SHARPSCHOOL USER MANUAL

CHAPTER 6 TEACHER PAGES





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1. Introduction

eacher Pages are an essential component to school and district websites. Teachers can easily publish and manage their pages; making it easy to share information and resources with students, other staff, parents, and the community.

Some of the benefits of SharpSchool's **Teacher Page** Wizard include:



- I. Communication with Students: A teacher's page serves as a one-stop reference point for students. With SharpSchool's Teacher Page Wizard, teachers can post homework, assignments, important dates, additional study material, as well as announcements.
- II. Communication with Parents: Teacher pages allow parents to become involved in their child's education. Teachers can communicate with parents through a variety of applications such as subscription-based discussion forums, online surveys, and newsletters.
- **III. Resource Sharing**: By incorporating SharpSchool's **Document Container** and **Useful Links** page, teachers can effectively share resources for students and collaborate with other teachers.
- IV. Features: SharpSchool's Teacher Page Wizard saves time and effort by automatically populating features such as Announcements, Photo Gallery, Calendar, Document Containers, Useful Links, and a Contact Me page.



I. Teacher Page Enhancements

Here are some tips to enhance your teacher page.

Attractive Homepage



Use the WYSIWYG Editor to create attractive and inviting homepages with custom content.

Teacher Bio



Use this section to tell visitors about yourself. Include your education, training, volunteer experience, and other accomplishments.

Contact Information



Include information for visitors to contact teachers.

Multimedia



Give your teacher page personality by including pictures, videos, and colorful text.

Dynamic Blogs



Use SharpSchool to create and maintain your own blog. Increase participation through enabling commenting and RSS feeds.

Galleries



Invite parents and community members into your classroom with a Photo Gallery.

Share Resources



Simplify sharing by uploading documents, forms, and notes for students into SharpSchool's Document Containers.

Useful Links



Share links to sites and files for your students to browse.

Calendar



Give students and parents time to prepare for tests and assignments by posting them on SharpSchool's Calendar.

Achievement Wall



Showcase your class's achievements by including pages such as "Student of the Week."

II. Teacher Page Tips

Here are some of the ways to keep your page visually appealing and effective.



Avoid Clutter

Do not add all subpages under one main page. This causes confusion for users as they can easily lose track of pages when there are too many listed in the navigation bar.



Separate & Categorize

Avoid putting large amounts of information on a single page. Readers can lose interest if there is too much content. This issue can be avoided by categorizing large amounts of information and separating them into individual pages. You can simply include links to other areas of your teacher page to ensure a better flow.



Meet & Greet

Make an impression by introducing yourself to your visitors through the **Introduction** section.



Maintain your Image

Avoid uploading low resolution images (unclear photos) as this will negatively affect the overall look of your page.

2. Key Information

In order to create a **Teacher Page**, the teacher must first log in to the site using their **Username** and **Password**.



If you are not registered with the site, you can request access by clicking the **Signup** button. This will prompt you to create a profile which is automatically routed for approval to an administrator.

If you are registered but have forgotten your password, click Forgot Password to retrieve it.



3. How to Add a Teacher Page

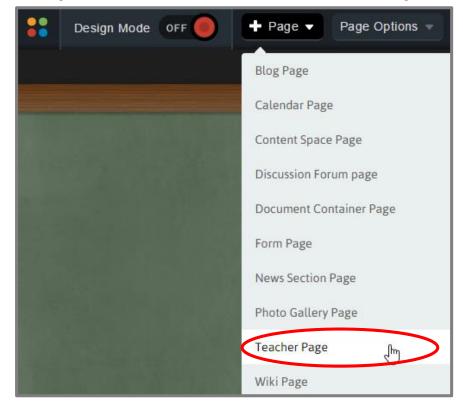


Reminder: The **Administrative Tool Bar** on the top of the page is specific to the page you are viewing.

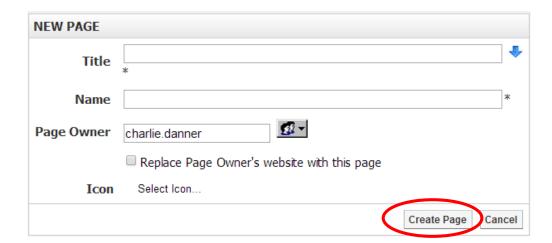
Step 1. Select the relevant department of the Staff Directory page on your website.



Step 2. Go to Page in the Administrative Toolbar and click Teacher Page.



Step 3. Enter a name in the Title field and click Create Page.





Tip: Teachers with multiple classes may choose to create individual **Teacher Pages** for each class or create subpages for each class under a single **Teacher Page.**



4. How to Edit Teacher Page

After you have created a teacher page you will be taken to SharpSchool's **WYSIWYG** (**What You See Is What You Get**) **Editor**. This editor has been designed to give teachers without technical experience the ability to create and maintain their own web pages.





Note: Each new **Teacher Page** includes 4 automatic sub-pages; these are titled **Calendar**, **Photo Gallery**, **Useful Links**, and **Contact Me**. You can find links to these pages in the **Vertical Navigation**. As additional pages are added, they will also be listed in this area.

I. SharpSchool's WYSIWYG Editor

Some of these features may not be available due to restrictions by your administrator.

Feature	Description
∢> HTML	< > HTML: Instantly convert the page content into HTML code. Clicking Design again will revert back to the simplified WYSIWYG interface.
• Preview	Preview : This option allows you to preview a page before you publish it. This feature opens the preview window as a pop-up; make sure your pop-up blocker is set to allow pop-ups from SharpSchool.
A	Template: The Templates button allows you to use pre-existing content templates in your content box.
>6	Cut : This function will allow you to move content. Highlight the chosen content in the editor before using this button.
	Copy: This function will allow you to duplicate content. Highlight the desired content in the editor before using this button.
	Paste : This function allows you to paste cut or copied content in a different area of the content box.
	Paste as Plain Text: This option pastes content; however it removes all formatting (coding) from the copied content.
	Paste from Word: This option allows you to paste content copied from Microsoft Word while preserving the original formatting.
4	Print : This option prints the contents of your page.
ABC	Spell Checker: This option runs a spell check for errors on your page.
4)	Undo : This option allows you to undo your last action on a page.
Cn	Redo: This option allows you to redo the action last applied on your page.
₽ A	Find/Replace : This tool searches the content area for specified text, chosen by the user. You can also use this tool to look for specified text, and replace it with different text. For example, a teacher can have this tool find every instance of the word "Left" and with one click, change it to the word "Right."



 ✓	Format Stripper: This tool removes all or specific formatting from selected content.
В	Bold: This option allows you to bold text in the editor.
I	Italicize: This option allows you to italicize text in the editor.
<u>u</u>	Underline : This option allows you to <u>underline</u> text in the editor.
abe	Strikethrough: This option allows you to cross out (cross out) selected text.
X ₂	Subscript: This option allows you to convert text into a subscript of other text.
ײ	Superscript : This option allows you to convert text into a superscript of other text.
ŧ≡	Bullets: This tool allows you to create bulleted lists.
±=	Numbered: This tool allows you to create numbered lists.
	Increase Indents: This option allows you to increase indents (tabs) in your paragraphs.
	Decrease Indents: This option allows you to decrease indents in your paragraphs.
	Left Align: This tool aligns your text to the left.
畫	Center Align: This tool aligns your text in the center.
=	Right Align: This tool aligns your text to the right.
	Justify: This tool formats your text to give equal space on both sides.
9	Hyperlink: This tool allows you to link selected text to another website or document.
<u>&</u>	Remove Link: This tool allows you to remove a hyperlink from text. You must highlight the text first before clicking this tool.
	Image Manager: This tool allows you to insert images.
===	Insert Table: This tool allows you to insert tables in your editor. A popup menu will appear prompting you to select the dimensions of your table.



=	Horizontal Rule: This option inserts a horizontal line on the page.
Normal ▼	Style: This option allows you to customize the style of text on your page.
Tahoma ▼	Font: This option allows you to customize the font of text on your page.
4 • 12px •	Size: This option allows you to customize the size of the text on your page. You can select a predefined size (left) or specify the number of pixels for the height of the characters (right).
A ·	Text Color: This option allows you to change the color of text on your page.
ॐ ▼	Background Color : This option allows you to change the background color of text of your page.
	Help : Click this button to view a description of each feature.
-	Insert Formula: This option allows you to insert a formula to calculate values.
•	Media Manager: This tool allows you to embed video and sound files.
•	Insert Recorder: This tool allows you to record and embed a webcam video.
Ø	Insert Flash: This tool allows you to embed Flash videos.



II. Publish a Teacher Page

Once content is added to the page, there are three options available:

- i. Save Draft: This option saves your changes but they will not be published on the site. You can return to the editor anytime and continue your work.
- ii. Publish: This option instantly displays your changes on the site.
- iii. Cancel: This option will not save any changes.



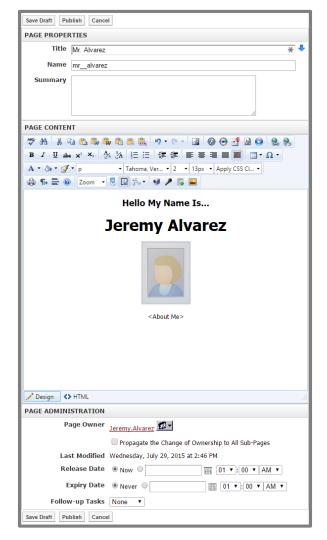
Note: To edit a published page, simply return to the **Page Options** menu and click **Check Out & Edit Page**.

Page Administration displays important information, such as:

Page Owner: In organizations where more than one individual is responsible for maintaining different pages on a site, this feature is useful when tasks need to be distributed. For the **Teacher Page** component, only the respective teacher will be a page owner.

Last Modified: Identifies the date in which the page was last updated.

Release Schedule: The Release Date and Expiry Date fields allow you to schedule when the page will be visible to users. The Release Date determines when the page will be made public and the Expiry Date determines when the page will no longer be public. By default, the Release Date will be set to Now and the Expiry Date will be set to Never.



Follow-up Tasks: Features two options, Review and Archive. Under the Review option, you have the ability to schedule a reminder to review a particular page on a pre-defined date.



On this date, SharpSchool's system will trigger an email to the page owner, to update the page. Likewise, the **Archive** option automatically archives the page on a selected date.

Approval Notes: The approval section is where a page owner can include review notes for page approval. Many organizations set approval workflows on pages in order to ensure the quality and standard of the content that is published on their public site. This section will only appear if an approval rule has been set on your page.

5. Photo Gallery

SharpSchool's **Photo Gallery** allows you to create multiple albums with interactive features such as slideshows and commenting.



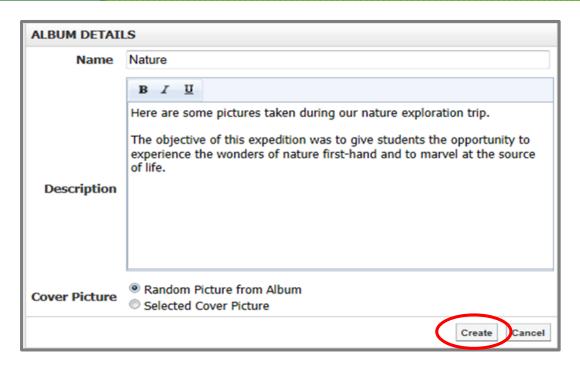
Tip: Use the online **Photo Gallery** to invite parents into your classroom by showcasing projects and creative work.

To create a **Photo Gallery** on your teacher page:

Step 1. Click **Photo Gallery** from the left navigation bar of your page. This will lead you to a blank gallery page. From here, click **Add Album**.



- Step 2. A window will prompt you to enter a Name and Description for your Album.
- **Step 3.** Select a **Cover Picture**.
 - **a.** If **Random Picture from Album** is selected, the system will randomly use an image from your album as the **Cover Picture**.
 - **b.** If **Select Cover Picture** is selected, you will be prompted to choose an image from your computer or server to upload as the cover picture.



Step 4. Click **Create** to publish the photo gallery.

I. How to Add Images to a Photo Album

Step 1. An empty album will show the message "No Images in Album". Click **Add Image** to begin.



- **Step 2.** You will be prompted to upload images from your server or computer. Click **Choose**File.
- **Step 3.** In the new window, navigate to and select the image you want to upload. Click **Open**.



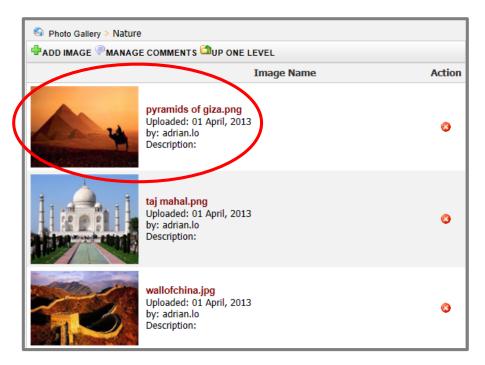
Note: If you are using Internet Explorer, you have the option of using a multiple file upload tab to upload your images.

- Step 4. Click Upload Image(s) to publish them into your online album.
- Step 5. The resulting screen is an administrative view into the Photo Album and an Album Management toolbar. Here, you can modify Album Properties, Manage Images, Reorder Images, and Manage Comments and Security.

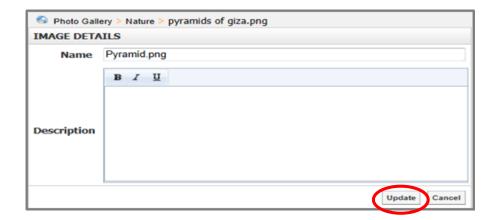
III. How to Rename a Picture

Images from a computer or digital camera often have names with file extensions at the end (e.g. DSC-1001019A-200805.jpg). To rename images simply click Manage Images.

Step 1. To rename images, click **Manage Images** on the **Album Management** toolbar and click the picture you wish to rename.



Step 2. The **Image Details** box in **Error! Reference source not found.** will appear. Here, you can change the **Name** and add a **Description** of the image. Click **Update** for the changes to be applied to the album.

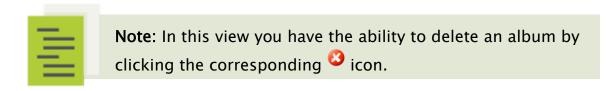




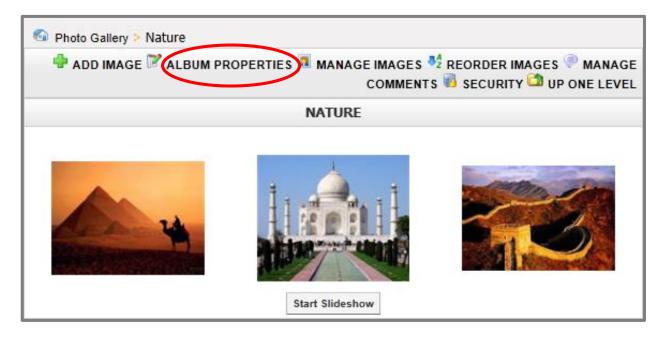
IV. Customize an Album

To customize an album, go to the **Photo Gallery Page** and select the album you wish to customize.

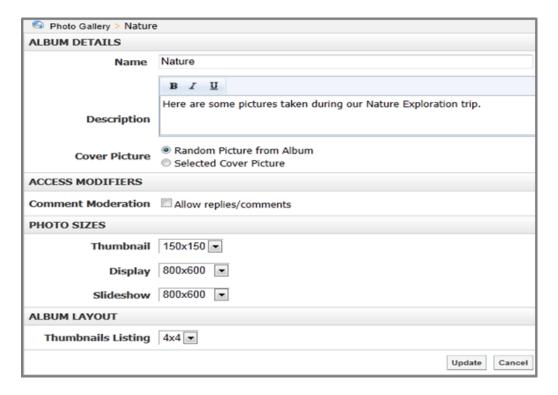




Step 1. Click Album Properties in the Album Management toolbar.



The resulting window includes various customization options as seen shown below:



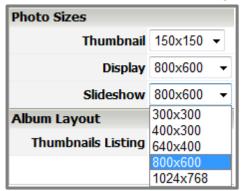
- i. Name: Rename an album.
- ii. **Description**: Include a description of an album.



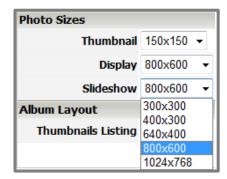
Note: There is a simplified version of the WYSIWYG editor included here.

- iii. Cover Picture: Change the cover picture. If Random Picture from Album is selected, the system will randomly use an image from your album as the Cover Picture. If Select Cover Picture is selected, you will be prompted to choose an image from your computer or server to upload as the cover picture.
- iv. Comment Moderation: Enable visitor comments by selecting this option.
- v. Thumbnail: Customize the resolution of thumbnails in the album here.

vi. Display: Customize the resolution of individual images.



vii. Slideshow: Customize the resolution of images when viewed as a slideshow.



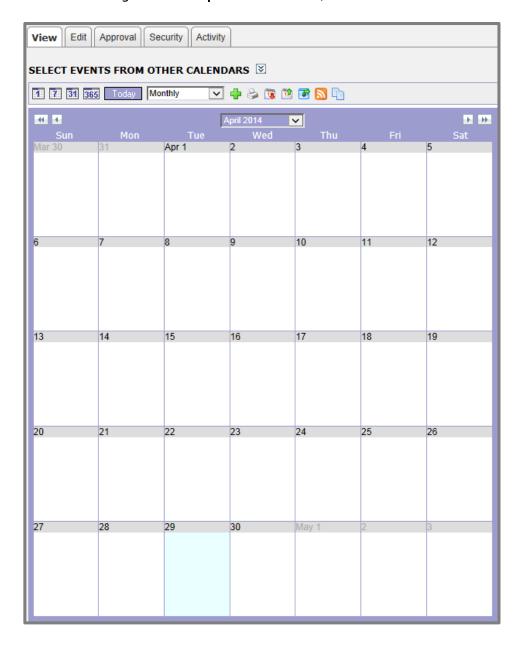
- **viii. Thumbnail Listing:** Customize the order in which thumbnails are listed on the album page.
- Step 2. Once all customizations are complete, click Update.



6. Classroom Calendar

Using the **Classroom Calendars**, teachers can ensure that students and parents are always aware of upcoming assignments and deadlines. This is also a great place to publish other important dates such as school events.

To access the calendar assigned to your teacher page click the **Calendar** link from the left navigation bar of your **Teacher Page**. This will lead you to a blank calendar page. For more information on how to navigate the **SharpSchool Calendar**, refer to the **Calendar** manual.



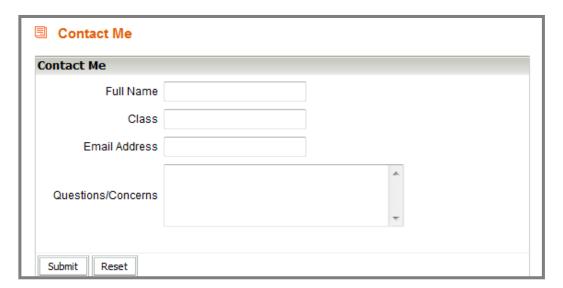


7. Contact Me

The **Contact Me** page allows visitors to contact you via email.

To access the **Contact Me** page assigned to your teacher page:

- Step 1. Click the Contact Me link on the left navigation bar of your Teacher Page.
- Step 2. This page contains a simple form with fields for Full Name, Class (if applicable), Email Address and Questions/Concerns.
- Step 3. Click **Submit** once you have completed the form. The information in the form is sent to the page owner, i.e. the teacher, of the email address.





8. Useful Links

SharpSchool's Useful Links features a Document Container that streamlines resource sharing. It allows you to upload documents and other resources into folders for users to download.



Tips: You can use the Document Container for things such as:

- i. Storing homework assignments
- ii. Field trip forms
- iii. Curriculum

To access the **Document Container** assigned to your teacher page:

Step 1. Click on **Useful Links** from the left navigation bar of your teacher page. This will lead you to your document container.

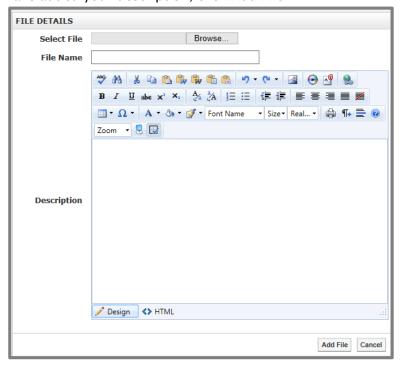


I. Upload a Single File

Step 1 Click the Add New Item dropdown menu and select File.



- **Step 2** Once selected, you will be taken to another page. To select a single file from your computer, click **Browse**.
- Step 3 Give your file a Name to be displayed within your document container.
- **Step 4** You may provide a **Description** of the file you are uploading for others to see, but it is not required.
- Step 5 Once you have added your description, click Add File.



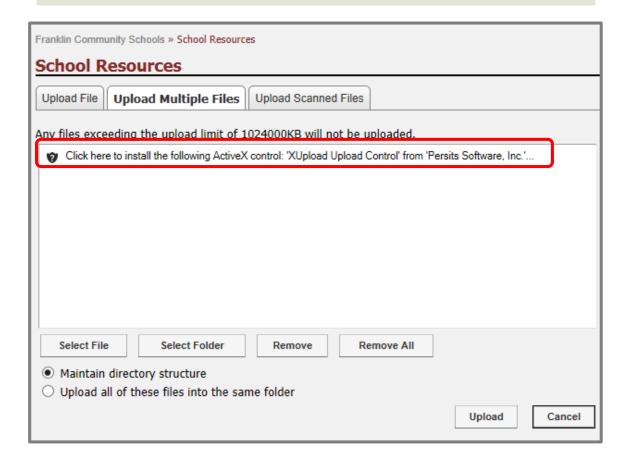
II. Uploading Multiple Files

To save time, the **Document Container** module allows users to upload several files at once.

- **Step 1** Click **Add New Item** dropdown menu and select **File**.
- Step 2 Click the Upload Multiple Files tab at the top of the document container. This will take you to the file upload editor.



Note: You may have to install an ActiveX control to use this editor on your browser. To do so, simply click on the prompt that directs you to install the **XUpload Upload Control** and click **Run** when the install window pops up. If this control is already installed you will not see this prompt.

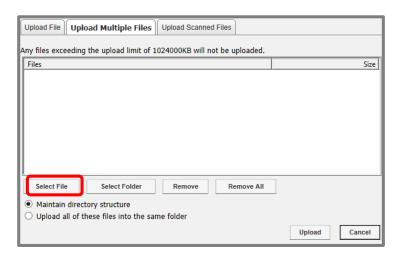


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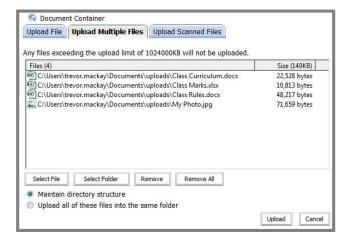
Step 3 To select files one at a time from your computer, click **Select File**.



Note: You may instead wish to upload an entire folder of files all at once. To do so, click **Select Folder**. From here, navigate to the location of the folder on your computer, click on it, then click **Scan**.



Step 4 Within the Choose File window, locate the file(s) you wish to upload by selecting them individually and clicking Open, or by highlighting a group at once and clicking Open.





Note: If you decide not to add one of the files listed in the window, click on the file and click **Remove**.

Step 5 Click Upload when completed.



III. Uploading Multiple Files

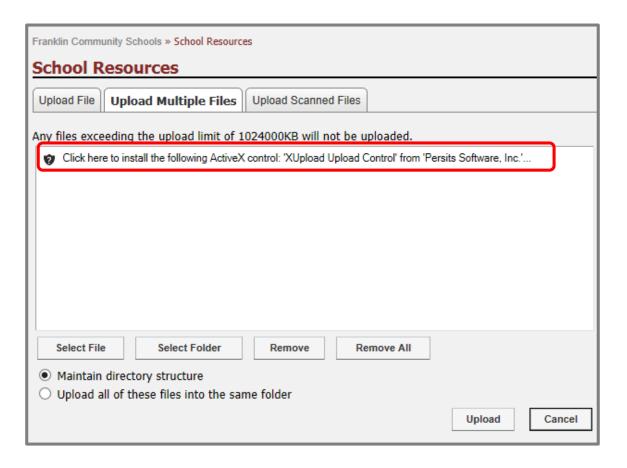
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Click Add New Item dropdown menu and select File.

Click the **Upload Multiple Files** tab at the top of the **Document Container**. This will take you to the **File Update Editor**.



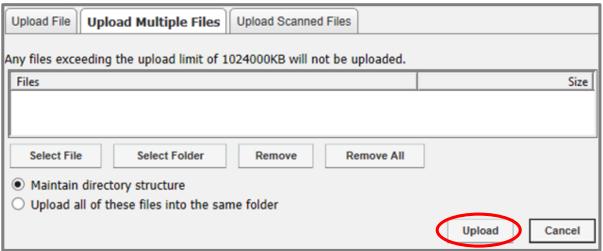
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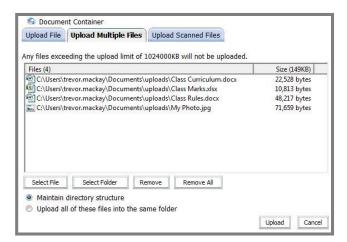
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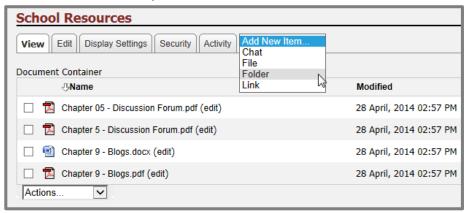


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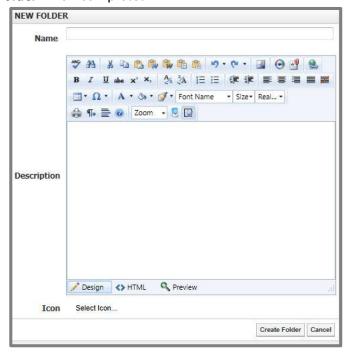
Click Upload when completed.

IV. Creating File Folders

Step 1 Click the Add New Item dropdown menu and select Folder.



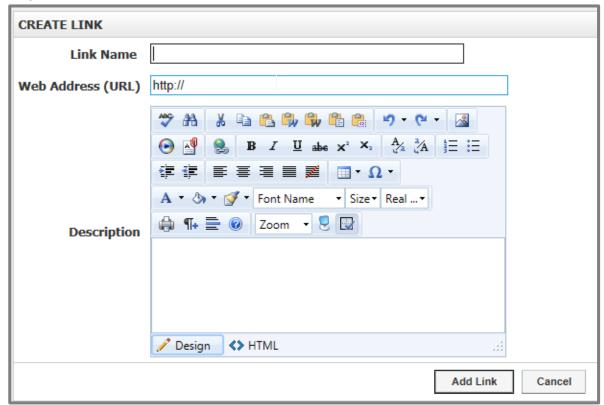
- **Step 2** Enter a **Name** to be displayed within the document container.
- **Step 3** Provide a **Description** of the folder to let others know of its contents.
- **Step 4** Click **Create Folder** when completed.





V. Creating Links to External Resources

- Step 1 Click the Add New Item dropdown menu and select Link.
- **Step 2** Give your link a **Link Name** to be displayed in the document container.
- Step 3 Type in the full web address of the site in the Web Address (URL) field.
- **Step 4** Provide a **Description** to let others know the contents of the linked site
- Step 5 Click Add Link when completed.





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VI. How to Edit a File

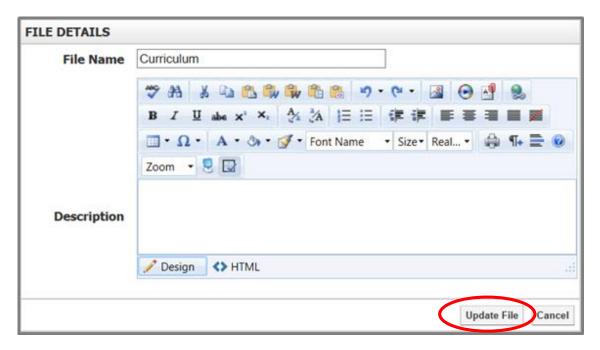
Step 1. Navigate to the file you wish to edit and click (edit) next to the file.





Note: If your file is stored in a folder, you will first have to navigate to where your file is stored by clicking on the folder.

Step 2. You can now change the **File** Name and/or **Description** of your file. When you have made your changes, click the **Update File** button. This will save the changes to your file.



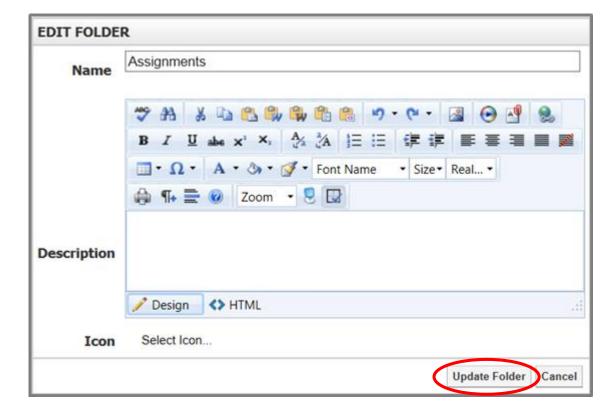


VII. How to Edit a folder

- Step 1. Navigate to the folder you wish to edit and click the name of the folder.
- Step 2. Click the **Edit** tab along the top of your **Document Container**. From here you can make changes to the name, description and icon of your folder.



When you finished making your changes, click **Update Folder**. This will save the changes you have made to your Folder.





VIII. Moving a File or Folder

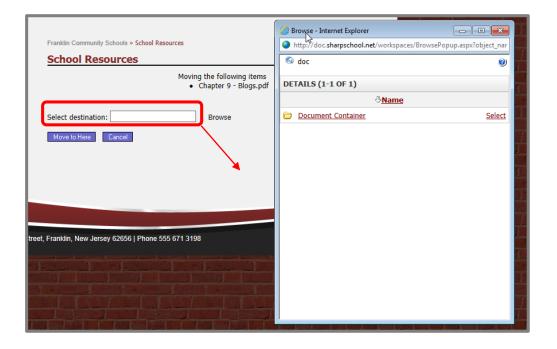
Step 1 If you wish to move your files, folders or links to another location within the document container, check the checkbox next to the file you wish to move. Then, select **Move Selected** on the **Actions** dropdown menu (located at the bottom of your document container).



Tip: You can save time by moving several items at once. Check the box next to every item you wish to move to the same new destination.

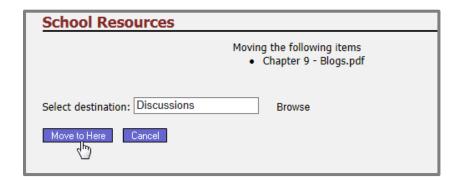


Step 2 On this page, click on the Browse link next to the Select Destination field to select a new location within your document container for your items. A new window will pop up.





- Step 3 Navigate to your desired destination by clicking on the names of the folders. When you have located the folder you wish to transfer your selected items to, click on the Select link on the right side of the window for that folder.
- **Step 4** Click the **Move to Here** button to move your selected items.





Pitfall: If you move a folder to a new location, all the items within that folder will be moved as well.



IX. How to Delete a File or Folder

Step 1 If you wish to move your files, folders or links to another location within the document container, check the checkbox next to the file you wish to move, and select **Delete Selected** on the **Actions** dropdown menu (located at the bottom of your document container).



Tip: You can save time and delete several items at once by checking the box next to every item you wish to remove.



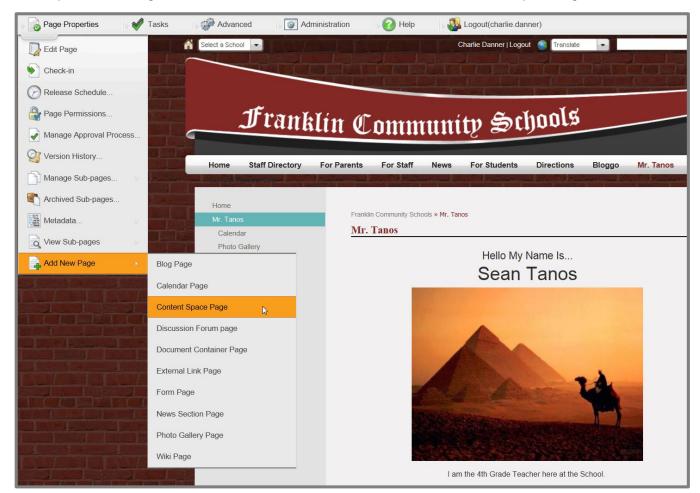
Step 2 Confirm your selection by clicking **Yes** in the confirmation window. Once deleted, the items are permanently removed, so make sure the items selected are the correct ones.



Pitfall: If you delete a folder, all items within that folder will also be deleted.

9. How to Add More pages

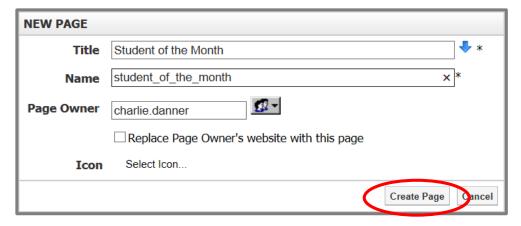
Step 1. Go to Page in the Administrative Tool Bar and then click Content Space Page.



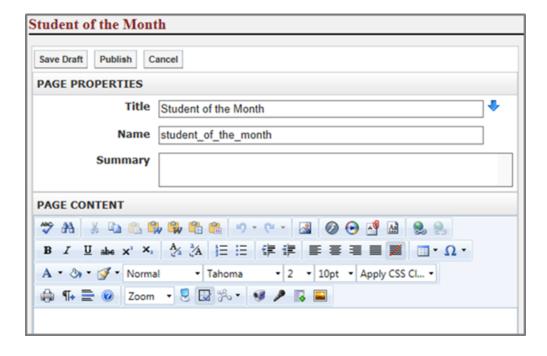


Note: Remember to return to your teacher home page to add subpages. Subpages can also be created under other subpages.

- Step 2. Enter a name into the **Title** field. This title will appear in the dropdown menu from the **Administrative Tool Bar.** The **Name** field will automatically populate as a user-friendly URL based on what is entered in the **Title** field.
- Step 3. The Page Owner field automatically populates with the creator of the page.
- Step 4. Click Select Icon to select an icon and click Submit when you have finished.
- Step 5. Click Create Page to publish the page.



Add your content using SharpSchool's WYSIWYG editor and click Publish when you are finished.

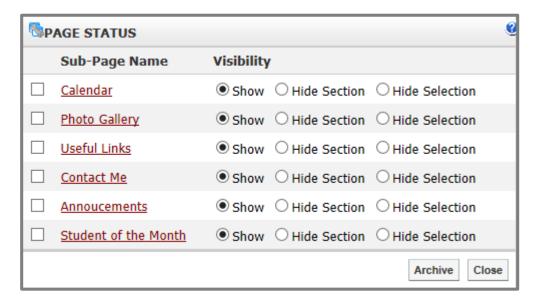


10. How to Manage Subpages

With SharpSchool's system there is no restriction on the order of the pages.

To hide, show, or archive a page:

Step 1. Go to Page Options in the Administrative Tool Bar and then click Page Status.





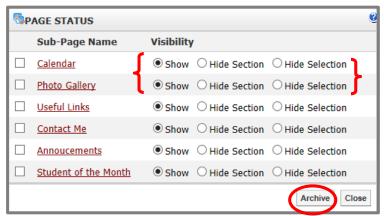
Reminder: The **Administrative Tool Bar** is specific to the page you are viewing. If you select **Page Status** from the home page, you will only see the subpages directly under the homepage.

I. How to Hide or Show a Page

You have three visibility options for a page:

- **a. Show**: The page is visible in the **Administrative Tool Bar** and in the vertical navigation bar.
- b. Hide Section: Allows you to hide your sub-pages along with the calendar, as well as hide the page from top menu bar and the side menu bar. If there is a calendar within your hidden section, it will not be visible from other calendars on your site. You will not be able to see any sub-pages of the page from the side menu bar.
- c. Hide Selection: Allows you to remove a page from the top menu bar and sidebar menu, without hiding the items that are contained within. The calendars under the hidden page will be visible to other calendars and the side menu bar will display any subpages of the current page.

Show or hide a page by selecting the visibility option you want and click **Close**. The hidden page still remains accessible to the page owner (you) but is hidden from the public site.



II. How to Archive a Page

To archive a subpage, select the checkbox next to the page name and click Archive.



III. How to Retrieve Archived Pages

- Step 1. Go to Page Options in the Administrative Tool Bar and then click Archived Subpages.
- Step 2. Select the checkbox next to the corresponding page(s) you want to retrieve and click **Un-Archive**.



IV. How to Delete a Sub-page

- Step 1. Go to Page Options in the Administrative Tool Bar and then click Archived Subpages.
- Step 2. Click the ⁶⁰ button next to the sub-page you want to delete.





Reminder: Pages must be archived before they can be deleted from the site.

V. How to Order a Page

Users have the ability to rearrange the order of subpages as they appear on the navigation bar. To rearrange your pages:

Step 1. Go to Page Options in the Administrative Tool Bar and then click Page Order.

Step 2. Use your mouse to click, drag, and drop the links in the desired order.



