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Just being on yearbook staff means you get to do cool stuff. But do you want to do even MORE fun things like attend conventions (road trip!) and workshops, or have the latest equipment to use? You can by selling more yearbooks, ads and options.

**How do you sell more?** By telling people about the YEARBOOK! When you tell people about something and get them to buy it, that's **marketing**. The more marketing you do, the more you sell; the more you sell, the more fun stuff you get to do. It's really very simple.

Go ahead, spread the word. Don't be shy.

Want marketing help? Just ask us (we love this stuff)! Email marketingyearbooks@walsworth.com.

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# SET YOUR GOALS

	How many did you sell last year?	How many do you want to sell this year?
Yearbooks		
Options		
Namestamps		
Namestamp icons		
iTags		
iTag icons		
Clear Book Protectors		
Autograph Supplements		
Year In Review/ceBuzz		
Personal Ad Pages		
Business Ad Pages		

\*Hint: try setting your goal at least 10% higher than last year.

## WHERE TO GET STARTED

## Tell parents and students

#### Get started in two simple steps

#### 1. Online Sales

Do you buy stuff online? Of course – most everyone does! See where we're going with this? Online Sales for your yearbook and ads are a no brainer and take 4.2 seconds to set up.

Talk to your adviser to get Online Sales set up in Members Only. Do it.

#### 2. Upload your Student List with Parent Email Addresses

Let us introduce your new best friend – Marketing Central. Here you can see who hasn't bought a yearbook and market to them with your new marketing plan.

How to upload your Excel or CSV list:

- 1. Go to Members Only and click on the Marketing Central banner.
- 2. If you get a pop-up box asking if you're ready to upload a student list, click **Upload Student List**. If you are taken to the Marketing Central page, click on **Add Students**, then **Upload List**.

Online Sales will automatically add any online purchases and you can quickly add in-school purchases in Sales Central.

To print your non-buyers list, click on the **Print List** link and then select **No YB** from the Bought drop-down menu. To export your non-buyers in an Excel spreadsheet, click on the **Export Mailing List** link and then select **No YB** from the Bought drop-down.

## Tell parents

It's a fact: Parents pay for stuff. So you have to tell parents how, when and where to buy the yearbook.

### Tell students

Here's another fact: Parents buy stuff for their kids if they ask. So get in the faces of all your classmates and tell them why they should get a yearbook.

It's important to get your message in front of buyers at least five times for them to remember it.

At the end of this workbook, you'll pick six ways you plan to tell people to buy a yearbook.

TechKNOW See lots of marketing ideas at walsworthyearbooks.com/marketing and click on the Market to Parents or the Market to Students icons.





## Registration/Back-to-school events

Do your parents have to come up to school and register and pay any fees for the school year? If so, catch parents while they're there. **Get the yearbook for sale on the fee sheet if you can.** If you can't, then make sure to have a yearbook sales table and encourage parents to order!

#### Use items like:

- All-call and emails before registration to announce books will be for sale at registration
- · Customized Marketing: Vertical Banners, Posters, Fliers
- Order forms
- Buttons
- Online Sales for easy ordering

#### Make it fun!

- Play music
- Have your school mascot or cheerleaders at your table... Go yearbook!
- Hand out candy and other items... nom, nom, nom!

TechKNOW See registration ideas at yearbookhelp.com. Click on Marketing & Selling and scroll down to Prepare for Registration Sales.





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### Sales tables

Have sporting events, concerts, plays, parent-teacher conferences or spirit week at your school? Sales tables are a great way to spread the word and sell yearbooks!

#### Make sure you have these:

- A computer so people can order right then
- Handouts/cards so people who can't order now have the info on how, where and when to order
- Previous year's book so people can see how great your yearbook is

#### Use items like these to draw attention:

- All-call and emails before your event to announce books will be for sale
- Customized Marketing: Vertical banners, posters, fliers
- Order forms
- Buttons
- Online Sales for easy ordering

You can use the same registration ideas for your sales tables.



TechKNOW For more information on sales tables, go to walsworthyearbooks.com/marketing and click on the Market to Parents icon.

## Parent Email Program (PEP)

Parents read emails. Parents buy books. If you're not sending emails to parents, you're missing out on easy sales.

They're free, easy to set up and only a click away with Online Sales.

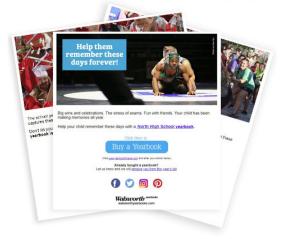
Enroll in our Parent Email Program (PEP) to get emails sent to your parents regularly.

- Once you've set up your Online Sales, go to walsworthyearbooks.com/pep and submit your info.
- You will be contacted by Walsworth to get your parent email list.
- · Your emails are sent out automatically every three weeks!
- Online purchasers are removed from the next email send.

Could it be any easier?

#### "As an adviser, it (PEP) helped to get the word out with regularity and convenience for those who had not yet purchased a book."

Mike McCormick Northumberland High School, Heathsville, Virginia



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## School website banners

It's all about catching parents where they go. And they go to the school's website. Place a banner ad on your school website (preferably the home page, on calendar/events pages and on the grades page) so parents are just a click away from ordering.

#### To get your banner:

- 1. Once you've set up your Online Sales, go to **Members Only** and click on the website banners button.
- 2. Select the banner type and click on the size you want.
- 3. Copy the HTML code and send to your school's webmaster with the request to put it on your school's home page and on the pages parents visit most (the webmaster will know which pages those are).





### All-calls

You know those messages your parents get from the school with weather closings and other important stuff? Get crazy and use that system to sell yearbooks, too.

Warning: May cause an influx in sales!

#### Message tips:

- Make it 20 seconds or less
- · Stick to the basics what, when, how and cost
- · Repeat after me:

"Time's running out to buy the (school name) yearbook! Yearbooks are only \$(cost). Buy online with a credit card, debit card or PayPal at yearbookforever.com, or at the school with cash or check in room (room #). Don't wait – yearbook sales end (deadline)! Go to yearbookforever.com today."

Tip: Create a two-week deadline so parents will act now!

Check with your adviser and administrator to see if you can use the all-call system.

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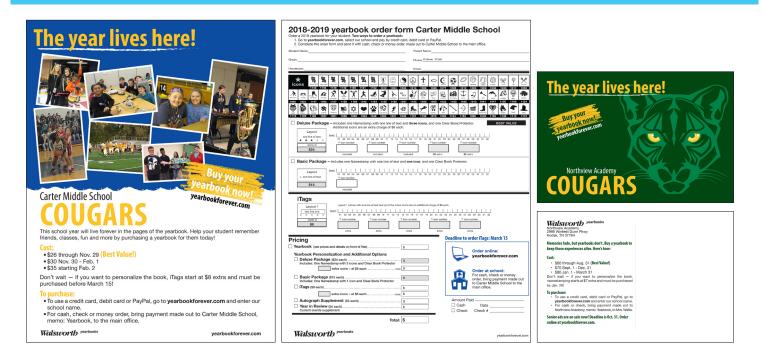
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### Home mailings/Customized Marketing (Parents)

Imagine parents opening their mailbox to find a postcard with people and school colors they recognize. I bet they wouldn't throw it away! How cool is that?! Don't have time to create your own? Our designers can create postcards that don't look like junk mail.

The possibilities are endless. Check out everything at **Marketing Help > Customized Marketing > View Catalog**. Don't see what you want? Just ask!

TechKNOW See Customized Marketing fliers, postcards and lots more at walsworthyearbooks.com/marketing. Click on the Order Customized Marketing icon.



## Customized Marketing (Students)

Parents aren't the only ones. Imagine seeing yourself and your friends on posters and fliers. Wouldn't you love it? Don't have time to create your own? Our designers can help!

## **TechKNOW** See all of the Customized Marketing at **walsworthyearbooks.com/marketing.** Click on the **Order Customized Marketing** icon.



## Guerrilla marketing

Take your yearbook message to the streets (or hallways). Get creative. Look around and think about clever ways to tell people to buy a book.

- **Fake Notes** Print coupons, fold them up and write on them like a note you would pass to a friend. Drop in the hallway for someone to pick up and redeem. Sneaky!
- Clock Banners Hang signs on or around clocks, where you all look every few minutes.
- **Restroom Stall Signs** Talk about a captive audience.
- **Fake Parking Tickets** (shown) Put "buy a yearbook" tickets on car windshields and watch them get noticed.
- **Soda Labels** Talk to the person who stocks your vending machines about putting labels on cans.
- Locker Tags Tag lockers with post-its or fliers letting everyone know how many times they're in the book.
- Wristbands Create paper wristbands with your yearbook message and hand out.

You're creative ... what else?

Check out **walsworthyearbooks.com/marketing** for more ideas. Templates are located on both the **Market to Parents** and **Market to Students** pages.



### Social media

You're on it, your friends are on it, even parents are on it... so use it!

Use Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube and other social media for things like promotions, price increases, deadlines, contests and sneak peeks. If you're looking for content or ideas for your book, polls are a great way to survey people and get their opinions.

Use Pinterest to generate ideas of what you would like to do in the book. Pin cool spreads, great photography and anything else that gives you inspiration!

TechKNOW Like our page at facebook.com/yearbooks for ideas and a place to share your thoughts. Follow us at: twitter.com/yearbookforever instagram.com/walsworthyearbooks pinterest.com/walsworthybks





#### Videos

Let's go viral! Do you share videos and talk about videos with your friends? Everyone does.

Spoof your favorite video or ad, or get creative and make your own! Don't be afraid to look silly – those are the best videos.

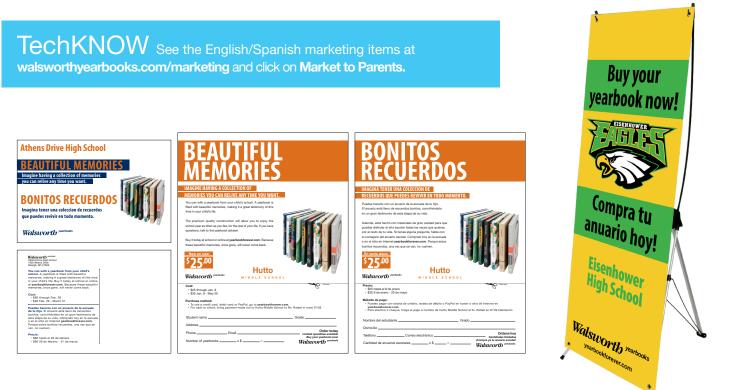
Run your videos on your school website, on your school broadcast channel, on morning announcements and post to Facebook, YouTube and Instagram. You'll be amazed at how quickly your video takes off!



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Chances are your school is made up of students from different cultural backgrounds. Do your research to discover what's important to each culture in your school and speak to each with your yearbook message. Many times saying "Buy a Yearbook" is not enough because people may not understand what a yearbook is if they are from a country that does not have them.

Our bilingual marketing makes it easy for you to reach parents several ways in both English and Spanish. If you send us the translated copy for any other languages spoken at your school, we can create bilingual items for you. Email us at **marketingyearbooks@walsworth.com**.



## Cultural Marketing

### Budget

Yearbook staff members make a product and sell it, which makes yearbook a business. You and your staff need to know how much money you have and how much you think can be raised. Then you can decide what kind of yearbook you can afford to create and how to market it.

Start this process for the next year in the spring of the preceding year. Review your budget worksheet with your yearbook sales representative, so you have an accurate financial picture of your program.

Now let's set up your marketing plan.

**TechKNOW** Get editable templates on **walsworthyearbooks.com** and search **budget** using the magnifiying glass in upper right of page.



## Your marketing to parents plan It's time to set it up.

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Which six make the most sense for your school?\*

Marketing tactics	Next steps and planned date
1	
2	
3	
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#### Proven marketing tactics (pick ones that work for your school):

- Registration/Back-to-school events
- Sales tables
- Parent Email Program (PEP)
- Web banners
- All-calls

- Home mailings/Customized Marketing
- Guerrilla marketing
- Social media
- Videos
- Cultural marketing

\*Hint: You can pick more than six! The key here is to decide which tactics are doable at your school and STICK TO THEM. Keep this workbook nearby for reference throughout the year.

## Your marketing to students plan It's time to set it up.

Which six make the most sense for your school?\*

	Marketing tactics	Next steps and planned date
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		

#### Proven marketing tactics (pick ones that work for your school):

- Registration/Back-to-school events
- · Sales tables
- Guerrilla marketing

- Social media
- Videos
- Home mailings/Customized Marketing

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- Fake notes
- Clock banners
- Restroom stall signs
- Fake parking tickets
- Soda labels
- Locker tags
- Wrist bands

\*Hint: You can pick more than six by selecting different types of events to attend or different types of guerrilla marketing. The key here is to decide which tactics are doable at your school and STICK TO THEM. Keep this workbook nearby for reference throughout the year.

## Add cool technology, sell more books

Get students excited about their yearbook by making it interactive – add these mobile apps!

Walsworth's Yearbook AR and Yearbook Snap mobile apps enhance the printed yearbook and give students and parents amazing new ways to share their memories.



#### Yearbook Snap

Students and parents can easily submit photos from a school event to the yearbook with the **Yearbook Snap** mobile app.

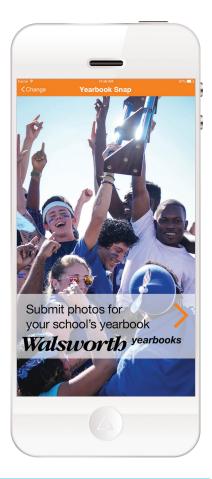
Easier submission means more engagement with parents and students and more photos to choose from for your yearbook. **Yearbook Snap** is the mobile app for **Community Upload**, where students and parents can upload photos at **yearbookforever.com**.



#### Yearbook AR

Bring your yearbook to life with Yearbook AR!

Walsworth's augmented reality app brings a whole new interactive experience to your yearbook. See the Homecoming dance leap off the page. Watch the marching band perform. Relive chemistry class.



TechKNOW See more info at walsworthyearbooks.com/yearbooksnap and walsworthyearbooks.com/ar.

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## Recruit awesome staff members

One way to create an excellent book is to get dedicated and creative students on staff. To help with that, consider using these fun recruiting materials.

#### **Posters**

Hang these colorful posters designed to advertise various jobs on yearbook staff to attract students who never thought about the fun work of yearbook.

#### **Fliers**

Similar to the posters, these fliers also include a staff application on the back.

#### Info cards

Staff members can use these cards to invite classmates who impress them to apply for yearbook staff.

#### Locker stuffers

Help students understand what yearbook is all about with these locker stuffers that explain what's great about being on staff and how to apply. Slide them into the lockers of students you think would be great on staff.

#### **Stickers**

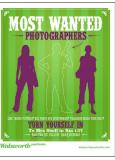
Put these on lockers, friends' notebooks or anywhere else you can think of to advertise recruitment.

#### Social media graphics

Have a yearbook Facebook page or Twitter account? Use these graphics to help spread the word that the yearbook staff is looking for the best and brightest.

## TechKNOW Get editable templates on walsworthyearbooks.com/recruiting.





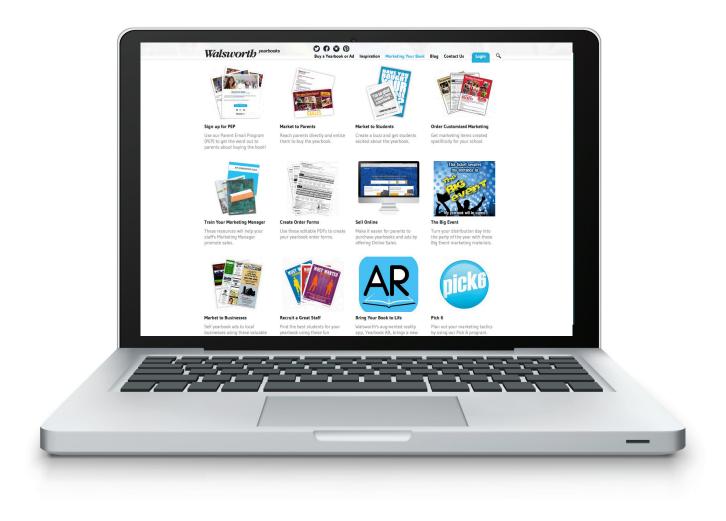




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