

CLASS APPS

This school year, toss your overstuffed planner and go digital with these web tools and smartphone apps.

For wrangling the whole family's jam-packed schedules



Cozi has a calendar, shopping lists and to-dos that the whole family can access in one place. Great bonuses for busy parents (and kids) on the go? Weekly agenda emails and the option to call a toll-free number to have your notes or lists read to you.

GET IT NOW Cozi.com; web, iPhone, Android

For kicking the messy paper habit



Notes Plus has all the familiarity of your favorite legal pad (you use your finger or a stylus to write) but it also has cool extras like a voice-recording tool that will give your lists a digital boost.

GET IT NOW Notesplusapp.com; iPad

For getting errands done easily



Intuition saves your errand list by category and time—even location. You can tell at a glance which tasks you should tackle first (you can't make muffins for the bake sale without going to the supermarket).

And when you do stop for muffin mix, it'll remind you that the dry cleaner is just around the corner.

GET IT NOW Intuitionapp.com; iPhone, iPad

For managing tasks and reminders from anywhere



Remember The Milk is the mother of all to-do list tools but it's flexible and easy to use. Create categories for your tasks, then check them off via email, mobile apps or the web.

You can receive free alerts via text or email and even send tasks to your husband's or kids' accounts. (Three cheers for delegating!)

GET IT NOW Rememberthemilk.com; web, iPhone, iPad, Android, BlackBerry

For keeping your list basic



TeuxDeux bills itself as "simple and design-y" and that's just why we like it. Devoid of clunky bells and whistles, it categorizes your to-dos by day (including a goal for "some-day"), and its unfussy aesthetic is a virtual breath of fresh air.

GET IT NOW Teuxdeux.com; web, iPhone

MORE COOL TOOLS

MAKE LIFE EASIER WITH THESE TECHIE TRICKS AND GENIUS SITES.

E-Nag Reminders

Send text reminders to yourself, your husband, your kids or anyone who needs a nudge at e-nag.net.

MyKidInfo

Download this free smartphone app and keep your kids' medical vitals and even their friends' contact info close at hand in case of an emergency.

Google Voice

Sign up for a free number at google.com/voice and connect it to your existing lines. Use it as your emergency contact number so you're within reach immediately whether you're at home, at work or out with your cell.

AboutOne

Store medical histories, school records and artwork in one easy-to-navigate digital bulletin board at aboutone.com. You can even pick photos and memories to send as family newsletters.

GroupMe

Text or conference call your entire family—or your Friday-night book club—with one touch using the free phone service from groupme.com.

Head to LHJ.com/sara to get *Today* show tech guru Sara Haines's picks for the best school-helper apps for your kids.