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About Release 93_2 for MyBackpack

Please contact Support@senior-systems.com if you have any questions about any of these new features.

Admin Community

Broadcast Email

When selecting recipients for an email blast, by default the program would select all Student Groups where the Student Group Type = Current Student. This default has now been removed so schools can easily select just the Student Groups that they need.

The following fields are now merge field choices in Student/Parent Broadcast Email Templates: Homeroom, Locker Block, Locker Block Description, Locker Number, Locker Combination.

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The screenshot displays the 'Email Template Maintenance' interface. At the top, there are input fields for 'Template Name:', 'Subject:', and 'BCC:'. Below these is an 'Attachment:' section with a '+ Add a File' button. A 'Select merge fields' section contains a dropdown menu set to 'Current year merge fields' and a checkbox for 'Summer School Template'. A rich text editor toolbar is visible, and a 'Merge Field' dropdown menu is open, showing the following options: 'Homeroom', 'Locker Block', 'Locker Block Description', 'Locker Number', 'Locker Combination', 'Link to Published Document', and 'Link to My Documents Page'.

Accounts Receivable & Registrar Custom fields (50 each) are now merge field choices in Student/Parent Email Templates.

Student Email address is now a merge field choice in Student/Parent & Online Billing Broadcast Email Templates.

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Template Name:

Subject:

BCC:

Attachment: Add a File

Select merge fields Current year merge fields ▾ ☐ Summer School Template

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Merge Field dropdown menu:

- Preferred Name Possessive
- Student Full Name
- Student Suffix
- Student ID
- Student Email
- Family ID
- Parent Title

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Faculty Community

My Students

Faculty can now view Student Media for all students (with the usual Media Security Group access) – there is no longer a requirement to be connected to the student.

Faculty can now view their student's GPA values as Students/Parents were able to previously.

Added a multi-select option for Marking Periods on several screens within the Faculty Student Detail screen - via Student Directory (for Faculty) and also for Parents on Student Discipline & Daily Assignments and Comments.

Faculty can now view Activities in View My Students. New security keys have been added to control access (Faculty > My Students > Student Directory Details > Student Activities & Student Activities (advisor/homeroom only)).

The View Students Attendance screen now has the ability to select specific marking periods for attendance. This is specifically helpful if you are looking to see a student's attendance by term.

An Alert indicator (*) has been added to key student screens in MyBackpack to let Faculty know that an important message has been entered on a child's student record (Alert field on the Name tab). It can be seen on Gradebook and Grade/Comment pages, View Attendance and Class Attendance, View Students, and Search screen for Student Directory for Faculty. Faculty members will need the new Student Alert security key (Faculty > My Students > Student Directory Details > Student Alert). There is also a system preference Display indicator if Student has Alert text in Gradebook and Attendance that must be set to "Y" to allow the security key to be used.

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Grades and Comments

The Printable Version of Grades and Comment History now includes all Comments.

Gridlines were added to the Category tab in Grade/Comment Entry making navigation easier.

Gradebook

The list of Gradebooks to copy an assignment to now includes all divisions where the teacher has a class.

A security key was added to Enable Customize Gradebook (Faculty > My Classes > Daily Gradebook) to control Gradebook settings. There is a system preference "Enable customize Gradebook setup check?" that must be set to "Y" to allow the security key to be used.

Student/Parent Community

Student/Parent Directory

Search parameters for State and Country are now available, as well as a search parameter for Grade Type (if applicable).

Online Payments

Schools that accept online payments are now able to set different Convenience Fees for Credit Cards vs. Debit Cards. There is a system preference to enable a separate convenience fee for Debit cards that must be set to "Y" to enable this feature. This feature is offered through DiamondMind. Please contact Senior Systems for more information.

When making echeck payments through MyBackpack, both the ABA Routing Number and Bank Account Number must be entered twice and must match.

Online Enrollment

In the ENROLL_DOC table, we are capturing the IP Address (SUBMITTED_USER_IP_ADDRESS) of the user (SUBMITTED_USER_WEB_ID) that submits an enrollment contract.

Summer/Program Registration

During the Summer Registration Approval process, for new parents, Academic Access & Billing Access for the child's account will be automatically granted. For existing parents, access will be based on the other children that share the same student master record.

A child's Summer Online Registration form can now be seen by any parent who has Academic Access to that child's summer account.

Other Addresses can now view and submit enrollment contracts, for new and re-enrolling students.