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# JANUARY 2018



[Registration](#) for the January 16th & 17th Government Extravaganza simulation is still open for the iCommand portion! But be sure to sign up right away as registration will close when it fills or on Friday, January 12th!

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### The GenJ Club is now active!

The GenJ Club is an organization for teens who want to get involved in government action here and now. YOU can change our community and even the world through your political activism!

The next GenJ Club meeting will be on Tuesday, February 6th, after Student Orientation at New Life Church. All students, ages 11-19, are welcome (and parents can also attend, if desired). If you have any questions, please email Kathryn Porter at [SGGENJclub@hche.org](mailto:SGGENJclub@hche.org) or [kat@spectrumparenting.com](mailto:kat@spectrumparenting.com). We hope you'll join us!



## CHEC's Introduction to Homeschooling Seminar

**CHEC's Introduction to Homeschooling Seminar on January 6th at New Life Church has been cancelled ...**

Instead, CHEC will be holding a combined seminar on January 13th in Castle Rock! New Hope Presbyterian Church in Castle Rock will host the event on Saturday, January 13th, from 9am to 2:45pm.

The cost is \$40 for one parent (spouse and grandparents are free) and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Childcare is not provided.

[Click here](#) for more information about the Introduction to Homeschooling seminar or [click here](#) to register now!



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

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GRADUATION NEWS



Only four months left until Graduation!!

Here are a few reminders and important dates from the Graduation FAQ Booklet.

Tuesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – **This is the final deadline for the graduation registration, payment in full, photos, and audition application.** After this date, your request to participate in the ceremony is accepted on a "space available" basis only and the cost per graduate goes up to \$200.

Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 pm – The mandatory Ceremony Coordination Meeting will be held at New Life Church in the Tent Auditorium. Please remember that attendance by the graduate and at least one parent is required. We have a lot of important information to discuss that night, so please arrive on time.

Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 to 6:00 pm – Performance Auditions will be held at New Life Church in the Student Chapel. If you are planning to audition, please see the information in the Graduation FAQ and submit your application before the January 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. Remember, there will not be a makeup audition offered.

Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> – This is the last day to submit scholarship applications. You can download the application from the HCHE Graduation Webpage (link provided below).

If you have any questions, please reference the Graduation FAQ or contact the graduation coordinator at [sggraduation@hche.org](mailto:sggraduation@hche.org). A copy of the Graduation FAQ and all applications can be accessed from the [HCHE Graduation Webpage](#).



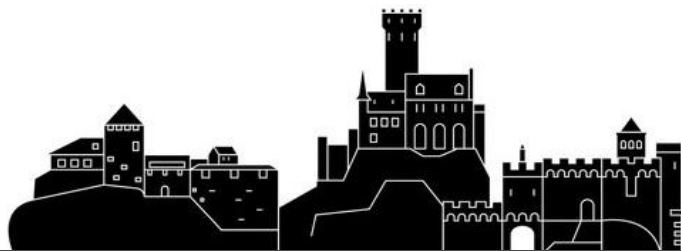
EVENING AT THE CASTLE



We are pleased to announce that this year's Junior & Senior High 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 in February and more information will be available in the next newsletter!



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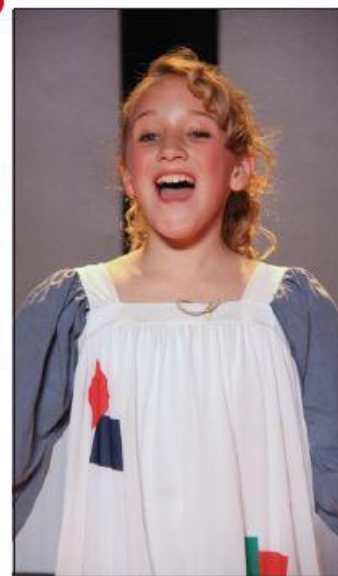
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SPELLING BEE



**CHEC Spelling Bee  
Reformation Church  
Elizabeth, CO**

All homeschooled children from qualifying counties in Colorado are invited to join CHEC's Annual Spelling Bee! Winners are then eligible for the statewide Denver Post Spelling Bee and qualifiers from that competition will compete in the [National Scripps Spelling Bee](#). All homeschooled children are invited and are not required to be affiliated with CHEC.

- )] **WHEN?** January 27, 2018 (tentative).
- )] **WHO?** Any homeschool student in the state of Colorado (except for Boulder County residents, who must participate in the Boulder County Spelling Bee). The speller must not have passed beyond the 8th grade on or before February 1, 2018. The speller must not have reached his/her 15th birthday on or before August 31, 2017.
- )] **COST?** \$25 per student.
- )] **REGISTRATION?** [Registration](#) is open now for the 2018 Spelling Bee.
- )] **SCHEDULE?** The Spelling Bee includes a written test, a break and an oral test. Full schedule will be announced later.
- )] **SHARE?** [Join the event](#) on Facebook to share with your friends!

[Click here](#) for more information and to register for the 2018 CHEC Spelling Bee now!

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HSLDA ART CONTEST



**Enter HSLDA's  
2018 Art Contest**

The contest is open to all homeschooled students, ages 7 to 19. Submissions must be postmarked by February 1st. Cash prizes up to \$200 will be awarded. Each student can submit two pieces of art. All original artwork only.

For more information including complete contest rules and guidelines, [click here](#).

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NATIONAL SCHOOL CHOICE WEEK



January 21st – 27th is National School Choice Week. Join the homeschool community and other citizens who are FOR school choice on January 24th at 9:00 a.m. on the steps of City Hall. There will be student speakers from every choice of education. For more information, please visit the [National School Choice Week](#) website.

LEGACY SPORTS

*Colorado Legacy*  
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**OPEN GYMS**

Are you looking to play some volleyball in between seasons? Join us for open gyms! Cost is \$5 per session and proper attire must be worn. We must have a current 2017/2018 Activity Release Waiver on file, so please bring the form signed by a parent. These sessions are open to the community.

**\$5 / SESSION**

Ages 14-18, Guys & Gals

Dates: Tuesday, 1/16, 1/30 & 2/13

Time: 5-7pm

Location: Nova Sports

1808 Woodmoor Drive (Monument)



No registration necessary. Pay at the door.  
[Click here](#) to download Activity Release Waiver.

**SPRING SEASON CO-ED VOLLEYBALL**

High School Coed Volleyball is returning once again in the spring of 2018! CLS is offering local, intramural and FRCAA traveling teams this season. Seasons will run parallel from mid-February until the first week of May.

Intramural League Cost/Athlete is \$225.

\$50 charge for FRCAA Team players

Ages 14-18 Guys & Gals

For dates, times and location, please [click here](#).

Middle School Volleyball will be returning in the Fall/Winter of 2018. Season will run from October through mid-December.



**FALL/WINTER HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL**

High School basketball is in full swing!  
Keep up with the Legends on Max Preps.

To view our game schedule, team standings and player stats, [click here](#).



JOIN OUR TEAM



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 (including financial stipends). Please email [SGAdministrator@hche.org](mailto: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.



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## High Country Enrichment Classes



*A Note from Darla*

As I sit down to write this note, it is just a couple of days before Christmas and my thoughts are centering on this special season. However, if you come to my house at any point during the year, I will have at least two and possibly more nativity sets prominently displayed. The nativity has always been precious to me and I have collected nativity sets since I was a child. This year I wanted to go a little deeper and I began to ponder why the message of this season means so much to me. I love Easter and the message of the cross and resurrection—after all that is the central focus of our Christian experience—but the nativity seems to me to hold an equally important message. It is the beginning of the Easter Story! Jesus chose to come,

willingly and lovingly, knowing what needed to happen and would happen to Him. He chose to enter this earthly “dimension” so each one of us would have that opportunity to know and experience His immeasurable love. I think that it is hard sometimes to understand and fully comprehend the depth of the love that Jesus has for us. The fact He chose to come in order to die and rise again so that we would be able to know Him and be with Him is overwhelming.

**Immanuel—the name of God commonly associated with Christmas—means *God with us*.** I think sometimes we breeze right past recognizing that name in the Christmas Story on the way to all of the other enjoyable activities of Christmas. But the core of the nativity is that God is with us. He is here and wants to be present with us in every single thing we do, not only during this Christmas season, but throughout all of the next year with all it will bring. He will be there in all of the high points and low points and there with us even in all of the ordinary moments that will happen between those highs and lows. God with us—this is a message of Hope no matter what this next year brings. Paul talks about hope given by believing in Jesus as the Messiah in Romans 15:13 when he exhorts, *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”* That is the message of the nativity I want to bring forward to 2018 with me. God is with me—right here, right now—and present in every moment I will face. And because He is with me, I have hope, joy and peace.

Furthermore, since God is with me, I can rest in that knowledge so that even when hard or confusing circumstances surround me, I can trust Him to be there with me so I will not be moved. Psalm 112:6-8 states, *“The righteous will never be moved...He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid.”* And Psalm 125:1-2 states, *“Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion which cannot be moved...As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people.”*

This is the hope of the nativity: God with us! And if He is with us, then we can be steady and full of hope because we know He is right there! My prayer for this New Year is that all of us can rest full of assurance in the hope of the nativity message that God is, indeed, with us. May God bless you mightily in 2018!



### IMPORTANT UPCOMING HCEC DATES

**January 16-18:** Registration from 9:00am-3:00pm

**January 30:** Leadership Training – 6:00pm-8:30pm

**February 6:** New Family Welcome Assembly 9:00am-10:30am

Student Orientation – 10:30am-12:00pm

**February 13 & 14:** First week of classes

**March 27 & 28:** Easter Break (Break #1)-No classes this week

**May 1 & 2:** New Life Gather Conference Break (Break #2)-

No classes this week

**May 15 & 16:** Last week of classes





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 <b>Graduation Registration Deadline</b>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 <b>Mandatory Graduation Meeting 6:30-8:30pm</b>	10	11	12 <b>GenJ Registration Deadline</b>	13 <b>CHEC Intro to Homeschooling Seminar in Castle Rock 9am-2:45pm</b>
14	15	<b>ENRICHMENT CLASSES REGISTRATION 9am - 3pm Daily</b>			19	20
		GenJ Simulation 8:30am-6pm	GenJ Simulation 8:30am-6pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <b>CHEC Spelling Bee</b>
					<b>Looking Ahead</b> ©  Feb 6 — Student Orientation ©  Feb. 13/14 — First week of classes ©  March 27/28 — Break-no classes ©  April 13 — Jr./Sr. High Formal ©  May 1/2 — Break-no classes ©  May 15/16 — Last week of classes ©  May 19 — Graduation	
28	29	30 <b>Leadership Training 6-8:30pm</b>	31	1		

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<p><b>Mowing, fixing fences, a little bit of training horses (or any horse care at all!), pet sitting, almost anything a kid can do, so</b> I can earn money to buy my own horse. Southeast Black Forest or Falcon - Johnny C. <a href="mailto:vegiemommyforever@gmail.com">vegiemommyforever@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Babysitting, pet sitting &amp; house sitting</b> 17 yr old with experience in all 3! References available upon request. <a href="mailto:amycflemming@gmail.com">amycflemming@gmail.com</a> Amy F. 682-597-1735</p>	<p><b>VHS to DVD conversion</b> \$6/hour of tape. Email for details. George C. <a href="mailto:georgejamesone22@gmail.com">georgejamesone22@gmail.com</a></p>		

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