

15 Tools To Help Students Get Organized

The following fifteen resources could help those students get a handle on managing their assignment due dates.



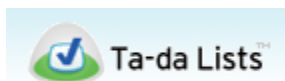
Remember the Milk <<http://www.rememberthemilk.com/>> is a free personal organization tool that works online and with mobile phones. Many high school students are carrying cell phones with them so capitalize on that and talk to parents and students about using a cell phone to get organized. **Remember the Milk** allows students to add assignment due dates to their to-do lists via text, email, or directly on their account homepage. A word of caution, while this services is free, students could incur a lot of charges from text and data communication on their mobile phones so be sure to discuss these options with parents before having students use the text/ data tools.



Macs have made digital sticky notes popular, **Postica** <<http://www.posti.ca/>> is trying to make sticky notes even better. Postica is a web-based sticky note service. The collaborative aspect of **Postica** <<http://www.posti.ca/>> is that users can share their sticky board with other users to share ideas. Users can send sticky notes to each other and edit each other's sticky notes.



Nexty <<http://nexty.org/>> is a personal planning tool that falls somewhere a basic to-do list creator and a full-fledged project management tool. **Nexty** offers users the ability to create lists, prioritize lists, and set reminders. **Nexty** users can create project folders to which they can add to-do lists for completing each project. The settings in **Nexty** are intuitive and easy to adjust. Getting started with Nexty takes only seconds as you do not have to enter an email address to create an account.



Ta-da List <<http://tadalist.com/>> is a simple to-do list creation tool built by **37 Signals** <<http://37signals.com/>> . **Ta-da List** allows to you to create a to-do list in 30 seconds. Just sign-up and start building lists. Your lists will be hosted at a unique url assigned just to you. Direct your browser to that url to check items off of your lists or to create a new list.



By App <<http://byapp.com/>> is a simple task management tool that assigns users their own unique subdomain. Through **By App** <<http://byapp.com/>> you can create a list of tasks for yourself and organize the list by semantic day (tomorrow, next week) or by date. If your priorities shift, you can reorganize your list with the simple drag and drop interface..



Track Class <<http://www.trackclass.com/>> offers all of the features that we have come to expect in online student organizers. Through **Track Class** students can keep a schedule of courses, track assignment dates, write and save notes, and maintain a calendar of events. Inside Track Class students can also save files like essays they've written and slideshow presentations they've created.



Soshiku <<http://soshiku.com/>> is a free personal planner designed for high school and college students. **Soshiku** lets students organize their assignments by course, add assignments, and receive text message and or email reminders before each assignment is due. Students can add assignments to their calendars directly on the Soshiku website or via text message. Registering and getting started with **Soshiku** is quick and the user interface is very intuitive and easy to learn.



Wipee List <<http://www.wipeelist.com/>> is a simple list making and to-do list management tool. Here's how **Wipee List** functions: sign in, click add an item, then type your "to do" item. If an item has immediate priority you can drag it to a "quick reminders" sticky note. When you complete an item drag it to the trash bin. If you're working on a project with someone you can share your list with a specific url assigned to your list.

Deadline

Deadline <<http://deadlineapp.com/>> is a very simple, yet potentially powerful personal organizer. One feature that really stands out about **Deadline** is its very user friendly interface. To use Deadline simply sign up with an email account and start using it. When entering task reminders you can time in a day of the week or date in just about any format and Deadline will recognize what you mean. For example, when I entered a reminder for myself to post grades on January 4, Deadline will recognize that as next Monday. Or if I write "post grades on Monday," Deadline will recognize that as January 4.



IzzyToDo <<http://www.izzytodo.com/>> is one of simplest and easiest tools for building an online to-do list. **IzzyToDo** allows you to make multiple lists for multiple objectives. Once you've registered create a "target" or objective and begin adding "items" that you need to do to reach your target. You can try **IzzyToDo** before registering by using the demo on the homepage.

43Things

43 Things <<http://www.43things.com/>> is an interesting way to track goals and achievements. **43 Things** is not a personal organizer, it's a goal tracker. The service is simple, users enter a list of things that they want to accomplish and other users can "cheer" them on until the goal is reached.

Stixy.com <<http://www.stixy.com/>> is a organization and collaboration web tool. **Stixy**, as the name implies, allows you to write notes and stick them to a clipboard. **Stixy** allows you to share your notes with others and have them respond to your notes. The **Stixy** clipboard has three other great features, the ability to stick and share documents, stick and share photographs, and create and share a "to do" list on the clipboard and on a calendar.



There are a lot of reminder services and sticky note services available on the Internet. **Sticky Screen** <<http://www.stickyscreen.org/>> might be the simplest of them all. Sticky Screen lets you put three short notes on a sticky placed in the center of your screen. Make sticky screen your Internet browser's homepage and your reminders stare you in the face every time you open a window or tab.



Squareleaf <<http://squareleaf.net/>> is a simple system for creating and managing online sticky notes. To use **Squareleaf** just register for an account and begin creating notes. Your notes are displayed on an online "whiteboard." On your **Squareleaf** whiteboard you can arrange your sticky notes in any pattern that you like. The size and color of the sticky notes can also be adjusted.

One last option that shouldn't be overlooked is **Google Calendar** <<http://calendar.google.com/>> . Google Calendar allows users to share and collaborate on the creation of a calendar. One way to use Google Calendar is to have students and parents share a calendar. The student can enter his or her assignment due dates and then his or her parents can check the calendar. For teachers there is another option. Teachers can create and publish a calendar that parents can check online for assignment due dates.