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**St. Clair County Christian Home
Educators Newsletter**
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October Meeting

**Thursday, October 12th, 7:00
Talent Show and Craft Fair!!**

Juggling, singing, instrumental music, comedy, magic, speech, acting, eating of furniture - whatever your talent, submit it and get ready to perform (for the glory of God, of course!)

Gather the information, listed below, and send it to Josh Peterson at sccche@gmail.com.

Talent Show Acts

Name of act:
Type of act:
Names of participants:
Title of song/act:
Composer:
Accompanist:
Number of mics:
Other stage needs:

Craft Fair

Name of craft vendor:
What you will be selling:
How many tables you need:
Other needs:

New Homeschoolers Meeting

Come to our "New Homeschooler Meeting" before the regular meeting.
We meet at 6:00 in the Chapel.

Yearbook Portraits

Before the meeting, starting at 6:00 in the gym. No appointment needed.
This is the last day to get your student photos taken.

Looking Forward

November

For the November 9th meeting we will have guest speaker, Frank Sherwin from ICR.

December

There will be no December meeting.

January

January 11, 2018 – International Potluck

SCCCHHE High School Graduation

Meeting for Senior High Graduation will be at 6:00 on Thursday the 12th, prior to the regular meeting. Interested families may join us in the front chapel at that time. If you have questions, please contact Brett and Angie Brown at angieb1099@aol.com.

It's on the Website

SCCCHHE.org

Have a question about things in the group? Deleted your newsletter? Need a phone number for a leader? Want to know about field trips? It's all on the website.

Like to Ski?

Join the **Penguin Ski Club** at Hidden Valley Ski. For \$129, you get a lift ticket and individual pass for Monday – Thursday. There is also a Friday only option for \$159.

Joining the club pays for itself after 3 uses of non-club skiing. This is also a fundraiser for students of SHARE, and this option is available to all – not just homeschoolers.

To join the Penguin Ski Club, visit <http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/>.

Click "Plan and Buy" along the top.

Click School programs.

Then under HV Ski and Ride Club click Learn More.

Click the box to buy now.

Our user name for the club is "Penguins" with a capital P. Our password is "homeski" with a lower case h.

You are now in our club site.

Next you will click the blue "go shopping."

At the top left there is a box of categories where you click 17/18 ski passes.

Select the pass you would like. (Most people want the Mon-Thurs option for \$129. An alternative is to select the Friday only option for \$159 and add it to the cart and check out.) Only one deal per person.

Don't forget to add ski rental. (There is sales tax.)

During check out you will assign a guest for the pass. If you were a member last year, type in the name of each person, one at a time, and see if it is still in the system. If not, you may need to create a new guest. New members do this by typing in the name, address and birthday, etc.

Once you find the guest, or create a new one, you select the guest and enter his or her birthday. Check out is like most other things online. You enter your billing name and address and make payment via Visa, Master Card or Discover.

SCCCE Sponsored Field Trips

Greater St.Louis Air & Space Museum/Young Eagles Program (free)

Saturday October 21st, 1:00 sharp! Kids will be flying real planes! (with a pilot, of course!)
age 8 and above. FULL AND CLOSED

2300 Vector Dr, Cahokia, IL 62206 (follow the signs that say: Ideal Aviation)

Please make sure that your child is comfortable with flying.

SKY ZONE TRAMPOLINE PARK (see fees)

OCTOBER 27th at 1:00PM

10850 Lincoln Trail (hwy 159) Fairview Height IL 62208

go to website and sign waiver for each jumper -anyone, any age can jump -
1st jumper \$10.95 and \$5.50 for additional jumpers of the same family

*deadline to pay: October 20

Payment made to: Wanda Collazo

Living by grace,
Wanda Collazo
618-509-339

From the Coordinators

Mass shootings, hurricanes, global terrorism, political and social upheaval.....
Our world is in great turmoil.

Many people are seeking to find a solution to these evils, anything from enacting gun-control laws to 'prepping' for the apocalypse. What is the Christian response to all this?

We know that this world will end, and by all the signs it will end sooner rather than later. What is it that will endure forever? God, His Word, and the souls of men. As C.S. Lewis put it:

"You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors."

Since that is the case, our mandate is clear. It's the same mandate we've had since Christ walked the earth – to spread the Gospel to every creature.

One of my favorite stories comes from Stuart McAllister, who was caught smuggling Christian literature into Yugoslavia. He began to resist the arrest but then realized that he was here to share the Gospel, and standing around him were guards and soldiers. Unserved guards and soldiers. So he began to share the Gospel with them. They asked him who he was and he told them about Jesus. They asked him what he was doing and he told them about Jesus. They asked him why he had all that contraband and he told them about Jesus. He said, "It didn't matter what the question was – the answer was Jesus!"

In my family we have a little joke. I ask the kids what two plus two is, and they answer, "Jesus!" and I tell them, "Correct!" (But in their schoolwork they have still to mark down 'four.')

So it is with us. The answer, solution, cure, and remedy for all the ills of the world is Jesus, and our one and only commission is to tell the world about Him. When you give to charity, make sure it's a charity that promotes Jesus. When you do your acts of kindness and help to others, do it all in the name of Jesus. Be bold and unashamed, despite all the scorn and ridicule you may receive for your stance, for you are an 'everlasting splendor' with a mission.

Perhaps a good hymn for this day is one of the most ancient hymns of all, as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He;
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us:
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth:
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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