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LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER FOR LOVE COMES FROM GOD.

-1 JOHN 4:7 A OVO



FEBRUARY 2018

GRADUATION NEWS



Only four months until Graduation! If you are participating in the HCHE Graduation Ceremony, here are a few reminders and important dates to keep in mind.

Tuesday, February 20th, 4:00 to 6:00 pm – Performance Auditions will be held at New Life Church in the Student Chapel. If you are planning on auditioning, please arrive between 3:45 and 4:00 so auditions can begin promptly at 4:00. You will audition in the order in which you sign in.

Saturday, March 17th – Last day to submit scholarship applications. You can download the application from the [Graduation Webpage](#).

Tuesday, May 15th, 6:30 to 8:30 pm – Graduation Rehearsal will be held in the New Life Church Sanctuary. This is a mandatory meeting. The graduate and both parents (if both will be on stage during the ceremony) must attend.

Saturday, May 19th, 10:00am to 12:00pm - Graduation! This event will be held in the New Life Church Sanctuary. Graduates and parents need to arrive no later than 8:30AM for the final walk-thru, class photo, and setting up memory tables for the reception.

If you have any questions, please reference the [Graduation Webpage](#) or contact the graduation coordinator at sggraduation@hche.org.

"GEN J" CLUB



Students ages 11 through 19 are invited to join our newly chartered "Gen J" Club. Our student leadership team has been hard at work planning our monthly club meetings. Generation Joshua is an organization for teens who want to get involved in government action or learn more about the political arena.

Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday, February 13th, at 3:15 in room 162. We plan on meeting the second Tuesday of every month after classes while HCHE is in session. There is no cost to join.

For more information on Gen J, [click here](#). To register your student as a member of the Generation Joshua Club of El Paso County, please contact Kathryn Porter at 719-354-3792 or email SGGENJclub@hche.org.



Need some homeschooling encouragement? Listen now to past CHEC conference sessions [on the High Country website!](#)

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SERVING PROJECTS



Join with other High Country Families as we serve the needy of Colorado Springs at the Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry on the second Friday of every month. Registration is now open for the following dates:

-)) February 9th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
-)) March 9th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
-)) April 13th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

For more information about Care & Share or to register now, [please click here](#).

If you have any questions, please email sgservingprojectscoord@hche.org.

JR/SR FORMAL

SAVE THE DATE

APR 13

2018 High Country Jr~Sr Formal

YOU'RE INVITED

Glen Eyrie 6:15-10PM

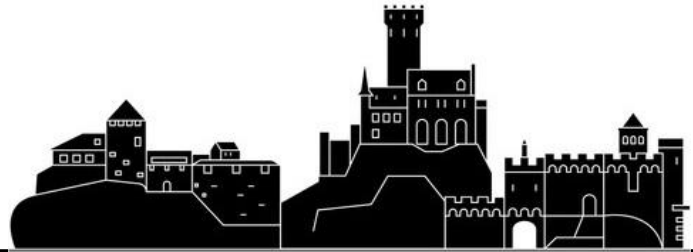
May He make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4

We are pleased to announce that this year's Junior & Senior Formal will be held on

Friday, April 13th, 2018

Mark your calendars to join us for our annual prom alternative as we enjoy the beautiful **Glen Eyrie Castle** as our special venue again this year.

Registration will be open at the end of February and more info will be available in the next newsletter!



DEEP STATE



What is the "deep state"? Who controls it? How has it affected our nation and the world? What is it doing right now? Journalist and author Alex Newman will be speaking on this intriguing topic. Newman is the co-author of the book, Crimes of Educators: How Utopians Are Using Government Schools To Destroy America's Children.

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
 Time: 6:45PM
 Place: Library 21c, 1175 Chapel Hills Drive
 Cost: Gen J Club members FREE with RSVP*
 All others \$20 at the door (or \$10 pre-pay)

**This event is not affiliated with Generation Joshua, however Gen J club members have received an offer for complimentary tickets.*

To join the Gen J Club or to RSVP to this event, contact Kathryn Porter at 719-354-3792 or email SGGENJclub@hche.org.

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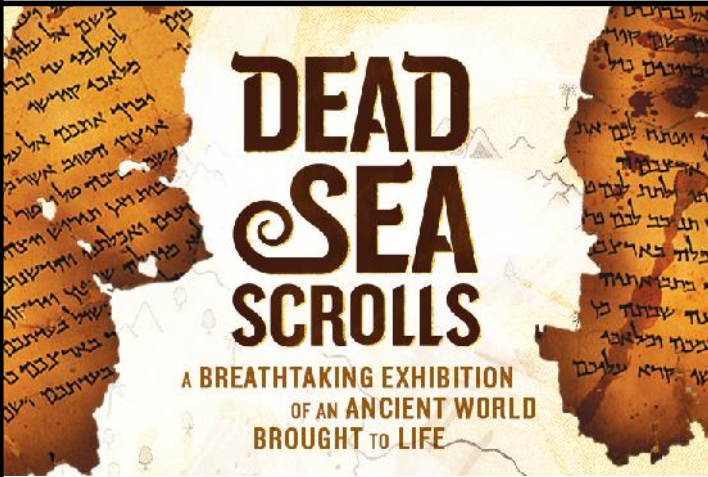
Seussical Jr.
April 20-30

Tickets On Sale Now



For more information, call 719.282.9101 or visit our website at www.ACTcolorado.net

FIELD TRIPS



Join us for a field trip to Denver Museum of Nature & Science's exhibit of the Dead Sea Scrolls!

When: Friday, May 18th @ 10:30 a.m.

Cost: \$5.50 person for general museum and exhibit.*

Registration: Will open on February 20th (link coming soon!)

****There will be a limit to the number of participants in the group, but we will have a waitlist once our numbers are full.***

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see authentic Dead Sea Scrolls, ancient manuscripts that include the oldest known biblical documents dating back over 2,000 years. The scrolls will be dramatically presented within a massive exhibit case featuring carefully regulated individual chambers, along with the full English translation. In addition, more than 500 artifacts from the ancient Middle East will immerse guests in historic traditions and beliefs that continue to impact world cultures today. The authentic objects include inscriptions and seals, weapons, stone carvings, terra cotta figurines, remains of religious symbols, coins, shoes, textiles, mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, and a three-ton stone from the Western Wall in Jerusalem, believed to have fallen in 70 CE.

Registration for this event will open on February 20th and links will be available provided soon. Also, be sure to stay tuned for more exciting field trips coming in 2018!

SKATING PARTY



Skate City, Austin Bluffs

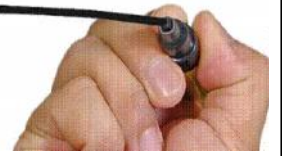
March 23rd, 2-4p.m.

Join us for our first spring skating party and bring your friends! Skate rental and two hours of skating for \$5.50. Skate trainers are also available for rent.

Questions? Email: Sgskatingparties@hche.org

JOIN OUR TEAM

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The Support Group relies upon our members to share the load of the ministry and to provide leadership for today and for the future. The following positions receive a free SG membership as well as other benefits for serving (includes financial stipends). Please email SGAdministrator@hche.org for more information and see below for open positions.

Graduation Coordinator – This position was created and filled by a married couple for years, so that may be its ideal arrangement, but we would be willing to consider a single or two-mom team fulfilling the role. New Life Church member is preferred. This position coordinates and leads the year-long process of planning and executing the annual High Country graduation ceremony. Event planning and logistics experience helpful. Note – this position already has an assistant who takes care of the “behind the scenes” details. The current Grad Coordinators (Greg and Renee Carlson) will train the right person/people until they vacate the position in May 2018.

SG Administrator — We are excited to see who the Lord has called to this position. Duties include overseeing the leadership team and providing overall leadership, direction and vision of the Support Group. There is never a dull moment in this position! The administrator also serves on and works closely with the SG Board and is a member of the Corporate Board as well. New Life member preferred.

Financial Controller — The Support Group Financial Controller will oversee all financial issues for HCSG, prepare the budget in coordination with the HCSG Administrator and Administrative Director each Fall, write and distribute checks, balance the account monthly and prepare monthly budget and accounting reports for the Board.

Support Group Administrative Director — This position supports and works closely with the Support Group Administrator by maintaining the Support Group Membership forms and database, overseeing all SG wufoo form creation and maintenance, handling SG email and phone correspondence, staffing the SG table at EC class registration and some other promotional events and generally administratively supporting the SG team in other needed ways. Proficiency on computer and other office equipment required – must have internet access, IBM compatible computer, capability to email, proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher and Access. New Life Church member preferred.

High Country Enrichment Classes



A Note from Darla

As many of you know, I grew up on a farm in Northern Colorado and my degree is in Landscape Architecture. Because of this background, I tend to look at life through glasses focused on gardening or farming analogies! High Country is a place where God has been and continues to grow a beautifully diverse community of like purposed families. But every gardener or farmer knows that it is important to understand what is being purposely grown and what is harmful and needs to be weeded out! **Let's first look at what common incorrect myths we, as HCEC members, should watch for and weed out:**

Myth #1: To have unity in a community everyone must be identical. But real community is not a place where everyone thinks the same, acts the same, teaches the same, and looks the same— there is no perfect version of a homeschool family! Everyone is unique and different by design and specific purpose by God and these differences bring texture and strength to the HCEC community. We range from very conservative to not, from large families to only children, from rigorous academic focus to rigorous bible focus, or sports focus. We are single moms and dads, blended families, and just plain nuclear families. Each child and each family has been created for a different purpose, so each one's education will have a different focus or thrust--and that is a good thing. Cookie cutter education and methods are what we as homeschool families desire to avoid, so don't try to make a cookie cutter version here at HCEC!

If you feel as if you do not measure up to the norm at HCEC, you are using an invalid measuring stick. You cannot compare yourself to anyone else at HCEC. Each one of our families is on a unique journey to achieve what God has purposed for their family. My journey will not look like yours. There may be some overlaps, or there may not. The important realization is to understand that we all look different and that is good!

Myth #2: In a healthy community no one is struggling, and everyone's life is perfect. We need to dispel this damaging train of thought! Real community is not a place where there are no struggles, so don't pretend that everything is always perfect. This makes others unwilling to even try to be part of our community because how can they even hope to measure up when their lives feel so messy sometimes?

Life is real. Each person at HCEC is struggling with something. Some of these struggles are pretty huge and all consuming! Just because you are struggling, that struggle does not invalidate your presence in the community of HCEC. Our job as members of the HCEC community is to encourage and give hope, not to condemn, judge, or isolate those who are struggling.

I know of moms who have sat in the car rather than come in because they are sure if people really knew them, or what they were going through, no one would take time to welcome them or even like them. That is a lie that has to be dispelled! Every individual at HCEC is handpicked by God to be at HCEC—even the lonely mom in the car! Don't cheat yourself or others of the beauty of cultivating real relationships that encourage and support you as you follow the calling of God on the journey of homeschooling. Go out of your way to connect with others—look for those who seem isolated and welcome them to the HCEC community!

Community is built as we intentionally walk in humility, kindness, and compassion. When we live together in peace and choose to not be easily offended. When we strive to walk in peace and love towards one another. When our goal is to encourage one another, not judge one another. When we recognize with thankfulness all the great things about our community and seek to make it stronger through our interactions with each other.

Once again, community is not: identical lives or perfection of all members ...

But rather, the HCEC community is a place where, as we share our stories, build friendships, and serve one another, our lives are woven together, allowing the strength of shared hope in the faithfulness of God to encourage each family to keep moving forward in the purposes for which God has called them.

Welcome to the Spring 2018 HCEC Semester! We are glad you are here!

High Country Christian Academy (Independent School) News



Testing Your Student In Colorado

It's almost testing time! [The State of Colorado Homeschool Law](#) requires students are tested or evaluated in odd grades (3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, 11th). What you may not know is that your student's readiness is determined by you, not by the student's age or what grade he or she would be in an "organized school situation." If you have any questions about this, please contact us.

When a student is at a high school level (9th -12th), they have the option of using the SAT or ACT college placement exams in place of another standardized test. The SAT and ACT are offered several times a year. Please [click here](#) for more information about the SAT and [click here](#) for more information about the ACT. If your student is not college bound, they are not required to take the SAT or ACT.

High Country Christian Academy is offering the TerraNova II again this year on April 19th and 20th. This test is published by McGraw Hill, the same company that produced the CAT5, and is a nationally standardized achievement test for grades 1-12. HCCA does not test below the 3rd grade and we only test odd grades. The TerraNova II has 2008 national norms in a traditional workbook, multiple choice format similar to other types of tests (Iowa or Stanford). The report you receive with the TerraNova II is comprehensive and comparable to other testing services. It includes a breakdown of student performance on each subject as well as Grade Equivalent, Percentile Ranking and Stanines.



The Academy relies on our wonderful volunteers, parents like you, to help us administer the test. These are minimally compensated volunteer positions which are paid directly on the last day of testing. Proctoring requires only two half days of your time in the spring. If you are interested in helping, please mark the space provided on the test registration form, leave a message for me by calling 719-278-9135, Extension 4, or send an email to CACommunications@HCHE.org. I will compile a list of volunteers and contact you at the beginning of April with more details. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Blessings,
Jennifer Valdois

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

January 1st - February 19th—High Country Christian Academy is accepting mid-year enrollments. Registration is online at www.hche.org under "Independent School."

January 15th—Deadline for submitting second quarter reports. The links are available at www.hche.org. Due to technical difficulties, we have extended the deadline to January 26th.

January 4th - March 20th—Standardized testing registration open to all families. Testing registration is available online at www.hche.org.

March 20th—Deadline for testing registration.

April 19th - 20th—Standardized Testing at New Life Church. Proctors are needed for testing in April and will be modestly compensated. Please email CACommunications@HCHE.org for details.

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 New Life Church: www.newlifechurch.org

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HSLDA offers a 15% discount to our members. Please call 278-9135 x3 for our group number to get your discount. Check them out on the web at www.hsllda.org

High Country Student Classifieds Please submit your short ad to SGads@HCHE.org.

<p>Your short ad here with a phone or email contact and student name.</p>	<p>Quality babysitting My name is Nevaeh Peters and I would love to watch your kids. I have 5 younger siblings and tons of experience. I also recently completed the YMCA Babysitter's course with first aid training. I can provide my own transportation. Text 623-256-0421 or email me at nevaehpeters04@gmail.com.</p>	<p>Babysitting and pet sitting - Monument area Loving care for your children or your pets in your home! Experienced and Reliable 15 year old with Babysitter Certificate. Great with all ages. Available nights and weekends for babysitting! Kaitlyn 481-9660</p>	<p>Kingdom Lettering Company I am selling handmade cards for varying occasions, as well as 6x8 and 6x9 custom watercolor prints. Shop at kingdom7love.com/shop. If you have an interest in purchasing anything, please email me at kingdom7love@gmail.com Rachael W.</p>	<p>Does your child need tutoring? I can do it! I can give your 1st through 5th grader some extra help with: English, Vocabulary, Spelling, Handwriting (Cursive), and Reading. I am available from 9-11am Tuesdays in the café/ study area for 30-minute sessions. For more information, please contact Lene Wright at lkwjaguar@gmail.com.</p>
<p>Farm sitting Experience with poultry, goats, rabbits, cats, rats, sugar gliders, guinea pigs, fish, dogs, turtles, pigs, etc. Twice a day visits. Milking is extra. \$20/day. Ryan T. Black Forest/ Monument areas. Ryan.j.trcka@gmail.com</p>	<p>Mowing, fixing fences, a little bit of training horses (or any horse care at all!), pet sitting, almost anything a kid can do, so I can earn money to buy my own horse. Southeast Black Forest or Falcon - Johnny C. veggiemommyforever@gmail.com</p>	<p>Babysitting, pet sitting & house sitting 17 yr old with experience in all 3! References available upon request. amycflemming@gmail.com Amy F. 682-597-1735</p>	<p>VHS to DVD conversion \$6/hour of tape. Email for details. George C. georgejamesone22@gmail.com</p>	

High Country Home Educators operates as a tri-fold ministry. The following divisions operate to meet specific needs that homeschoolers may have. All divisions are optional services, and need to be joined separately.

<p align="center">High Country Christian Academy</p> <p>An independent school for record keeping and/or achievement test score record keeping:</p> <p>Jennifer Valdois, Administrator 278-9135 ext. 4 CAcommunications@hche.org</p>	<p align="center">High Country Enrichment Classes</p> <p>Supplemental classes for homeschoolers held at New Life Church:</p> <p>Darla Caudle, Administrator Wendy Ferguson, Human Resources 278-9135 ext. 1 & 2 ECAdministrator@hche.org</p>	<p align="center">High Country Support Group</p> <p>Fellowship opportunities, newsletter, family directory, field trips, etc.:</p> <p>Shannon Chesebro, Administrator Jodi Manley, Administrative Director 278-9135 ext. 3 SGAdministrator@hche.org SGAdmindirector@hche.org</p>
<p align="center">ADVERTISING POLICY</p> <p>High Country Home Educators reserves the right to refuse any advertising that, in its opinion, conflicts with the philosophy or beliefs of HCHE, or would appear to cause such conflict. The appearance of an ad does not constitute endorsement by HCHE or its boards. We do not endorse or guarantee any of the products or services offered in ads appearing in this newsletter. We will be able to accept advertising as space allows, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Business card size ads: \$25 for members/ \$30 for non-members. Double business card size ad: \$40 for members/ \$50 for non-members. The deadline for ads, along with the fee, is the 16th of the month before.</p> <p>Please e-mail your ad to SGads@hche.org or send a copy-ready ad and your check to HCSG, 2245 Capstone Ct., Colorado Springs 80919. Make checks payable to HCSG.</p>	<p align="center">High Country Home Educators Corporate Board:</p> <p>Rob & Darla Caudle Josh & Shannon Chesebro Brian & Pam Newberg Brandon & Jenny Vanaman Todd & Jennifer Valdois</p> <hr/> <p align="center">CONTRIBUTIONS</p> <p>We will print your contribution to the newsletter if we have space available. Send any articles of interest to SGAdministrator@hche.org.</p> <p>Some months we may have extra room, but please don't be offended if we decide not to print or have space limitations.</p>	<p align="center">STATEMENT OF PURPOSE</p> <p>Believing that children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3), and that it is both our privilege and responsibility to train our children in the ways of God, we at High Country Home Educators, are committed to assist one another with these responsibilities.</p> <p>Our purpose is to strengthen our families by reflecting Biblical standards in our homes and marriages, as established in Ephesians 5:21-33.</p> <p>We endeavor to raise up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4) through godly instruction in these four primary areas: spiritual training, character development, academics, and practical life skills.</p>

