

New Features

eChalk Notify

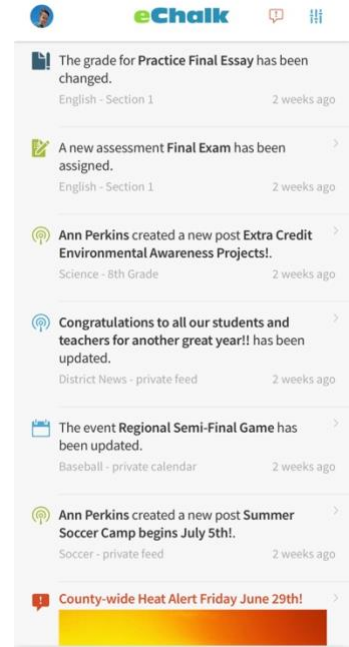
**Introducing eChalk Notify:** Notify is an entirely new mobile application that integrates with your eChalk service. Notify allows you to push emergency alerts and personalized notifications to your Students, Parents, Faculty and the wider community instantly. from your school through your mobile device. For more information, please see [www.eChalk.com/notify](http://www.eChalk.com/notify), visit our helpcenter at [help.echalk.com](http://help.echalk.com) and follow us on Twitter [@echalk](https://twitter.com/echalk).

Notify can be used to connect quickly with your users, but also send information to the wider community who might need to know about important announcements from the school. Users can download the app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and either log into the application with their eChalk account OR use a join code to anonymously receive alerts that are published by the school.



## Publishing with Notify:

- Any site alert that you publish to your school site will be instantly pushed to your Notify users over their mobile device. No need to know their phone number or have them register with you. So long as they have an eChalk account OR have the join code for your school, they will receive these messages as soon as they are published. (If you schedule these alerts to be published at a later date – that is when they will be pushed out via Notify as well)
- Any other content that you create in eChalk will be delivered to logged in users who are members of that School, Class or Group based on their notification settings.
- Feed Posts, Events and Resources shared at the school level will be available for users in the Notify App
- Class Level Feed Posts, Events, Resources, Assignments, Assessments, Lessons, Grades comments, etc are all available to your students and teachers in the Notify App as soon as they are made. This way teachers can send quick messages to the class (Feed Posts) or assign work and know that their students will see these updates in the Notify app right away.
- Group Level Feed Posts, Events and Resources shared will be seen by all your group members as they are made. Coaches, Club leaders, Department groups can use this to instantly update their members with Notify.



## Personalized Notifications:

As a user with an eChalk account, I will receive notifications tailored to me based on my eChalk Memberships. So I'll see the latest news for all of my classes, clubs, teams, school and district as it is published right on my device.

**To enable eChalk Notify:** In order to enable eChalk Notify, we have built a tool for you to request information and work with us to turn it on and roll out to your users. As a super user or manager of a school or district, simply log into eChalk, click on the school or district tile, hit settings and then the button to request more information. We'll be in touch and enable the new Notify system to work with your school or district. Once enabled, the join code for your school's Notify system will be located in this same location and you can choose to give it out to the wider community or to a limited subset.

## **Enhancements**

### **SSL Support**

All sites in eChalk can now be protected via SSL (https). eChalk has protected every default site (your echalksites.com url) and can protect any custom domain that you have associated with your site. In order to do this, eChalk will generate a custom SSL certificate and apply it to your site. This requires you to contact eChalk Support ([support@echalk.com](mailto:support@echalk.com) or 800-499-2741) so that we can get approval to generate the correct certificate. Once the certificate is created, eChalk will manage it and any subsequent renewals, so there is no further work needed from you.

## **Bug Fixes**

### **Accessibility – Brochure Theme**

Dark colors in the Brochure theme led to incorrect color inversion on the calendar grid and poor contrast issues. We have corrected the contrast ratio and the content on the calendar grid along with any controls is highly visible and has very high levels of contrast ratio regardless of the colors chosen for your site.