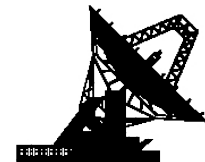


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TECHNOLOGY NEWS

Chicopee Public Schools



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Next Scheduled Meetings:

SIS Committee 5/2/2018 9:00 @ Telecom
Technology Team 5/9/2018 1:00 @ Telecom

Technology questions:

web page: <https://www.chicopeeps.org>

Release Notes: Update, Release Notes are not available for viewing by teachers. In Chicopee our Administrators, Clerks and Department Heads have access to view Release Notes and can share relevant information. *When there is a change on the teacher side, SchoolBrains updates the teacher help sections.*

Enhancement of 3/28/2018: In Student BIO SchoolBrains has added a Flag and *Currently In* to the top, near the Health Alerts. When looking from the Home Field at all students, SB added a column with colored flags

Green-student is in normal class

Blue-the student is in school but not in class

Yellow-student has been dismissed

Red-student is absent

The flags are updated immediately, unlike the *Currently In* column that refreshes every 15 minutes.

Blackboard Connect: Is Upgrading their hosting facilities and moving to an AWS (Amazon Web Services) environment . Due to maintenance the system will be unavailable on:

- Saturday, April 17th - 12 pm until 5 am
- Saturday, June 2nd - 12 pm until 1 pm

Chicopee Public Schools Web Page:

The conversion of our web page is finalized.

- Editing of webpages may begin
- Please be cautious and add document to the files/docs folder and images to the images folder
- If you encounter issues STOP and report them to Telecom before proceeding.

Converting Word and Excel to Docs and Sheets.

As more schools are moving toward Google Docs and Google Sheets you may find yourself wondering how to convert/open MS Word or Excel documents in Docs or Sheets? You might find this link helpful:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pb4VGiWjyG4>



DID YOU KNOW

April is the first month of the year with exactly 30 days and the only month with an "i" in its name.