## **Blog Setup**

## **<u>Step-by-step guide to starting your blog:</u>**

- 1. On a computer or using the Puffin Web Browser app, go to Weebly (http://www.weebly.com)
- 2. Click "Sign Up" and then choose the "Google Log In" button G+ Log In to use your Tampa Prep account. Then choose "Allow."
- 3. Choose a Theme: click on "Blog" in the options listed across the page, then choose a theme to use. *Note: You have the option to change the theme or options later.*
- 4. When given the option to "Unlock All Weebly Features," select "Choose Free Plan."
- 5. Choose Your Website Domain:
  - a. Select "Use a Subdomain of Weebly.com"
  - b. Enter a short identifying title to be a part of the web address, then click "Continue."
  - c. Email the URL for your blog website to Mr. Maraghy.
- 6. On your blog website, enter a title for your blog and any other site identifying information.
- 7. If your blog site includes a header image you should personalize it.
  - a. Click "Edit Image" Edit Image in the lower, right corner of the picture.
  - b. Click "Change Image" Change Image, then "Upload Image" Upload Image, then "Upload a photo from your computer."
    - i. You can use an image that you already have or...
    - ii. Find a sharable image by going to: <u>http://images.google.com</u>
      - 1. In the bottom right corner tap "Settings" > "Advanced search"
      - 2. Enter your search terms under "Find images with..." then
      - 3. Under "usage rights:," select "free to use or share."
      - 4. Touch and hold the image you want to "Save image" to your camera roll.
  - c. You can make adjustments to the size and style of the header image by clicking the gear button
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- 8. Author: Enter your first name only and give a short description of yourself. Make sure you are not too specific with details, but you can list your location as "Tampa, FL."
- 9. Categories: click the "X" in the top right corner to remove "Categories" section.
- 10. Select "Blog Settings"
  - a. General  $\rightarrow$  Post share buttons  $\rightarrow$  Customize uncheck "Facebook"
  - b. Comments  $\rightarrow$  Comment Default select "Closed" or "Require Approval"
  - c. Click "Save" in the lower right corner.
- 11. Select the "Pages" tab at the top of the page.
  - a. Go to each page in the list at the left side of the screen and select "Hide in Navigation."
- 12. If you ever need to change your theme or any of the site settings, you can use the tabs across the top of the page.
- 13. Please see the separate instructions for writing and posting your blog entries.