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Introducing Version 8 of Surfside Lighthouse™

The Best Administrative Software Gets Better!

It is with great pleasure that we announce Version 8 of *Surfside Lighthouse*.

Surfside Lighthouse continues to set the standard for affordable, feature-rich, easy-to-use student information systems. New features in Version 8 include many suggested by our users.

The features described in this flyer reflect the highlights of what we have implemented in V8. Additional features will likely be added during the life of this version – and will be available by free download to V8 users as they become available.

Lighthouse Gains a Student Billing Function!

Many of our private school and career academy customers have requested a billing function. We are pleased to introduce that feature with Version 8.

The billing function includes student invoicing, accounts receivable processing, account statement creation, reporting and more.

Fee invoicing may be done in batches or on a student-by-student basis where unique situations require individualized charges.

The billing function will also be useful to the many public schools that charge fees to their students.

New! “Dedicated Mailing Label” Function

Version 8 boasts a “dedicated mailing label” function which provides the ability to generate only one label per family address, generate labels for both parents and students and to start printing at any specific label on the page to skip over already-used labels on the first sheet.

“Copy E-mail Addresses to Clipboard”

Does your school do e-mail broadcasts to the entire student body or select groups such as a sports team or the band? Are you concerned about keeping your most current e-mail list somewhere “in the cloud”? Version 8 addresses these needs with the new “copy e-mail address to the clipboard” function.

This function provides an easy, three-step process to pass your most current e-mail addresses over to your email package: (1) Select the group of students to receive an e-mail broadcast, (2) copy their e-mail addresses to the clipboard and (3) paste those addresses into your favorite e-mail application. Depending upon what e-mail software you use, the addresses can usually be pasted into the BCC field so that nobody sees anyone else’s email address.

Transportation Profile Enhancements

The Transportation tab of the Student List was expanded to allow for multiple routes and dismissal routines, such as accommodations for different scenarios depending upon the day of the week.

Tracking of Family Records

When you add a new student, *Lighthouse* can now check for existing student records from the same family and copy pertinent information to the new student’s record.

This can save considerable time by collecting most of the common demographic data for an existing student and moving it to a newly-enrolled sibling. In addition to the obvious items (such as name, address, phone) this might include emergency contacts and other common data elements.

A Host of New Features

Review Discipline Referrals was enhanced to provide a more complete view of referrals with a vastly improved navigation through the process to accept or decline individual referrals.

The Offense and Action List was enhanced to provide users with multi-select and right-click editing options that allow one to change the teacher referral option for multiple offenses or actions at the same time. This is far more efficient than the former line-by-line selection process.

The Student Locator report was re-designed to print in an easy-to-read grid format suitable for binding.

Adding a course to a student schedule from the Student List screen was completely re-designed. In Version 8 courses for all periods can now be displayed. Each one shows a percentage of requests scheduled as well as the number of free seats remaining in each section.

All schedule screens and reports where the data is relevant now include a percentage of requests for a course that were scheduled and the number of free seats remaining in each section.

When entering Standardized Test Scores you may default the test date to the date the test was given instead of using the current date as the default.

Customizations made to the Daily Absence List report are now observed when the “Quick Print” feature is actuated.

The Daily Absence List report may now have a “memo” attached to it in order to produce both a daily attendance report and a message to your staff.

Surfside Academy Spring & Summer Seminars

We are now booking “Surfside Academy” training seminars for the spring and summer months. We offer web-based seminars or you may visit us here on beautiful Cape Cod for your training. All Surfside Academy sessions are presented for your specific school. Our staff works with you to set the agenda that will cover the material you want your staff to learn. Call today 800-942-9008, extension 110 or email sales@surfsidesoftware.com for more information or to schedule your Surfside Academy seminar!

New Toolbar Options on Student List Screen

The Student List Screen received additional toolbar options to filter students based upon a query or the results of a report as well as to print the student list in a grid format.

These powerful new features allow you to quickly and easily search for a group of students – such as those who received a failing grade or who received a certain number of discipline incidents – and then view the resulting students in an interactive display... and be able to print, copy email addresses to the clipboard or step through the individual student records to view or modify their records.

Taken as a group, this collection of tools can drastically improve the way you interact with your student data across the entire *Lighthouse* universe.

Early Bird Pricing and Availability

Early bird pricing for *Surfside Lighthouse* Version 8 reflects a significant savings off standard upgrade prices. We anticipate that Version 8 will ship in mid-March.

Your school’s upgrade pricing appears in the letter enclosed with this bulletin.

Early Bird pricing *absolutely ends* on March 15, 2010. Upgrades to Version 8 will increase by approximately 10% on March 16, 2010. *Early bird pricing requires that Surfside Lighthouse Version 8 be ordered no later than March 15, 2010 and paid for no later than April 3, 2010.*

*If you purchased Surfside Lighthouse Version 7 after December 1, 2009 your upgrade to Version 8 is **FREE!***

To order Version 8 of Surfside Lighthouse please call us at 800-942-9008, extension 110 or send an email to sales@surfsidesoftware.com

Note that we now accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards over the phone as well as debit cards of either brand.

Be sure to check the enclosed letter to see if your school has earned a “customer loyalty” incentive on this upgrade.

Important! – State report updates for Version 7 will be discontinued after May 31, 2010.