Marketing & Enrollment

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Helping Christian school leaders tell the right people the right stories in the right ways to meet their enrollment goals.

Our Vision:

We help Christian school leaders tell the right people, *the right stories,* in the right ways **to meet their enrollment goals.**

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Do you struggle with...

- → Getting the word out about your school?
- → Stagnant or declining enrollment trends?
- → New families that are the wrong fit?
- → Managing the enrollment process?
- → Setting tuition & balancing the budget?



You don't have to be the "Best Kept Secret" any longer...

- Empty seats filled
- Mission-aligned families
- High parent satisfaction
- Word-of-mouth referrals
- Growing revenue streams



HF Coaching Team

HEADS OF SCHOOL

who understand the challenges of growing a Christian School because they've done the hard work themselves.

INDUSTRY EXPERTS

with a proven track record of helping Christian schools and organizations grow their ministries.

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What previous guests have shared about our *Training Retreat:*

"It was so rich in content - each session had a lot of ideas that were directly applicable to our situation. I feel like I can take meaningful action to improve our school to better serve our community to God's glory."

"I found the content extremely helpful and thought provoking. It was well organized and while there was a lot of content, I feel like I have clear takeaways to consider and apply at our school."

"The content is fantastic. Rockstar coaches, excellent accommodations. This will make a huge impact in the start up of our school."

"The training was top of the line. It allowed for peer-to-peer connection, space for individual reflection, and teachings that were highly practical."

A Proven Track Record

99% SATISFACTION RATING IN 2023

NET PROMOTER SCORE OF 97

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We've helped schools like yours create positive change.



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At the Herzog Foundation we know that you want to lead a flourishing Christian school. In order to do that, you need to meet your enrollment goals. The problem is that you have limited time and resources which makes you feel overwhelmed. But we believe that **every empty seat is a missed opportunity.** We understand the unique challenges of growing a Christian school which is why we are committed to helping you learn how to do Marketing & Enrollment well.

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Here's how we'll do it:

1. Preach

2. Practice

3. Plan

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So, go all in!

And turn your empty seats from *missed opportunities* **to missional opportunities.**

Raising Healthy Kids in a Polluted World

You want your kids to flourish. You want them to enjoy being kids. But you also want to protect them from a dangerous world.

That can feel hard in today's sometimes-toxic world. Not only must parents be concerned about the plan for their children's academic success, but now you also have to worry about the culture, morality, and safety of their social settings and school environments.

We get it. That's why The Rock School has created a school experience that's different from the rest. Our approach is a simple one: provide every student with a robust learning experience combined with thoughtful Christian formation, all grounded in a vibrant and healthy school culture where students are seen, known, loved, and safe.

The Fruit of Flourishing

WELL-EDUCATED	CONNECTED TO GOD	ENGAGING THE WORLD
Knowledgeable thinkers	Caring and courageous	Principled peacemakers
and inquirers who delight	Christ-followers who trust	who are committed to a
in discovering God's world	in God and nurture their	love of neighbor and a
as lifelong learners.	spiritual lives.	service to others.

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- Infants to Grade 8
- Exceptional Teaching Staff, Technology Integration and a Family Atmosphere
- One of the only five Lutheran Schools in the world to earn the title of 'Exemplary School' in 2015
- A tremendous value now available to more households

Now Enrolling Infants to Grade 8 for the 2016-2017 School Year Call About Our New LOWER Rates and to Schedule Your Personal Tour

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PIXAR Storytelling Formula

- Once upon a time there was a _____.
- Every day, _____.
- One day, _____.
- Because of that, _____.
- Because of that, _____.
- Until finally, _____.





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- Once upon a time there was a boy who was struggling to keep up in school.
- **Every day**, he would try to concentrate, but he was distracted by the other 29 students in his class, and his teacher didn't have time to spend one-on-one with him.
- **One day**, his parents grew concerned with his frustration and lack of progress, and started looking for a school where he would get more individualized attention.
- Because of that, his parents decided to enroll him in your school.
- **Because of that**, he started making progress quickly as teachers poured into him. His confidence soared.
- **Until finally**, he began thriving academically and began pursuing interests that he might never have discovered otherwise.









Crafting the Message





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[Name] Christian School is a preschool through grade twelve, college preparatory, independent, interdenominational institution serving [place] and the surrounding area. By integrating the principles of God's word throughout the curriculum and extra-curricular activities, students are equipped to make a difference in the world in which they live, work, and play.

We believe that we can be no more than the sum of our parts. We value the partnership of the parents, students, and teachers who work on behalf of our school community. Together, we're committed to meeting the individual needs of every student, exactly where they're at. We welcome you to visit our campus and see for yourself. Simply call the school office at [phone] to schedule your appointment. You are welcome here.

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UNIQUE SERVICE

- value / connects to need
- customer service is crucial
- we're "one of a kind"
- visit to know us!

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there."





Nationwide® is on your side

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15 minutes could save you 15% or more on car insurance.









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In what ways does your school position itself as a commodity?

What steps can be taken to change that?

Differentiation





What makes your school unique?

What are things your local public schools can't/don't do well?

#1: Flanking vs. Me-Too Branding

- "ME TOO" BRANDING copying what other schools do in an effort to remain competitive.
- FLANKING creating programs that are different and hard to copy by other competitors.
 - Having a "difference" that is truly **different**.
 - Having a difference that **parents** care about.



#2: Proactive Customer Service

Figure out what your competition isn't **doing well** and then **do it really well** yourself.









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Alachua County Public Schools August 15, 2017 · @ •••

The district will be taking some precautions during the eclipse on August 21, including no outdoor activities between 1 and 4:30 in the afternoon. http://tiny.cc/rcb5my

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Great recap by TV-20 of today's eclipse party.



The Rock School hosts eclipse watch party

As part of the solar eclipse was visible in North Central Florida, one fifth grader at The Rock School enjoyed watching it through his telescope.

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Toronto Schools Don't Want Children Harmed by the Solar Eclipse

More like total eclipse of the fun.

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Solar eclipse (Mira Agron | Dreamstime.com)

School's out on April 8 for many kids in the U.S. and Canada. On that date, a full solar eclipse will be visible from Texas to Ontario.

This has prompted some Canadian schools to take action.

"There are risks associated with viewing a solar eclipse," <u>announced</u> Toronto-area school boards.

Stay tuned for more details about how we will learn, prepare, and celebrate Solar Eclipse 2024!

In Christ,

Kevin Huinink Executive Director





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"The Rock has been SO AMAZING!! I love Schoology, how much my son is able to do on his own, the daily Bible Zoom classes with his teacher and teacher office hours when he has a question, the Facebook Live PE and art classes that our whole family does together, and the Zoom music class. I've compared notes with a lot of other friends whose kids go to both public and private schools, and they are all amazed at our **school.** From the first Town Hall Zoom meeting with Mr. McKenzie to the daily ways for students to stay involved and the consistent communication, no one else even comes close to you guys in this season of online schooling."





"We've been at [\$20,000 per year prep school] down the street for all these years and all we ever got in the mail were forms to fill out and bills to pay. We enroll here and what's the first thing we get in the mail from The Rock School? A gift box."

A New Parent



What are some examples of flanking or proactive customer service you are doing (or could be doing) at your school?



Brand Narrative











Your Core Brand Narrative

Easy to share, easy to remember and something that the organization can use to stand on when asked:

What is it that you do?

Combines elements of the Mission, Vision and Values in an approachable way.

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core brand message

Using Ability KC's mission statement language

Ability KC builds brighter futures for individuals living with disabilities through comprehensive medical, educational, and vocational therapeutic services. Our work is KC doesn't woven into the story of our city, as we've touched countless lives since 1947. We work without Nodding to the Ability KC vast historical knowledge continue to make Kansas City stronger by ensuring people with disabilities have the AKC has Emphasis on the community support they need to fully participate in our community. We deliver holistic, impact individualized care, using cutting-edge, evidence-based practices, and we measure Getting a key differentiator success by the unique goals the people we serve set and achieve. into the core message Concise description of therapeutic values Our success is our clients' success.

core brand message

Leaves no question about

At Cross International, the gospel motivates us to connect those in deepest need

Showing Cross' focus on finding areas of strategic opportunity

The power of education and vocational training to allow children to dream again with generous believers and compassionate ministry partners. Our passion is to transform the needs we see into a new reality: children with healthy smiles and inspired minds; communities with clean water, nutritious food, and strong families; and hearts full of joy and hope for the future. Lasting, sustainable

transformation is our goal, so we form strong relationships and manage

resources wisely, sowing seeds that will reap a harvest for years to come.

Commitment to financial stewardship

Alludes to the parable about exponential results from wise investment

Refers to impact of housing, healthcare, food, nutrition, water services

Shows Cross' role in bringing together elements of the church to work together

Cross' approach to economic development and systemic issues

Reflects not only ministry partnerships, but also donor relations

core brand message

Describing what CC programs do in emotional language

Catholic Charities has been an open door, a warm welcome, dry ground, a

defending voice, and a hand up for generations of Louisiana residents. Our shared

Nod to Catholic Charities long history

stories and strong roots help a diverse community stand tall together. We're fueled ^{Catholic Charities acts as a connector in the region} by a distinctly Catholic faith, which inspires us to serve everyone, regardless of

 Makes clear statement of CCANO's mission to serve everyone

religion. We're passionate about social justice and smart stewardship. Meeting the

needs of the whole person—and all of Louisiana—is our continued commitment.

 CCANO's fiscal responsibility sets it apart

CC has programs for the entire life span and the range of human needs (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual). Landmark Christian School prepares students to impact the world for Christ. In order to do this, the school offers a world class education in a Christ-centered environment. Landmark students step into college ready to live out their faith, equipped to lead well, and prepared to steward God's unique purpose for their lives.

POSITIONING STATEMENT

The role of our positioning statement is to lay the foundation for who The Rock School is and to help inspire the messages we communicate going forward. Our positioning statement frames our identity and purpose and informs how we communicate to those we serve, staying true to our roots and beliefs.



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Through a humanized and forward-thinking approach, students are equipped with the skills and confidence to fulfill God's purpose and calling in their life. At The Rock School, students are seen, known, and loved. Our teachers truly care for each student and personalize learning to their needs. Through purpose-driven academics and activities, our students grow in critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration which instills a love for life-long learning.

By connecting faith, family, and education, the lives of students and families are transformed academically, spiritually, and emotionally *for the glory of God.*

What types of stories would you expect to see (or not see)?



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At the heart of every nonprofit, there's a flame of passion. Of commitment. Someone saw a need, an opportunity, a way to make life better for others - and their heart and mind were moved into action.

Successful organizations are able to ignite that flame in others, bringing them alongside to do the work, serve people, and support that heartfelt mission. That energy, that spirit of optimism, that drive for changing lives and communities for the better - that's what's known as fervor.

And that's why we are Fervor.

We're a marketing and consulting agency with a heart for faith-led organizations of all kinds, especially nonprofits. We believe in what they do. We use our gifts and experience to help them align their internal values, culture and communication. To help them deeply understand their most likely supporters. To craft messaging that inspires. And put those things into action with a strategic marketing plan that sparks a new flame - a new fervor - that advances their mission.

All of that, working together, is what it takes to do the most good possible - for individuals being served, for those doing the serving, for their communities, and for the world around them. It's a lot. But we're here for it. Because that's where our fervor is.



The right people

Audience Personas Ideal Advocates

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The right stories

Vision & Mission Graduate Profile Story Structure Differentiation Brand Narrative The right ways



Take a Break!

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