



SchoolMessenger App

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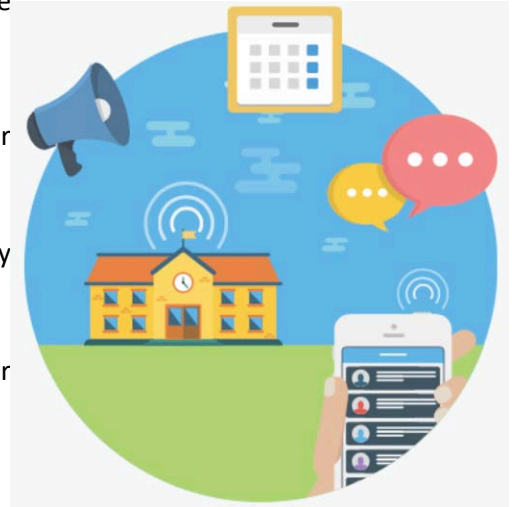
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Welcome!

As a Parent, the **SchoolMessenger App** provides you with the ability to:

- 1) view and listen to messages sent from your school or district
- 2) join and participate in one or more groups created by teachers (by invitation only)
- 3) customize how you receive messages from the school or district



All of these messages are conveniently centralized in an easily-accessible inbox. If you are associated with students in different schools or districts, all matching records will be linked to your account. With flexible preference controls, most kinds of communication can be configured to be accessed exclusively via the SchoolMessenger App.

SchoolMessenger and the TCPA

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act (47 U.S.C. 227) is a law that was passed by the US Congress in 1991. This law places restrictions on telephone solicitations and the use of automated telephone equipment, protecting the public from receiving unwanted phone calls.

While schools enjoy exemptions from some of these restrictions, the preference configurations within the SchoolMessenger App allow you to set your consent state ("yes" or "no") for each phone number associated with your account. With the exception of emergency calls, which cannot be exempted, any phone number whose consent state is set to "no" will not receive calls from SchoolMessenger.

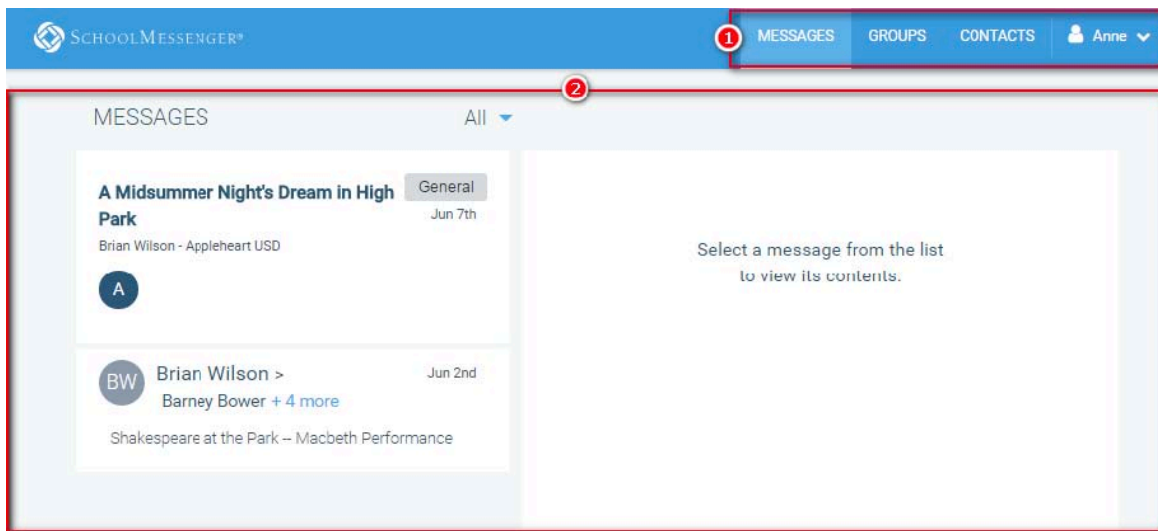


Look and Feel

The SchoolMessenger App interface is simple and uncluttered. There are two main areas:

- 1) the menus at the top of the screen
- 2) the work area

The work area's appearance depends on the selected menu option. In the below screen shot, **Messages** is the currently selected item in the menu, and it displays messages in Anne's SchoolMessenger App Inbox.



Initial Menu

The menu on the right will appear when you start the SchoolMessenger App. Click on:

- 1) **Log In** to log into the SchoolMessenger App, if you have already created an account.

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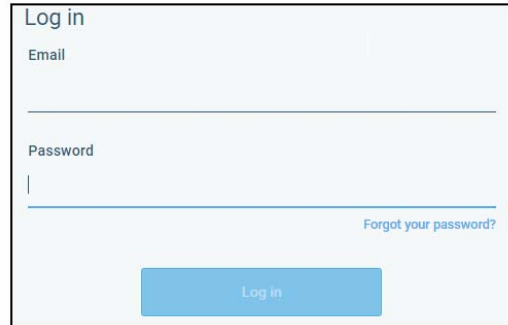
- 2) **Sign Up** to create an account.
- 3) **Learn More** for information about the SchoolMessenger App.
- 4) **App Store** to access either the Apple iTunes or the Google Play site to download the mobile versions of the SchoolMessenger App.



Log In Screen

To log into the SchoolMessenger App:

- 1) Click on **Log In** on the menu in the upper right-hand corner of the login page.
- 2) Enter the email address you used to register in the SchoolMessenger App.
- 3) Click on **Forgot your password?** if you forgot your password. An email will be sent to you allowing you to register a new password.

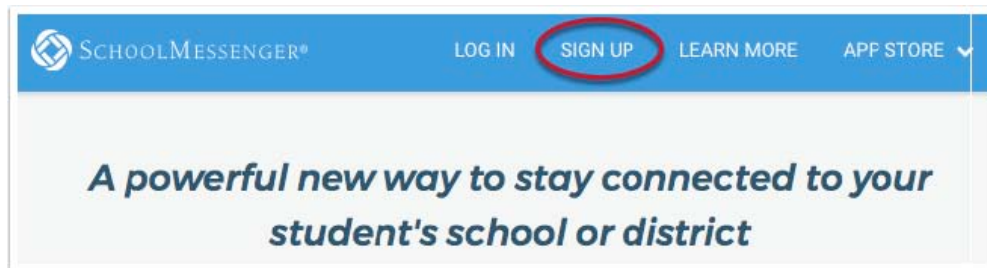


The screenshot shows a login form with the following elements:

- Title: Log in
- Label: Email
- Input field: A horizontal line representing the email input field.
- Label: Password
- Input field: A horizontal line representing the password input field.
- Link: [Forgot your password?](#)
- Button: A blue button labeled "Log in".

Creating a SchoolMessenger App Account

You must create an account in the SchoolMessenger App before you can begin using the app. These instructions focus on the web version of SchoolMessenger. However, you may also use the SchoolMessenger App found in either the Apple App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).



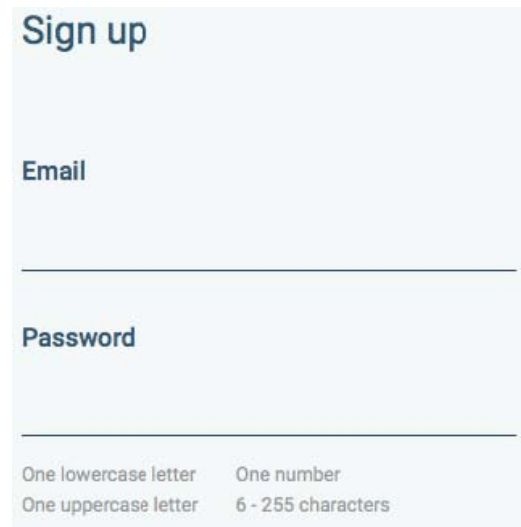
To do so:

- 1) Navigate to this URL from either your computer or mobile device:
<https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- 2) Click the "Sign Up" link listed on the page.
- 3) Enter one of the email addresses you entered on the notification system form and provided to the school. For the password, please a password you are familiar with.

It must meet these minimum requirements:

- 1 Upper case character
- 1 Lower case character
- 1 Number
- 6 characters in length

- 4) You will then receive a confirmation message in the email inbox for the address you used. Open the email and confirm the account by clicking the link within the message.



Note: The link in the above email is valid for only 24 hours. If you do not click on it and log into the SchoolMessenger App within that time period, it will expire and be of no further use. You will have to restart the registration process and have a new email sent to you with a renewed link.

- 5) Once the account is verified, and the email address you registered exists in the school records, you will begin receiving messages from the school and/or district. In addition to this, you will also be able to receive and communicate with teachers using the SchoolMessenger App groups you have either be assigned or invited to participate within.

However, if you do NOT receive messages as expected, please contact your student's school to confirm your email address exist within the student information system.

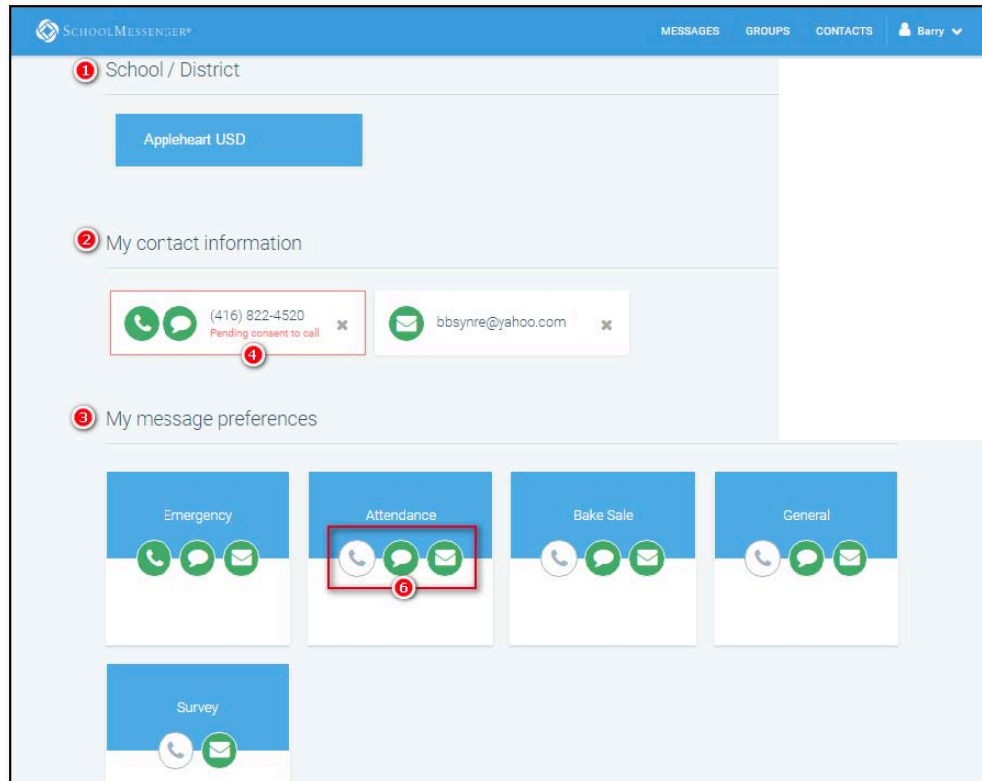
Set up Your User Account

Once you have logged in successfully, you must set up the SchoolMessenger App for your use. Set up includes the following:

- setting up your **User Account**
- setting **Notification** preferences
- joining **Groups** that you have been invited by teachers to join

Notification Preferences

- 1) Click on the menu option
- 2) Click on the **Preferences** option. The preferences on this page affect SchoolMessenger Broadcasts that may be sent to you from the school/district. They do not affect messages sent and received from within the SchoolMessenger App.



- **School/District: (1)** simply displays the school(s) and district(s) that you are connected with. There can be more than one school or district here, as it is possible for a student to be enrolled at more than one school, a parent/guardian to have children/wards in more than one school or district, and a teacher to teach at more than one school/district.
- **Contact Information: (2)** displays all the email addresses and telephone numbers (voice and SMS text) at which you can be contacted. Icons for voice and SMS text are selected **(4)** in this example, and they are awaiting consent approvals from Barry.
- **Message Preferences (3)** shows all the types of messages which the school/district has set up in their SchoolMessenger setup. Hence, more or fewer message types may appear here with unique names, defined as such by the school/district. You can select how you wish to be contacted for each message type **(6)**. For example, Barry, the parent in the above screenshot, has opted to receive attendance messages via email and SMS, but not via voice call.

About Messages

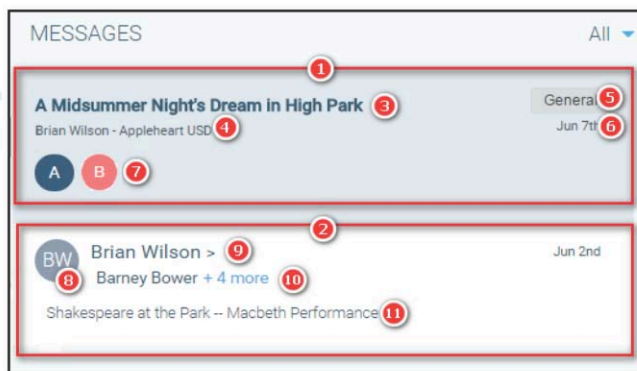
The SchoolMessenger App's **Messages** page displays all messages (voice, email, or text) sent to you from your school and/or district during the last 30 days, as well as the messages and conversations that have taken place in the SchoolMessenger App group(s) you have joined.

They are sorted newest first, oldest last.

The headings of all messages will appear on the left side of the **Messages** screen. There are two types of messages:

- 1) Sent by the school or district as SchoolMessenger Broadcasts to school-affiliated users (e.g. Emergency or Attendance messages).
- 2) Sent either publicly or privately by participants who are members of a SchoolMessenger App group.

Message Components



The (1) school/district messages will include:

- 3) the name of the school/district message in bolded type
- 4) the name of the sender and the name of the school/district
- 5) the message type (e.g. General, Emergency, Survey, etc.)
- 6) the date on which the message was sent
- 7) initial-icon indicating whom the message was sent to (when sent to a student) or the student concerning whom the message is about (when sent to e.g. a parent). Multiple circles indicate that the same message has been sent for multiple students

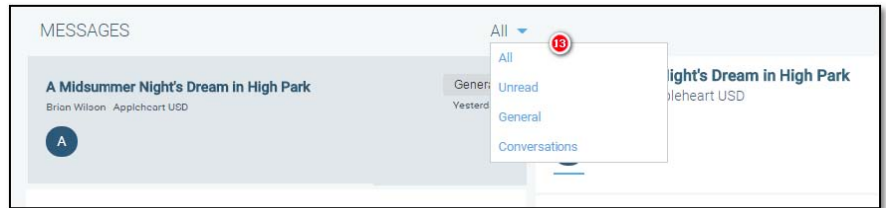
The (2) the SchoolMessenger App-only messages will include:

- 8) the initial-icon of the group sender
- 9) the name of the sender
- 10) the name of the contact the message has been sent to, followed by the number of other group members who have received the same message. Clicking on the + [number] more link will produce a list of the names and roles (student/parent/guardian) of all the other recipients of the message
- 11) the name of the message

Note: The SchoolMessenger App automatically assigns the color and initial of the each of the student-identification circles. Neither the color nor the initial are editable.

13) Messages can be filtered to display:

- **All** messages
- Only **Unread** messages
- Only **General** Messages sent from the school/district
- Only **Conversations** among group members



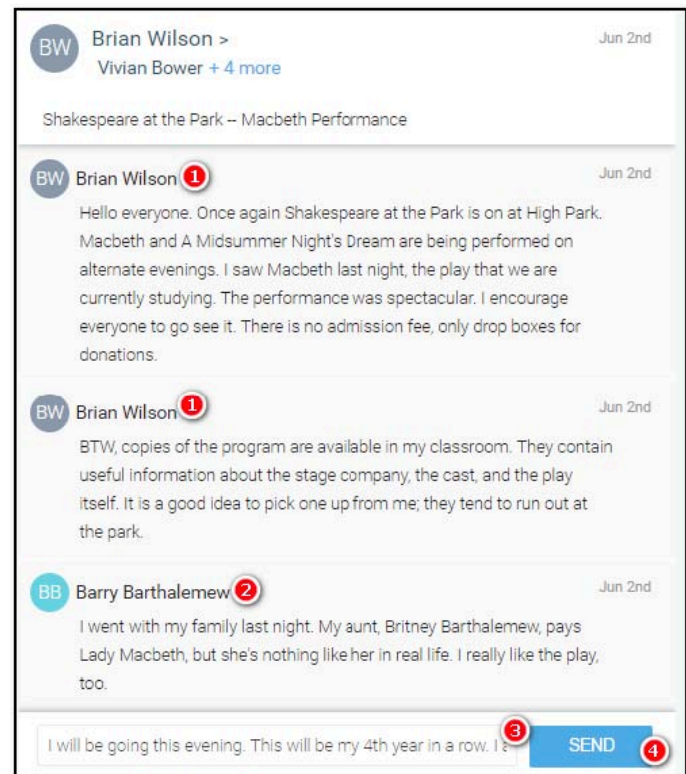
Responding to a SchoolMessenger App Message

Anyone receiving a SchoolMessenger App-based message created by a teacher may read the message, and, under the appropriate circumstances, read the comments of other group members and offer their own comments.

The circumstances are defined by the teacher who created the original message.

In the example to the right:

- 1) Teacher Brian Wilson has created a message and immediately followed it with a second afterthought message.
- 2) Group member Barry Barthalemew has commented on it, and, as a public message, it is readable by all group members.
- 3) The currently logged in group member is in the process of entering his/her own comment. The same **Comments** box is used for both public and private messages.



 **Note:** *The message content scrolls within the small comments window.*

- 4) To send and post the message that has been entered, the user clicks on **SEND**