quiet music. (If you imagine spa surroundings, you'll know the effect we're aiming for). After ten minutes of tranquility we transition to quiet talking. In this way we hope to provide calm, encourage eating, and provide each student with both "down time" and opportunities for social interactions in a setting that can sometimes get stressful. Ask your child about it, and know that we will seek student feedback as we work to get closer creating a relaxing lunchroom experience for everyone.

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:



The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.

Thanks again for all your efforts. Savor the remainder of summer. I look forward to reconnecting with you again now that we're anticipating autumn.

Sincerely,