# **Groups and Pages – Parents and Students**Quick Reference Card

# Overview of Groups and Pages

Aspen Pages can help all members of a school community easily share information and ideas. Pages are web pages for your school, classes, sports teams, extra-curricular activities and more. They are accessible via Aspen's Pages tab.

Groups and Pages are combined in Aspen. Some but not all groups have their own Page. Students and parents only have access to a Page if the student is a member of that particular group (such as drama club, varsity soccer or English 101).

All users have a homepage (see below). Pages (see Page 2) are managed by staff members and are optional. Not every class and group has its own Page.

# Use your homepage to do the following...

#### **Read Announcements**

Contains the latest news and information about your school.



## Use the To Do Widget

Lets you see which current assignments are due or overdue.



**Note:** The **Completed** checkbox is for student use only — the system does not verify assignment completion.

#### Manage Your Tasks

If there are any tasks you are responsible for, such as the Contact Verification workflow, they appear in this area.



Do either or both of the following:

- Click the drop-down to choose between Open Tasks and Closed Tasks.
- Click a workflow name to go to the checklist for that workflow.

## View Recent Activity

Provides access to the student's latest attendance, grades, and conduct information. Also, class assignments set up for online submission appear.



Do any of the following:

- Click the drop-down in the title bar to narrow or broaden the search time period.
- Type key word(s) in the Search field, and press Enter.
- Select or deselect the checkboxes to view or hide Attendance, Grades, and Conduct information.
- Click a blue link to go directly to the page containing that information in Aspen.

### **Access Websites of Interest**

Used to post links to websites you visit often.



Click a link to go directly to that website.

Note: You have to set this up yourself.

#### To add a link:

- 1. In the title bar, click Edit.
- 2. Click New.
- Type a Name (appears on the homepage), Description (optional), and Link (a URL, such as www.yahoo.com).

Note: You can copy and paste into this field.

# **View Published Reports**

Lets you access published reports, such as report cards and transcripts.



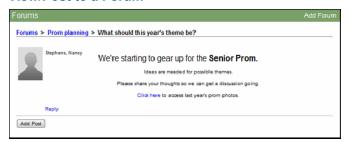


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**Note:** The content of these Pages is managed by staff and therefore may vary.

### View/Post to a Forum



Parents can just read posts; students can read and reply to a post, or add their own.

# **Submit Assignments**

Students can upload assignment files for teachers to receive in their Aspen Gradebooks.



**Note:** In order for an assignment to appear here, the teacher has to set up the assignment to allow electronic submission.

For each assignment, the following options are available:

- Click the assignment name to view assignment details and a description.
- Click to upload your file.
- Click to download a file to your computer.
- Click a to delete a file.

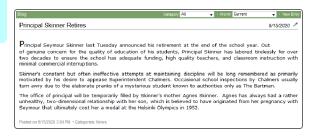
## **Access Group Resources**

Serves as an online repository for documents that need to be accessed by a group of users.

- · Files can be organized in folders.
- · Click a file name to open or save the document.
- You can upload web links, files, notes and folders into the My Resources area of this widget.

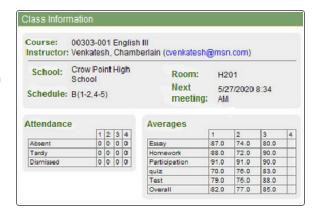
# Read Blogs

Used to relay information through dated entries. Filter entries by **Category** and **Month**.



#### **View Class Information**

Includes the latest grade and attendance information for the class the student is currently attending.



Click the instructor's email address to send an email to him or her.

## Take a Survey

Might include a survey or poll on a subject of interest.



Click **New** in the row of the survey you want to take to open it. Follow the instructions. Note that survey must be completed once it is started.

