



Christ Our Savior Catholic School

Twitter Usage

How to Sign Up on Twitter

How to create an account:

1. Go to <http://twitter.com>, enter your **full name**, **email address**, create a **password** and click the yellow **Sign up for Twitter button**, or simply navigate to <https://twitter.com/signup>.
2. On the next page, select a **username** from one of the usernames we've suggested or create your own. We will automatically suggest available usernames based on the real name and email address you've entered. Try to pick something that describes you - whether it's a nickname, an interest, or a hobby.
3. Double check your name, email address, password, and username to make sure all fields are correct.
4. You may be asked to complete a Captcha. Fill in the words that are shown to let us know that you're human!
5. Success! You now have a Twitter account. Follow the directions given to you by "**The Twitter Teacher**" to follow accounts that interest you and find people you know.

Choosing a username: Tips and Tricks

- Your username is the name your followers use when sending @replies, mentions, and direct messages.
- It will also form the URL of your Twitter profile page. We'll provide a few available suggestions when you sign up, but feel free to choose your own.
- **Please note:** You can [change your username](#) in your account settings at any time, as long as the new username is not in use.
- Usernames must be fewer than 15 characters in length, and cannot contain 'admin' or 'twitter' in order to avoid brand confusion.

Tip: Entering your Email Address

We use this to confirm your new Twitter account. Be sure to enter an email address that you actively use. Note: **An email address can only be tied to one Twitter account at a time in our system.**

Join Twitter today.

Mister User

✓ Name looks great.

misteruser@yourdomainhere.com

✓ We will email you a confirmation.

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✓ Password could be more secure.

Username

✗ A username is required!

Suggestions: UserMister mister_user user_mister

By clicking the button, you agree to the terms below:

These Terms of Service ("Terms") govern your access to and use of the services and Twitter's websites (the "Services"), and any

Printable versions:

[Terms of Service](#) · [Privacy Policy](#)

Create my account

Note: Others will be able to find you by name, username or email. Your email will not be shown publicly. You can change your privacy settings at any time.

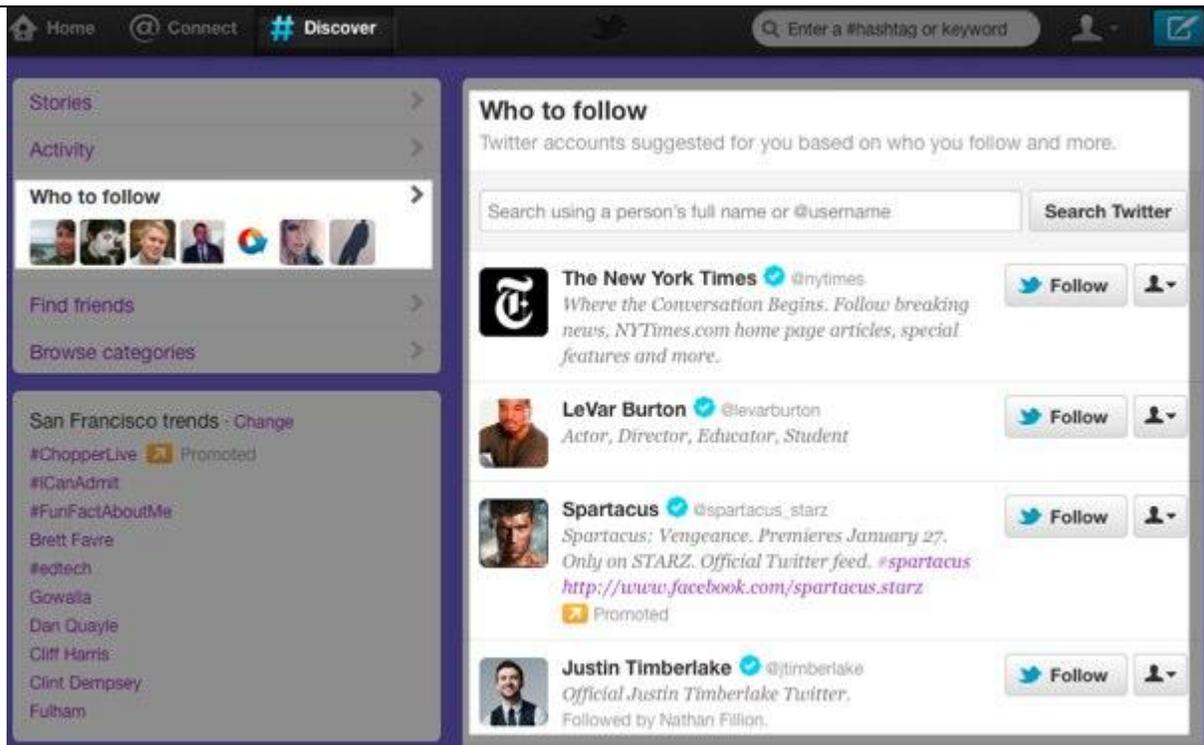
Find and Follow Sources That Interest You

Twitter is more useful and fun when you're getting regular updates relevant to your interests. After you've signed up and followed some users, you can browse our suggestions for you, based on who you follow and your interests:

1. Click on Discover.
2. Browse the **Who to follow** tab for users you might like to follow.
3. Clicking the **'Follow'** button next to username will add them to the list of users you follow.
4. After you've browsed suggestions, take a look at accounts you may want to follow based on your interests under the **Browse categories** tab.
5. After you've followed users suggested in one area of interest, select another and find more sources to follow!

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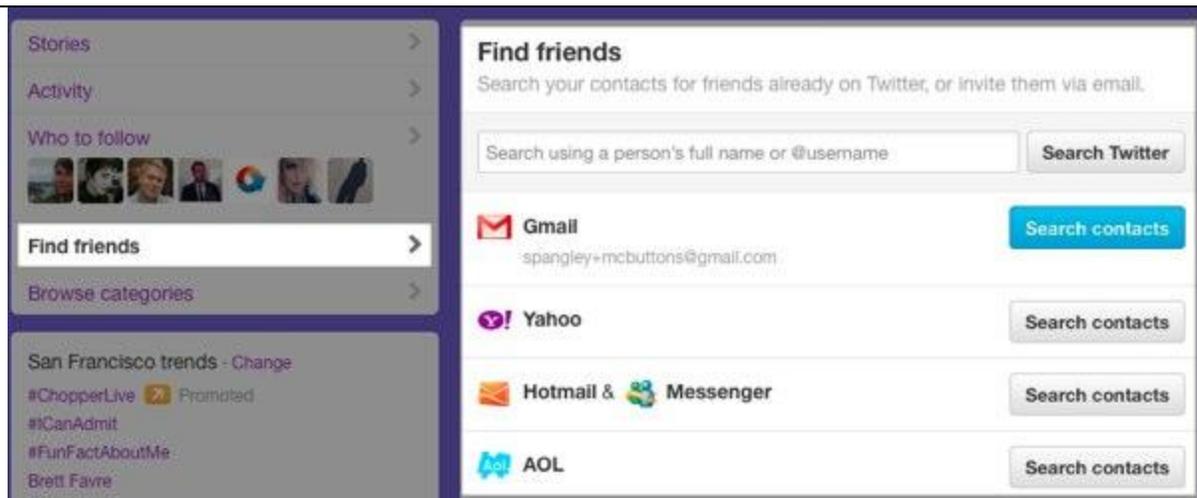
Getting Personal: Contact Import

If you choose, Twitter can scan your email address book in order to find contacts that are also using Twitter. It's a fast and easy way to find your friends.

1. On the Discover page, click on **Find friends**. Simply select your email provider from the list and click "**Search contacts**". You may need to authorize access to your address book. **Twitter does not store your email log in information and we will not use your email address without your permission.**
2. When you see a list of the friends and colleagues found in your address book, follow them by clicking the **Follow** button beneath their photo.
3. You can also follow all of your contacts by clicking 'Follow all'.
4. You will also see an "Invite xxxx to join Twitter" link. You can invite your remaining contacts who are not yet on Twitter to join by clicking on this link. Don't worry; we won't email everyone on this list immediately! Check the boxes next to the contacts you wish to invite - or click 'Select all' if you wish. **Please note:** if you click 'Select all' and proceed, it will invite **all** contacts in your address book.

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Finding Friends with Twitter Search

You can also [search](#) for anyone else you would like to follow on Twitter. This example will demonstrate searching for Biz Stone, who did not show up in my contact import.

1. From the **Discover** page, type the name of the person you're searching for into the **search box** under Who to follow, (you can also search on the Find friends or Browse categories tabs).
2. Accounts related to your query will show in the center of the page.
3. Click the **Follow** button next to the account you wish to begin following and voila!



Using Twitter's Access Points

Twitter isn't just for computer-users. You can access Twitter from your iPhone, Blackberry, or any mobile phone with Internet access. You can even text tweets from any cell phone with SMS capabilities. All you need to know is the right Twitter access point. Here's a list of the places where Twitter is available to you:

Device

Access Point

Web

<http://twitter.com>

Mobile phone — with Internet access (such as an iPhone or BlackBerry)

<http://m.twitter.com>

Mobile phone — texting 40404

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How to Use Shorthand Codes for Twitter

Send tweets even faster with Twitter shorthand commands. Shorthand codes work within the Twitter interface, anywhere you can update, or over text messaging. These commands aren't case sensitive, which is especially useful when you are using Twitter on your cell phone.

| Task | Command |
|--|--|
| Direct message | D username This is a message! DM username This is also a message. |
| Follow people | F <username> follow username |
| Reply | @username What you just said was really smart! |
| Favorite a tweet | fav username Note: If you're receiving updates on your mobile phone, sending fav by itself will add to your Favorites tab on your Home screen the last update you received. |
| Nudge (remind a user to update after he's been silent for 24 hours or more) | nudge username |
| Stats (get your followers and following count) | stats |
| Get the last update from a user | get username |
| Get a short user profile for a user | who is username |
| Silence updates to your mobile phone (from your mobile phone) | Quit stop |
| Silence updates from a specific user | off username leave username |
| Turn on updates to your mobile phone (from your mobile phone) | on |
| Turn on updates for a specific user (from your mobile phone) | on username F username follow username |
| Invite a user to Twitter | invite friend@example.com invite 212 555 1212 (her text-enabled phone number, such as a mobile phone) |

Twitter Guidelines to Live By

The Twittersverse doesn't have many rules, but there is such a thing as Twitter etiquette. Writing tweets of 140 characters or less isn't the only guideline. Your experience on Twitter will be a positive one if you keep the following tips in mind:

- Say what you think and are doing.
- In general, try to keep tweets longer than one word so that your followers can understand you.
- Listen to what your Twitter friends are saying.
- Respond to Twitter friends when you can add value to the conversation.
- Update your status at least once a day.
- Fill in your profile and biography so that other people can know more about you.
- Use your own picture as your avatar. If the picture that you use contains more than one person, make sure that people can tell which one is you.
- Whenever you're referencing another Twitter user, use his name with an @ sign in the front so that the user can see you mentioned him and so that other users can see whom you're talking about.
- Use hashtags to give context to updates that may not make sense otherwise.

What NOT to Do on Twitter

Twitter etiquette isn't only about what you should do. Unfortunately, bad tweets and poor Twitter practices sometimes show up within microblogging communications. While you can't really go horribly wrong on Twitter, you'll make your life easier in the Twittersverse if you follow these guidelines:

- When you first sign up and before you start regularly tweeting, don't follow hundreds of people. If you follow someone, he checks out your profile to see whether he might want to follow you back; if he sees that you've tweeted once or twice and you're following hundreds of people, he may think you're just a spam account.

Start out slowly, following people you know and who know you. Then, as you start tweeting regularly, follow more people based on your interests.

- Avoid using punctuation in your username. Typing punctuation on mobile devices is difficult.
- Don't share information that you might regret making public.
- Don't send an update when a direct message is more appropriate — for example, when the update is meaningless to anyone except one person. If the person doesn't follow you, you can send an update that contains her name, asking her to contact you over another medium.
- Don't feel the need to thank everyone publicly for following you. It's a nice thing to do, but not always necessary.
- Don't think Twitter success has anything to do with your Followers count.

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