

# **February Newsletter**

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# St. Clair County Christian Home Educators Newsletter

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# **February Meeting**

## Next Meeting is February 8 at 7:00

Topic: College panel discussion

There will be a panel of experts from our group who will help answer questions about college, college preparation, college choices, future careers for our children, and other such matters. Very informative for everyone. College prep needs to begin early, so come and learn even if you're kids aren't in high school yet.

Valentine's Day Party for the kids

Christie Black and the Teenpact group will be in the gym to host the annual Valentine's Day party (details below)

#### TEEN PACT VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

During the SCCCHE meeting, our TP students are going to provide a fun filled evening for your little people.

Suggested ages: K- 5th Grade

Snacks, games, & activities also including...

## ▼The Great Valentine Exchange

Each child should bring a "mailbox" and 25 Valentines. Include a "From:", but not a "To:". Students will deliver their mail into age group categorized boxes during the exchange.

Please sign up by emailing: christieblack@charter.net with

Parent names

Email add

Child's name

Child's age

Child notes (emergency info/allergies)

At the door sign-ups are totally welcome, but pre-signups will help us plan better and help the check in process to be speedier. ;)

Donations will help send TeenPact students to Springfield in April 2018.

# **Upcoming Meetings**

#### March 8

Guest Presentation - John Notgrass from Notgrass History - Presenting "One Soldier's Story" in WWII costume.

#### April 12

"Evaluating Your Homeschool Year" by Nancy Peterson

Nancy will take you through a guided outline to chart and mark your progress over the year. You will find this very helpful for future documentation.

# **Field Trips**

#### **HIDDEN VALLEY SKI**

Hidden Valley Ski (see fees below) February 14th at 9:45 am . Arrive at 9:30am 17409 Hidden Valley Dr, Eureka, MO 63025

Registration Deadline: February 6

Go to website, fill out waiver for each skier, print/mail to me OR email it to me. (Waiver and payment need to be together please)

- Skiers should be grades 5-adult
- Beginner/student skier- \$17.91 includes: ski rental, lesson, use of beginner slopes, lunch. (may choose to upgrade for additional \$10.76)
- Intermediate/student skier- \$28.67 includes: ski rental, refresher lesson, use of all slopes lunch
- Parent skiers-\$49.06 can only ski after lesson time, does not include lunch.
- Chaperones \$28.67- must be on the slopes, able to assist students with gear, lunch included.
- We must have a chaperone ratio of 10 to 1. We must have a min of 25 student skiers

If you are not skiing, you can hang around inside the lodge or watch and encourage skiers outside. You can help guard the personal items that belong to our skiers who are outside.

Powell Hall------Up Close: Mendelssohn Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 11:00 am

Join the St. Louis Symphony as we explore the life and music of one of the greatest romantic composers, Felix Mendelssohn. Together we uncover how a young man absorbed his own experiences with identity and culture into his music-music that still resonates with us today.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. Lapsitters are free. Use Paypal or send a check made payable to SHARE to: Cathy Mullins, 3675 Montana, St. Louis, MO 63116 for one or more of the concerts. Please note the specific concerts in the check memo. If you are using Paypal you must pay for each concert individually. Remember to send your payment BEFORE concert day - Powell Hall does not like us to collect money in the lobby on the day of the concerts.

There are NO individual tickets for the Educational Concerts. We have one master ticket for all of us and we are seated together as a group. Concerts are about 45-50 minutes in

length.

Sign up at the SHARE website calendar. We can accomodate 125 people. https://www.homeschool-life.com/mo/share/

# **Educational Opportunities**

#### Junior Achievement Biztown and Finance Park information

March 1 (Biztown) and March 22 (Finance Park), Junion Achievement of Greater St. Louis will be having their readiness programs to homeschoolers.

Biztown is a mini-city for 5th/6th graders where kids discover how the real world works. They will get a job for the day, get paid twice, manage a checking account, shops, doctor visits, go shopping, etc.

Finance Park is for 7th-12th graders and takes them through the scenarios of having a job, income, education, family, budget, banking, purchases, investments, etc.

It's a wonderful opportunity (not to mention a LOT of fun) for the kids to learn valuable life lessons. visit <a href="https://www.jastl.org">www.jastl.org</a> for more info.

# **Sporting Events**

#### **MECH Basketball Game**

The next MECH Home Basketball Game is Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00 at Belleville Assembly of God Church. Please come cheer on our homeschool basketball team!!! It's been a really fun year and it is almost over!!!

# **Graduations**

High School Graduation will be on Saturday, May 19th.

**8th Grade** Graduation will be held Friday, May 18th. (Yes, that is the day before the High School Graduation.) We will meet on Monday, March 19,th with families and graduates, to work on details. If you have an 8th grader and would like to participate, you are welcome to join us. Please send an email to Annette Kanoy at teamkanoy@gmail.com.

#### **TeenPact**

Starting April 23! If you don't know about Teenpact, watch this short video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oY56wpN0ZLg

All the info you need is here: http://teenpact.com/programs/state-classes/illinois/

## **SCCCHE Yearbook and T-Shirt**

#### SCCCHE YEARBOOK

If Ken Carden took your child's school photo - we have it for the yearbook already.

You may submit digital or printed school photos to the SCCCHE yearbook several ways:

- 1. In person
- 2. By Mail (Kay Waldram 112 Dale ave Collinsville IL 62234)

By email to Kay W Mohmers@att.net or the other yearbook editors.
See here for Digital Submission -> https://www.sccche.org/photo-upload
Do not upload your school photos directly to the website ...it is too confusing.

Go here for more yearbook info --> https://www.sccche.org/yearbook

The following photographers have graciously supported our Yearbook with advertisements and/or homeschool discounts in the past:

Capture Photography 618-920-1590 Portrait Innovations 618-624-1111 John Locus 618-345-2005 Carden Portraits 618-401-6050

SCCCHE homeschool dad, Ken Carden, has been kind enough to take school photos free of charge prior to our fall meetings.

#### ACTIVITY PHOTOS CAN BE SUBMITTED HERE AT THIS LINK:

http://edo.entourageyearbooks.com/YearbookLogin.asp?YBID=790C091B1A choose upload photos in blue and use the password SCCCHE.

Please upload family portraits into the FAMILY PAGES folder. We would like to use them to make a title page.

#### SCCCHE T-SHIRT

The SCCCHE T-shirts are now available online at: http://www.gatewayimpressions.com/sccche/shop/home

T-Shirt was designed by SCCCHE student, Avery Wy.

## **Home Educator Events**

**The Great Homeschool Convention** is coming to St. Charles in July 19 – 21. Please see the following link for more information: https://www.greathomeschoolcon Underlineventions.com/locations/missouri/

#### Illinois Christian Home Educators has 3 upcoming events!

Links to all of these can be found here: http://iche.org/events

## **Homeshool Marriage Retreat**

February 24th, Carol Stream, IL

Join Kirk Smith for this one day marriage retreat especially for homeschooling couples!

#### **Conventions**

Southern IL Convention - March 24th in Salem, IL State Convention - May 31 - June 2 in Naperville, IL

# **Marriage Boost**

#### "What Did You Expect?-Redeeming the Realities of Marriage"

Date: March 3 Time: 9am-3pm

Location: Edgemont Bible Church, 5100 N. Illinois St, Fairview Heights IL 62208

Cost: \$10 per individual Deadline: Feb 24th

Note: Childcare available for early registrants

Bring: crockpot meal or dish to share

Sign up and pay: Wanda Collazo by email or text

## Calendar Check

Feb 14 - Ski Field Trip Feb 24 – Marriage Retreat Mar 1 – J. A. Biztown Mar 9-10 - APACHE Homeschool Conference Mar 22 – J. A. Finance Park

Mar 24 – S. Illinois ICHE Conference

Apr 18 – Cherry Pie Day

May 18 – SCCCHE 8th Grade Graduation

May 19 – SCCCHE High School Graduation

## From the Coordinators

This space is normally reserved for words of wisdom from Josh, but that e-mail didn't come this month. I must admit I'm guessing here, but I suspect that words might be hard to find during their time of grief at the loss of baby Annika Hope. No human words can express the emptiness that the loss of a child brings, and only the Holy Spirit, who intercedes for us with unutterable groanings, helping us in our weakness, can render God's peace that passes understanding. With that, and the hope that my taking the initiative is not too presumptuous, I would encourage each of you to lift the Petersons in prayer, asking our great God to comfort them and give them His peace.

Tim Kanoy Newsletter Coordinator

## It's on the website

# SCCCHE.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.

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