Social Media Hacks
Who are we?

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Hi, I’m Travis.

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Why?

Social media is where students are at.

Effectively using social media for your school keeps your students, staff and community better connected and informed.

Effective use of social media on/off your campus can create a more inclusive culture.
Insta-facts (macro)

Twitter: 30% (or less) High School & 68% Male

TikTok: Seen as “Entertainment” & can be polarizing

Snapchat: “sacred space” for friends to individually connect

Instagram:
- 72% Teens use Instagram
- 52% Male / 42% Female / 6% Other
- Average 28 minutes per day (across all users - teens more)
Hack 1 - How social is your school’s social media?

Examine your school’s IG account critically.

- DVHS Freshman Leadership assignment
  - Link
  - Sample areas of focus (Race/Gender, Sports vs. Non Sports Posts)

Gather data and assess your school’s social gaps and needs.

- Use Insights and Analytics
POSTS BY SEASON

DVHSWildcats Athletics Sports by Season 2018-19

- Spring Sports: 37.5%
- Winter Sports: 32.3%
- Fall Sports: 30.2%
POSTS BY SPORTS

DVHSWildcats Posts Per Sport (2018-19)

- Men's Waterpolo: 2.6%
- Badminton: 2.6%
- Men's Swimming: 3.5%
- Men's Baseball: 4.3%
- Men's Tennis: 4.3%
- Women's Softball: 2.6%
- Women's Lacrosse: 3.5%
- Women's Wrestling: 4.3%
- Women's Soccer: 13.0%
- Women's Golf: 6.1%
- Women's Tennis: 2.6%
- Women's Waterpolo: 2.6%
- Football: 4.3%
- Dodgeball: 2.6%
- Men's Basketball: 9.6%
- Men's Soccer: 8.7%
- Women's Basketball: 5.2%
- Men's Wrestling: 4.3%
Graph 3: Individual Photos - Gender Difference

2018/2019

guys 44%
girls 56%

Graph 2: Individual Photos - Gender Difference

2019/2020

guys 27%
girls 73%
Racial Demographics
WITHIN GROUP/SINGLE PHOTOS
2019/2020 year

- Caucasian: 21.7%
- Asian: 32.6%
- African American: 17.4%
- Mixed/Other: 17.4%
- Hispanic: 10.9%
Hack 1 - How social is your school’s social media?

Insights & Analytics:

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Profile Visits | 208 | Reach | 3,684 | Interactions
Website Clicks | 6 | Discovery

Follows | 1 |
Reach | 3,684 | Impressions | 5,602 |
From Home | 4,533 |
From Profile | 6 |
From Explore | 2 |
Hack 2 - Represent your school

For students. By Students. With Adults.

- Just because they are Leadership students doesn’t mean that they are uniquely gifted to share announcements or represent other students.
  - Have non-Leadership students be the voice.

Establish a system for Takeovers

- Get admin approval and create a contract.

Ask your students to get creative! Ex: TikTok Challenge
Joy & Tokenism
Authentic Representation and Communication

1 - Takeovers
- Rules Forms

2 - Look beyond the calendar
- Tell stories

3 - Make your account “open source”
- Have students DM account w/ student updates, pics, etc.
Hack 3 - Increase engagement

- If you post videos, use captions.
- Use slideshows and maximize them
  - Use up to 10 in a “slideshow.” This keeps people on your page/post longer, which makes the IG algorithm prioritize your posts for that user in the future.
- Post memes and inspirational quotes (not just school-related content):
  - Example - The A’s won; Voting info for seniors;
- Share something in your story daily. Be consistent with your feed as well.
- Encourage clubs to have IG accounts and promote their accounts on your story.
- Get creative with a new series
  - “Overhead at DVHS,” “Teacher Tales,” “Teachers Eating Hot Food”
- Go Live!
Hack 4 - Organize your social life

- ID your primary account
  - This account represents your school
- Establish Other Accounts for Specific Needs
  - Class Accounts, Athletics, etc.
- How DVHS does it...
Hack 4 - Organize your social life
Things you can do tomorrow...

Airdrop and share.

Tik Tok challenge.

Freshman Feature Friday.

Teacher Tales.

IG polls.

Go LIVE at an event.
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Freshman Leadership 2020
Discuss!

When you see a post on Instagram, what generally draws your attention first?

What makes you scroll past a post without stopping to look/read it?

Without looking at the DVHS feed, what would you say DV does well with its IG?

What should we improve?
Analyze & Solve

In your team, you will be assigned an aspect of DV’s Instagram to analyze.

You will go through the posts on the DVHS IG and gather data. You will then present the data to the class through a minimum of 4 charts (USE DATA!) and answering the following questions:

What mistakes do we continue to make?
How can we improve?
Team Names & Area of Focus

Kool Aid Kidz - Trends & “Issues” (2018-Present)
2 Tyred - Race & Gender
Mannschaft Vier - Representation (define that how you will)
Omatha Ena - Non-sports!
H2O - Leadership & Non Leadership Posts
Mango-A-Go-Go - Effort and Intentionality
Шесть - Sports! (you may reference @dvhsathletics as well)
Dog People - Engagement (what does and doesn’t “work?”)
Your task!

Using the IG information and strategies we discussed in class, create a post to promote tomorrow’s spirit day and rally. The senior leaders will choose the winning team and that team’s post will be posted on the main DVHS IG and we will also tag your team members to give you credit.
2020 Instagram Takeover Agreement

Students in good standing with Academics, Attendance and Behavior at Dougherty Valley High School are able to participate in the DVHS 2020 Instagram Takeover.

By signing this agreement on ____/____/____, I am agreeing to these rules:

DOs:
- Post 5 - 20 times on the story and share moments from your day
- Start off by introducing yourself on the takeover
- Feel free to promote yourself if there’s an organization you belong to (like a club or business), but don’t let that become the main focus
- Give shoutouts to teachers and friends (always with permission)
- Use school appropriate language, whether that be in the text you put on the screen or in the background of videos
  - Example: if a friend swears or is playing explicit music in the background of a video, start over and take it again
  - Students should wear appropriate clothing with no reference to drugs or alcohol
- Post positive content
- Share what’s happening throughout your day
  - Example: a good meal you had, a project you’re working on in class, a sports practice you have after school, etc.
- End the takeover by signing off with your name, and then logging out

DON'Ts:
- Spam the story by posting more than 20 times
- Post anything rated above PG
- Post anything derogatory or negative
  - Example: Don’t say that you hate the teacher of the class you’re in, maybe talk about how it’s challenging you instead
- Create actual posts for the feed
  - Please only post on the story
- Change any settings, including the password
- Share the password with anybody else
- Post videos or pictures of people in class without their permission

Failure to adhere to these rules will result in the immediate removal from the class account, the deletion of my posts, and be subject to disciplinary action as decided upon school administration through Board Policy 6134.4 and the school handbook on appropriate use of technology.

Participant name (printed): __________________________________________________________

Participant signature: ________________________________________________________________

Parent name (printed): _______________________________________________________________

Parent signature: ____________________________________________________________________

Rules are subject to change at any time and students will be held accountable for anything they post while participating in the 2020 DVHS Instagram Takeover.