Social Media Strategies to Build Awareness

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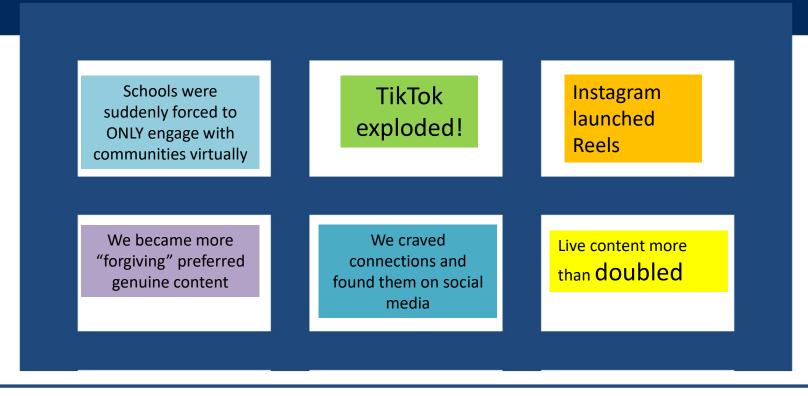


Which Channels Should Schools Use?





Social Media Covid Realities

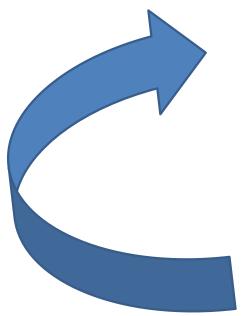




The result:

We suddenly wanted to be entertained, not sold to.

It's a cycle and social can influence many parts of the funnel



Awareness: family researching schools and finds one of your social accounts.....

TARGET MARKETING = ATTRACTION

Interest- family visits your website and is directed to social

Consideration: a family signs up for an open house from an ad they saw on Facebook

APPLICATION = INTEREST

Retention: Using social to share positive and compelling stories which they in turn share with others...which leads back to AWARENESS



RETENTION = FULFILLMENT

GRADUATION = CELEBRATION

Who manages social media?

- Social media management is a 24/7 job
- In some schools, this is a full time position, others looks more like a team approach
- Best practices:
 - More than I "admin"; note you can provide various level of accesspage roles under page settings
 - School leader should have some level of involvement
 - Have a team ready to handle any issues



How do schools build engagement?

- Content: Focus on content that matters to your target audience
- Stay Active: Post regularly and engage often with your followers
- Visibility: Add links to the header or footer of your website/school emails and external email signatures
- Credibility: Follow and share content from industry leaders/community partners
- Pay: Boost Your Posts
 - **Social media isn't simply a podium for you to talk about
- ☐ Partners

It's a place to connect your community. **

your school.

How do schools build engagement?

70-20-10 Rule Across All Mediums

70%

Of content should be engaging, entertaining, or educational.

20%

Of content should be shared from other sources.

10%

Of content should be selfpromotional.



What is your organic versus paid approach?

• To have successful social marketing you need to use both Organic and Paid social strategies:

Organic

- Create content that your followers are interested in
- Build community through personal interactions, sharing and responding
- Must have strong organic presence before utilizing paid

Paid

- Allows you to extend reach to additional internal or external audiences
- Helps reinforce key strategic messages



Paid Options: Boosted Post vs. Ad Campaign

- Boosted created directly within school page- re-purposes post content and amplifies it to the audience you select- can be very targeted
- Goal is to increase reach to encourage engagement

Ad Campaign:

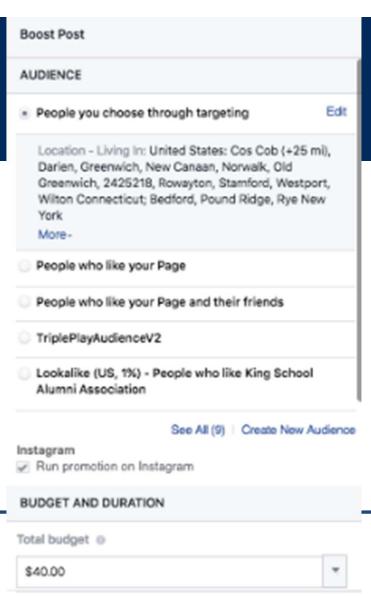
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When should I boost posts?

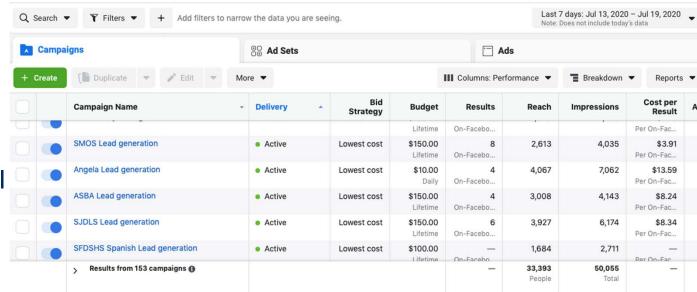
- Most basic form of paid social
- Re-purposes post content and amplifies it to the audience you select:
 - Your followers
 - Your followers & their friends
 - People you choose through targeting
 - Custom Audiences
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When Should I run ad campaigns on Facebook & Instagram?

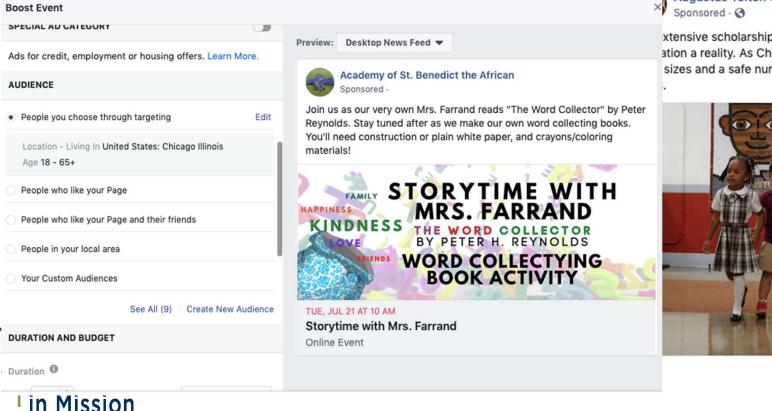
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- Opportunity to add additional CTA/Text
- Various creative options
- Provides various ad placements



OPTIMIZES ALL BASED ON PERFORMANCE!



Ad campaigns & Boosted Posts on Facebook & Instagram



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How can schools have an active presence and engage with their followers?

- Social Media is a two-way communication vehicle
- Engage with your followers regularly:
 - If you see comments on your posts, reply, even if it is just a "thank you."
 - Respond to all private messages
 - Like and comment on posts that mention your school
 - Proactively tag, mention and comment institutional partners, schools, community
 - Proactively ask for engagement!





What is your content strategy?

Despite their differences, strong content on all social channels share these qualities:

- I. Visually Engaging
- 2.Personality
- 3. Consistency
- **4.**Active Presence



Where can I get content?

- Take advantage of various opportunities to leverage contributed content:
 - Provide a means for Faculty/Coaches/Parents/Students to submit content
 - -Check daily for use of school tags and hashtags
 - Follow and tag peer schools and community partners;
 neighborhood pages
 - Check for local news coverage

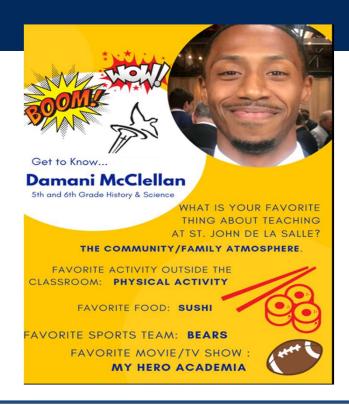


Where can I get content RIGHT NOW?



#FRIDAYFEATUREFAMILY







Where can I get content RIGHT NOW?



St. Francis de Sales High School

Preparation for College, Preparation for Work, Preparation for Life

Welcome David!



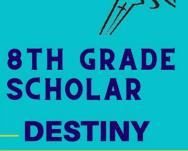
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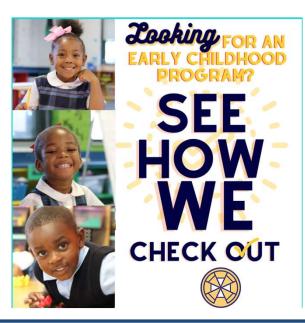


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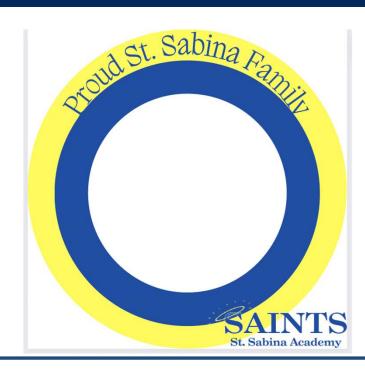
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Where can I get content RIGHT NOW?



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE! Services Provided	St. Ailbe Preschool Program	Local Day Care Center
Full Day Program-	V	V
Safe Caring Environment	\checkmark	V
State and Local Standards	\checkmark	V
Ongoing Communication		V
CCI Accepted		V
Comprehensive Standards Based Curriculum		
Cohesive Program Through 8th Grade		
Certified Teachers		
Extracurricular After School Programs		
Gym, Art, Music, STEM	\sim	
Small Class Sizes	V	
1:1 Technology	V,	
Loving, Faith Filled Environment	V	





Should schools take advantage of live video?

- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter offer live video- consider a "live" example- "live event" Storytime
- March is Women's History Month
- People spend 3 times longer watching Live video, compared to other types of video
- Upload videos that are simple, yet give a great, authentic inside look at life on campus



What now?

- During this time of uncertainty, proactive, thoughtful communication more important than ever- social media is a great vehicle
- Keep it simple and easy to understand
- Looking for new students? Consider Lead Ads



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