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ENCOURAGEMENT

CARE & SHARE



Pam and Brian Newberg, two of High Country Home Educators' founders, board members and current pastors over the ministry have meant so much to many of us! A year ago, Pam was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is now fighting it using an integrative approach with a combination of natural, holistic, and some conventional medicines. Due to her diet being extremely restrictive, we are opting to give gift cards to grocery stores where Brian and Pam shop, instead of bringing meals (Natural Grocers, King Soopers, and Costco).

If you would like to send an encouraging note, card and/or a grocery gift card, then you can bring it to Guest Services anytime during Enrichment Classes this semester. Thanks so much!



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:

- || March 9th, 8:30-11:30 a.m.
- || May 11th, 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.

SKATING PARTY

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Skating Party
 Skate City, Austin Bluffs
 Friday, March 23rd, 2-4p.m.

Join us for our first spring skating party and invite your High Country friends and family, too! Skate rental and two hours of skating is \$5.50 per person. Skate trainers are also available for rent. Questions? Please email Sgskatingparties@hche.org.



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

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GRADUATION



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.

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.

JUNIOR/SENIOR FORMAL



Registration is now open for the Jr./Sr. Formal on

Friday, April 13th, 2018

[Click here to register now](#) for our annual prom alternative as we enjoy the beautiful **Glen Eyrie Castle** as our special venue again this year!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Last year, we had over 100 volunteers that helped during the formal and graduation. We couldn't have done it without these people! We are again asking for volunteers to help this year. We need volunteers of many ages and talents to help create a wonderful time of celebration and memory for our students. Serving can be done at the Junior & Senior Formal (April 13th), on graduation day (May 19th), or in other ways at home prior to these events. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together, so please check the list below and [click here](#) to sign up to help!

If you have any questions about the Graduation or the Formal, please email us at sggraduation@hche.org or sgjrsrformal@hche.org respectively.

Junior & Senior Formal - Friday, April 13 th Glen Eyrie Castle		
Setup Crew (2-3 people)	3-4 pm	Carry boxes heavy items into Glen Eyrie Castle, set up senior entrance
Decorators (5-6 people)	4-6 pm	Decorate tables, senior entrance, and food table
Security Team (5-6 men)	6-10:30 pm	Security
Clean-up Crew (6-7 people)	10-11:30 pm	Clean up decorations and pack up
Graduation Day - Saturday, May 19 th New Life Church		
Decorators (15-20 people)	7-9 am	Decorate with balloons
Memory Table Set-Up (2 people)	7-8 am	Set up Memory Tables with linens and signs
Brunch Coordinators (2 people)	7-10 am	Purchase breakfast items, set up and oversee brunch
Ushers (10-12 people)	8:30 am-12:00 pm	Help usher, hand out programs
Clean-up Crew (4-6 people)	12-1:30 pm	Help with clean-up in the sanctuary and foyer after Ceremony

FIELD TRIPS

Field Trip!



Spring Library Field Trip

Want your older kids to learn how to do extensive research for a project and learn all the library has to offer them? And your younger ones to know how to use the library well (as well as learn through a fun scavenger hunt)? Would you like to discover all the Pikes Peak Library District system has to offer to home schooling families (there are some recent additions - boy is it an amazing resource for us!)? Then watch your email for a field trip in late March or early April to the East Library. More details to come within a week or two!



COLORADO HOMESCHOOL DAY

Come to the annual Colorado [Homeschool Day at the Capitol](#) on April 13th and stand for educational and religious liberty with over a thousand other freedom-loving people from around the state.

Homeschool Day at the Capitol is both a fun field trip ([click here](#) to see all the activities) **AND** the #1 way to make an impact on your legislators' support for home schooling freedom.

ONLY IN 2018: Join us at Homeschool Day at the Capitol for a special celebration of the **Colorado Homeschool Law 30th Anniversary** (pssst...includes cake!). [Click here](#) to register now!



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GENJ CLUB



HCHE 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.

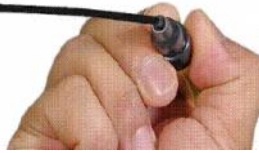
Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 13th, at 3:15 p.m. in room 162. We plan on meeting the second Tuesday of every month after classes while HCHE is in session. There is no cost to join.

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.



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.

ENCOURAGEMENT



Has sickness hit your family this winter? We staff and volunteers with the High Country Support Group have experienced and witnessed more family illnesses since Thanksgiving than we think we've ever seen before! We thought the article "[How To Homeschool When Under the Weather](#)" from the "My Little Poppies" blog might help some others of you who have been or still are struggling to fend off bugs. Know we all have been there and are with you in spirit and prayers on those days when your family has been taken out by "the crud." Click on the link above to read the article now!

Matthew 6:7 "Blessed are the merciful for they shall receive mercy."

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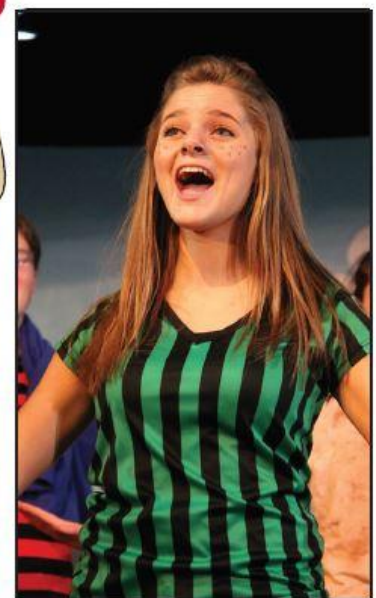
THEATRE CAMPS

Spring Break Camps
March 26-30

Summer Camps
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April 20-30



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or visit our website at www.ACTcolorado.net

High Country Enrichment Classes



A Note from Darla

Last month in this column, I discussed destroying two common myths that we seem to walk in while we are attending or participating in any group, but especially a group like HCEC:

Myth #1: To have unity in a community everyone must be identical. Real community is not a place where everyone is the same, thinks the same, acts the same, teaches the same. There is no perfect version of a homeschool family at HCEC!

Myth #2: In a healthy community no one is struggling, and everyone's life is perfect. Our job as members of the HCEC community is to encourage and give hope, not to condemn, judge, or isolate those who are struggling. Everyone has a struggle of some type. Life is real and it is definitely not perfect for anyone!

Once we no longer are embracing these damaging myths, our goal is to build authentic community at HCEC with the ultimate purpose of discipling our children and equipping them to glorify God with their lives. How is authentic community really built? Scripture states:

God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together. ~ Colossians 3:12-14 (CEV)

So what do these verses mean, practically speaking? I would like to suggest that the following characteristics are important to intentionally live out in order to build authentic community:

Relationships are built as we are kind to one another. Being kind can take many forms ...

First, it is important to recognize that God values each individual and we are also called to value one another. Take time to really appreciate each individual's differences! One of the important things I have had to realize as a leader of a large group is that there are many individuals who do not think or feel the way I do and that is OK. Rather than pulling away from those who think a little differently than you do, look for areas you can appreciate and enjoy.

Second, encourage one another. Take time to listen to one another! Share your story and be real. Take time to listen to someone else's story. Remind each other that God is faithful, He loves each of us, He is in control and has not forgotten us. But notice something as you encourage others—a funny thing happens—you end up encouraged yourself!

Third, bear one another's burdens; sometimes that is by listening, sometimes by providing a meal or a bag of groceries. There are many ways to practically help one another! Each one of us has gifts and abilities that God has given to us. Use your gifts and abilities to serve one another out of love. Community is built as we take time to be kind to one another.

Relationships are a vital part of community; however, true authentic community is built as we seek unity. Unity does not just happen, it is built and maintained. To maintain and build unity, relationships go a little deeper. As you continue to be kind to one another and listen to one another, you also need to assume the best of each other. If something happens that causes you to draw back from being kind, remind yourself to not be easily offended. Tell yourself to assume the best! When conflict happens, go to each other and work it out. One more important aspect of building community is to guard your tongue. Don't be a gossip or use your words to hurt. Use your words to build one another up! Don't use your words to justify yourself and in the process tear someone else down. Working out conflict and guarding your words is where the hard work of being a community occurs.

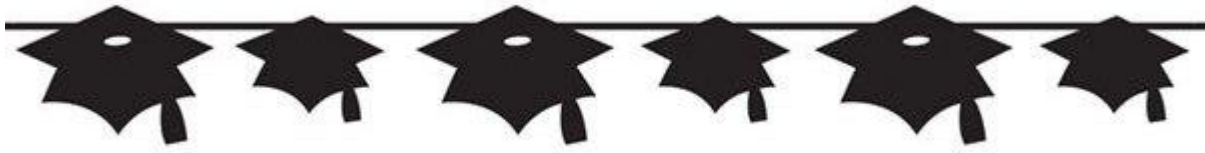
Community is built as we intentionally walk in humility, kindness, and compassion. When we live together in peace and choose to not be easily offended. When we strive to walk in peace and love towards one another. When our goal is to encourage one another, not judge one another. When we recognize with 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 about 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.

Be intentional about building the community of HCEC!

High Country Christian Academy (Independent School) News



IMPORTANT REMINDER TO SENIORS

All senior families should have received an email regarding your plans for graduation and completing the Senior Checklist form. Please make sure to complete this form as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please email Karen at CAAdminDirector9-12@hche.org.

HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR

Need information about high school, record keeping and more? Look for information coming in upcoming newsletters!



January 4-March 15 — Registration for testing is open and will be accepted until March 15th. Please go to the website www.hche.org and click on the Independent School tab to register. If you have any questions, you may call 719-278-9135 x 4.

March 15 — Testing Registration Deadline

March 31 — End of 3rd Quarter.

April 1-10 — 3rd Quarter reports are due at the end of the grace period. The form will be available online at www.hche.org by March 15th. Please note: the form will close April 10th so we can run our reports.

April 19-20 — Achievement Testing.

HCCA CONTACTS

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K-8 Administrative Director: Michele Geisbert, caadmindirectork-8@hche.org
Academy Administrator: Jennifer Valdois, caadministrator@hche.org or (719) 278-9135 x 4

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25	26	27 SPRING BREAK—NO CLASSES!	28	1	<div style="border: 2px dashed green; padding: 5px;"> <p>Looking Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> © April 13 — Jr./Sr. Formal © April 19/20 — HCCA Testing © May 1/2 — Break-no classes © May 15/16 — Last week of classes © May 18 — Dead Sea Scrolls © May 19 — Graduation </div>	

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<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 nevaehgpeters04@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>
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