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# Enroll More Families Using an Outbound Marketing Campaign

ACIS Conference
October 14, 2022



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## The Enrollment Management Association

- Global network of 1,300+ member schools and organizations; year-round professional development & learning
- Gold-standard tools for smarter enrollment decisions: SAO, SSAT, Character Skills Snapshot, Student Prospect List
- Specialized research, analysis, and publications (reminder: complete your SOTI survey!)

Our vision is to champion transformational education journeys.

Our tools and resources provide insights beyond academics so schools can empower students to seamlessly navigate their unique paths to success.



#### Agenda

- Insights and Data About Parents
- 2 Outbound Marketing
- 3 Direct Email Campaign
- 4 Mistakes to Avoid
- 5 Q&A





## Rapid Focus Groups

How do you go about making a major purchase?







What are the latest insights and data about parents?





## 82%

The vast majority of parents shopping for independent schools are Gen Xers in their 40's-50s.



#### Gen X Purchasing Behavior

Email marketing is effective for shoppers in their 40's & 50's. This cohort tends to research major purchases online but shop in person.



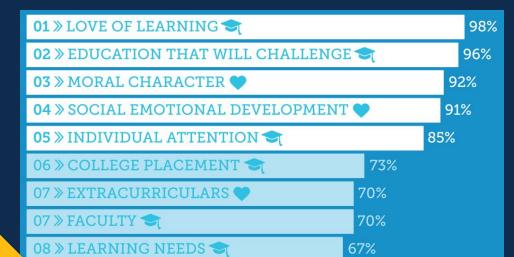
## 10%+

The next generational cohort (and the fastest growing) shopping for independent schools are millennials in their 30's-40's.

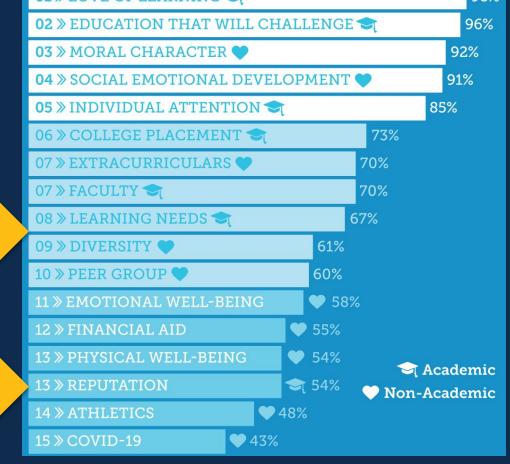


#### Millennial Purchasing Behavior

Traditional marketing is less effective for this cohort. Millennials want brands to get real and rally behind a cause.











#### You should pay us tuition because...

<b>Gen Y / Millennials</b> (Parents in their 20's-30's)	Our school's values align with yours!
<b>Gen X</b> (Parents in their 40's-50's)	Our school is the best fit for your child's needs!
<b>Boomer</b> (Parents in their 60's-70's)	We're the best school in the area!



#### The Family Enrollment Journey



On average families research about four schools.

Most families rule a school off their list before starting the application.

Nearly half of families said the process was harder than they expected.

Source: EMA's The Ride to Independent School Report



#### **Decision Factors**

	Rank (When Choosing to Apply)	Rank (When Choosing to Enroll)
Academics	1	1
Clubs & Activities	15	2
Sports	5	3
Diversity	7	4
College Counseling	14	5
Financial Aid	16	6

Source: EMA's The Ride to Independent School Report



#### School is failing my child.

Help me find a school that will address those obstacles so I can ensure that my child will not fall further behind and will eventually thrive in school.

#### Too many exams.

Help me find a school that will focus on my child's social and emotional development

#### My child is exceptional.

Help me find a school that will ensure my child's continued growth so he or she will fulfill his or her potential, mature, and be prepared for college.

#### College, college, college.

Help me find a school with an excellent academic program and outstanding reputation so I can ensure that my child gets into one of the select set of schools.

Source: NAIS - Jobs to be Done



## Rapid Focus Groups

Why do families choose your school?

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Direct Marketing





Enrollment leaders engage in **marketing** to promote the features, benefits, and values of their schools to the world.

Examples of marketing tools include: **website** & **social media**.



Enrollment leaders engage in **outbound (aka direct) marketing** when they tailor and target their messaging to specific high-value audiences.

Examples of outbound marketing include: brochure at Whole Foods, Facebook Ad, direct email marketing campaign.





A topic for another time!



### Does it work?







## We need to rethink the 'stealth' applicant.



### High Return on Investment

As a relatively inexpensive way of filling the top of your enrollment funnel, direct email marketing has a very high return on investment.

One full-pay family per year will easily justify the investment.

### The 2022 Independent School Cost-Per-Enrollment Study

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Get the full report in the EMA Community!





in median tuition generated for each dollar spent to enroll a new student in their first year.





\$3,677

median cost-per-enrollment.





\$1,622

median cost-per-application.





\$697

median cost-per-inquiry.





Across all NAIS member schools, average independent school enrollment is around 470 students, and these schools typically enroll 77 new students each year. Using the key findings from this report that would mean a typical school spends

$$7 \times 283,129 = 1,981,903$$
 in tuition in the first year of enrollment.

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# 74%

Tuition makes up the vast majority of annual operating revenue at most independent schools.



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# Direct Email Campaign





# Creating Meaningful Goals

More applicants.



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Specific: 9th grade girls who like math

Measurable: 5 new qualified leads

Achievable: Beginning this fall

Realistic: With this tool, time, other resources

**Timely**: By January





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#### **Capture the Lead**

Capture a small amount of information about a family using a form on your website. Congrats you have a lead! **Email Platforms** 

- Hubspot
- SendinBlue
- Campaign Monitor
- Salesforce
- YAMM





#### How to Build a List

- Inquiry form (how short can it be?)
- School fairs
- Referrals
- Raffle / giveaway
- Summer camps
- After school programs
- Consider purchasing a list of qualified leads to extend your reach

# **Extend Your Reach**



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### Kinds of Lead Magnets

#### **Applying to Schools is Hard**

- How to succeed in your interview
- How to prepare for your campus tour
- Five mistakes to avoid on your financial aid form

#### Being a Parent is Hard

- How to help your child manage their emotions
- Advice for dads with bright daughters
- How to support your child who is struggling with reading
- 10 Workouts for soccer players



#### **Event**

An open house or info session might be a good lead magnet as would something focused on the family like a free class or mentoring session.

#### **Videos**

Do you create awesome videos? Why not give some away for free but to watch others you need to enter your email address?

#### **Tip Sheet**

Families need help and you have expertise. 'How to apply to school' for sure, but what about 'How to encourage reading' or 'Ab Workout'?

#### **eBook**

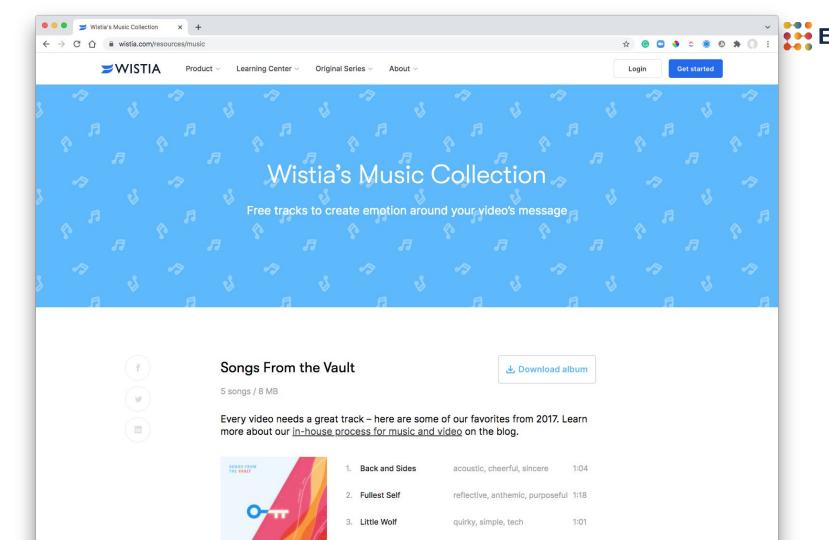
An eBook is a longer version of the Tip Sheet. The secret? An eBook is just a nice looking PDF! You can easily create one that teaches families how to do something.

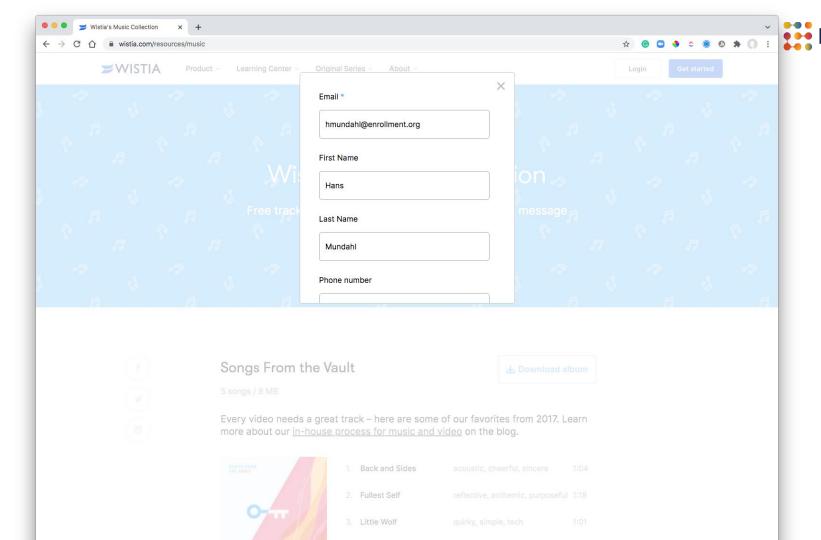
# Lead Magnet Brainstorming



- What is your school known for?
- What is your school really good at?
- Who at your school is a subject matter expert?
- What do your prospective families need?
- What pain points do your families experience?
- What problems are your families trying to solve?
- What has value to your families?
- What do families need to be successful at your programs?
- What do families find confusing? (you teach people things!)
- Could students make it? Are students already making it?

What do you already have that is of value to your families that with a small investment could be useful and evergreen?







Summer Programs

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Why LCS Admission Academics Beyond the Class Boarding at LCS

Search LCS...

Ten Tips for Preparing for a Private School Interview

Access our free guide to learn more about preparing for the interview including how to ask questions that matter to you and your child; tips for practice interviews; what applicants should share about themselves; and ways to deal with pre-interview nerves.

Request a Copy



TUITION **ASSISTANCE CASE STUDIES** 



















Lakefield College School encourages students to show us their authentic selves, so that we can help them reach their full potential. We want to learn about prospective students just as much as we want them to get to know us!

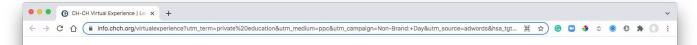
To do this, we hold admission interviews so we can discover each student's strengths and areas for growth, as well as give them an opportunity to ask questions. This way, they can make sure that the school is the best fit for them. Formal interviews can be a little daunting, so we want to help your child feel relaxed and confident.

The LCS community embraces each student's uniqueness, providing an environment where they can thrive, set academic and personal goals, and take advantage of all that the school has to offer. With our emphasis on individual development, it's important that we are able to speak with each applicant to discover what sparked their interest in LCS.

We invite you to consult our free 10 Tips for Preparing for an Interview at a Private School, which will help you prepare.

#### THE FREE GUIDE INCLUDES:

- How to ask questions that matter to you and vour child
- Tips for practice interviews
- What we like to have applicants share with us about themselves
- Ways to deal with pre-interview nerves







#### **The CH-CH Virtual Admissions Experience**

In addition to the Virtual Admissions Experience, there are





Book a Zoom Info Session with a member of our Admissions Team Now

 $In the Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall \ Virtual \ Admissions \ Experience, you have the opportunity to learn about every aspect of school life at CH-CH from our students, parents, teachers, and administrators.$ 



# Black Lives Matter and Blue Lives Matter Explained

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Tuesday, September 15, 2020

#### Social and Emotional Issues



By Ariel Martin-Cone

Members of the Landmark High School administration crafted a thoughtful and meaningful explanation of the Black Lives Matter and Blue Lives Matter movements for the student body. The article provides clarifying examples that will help students understand the intricacies of the movements, which are often misunderstood.

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# **Lead Capture**

Web Form With Confirmation Email

Enrollment Management Software / CRM

Wistia

Google Form



# "Come to our open house."



# "Advice for parents of gifted middle school girls."



Inquire? How about ask a question, get help, reach out, or let's chat!











**Identify Email Platform** 

**Build a List** 

**Create a Lead Magnet** 

**Capture the Lead** 



No CTA?
No UTM?
Capture lead?
Oh no!



# **Filled Out Form**

Track ROI based on the number of times a form is completed. If this form is on a public page you won't be able to segment your sources.

# **Vanity URLs**

Create pages that are hidden from your navigation with vanity URLs like school.org/email-one or school.org/campaign-one and track traffic using Google Analytics.

#### **UTMs**

UTMs are special text at the end of your links that you can customize and then tell Google Analytics to track. It's simple, free, and gives you great data!

#### **CRM**

If you use a Customer
Relationship Management
(CRM) tool like Hubspot you
can connect your campaigns
to your leads to track ROI.





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## **Additional Ideas**





# What about other ways to connect?

- Consider a customer focused mailer to targeted neighborhoods or names
- Can you use your list for ad retargeting?
- Can you use your list for social media retargeting?



"He came home one day and the next day I was his teacher."

It's hard to feel like you're on your own when it comes to your child's education.

At Awesome Academy we're here to help with in-person instruction and a parent mentoring program.

school org/get-help



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# Common Mistakes to Avoid





Our goals? You know... more students.

#### All About You





#### **Dear Parent**,

We just wanted to let you know that we are a really awesome school. That's right, we have academic programs and really beautiful buildings. But that's not all! We also have arts and athletics. But not too much of either. In fact we have the perfect mix of academics and arts and athletics.

#### **Apply Today**

We're pretty hard academically, but not too hard because we have great teachers who will help. We also foster a globally

### Get Married on First Date





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### Better...





### **Dear Parent**,

Do you feel like your son isn't engaged by his current school? Is he a creative person who loves new ideas, passionate teachers, and a fun environment?

### **Find Out More**

Our teachers have received the latest instruction around teaching boys who are curious, kind, and engaged and we think our school could be the perfect fit for your child because of our rigorous curriculum and remarkable learning spaces

### Can't we find a better CTA? UTM?





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## Too Many CTAs!





school.org/about

### **Welcome to Our School**

We believe in a 21st century, innovative, globally oriented, <u>student centered</u> approach to education which ensures that each child will have the opportunity to become fully actualized members of a socially conscious society. We have small classes, <u>beautiful buildings</u> and a range of athletic offerings. But we're not too focused on sports. Unless you're focused on sports. Then we're very focused on sports.



Apply Now

**Athletics** 

**Academics** 

Arts

### **Find Out More**

We hope you'll take the opportunity to attend one of our many <u>open house opportunities</u> where you can connect with other families, find out more about our admission process, and take a tour of our beautiful campus.

We also offer financial assistance through our

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### Better!



school.org/gifted-children&utm\_campaign\_three

### Are You the Parent of a Gifted Child?

We know it can be hard sometimes to be the parent of a gifted child! Your son may be curious and passionate one minute but then reports they are bored or frustrated in school the next.



We're here to help! Fill out this quick form to download our free parenting guide!

Name		
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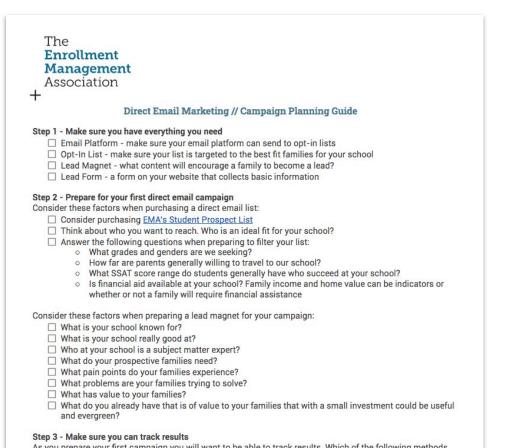
What stands out to you about this data and information for the work you do?



# **Additional Resources**

# Download the Planning Guide







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Survey Open Now! STATE OF THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL INDUSTRY: Special Report on Enrollment Issues and Trends Enrollment Management

# Gain Access to 30+ Courses Today



### **Beyond Zoom**

This course is designed to help you learn ways to go 'Beyond Zoom' to ensure your school's first impression on families, is its best impression.



#### Financial Aid Certificate Course

The goal of this course is to provide information for anyone tasked with financial aid strategy and implementation.



### Introduction to Digital Marketing

A course for anyone tasked with digital marketing strategy and implementation.



### Video Production Bootcamp: 7 Videos You Can Make Right Now

This course will teach you how to make seven videos to support your school admission and marketing efforts.



### Admission 101 for Non-Admission Staff

Meeting enrollment goals is everyone's job. Every department in an independent school has a role to play to meet the needs of families. This course is designed for everyone working at independent schools, both admission and non-admission staff.



### Advanced Enrollment Management: Partnership with Communications

The goal of this ADI mini-course is to provide a snapshot from the full ADI course, with a focus on the importance of the communications partnership.



### Advanced Enrollment Management: Partnership with Finance

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#### Advanced Enrollment Management: Partnership with Advancement

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#### Admission Planning: The Guide to Meeting Your Enrollment Goals

Whether you are a seasoned enrollment leader or new to the field, one thing is certain, 2020 forced all of us to think even more outside the box. In this course, you'll learn tools, tips, and best practices to help meet enrollment goals.



#### Rethinking Enrollment Due to COVID-19

It's fair to say COVID-19 has upended everything we knew about enrollment management. This course will help you move forward!



#### Admissions Best Practices Certificate Course: East Asia

This online course will help admission leaders, heads of school, 6amp; deputy heads of school at international schools in East Asia learn best practices in admission. Full course details are now available.



### Board Reports, Board Presentations & Managing Up

This course is for everyone seeking ways to create compelling board reports, board presentations, in addition to ways to effectively manage up.



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### Enrollment 101: Interviewing and Assessments

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## **EMA's Learning Pass**







### **EMA Enrollment Toolkit**

Character Skills Snapshot

Better understand your applicants and ensure a holistic admission process.

**Secondary School Admission Test (SSAT)** 

Reliable, objective, accessible, and secure assessments.

**Student Prospect List (SPL)** 

Reach your target audience with access to the right-fit new students.















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September 11-15, 2023













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# Questions?