# POTTS' FAVORITE CHROME EXTENSIONS & APPS

If you are using Chrome, you might be interested in some of my favorite extensions and apps. Remember that an app is like a program—it often opens a specific website when clicked. Chrome Extensions are tools that live inside your Chrome Browser and provide additional functionality by connecting to other web utilities. An extension will be locked to the top right of your Chrome browser.

Each extension and app listed below is a workable link that opens the Chrome Store. Click the underlined word. \*\*INDICATES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

## MY FAVORITE EXTENSIONS

#### **GMAIL EXTENSIONS**

GOOGLE MAIL CHECKER → - My favorite extension. Voted #1 in Google extensions. Displays the number of unread messages in your inbox. I use this extension many, many times a day.\*\*

<u>CHECKER PLUS FOR GMAIL</u> - An email notifier that lets you customize how you see your emails. Shows a pop-up whenever a new email arrives. Read aloud feature can be turned on by the user. Allows for multiple user accounts. Very highly rated.

**BOOMERANG** - Schedule messages to be sent at specific times or returned at a later date. Great extension when you don't want an email to be sent at that moment. Additional features must be purchased.\*\*

**TODOLIST FOR GMAIL** - Online to-do list and task manager.

<u>GQUEUES FOR GMAIL</u> - Turn emails into tasks, lists, and reminders. Great for sharing and assigning tasks to others.

<u>SMS FOR GMAIL/FACEBOOK USING MIGHTY TEXT</u> - Use Mighty Text right from your Gmail account.

<u>SEND FROM GMAIL</u> - Adding this extension to your Gmail will allow you to seamlessly share links of web pages, videos, and all kinds of things you want to share. When you click the extension icon, it will open a new Gmail compose window allowing you to share links.

FOLLOWUP.CC FOR GMAIL - Set FollowUp reminders in your inbox. Open

tracking, schedule and snoozing of messages. Schedule emails to be sent in the future.

<u>BITMOJI</u> - Add bitmoji to your Gmail and other places on the web. Great for Classroom headers. (MIGHT BE BLOCKED FOR STUDENT USE AT SCHOOL)

# **DRIVE EXTENSIONS**

SAVE TO GOOGLE DRIVE — Allows you to right-click on an image, link, or file and send it directly to your Google Drive.

**GOOGLE DRIVE QUICK SEARCH** - Type "drive" in the address bar and Quick Search will quickly search your Google Drive.\*\*

**SAVE TEXT TO GOOGLE DRIVE** - Save a web page's plain text to Google Drive.

<u>OFFICE EDITING</u> - View and edit Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files--without needing Office installed on your computer.

<u>DRAFTBACK</u> - See all the revisions in a Google Doc play out like a movie. Great to see student revisions.\*\*

ANYONE CAN VIEW - Instantly change the sharing settings of a doc.\*\*

<u>DRIVE20</u> - Use this extension when you are in a folder in Google Drive. The DRIVE20 will allow you to open 20 files in a folder at one time. This would be great to use when grading students' docs that they submitted in Google Classroom.

**GOOGLE DOCS QUICK CREAT**E - Quickly create new docs right from your browser bar. \*\*

#### **CALENDAR EXTENSIONS**

<u>CHECKER PLUS FOR GOOGLE CALENDAR</u> - Using a popup, see your next events, get desktop notifications, and add or snooze events from your Google Calendar.

<u>G-CALIZE</u> - Use this extension to change the colors of your calendar. Each day of the week can be a different color.

#### GOOGLE CLASSROOM EXTENSIONS

**GOOGLE CLASSROOM** - This extension allows you to save websites and share directly to Google Classroom.

#### STRUGGLING STUDENTS & SPECIAL NEEDS

GOOGLE DICTIONARY — - Need a quick dictionary? Then this extension has everything you need. Students in my classes are required to have this extension.\*\*

READ AND WRITE FOR GOOGLE — - Make files and the web accessible for those with learning disabilities such as dyslexia. Also great for struggling readers and writers. There is a paid version with all the tools. Teachers can get the paid version for one year at no cost by going to this WEBSITE and signing up for a free one year account.

<u>READ ALOUD: A TEXT TO SPEECH VOICE READER</u> - Red web page articles with one click. Currently supports 40+ languages. There are options for male/female voices, pitch, and reading speed.

<u>ANNOUNCIFY</u> - Text to speech extension that not only reads a webpage, but also removes distracting elements on the site. Specific text can not be selected. Extension will read the entire web page.

<u>VOICEIN VOICE TYPING</u> - Speech to text extension. The user dictates text, Simply right click and choose Start recording to use. Must have a connected microphone for extension to work.

<u>SPEECH RECOGNITION ANYWHERE</u> - Fill out forms and email with speech to text. Control the Internet by using your voice.

<u>SNAP&READ</u> - Text reader that simplifies vocabulary, translates text, reads OCR, and captures and cites sources.

<u>IMMERSIVE READER</u> - Unofficial Microsoft extension. Select text, right click text and use the extension.

<u>MERCURY READER</u> - Removes ads, comments and other distractions so just the content remains. Font size and color scheme can be adjusted.

<u>BEELINE READER</u> - Creates a more readable web page by removing the ads, comments and other distracting items. Applies a color gradient to the page to guide the eye from line to line when reading.

GINGER - Great spelling and grammar checker right inside your browser. A must have for challenged spellers.

CITABLE •• When you are on a web page, using Citable, you can right click on the text you want to cite and it will be copied to a Google Spreadsheet and cited. Citable automatically saves the page title, url, author of the current article on most new sites, and the date.

<u>FLUENCY TUTOR</u> - Students can practice reading aloud at their own pace. Teachers can pick reading passages based on content, lexile level or reading age and share with individual students or groups via Google Drive.

<u>MINDMEISTER</u> - Create and share mind maps. Brainstorm online. Share to Google Docs, export to Word, PowerPoint, and PDF--Along with other online apps. Great learning tool.

MAGOOSH VOCABULARY - Learn a new word every time you open a new Chrome tab. Awesome, fun extension.

<u>EQUATIO</u> - A math extension that allows you to create mathematical formulas, equations, and quizzes. You can type or handwrite any mathematical expression directly on your keyboard or touchscreen. If you type sq - it knows that it should be square root. It also listens to dictated formulas and is smart enough to not include the 'umms and errs'. This is available for a free unlimited 30 day trial with all the features accessible. After 30 days, premium features require a paid subscription.

<u>OPEN DYSLEXIC FONT FOR CHROME</u> - Change any web-based text into the open dyslexic font which will assist dyslexic people in decoding and reading.

### **SCREENSHOT EXTENSIONS**

AWESOME SCREENSHOT VIDEO RECORDER — I highly recommend this extension. This extension can capture a whole page or any portion. Once captured, you can annotate, blur sensitive info, crop, use shapes, and several other editing features.\*\*WORKS BEST IF YOU GET THE APP TOO.

FULL SCREEN CAPTURE — - Capture visible content, take a picture of your full page screen parts or the whole page with the screen capturing extension. You can edit your captured image, highlight and add text before you save it as a PNG image.

**SCREENCASTIFY** - This is a new extension that will let you record video and

audio using a Chromebook. I just started using it. It isn't as powerful as Camtasia, but it will do the trick.\*\*

<u>ALICE KEELER QUICKSHARE SCREENSHOT</u> - Great extension to save your screenshots instantly to your Google Drive. A link is provided to allow for quick sharing. \*\*

<u>LIGHTSHOT</u> - Very simple extension that lets you take quick screenshots of just about anything. You can instantly share on social media, print, and save. \*\*

**LOOM** - Record your screen and camera with one click. Share that content in an instant with a link.

#### **VIDEO EXTENSIONS**

**EDPUZZLE** - Adds an Edpuzzle button at the bottom of the current YouTube video allowing you to start editing them in EdPuzzle. \*\*

## **PHOTO & IMAGE EXTENSIONS**

TIN EYE — Find out where an image came from, how it's used, or find higher resolution versions of an image.\*\*

## **YOUTUBE EXTENSIONS**

**LIGHTS OUT** - Turns the whole YouTube screen black around the video.\*\*

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS • - Use this extensions when watching YouTube videos. The page will fade to dark -- just like if you were in the cinema.\*\*

YOUTUBE AUTO REPLAY - Great extension that lets you set up automatic replaying or looping of a YouTube video.\*\*

**LOOPER FOR YOUTUBE** - Looper lets you watch the same video on YouTube without pressing a replay button. Will loop forever if you want it to.

<u>DF YOUTUBE</u> (Distraction Free) - This extension hides the ads and video recommendation sidebar on YouTube and lets you focus on the video.

## **CHROME-ANDROID EXTENSIONS**

GOOGLE VOICE • This extension is by far one of my most used extensions. I use it to keep in touch with students without giving the students my actual cell phone number. Make calls, send SMS, and get notified of new messages. Never use your cell again while on a computer. Just use Google Voice.\*\*

<u>APPS LAUNCHER IN POP UP</u> - Access Google App Launcher right from Chrome toolbar. Don't need to open a new tab or browse to find the launcher.

#### **NEW TAB/START PAGES**

<u>iCHROME</u> - Do you miss the old iGoogle. Install iChrome and <u>iChrome New Tab</u> and it will be like iGoogle never left you.\*\*

<u>HOME -NEW PAGE TAB</u> - A great home page extension that lets you put all your apps in one place. I use this for my start page.\*\*

<u>AWESOME NEW TAB PAGE</u> - Create a great new tab page with this awesome extension.\*\*

#### TAB EXTENSIONS

<u>CLOUD TAB</u> - Save window sessions and restore it at a later date or on another computer.

TAB CAROUSEL — This extension lets you cycle through your open tabs. You can change the options and let it cycle automatically or every so many seconds. Great for grading student docs.

<u>TABS OUTLINER</u> - Do you always have lots of tabs open? This extension is awesome. It opens all your tabs in a separate window for easy viewing and switching.

#### **URL EXTENSIONS**

#### **PINTEREST EXTENSIONS**

<u>PINTEREST SAVE BUTTON</u> - Easily save the things you find when surfing the web.

**HACK TWEET** - Do you Twitter too? Using this Chrome extension, you can easily Pin a Tweet.

#### PDF EXTENSIONS

**SAVE AS PDF** - Let's you save web pages to pdf.

PDF VIEWER - Uses HTML5 to display PDF files directly in the Chrome browser.

<u>HELLOSIGN</u> - An easy way to get documents signed online. Integrated with Google Drive. Your first three signatures each month are free.

<u>DOCUSIGN</u> - Easily sign PDFs and Word documents electronically. You can also fill out forms and collect signatures.

### **WEATHER EXTENSIONS**

**OPLA WEATHER** - Features current weather and up to date information.

**WEATHER - Current weather conditions.** 

# **MISCELLANEOUS EXTENSIONS**

**CALCULATOR** - Simple, easy to use calculator. I love it!\*\*

SEARCH THE CURRENT SITE — When you use this extension, you can search all pages of any website using Google.

BLACK MENU FOR GOOGLE - Do you miss iGoogle or the old Google menu? Quickly search commonly used Google services.

<u>SHORTCUTS FOR GOOGLE</u> - This extension displays all your Google services as buttons in a space saving pop up next to your address bar. Over 160 Google services in one easy to use button.

<u>LASTPASS</u> - Save all your usernames and passwords. Once saved it will auto login to your sites. Secure too.

GOOGLE KEEP - Another one of my favorites. Keep yourself organized with a great to-do list that crosses all your mobile devices.\*\*

SHAREAHOLIC Share and bookmark links from your browser with anyone. Over 200+ services such as Gmail, Delicious, Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest.

<u>PERMANENT CLIPBOARD</u> - Saves important information like phone numbers in a permanent clipboard for easy access anytime you want to retrieve the information.

<u>FAVICON CHANGER</u> — Change the icon on web sites, docs, and slides to any picture you want. I use it to help me identify and distinguish between like docs or pages. Give this extension a try. You won't be disappointed.\*\*

**TIMER** - Quick timer extension. \*\*

**QUICK MAPS** - Need directions? Use this handy extension without leaving your current web page and opening the Google Maps. Neat extension.

<u>PERIODEX</u> - A great extension for chemistry teachers and students. A simple way to review the periodic tables. Hover over an element to reveal additional information on the info panel on the right. Click and unclick on an element to see more info.

MOVE IT - Need to take a break from your computer and do something active? Use this extension to take a much needed break and get a little exercise.

**EVERNOTE WEB CLIPPER** - Save websites, articles, and pictures into your Evernote account. Once saved, you can annotate and share everything you see online and access it from everywhere.

<u>CALENDAR CLOCK</u> - A convenient calendar and clock widget for your Chromebook.

<u>APPS LAUNCHER IN POP UP</u> - This extension puts your Apps right on the toolbar for easy clicking and finding of your apps.\*\*

<u>CHROME WEB STORE LAUNCHER</u> — This extension gives you quick and easy access to the Chrome Web Store and your installed apps. Great feature--You

can define your favorite apps, search for new apps, or visit the Chrome Web Store. This one is a gotta have!\*\*

**QUICK OR CODE** - Once you install this extension, you can quickly generate a QR Code by simply right clicking on a web page.

**GOUEUES** - Gqueues is an Extension and an App. Download whichever one you want from the Chrome Web Store. Great for reminders/to do and task lists.

**EXTENSITY** - If you have been adding extensions from this document, you probably have so many extensions that managing them is becoming a chore. With the Extensity extension, you will have a great tool for enabling and disabling all your extensions. This extension puts all your extensions in easy access to manage.

SETTINGS BUTTON - Love this extension. This extension puts a small wrench on your toolbar that goes directly to your Chrome settings instead of clicking the menu in the top-right corner and then clicking on settings. \*\*

MERCURY READER - This is an awesome extension for any teacher. Turn all the bulk on a web page like ads, web page noise and other clutter into a comfortable reading view. I really suggest this extension for all teachers. \*\*

NEWSPROMPT: PERSONALIZED DAILY NEWS - This extension brings you the top stories from around the world each time you open a new tab. You get personalized news, sports, and other content based on your recent searches.

# MY FAVORITE APPS

### **NOTE TAKING & TO DO APPS**



**SCRATCHPAD** - A quick note taking app that is a cross-platform and syncable (with Google Docs). Scratchpad also has offline capability, spell check and basic formatting support.



**Solution EVERNOTE WEB - Another quick note taking app. Works with all computers and** syncs easily to your cell phone. Works great for you iPad users.

#### LEARNING APPS



**GOOGLE PLAY BOOKS - Choose from over 4 million books on Google Play and** take your favorites with you offline using any device you own.



**GOOGLE NEWS** - Worldwide headlines grouped by topic, category, and interest.

- CK-12 Learning content (videos, texts, quizzes. more) for math, science, English, history, and more.
  - MY STUDY LIFE Free online planner for students, teachers and lecturers designed to make your study life easier to manage.
  - **STUDYBLUE** Online flashcard and study tool.
  - **QUIZLET** Study tools including flashcards, scatter, speller, learn, test, and Space Race.

## **MATH & SCIENCE APPS**



**GEOGEBRA** - Interactive geometry.



**DESMOS GRAPHING CALCULATOR** - Graphing calculator.

PLOTLY - Import, graph, analyze, and share data.

MATH MAHJONG - Practice math operations while playing Mahjong.

BIODIGITAL HUMAN - Interactive 3D model for human anatomy, disease, and

#### SOCIAL STUDIES APPS



**WORLD DATA ATLAS** - Ultimate source on world statistics.



**GOOGLE FINANCE** - Financial news, quotes, charts, and more.

## **MISCELLANEOUS APPS**



<u>GLIFFY DIAGRAMS</u> - Create professional looking diagrams and flowcharts easily.



<u>ASTONISHING COMIC READER</u> - Read your comics on your desktop or your browser.

<u>DRIVE MIGRATOR</u> - Use this app to transfer your Google Drive files and documents from one account to another account or make a copy of a Drive folder. (BLOCKED FOR STUDENT USE AT SCHOOL)

#### **MUSIC APPS**

<u>SPOTIFY</u> - Get access to millions of songs--free. Choose the music you love or let Spotify surprise you. Build a personal collection by creating your own playlists. You can also sit back and enjoy Spotify radio. (BLOCKED FOR STUDENT USE AT SCHOOL)



**UNTIL AM** - Full fledged DJ set up.

## **WEATHER APPS**

<u>WEATHER</u> - A simple and basic five-day weather forecast. Uses geolocation to find the user and obtain the latest weather conditions.

<u>WEATHER NOW</u> - This weather app is a little more sophisticated than Weather, by adding a little more color. It uses data from OpenWeatherMap. Displays the current weather info such as temperature and current conditions.

<u>WEATHER UNDERGROUND</u> - Provides weather information for worldwide locations.