

PowerSchool Data Breach

Dear HNMCS community,

We wanted to share an important update about a data breach experienced by Holy Name of Mary College School (HNMCS) involving PowerSchool – the student information system software vendor used by HNMCS. PowerSchool is used to store a range of student information and a limited amount of school-based staff information.

On Tuesday, January 7th, 2025, PowerSchool notified us that they had experienced a data breach between December 22nd and 28th, 2024.

We have responded promptly, taking immediate steps to ensure that our critical systems remain operational.

Working with PowerSchool, we are conducting a thorough investigation to understand the nature of the incident and what personal information may have been affected. At this point in time, we are still assessing the precise information that may have been accessed or exported from the application. PowerSchool has informed us that it has received confirmation that the data accessed by an unauthorized user has been deleted and that no copies of this data were posted online.

If it is determined that any personal information has been impacted, we will let you know as soon as possible.

We do not have more information to share at this time but once PowerSchool has completed their forensic investigation and determined the extent of the breach we will keep you updated.

Sincerely,

Andrew MacLeod, Kathryn Anderson & Ryan Baker Director of Technology & Acting Co-Heads of School

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