Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to report that we are approaching the end of our first quarter of school with great success! I want to take this opportunity to stress the importance of regular attendance in school. When students arrive on time and attend school regularly, we are able to provide the most constant flow of instruction and students can minimize disruption to their daily educational routine.

This year, in an effort to keep you habitually updated on your son or daughter’s attendance, we have developed a new system for parent notification. We will no longer be mailing home warning letters regarding student attendance. Parents will be able to check their child’s attendance in “real time” with PowerSchool, our student management system. Once logged into the Parent Portal of PowerSchool, you will follow the instruction below.

1. Select Grade and Attendance on Home screen of parent portal

2. Select Class Attendance Summary

The number in the Attendance Points will identify how many unexcused absences your child has.

Please pay close attention to the legend. This will inform you of your child’s status in terms of absences based upon color. Please remember the thresholds for loss of credit in yearlong and semester courses are different.
It is important that you pay close attention to the legend area of the grades and attendance page on PowerSchool. The color of the legend will inform you of your child’s attendance status.

In light of this change, it is a good time to remind you of the number of allowable absences in a given course.

- Full Year Course = 17 allowable absences. On the 18th absence, students can be denied credit for the course.
- Semester Course = 8 allowable absences. On the 9th absence, students can be denied credit for the course.

In the event a student exceeds the number of allowed absences, the individual circumstance will come under the review of the Student Attendance Committee.

Park Ridge Jr./Sr. High School has always been of the belief that consistent attendance at school is essential to the total educational progress, success, and achievement of our students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding attendance guidelines. As always, thank you for your attention and cooperation. I wish you the very best this school year.

Sincerely,

Troy Lederman
Principal, Park Ridge Jr./Sr. High School