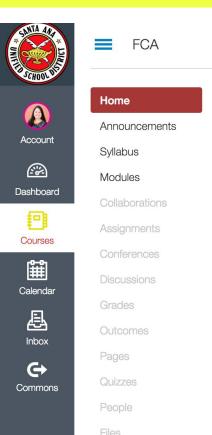


Humanizing the Homepage

A STANDARD HOMEPAGE

This is what your students see when they click on your course.



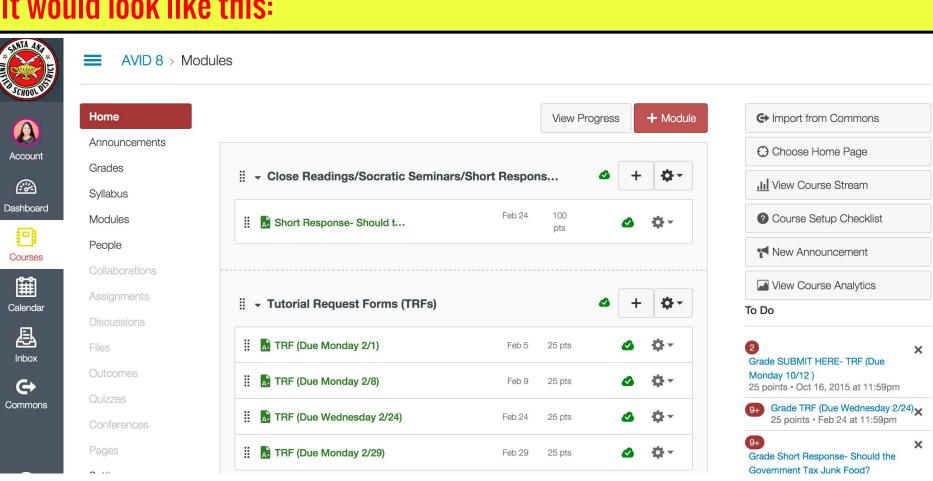
Recent Activity in FCA



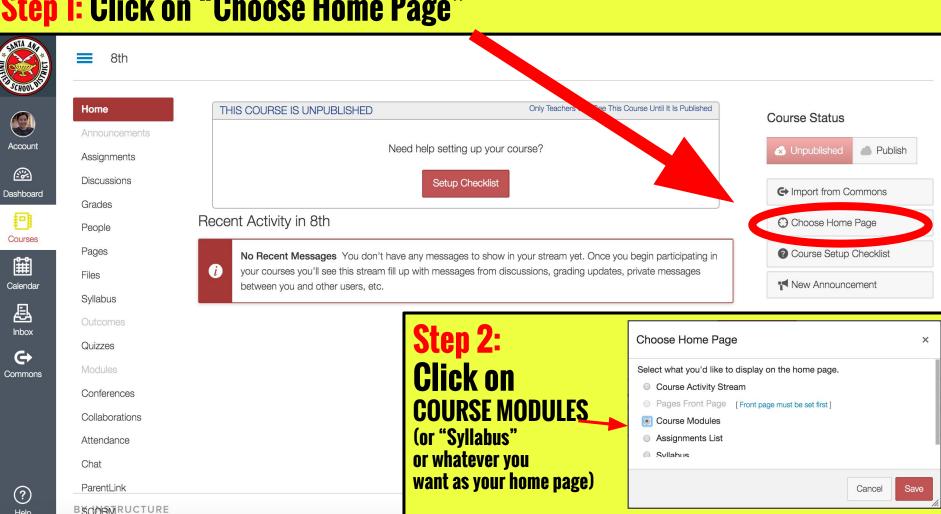
No Recent Messages You don't have any messages to show in your stream yet. Once you begin participating in your courses you'll see this stream fill up with messages from discussions, grading updates, private messages between you and other users, etc.

Course Status Published Unpublish ← Import from Commons Choose Home Page Course Setup Checklist Mew Announcement Coming Up 7 View Calendar Nothing for the next week

You could make one of your pages (like the MODULES) your homepage. It would look like this:



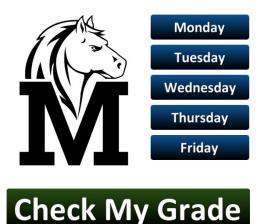
Step 1: Click on "Choose Home Page"

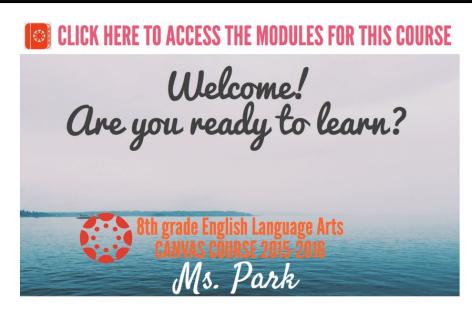


Or you could design your own homepage with BUTTONS!



Weekly Routines



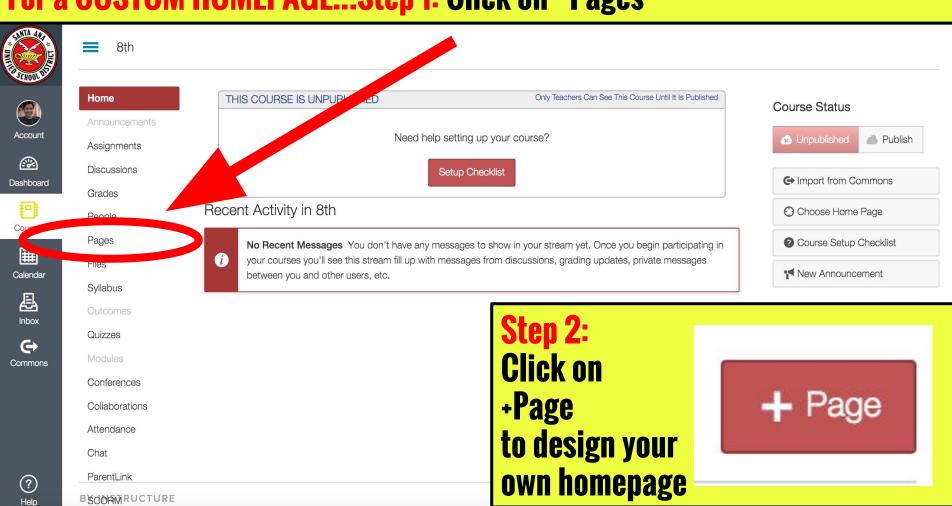




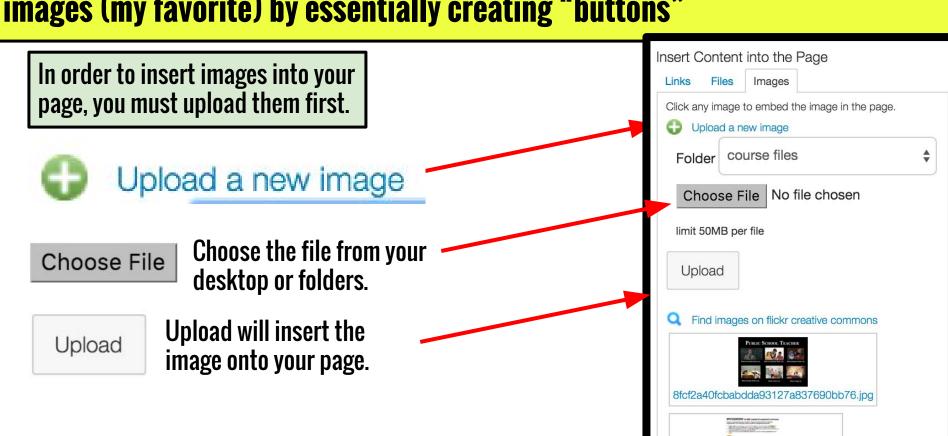
IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:



For a CUSTOM HOMEPAGE...Step 1: Click on "Pages"



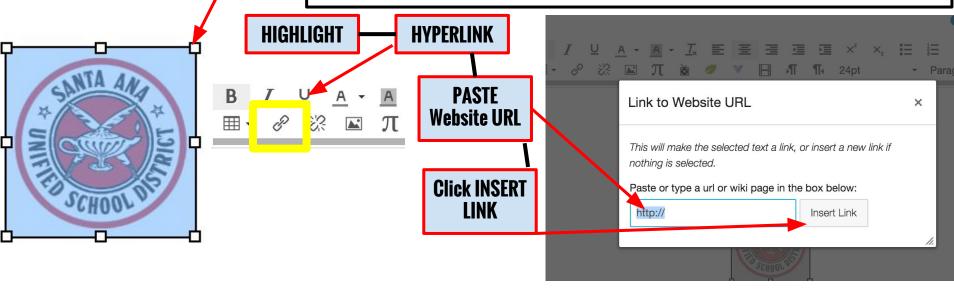
Step 3: Design your homepage. You can use LINKS by typing out text (very similar functions/tools to writing an email on Outlook) or by LINKING images (my favorite) by essentially creating "buttons"



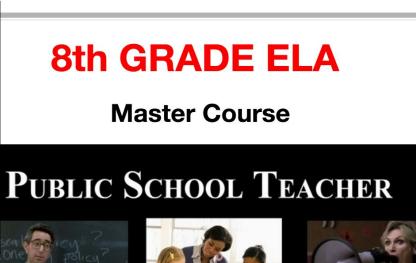
Step 3 continued... You can activate your images by making them "buttons" AKA hyperlinked images.

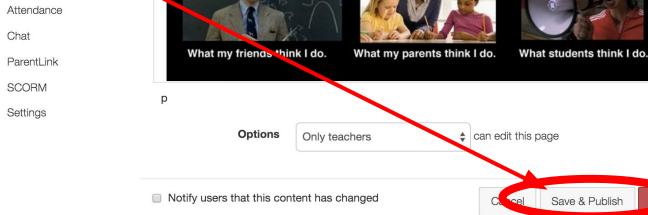
You can change the size of the images to make them more "button-like"

To hyperlink an image, simply HIGHLIGHT your image, and click on the "hyperlink" sign. Then, copy-paste the website or link you'd like it to link to. If you want to link your module page, just copy-paste the URL that you see when you're at your course's modules.



Step 4: Click on "Save & Publish" If you do not publish your page, you cannot set it as your homepage.





Step 5: Set your HOMEPAGE. (5A) When you go to your "PAGES," you + Page need to click on the cog symbol and select "USE AS FRONT PAGE" PAGE TITLE A CREATION DATE LAST EDIT Mar 2, 2016 by Deborah Park HOMEPAGE EXAMPLE Mar 1, 2016 Links for Chromebook Users Sep 9, 2015 Sep 9, 2015 Edit The Novel Challenge Sep 9, 2015 Sep 9, 2015 Delete (5B) Then, go to back to your Course page, and select "Choose Use as Front Page **Home Page" on the right side** ♦ Share to Commons Course Status (5C) Then, click on Choose Home Page X "PAGES FRONT PAGE" Unpublished Publish and "SAVE" Select what you'd like to display on the home page. Course Activity Stream ← Import from Commons **YOUR HOME PAGE IS** Pages Front Page HOMEPAGE EXAMPLE [Change] Choose Home Page **NOW PUBLISHED!** Course Modules Assignments List View Course Stream Syllahus ? Course Setup Checklist Save Cancel Mew Announcement

MAKING BUTTONS! Here are a few resources/websites you can use.

<u>http://dabuttonfactory.com/</u> - This website lets you create buttons that are the same size and look professional

http://piktochart.com/ - This website is for making infographs, and it's my favorite because it has beautiful fonts and cool icons.

You can also use word processing or presentation programs/apps to design your own buttons. Then, use the "screenshot" function.

My favorite method is the screen shot! (.png or .jpg)

On an Apple Computer, simply click all three of the following at the same time, and select the part you want to capture.

COMMAND-SHIFT-4

On a <mark>Chromebook:</mark>
It will save to your "FILES"

CTRL-SHIFT-

On a PC: windows key, snipping tool, click on it, New, cross hairs- select the image you want to capture, and then it saves to your desktop http://www.digitaltrends.com/computing/how-to-take-a-screenshot-on-pc/

You can also access pre-made buttons (PDF doc) on my teacher site. Just use the "screenshot" function to capture the buttons that you want to use.

www.teachpark.weebly.com