Your Feed

1. **Announcement Feed**
   - The chronological feed of announcements from the district, schools, classes, and groups that you belong.

2. **Districts, Schools, Classes, Groups**
   - To filter your feed down to a specific school, class or group, just click on it within this side menu.

3. **Follow Groups**
   - Click on the plus button next to groups and check out the public groups to follow in your district.

4. **Create Announcement**
   - Click the Create button to compose an announcement for your class or group.

5. **Direct Messages**
   - Use Messages to start a conversation with an individual or a small group.

6. **Settings**
   - To update your personal settings just click on your avatar in the left-hand menu.

**Announcement Feed**

Good afternoon, Rachelle!

**To:** Composition Period 1

Your chapter 3 workbook sections and essay are due tomorrow. Don’t forget! -Mrs.B

**To:** English Literature

May 11th, 2017 5:00pm
Classes

1. Classes
   By clicking on a class your feed will filter down to just those announcements.

2. Class Info
   Next to your class title you’ll see an info button. Click this to open the Info Panel containing your class roster.

3. Info Panel
   Within the Info Panel, you can edit the class display name, add a class avatar and quickly jump into a conversation with any of your students or guardians.

4. Views
   The total number of views is shown below each announcement. For a detailed list of who has and has not viewed, click on the icon and the list will slide out just like the Info Panel.
Create
Click the “Create” button to start composing your announcement.

Recipients
Enter and select which class or group should receive your announcement.

Custom Subsets (optional)
Click on the recipient tag number to open up Custom Subsets. With this powerful tool you can tailor your recipient list even further.

Announcement Area
Simply enter your English announcement here.

Add Attachments
Further customize your announcement by attaching files, like photos or pdfs.

Next
Once the main content is entered, click Next and move to the Customize step.
Within the Customize step you can tailor each delivery method for the outgoing announcement. Uncheck a channel to disable it completely.

1. **Email Customization**
   To edit what the email version of your announcement will look like in any outgoing language, click the Customize button.

2. **Language Tabs**
   The language options are populated by your recipients’ preferred languages. Use the tabs to navigate through the available translations.

3. **From Field**
   Customize “who” you want the announcement coming from e.g. yourself, your class, your group.

4. **Custom Styling**
   For further email customization we have incorporated an easy to use text editing toolkit.

5. **Minimize**
   When you are finished editing tap the minimize button to return back to the main Customize screen.
Announcements | Customize > Voice

With Custom Voice Recording you can add a personalized phone recording with your announcement and edit the outgoing text-to-speech.

1. Voice Customization
   To access the additional Voice options click the Customize button in the Voice Calls section.

2. Text-to-Speech
   Preview the outgoing text-to-speech recording. To customize the TTS version just edit your message in the text box below for any language.

3. Record in-app or by phone
   For superior sound quality, enable your microphone when prompted by the browser and record your voice announcement right in the app. Alternatively, you can choose to “Record via phone” and we’ll provide a dial-in number.

4. Share
   Need to collaborate with a translator? Select “Record via phone” and then use the “Share” button to send the announcement script and recording instructions to your translation resource.

5. Minimize
   Once again, when you are finished tap the minimize button to return back to the main Customize screen.
Announcements | Customize > SMS

1. **SMS Text Customization**
   
   To edit what the SMS version of your announcement will look like in any outgoing language, click the Customize button.

2. **Language Tabs**
   
   The language options are populated by your recipients’ preferred languages. Use the tabs to navigate through the available translations.

3. **Edit Field**
   
   To improve the experience for your recipients there is a cap to the number of characters delivered. Tailor a short and concise version for best delivery results.

4. **Minimize**
   
   When you are finished editing tap the minimize button to return back to the main Customize screen.
Announcements | Review

When any and all customizations are complete, continue on to the Review step. Within this final step you can check the outgoing announcement for each channel and every language.

1. **Channel Tabs**
   Use these tabs to toggle through the different channel previews.

2. **Language Dropdown**
   See any outgoing alternate language versions by making a selection in the dropdown.

3. **Schedule or Send**
   If everything looks and sounds good you can send now or schedule for later (even schedule for numerous deliveries).

   Delivery modality is based on each member's preference and preferred language. Emergency announcements will immediately be sent to all available channels (email, text, phone call, app).

   *This week we will be covering chapters 3 & 4 in your textbook and chapter 5 in the workbook. There will also be a quiz on Friday over this material. Let me know if you have any questions!* - Mrs. B
Announcements

1. Announcement Manager
   To manage any past, current or future announcement you can find it in the Announcement Manager.

2. Queue, Favorites & Archive
   The Queue is where you access draft, scheduled and pending announcements. Once delivered, sent announcements can be found in the archive, with the option to re-use or “Favorite” the announcement. The Favorites tab is a handy way to keep track of certain announcements for future use.

3. Delivery Schedule
   This column will show when the announcement is scheduled for distribution. If the scheduled time has passed because of a pending voice recording, the time will change to ASAP.

4. Draft
   If you start creating an announcement and need to come back later to finish it, the app will automatically save it as a “Draft” in your Queue.

5. Edit & Delete
   Use the Edit button to revise or reschedule your announcement. To completely remove an announcement, select Delete from the Edit menu.
Direct Messages

1. Direct Message Toggle
   Click on the 📩 icon to jump over to Direct Messages.

2. Create a new message
   After clicking on the "Create a new message" button just type in your recipient, enter your message and send it.

3. Message Archive
   Here you can quickly jump back into your recent conversations or search your recipient history.

4. DM Auto-Translation
   When sending a message, the app instantly translates it for both parties based on their preferred language (editable within Personal Settings). If you want to view the original message just tap this translation toggle.

5. Message Entry / Send Attachment
   Here you can either type your message or send an attachment (paper clip icon). When you begin typing, the Send button will replace the Attachment button.

   Messages are delivered instantly inside the app. Depending on how the recipient has notifications set up, he/she will be notified via email or SMS text if a message is received while offline.
Profile Settings | Personal Info

1. **Settings Menu**
   Click on your avatar to open your settings.

2. **Photo**
   To upload or change your profile photo just click on the large avatar and follow the upload instructions.

3. **Display Name**
   Click on your name to edit how your name will be displayed within the app.

4. **Contact Info**
   Member contact and demographic data is pulled from your SIS, users cannot update contact information within the communications application.

5. **Language Preference**
   Adjust your preferred language to receive translated announcements and direct messages.
Notification Settings

Only want certain kinds of announcements sent to your phone or email? Here you can click/unclick the checkboxes to update these granular settings. Depending on your district’s integration certain Auto-Alerts may not currently be available.
Activity

1 Activity Alert
You can easily open the Activity Panel by clicking on the activity “bell” icon.

2 Activity Panel
Similar to other social apps, the Activity Panel shows you a quick overview of the activity related to your account. Click on anything within the Activity list to be taken to that specific Announcement or DM conversation.