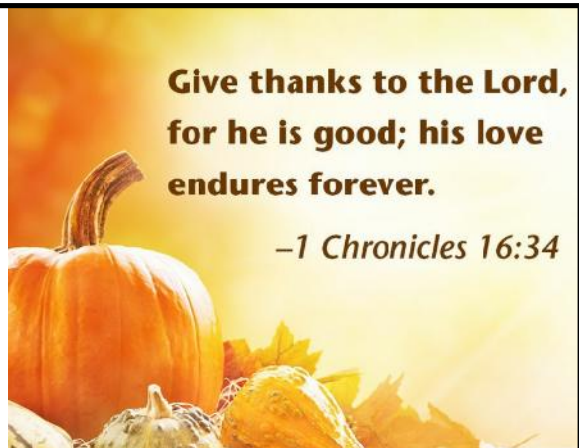




[Check out the Student Classified Ads on page 8!](#)



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

-1 Chronicles 16:34

NOVEMBER 2017

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

BASKETS (CONTINUED)

Sharing the Feast

Thanksgiving Basket Project

We are coming to that time of year again ... the time when pumpkins, colored leaves and cooler temperatures remind us that the holidays are right around the corner.

As we have done each year, we want to not only think about and plan for our own holiday meals and events, but also be mindful of those who might be having a tougher time due to divorce, becoming a widow or just being alone. As in years past, we are putting together Thanksgiving baskets for our single moms who walk, sit and work alongside us at High Country. They are so grateful each time!

These are things we could use:

- ♥ Gift cards or [cash donations](#) (for fresh purchases and turkeys)
- ♥ Boxed stuffing
- ♥ Boxed potatoes or real potatoes (white)
- ♥ Sweet potatoes - canned
- ♥ Veggies - canned or fresh
- ♥ Cranberry sauce
- ♥ Pies and cakes
- ♥ Dessert mixes or other desserts
- ♥ Any thing else you think might be nice to fill a basket up with!

Please note: We can receive perishable items only if they are donated close to the time of delivery.

Also, we are looking forward to Christmas. This is another time when low finances can add stress to all that this holiday can entail.

Purchasing gifts for children, preparing special meals, attending a nice concert or play ... these are things many of us think about and do, but can be extra difficult for families with tight budgets. So, if you sense God leading you, donations to the Single Parents Fund, (checks made out to HCSG and designated "Christmas" on the memo line) are also something we would appreciate.

If you have any questions or are interested in helping with the Thanksgiving assembly and delivery of the baskets, please contact Barb Anderson at sgsingleparents@hche.org.

Anyone who wishes to donate financially may easily do so online now by clicking [here](#).

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Need some homeschooling encouragement? Listen now to past CHEC conference sessions on the High Country website!

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IMMERSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Junior & Senior High

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday December 1st, 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.
New Life Church - World Prayer Center

Join with other High Country teens (7th thru 12th grades) to celebrate the season. We will have time for games, a gift exchange, fellowship and even a service project ... all over holiday treats!

The Springs Rescue Mission is excited and thankful that we are doing our hygiene kit service project again this year. The hygiene kits will be assembled at the party! Please bring small/travel size items such as soap, shampoo and conditioner, lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, bandages, and powder. If you are traveling over the next month, collect hotel hygiene items; these work great. The Dollar Store often has smaller size items and sometimes toothbrush/toothpaste combination packages. Also, Springs Rescue Mission is hoping to be able to give each of their guests a new "sturdy" pair of socks (a heavier type instead of white tube socks, for instance). So, if you are able to donate new socks, those would be greatly appreciated as well!

We will have an optional gift exchange for those interested and split into groups of girls and boys to exchange gifts. Please limit your gift expense to no more than \$8.00. Choose something you would like to receive since this is not a White Elephant or gag gift exchange. Also bring a favorite savory or sweet holiday snack to share and we'll provide the soft drinks!

Please be sure to [CLICK HERE](#) to register no later than November 24th. Hope to see you at the party!

CHICK-FIL-A CALENDARS



The Support Group is selling 2018 Chick-Fil-A Calendars again! They are just \$7.00 each. Each calendar includes a special deal for each month and make great stocking stuffers and gifts for friends and family (or you can just buy one for yourself)! Please stop by the Support Group Table at Enrichment Classes (9-3:00 pm on Tuesday or Wednesday) to buy your calendars or email SGAdministrator@hche.org to reserve yours today!

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GRADUATION NEWS



Graduation registration is underway! General registration ends on November 30th and costs less than if you wait and register after that date. For complete graduation information, please visit the [Graduation 2018](#) page on the HCHE

website. Also be sure to print out and read the [FAQ booklet](#) on the website. Mark your calendar with these important upcoming dates:

- Open Registration, November 1st - 30th. Cost is \$130.
- Late registration, December 1st - January 3rd. Cost is \$175.
- **Mandatory** Coordination Meeting, Tuesday, January 9th.
- **Mandatory** Graduation Rehearsal, Tuesday, May 15th.
- Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, May 19th.

If you have any questions or want to inquire about the single parent discount, please contact Greg and Renee Carlson at sggraduation@hche.org.



SENIOR PICTURES NEEDED!

Part of graduation registration is providing four photos of the graduating senior. This year, you must upload the photos into the online registration form. Three of the photo fields on the form are mandatory so you'll need to have digital images before you start the registration process. The combined size of all four photos must be less than 20MB, otherwise the form will return an error. If your photos are too large, you'll need to resize them accordingly. General registration ends on November 30th, so don't delay in taking care of this important item. More information about photos can be found in the graduation [FAQ booklet](#).

GENERATION JOSHUA



What: iCommand/iAdvocate - An exciting Executive and Legislative branch government simulation.

When: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 16th, and Wednesday, January 17th, 2018.

Who: For students ages 14-19.

Why: To learn more about how our government operates and have a WHOLE lot of fun doing it!

How: Tell your friends and [REGISTER HERE NOW!!!](#)

Cost: High Country students get a drastically discounted rate - just \$85 for iCommand and \$65 for iAdvocate!

Already hooked on advocating for our rights and being a part of democracy in action? Come join a brand new Gen J club! Email sgadministrator@hche.org to let us know your interest and for more information. Parents who are government action-minded, we want to know of your interest, too!

NEXT NEWSLETTER



Because of the busyness and increased activity in the month of December, **we will not publish a December newsletter.** Instead, we will send out an email including the important items that we would like to pass on to you. We will resume with our regular newsletter by email in January, 2018.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



It's time to shop for Operation Christmas Child! This is just a reminder that National Collection Week for the shoebox gifts is November 13-20, 2017.

Small (new) toys, school supplies, hygiene items and hard candy, as well as home made items (except no food) make great shoebox contents.

Visit the [Samaritan's Purse website](#) for more information on how you can participate this year!

SERVING PROJECTS

Care & Share Mobile Food Pantry



HC students serving at the September Care & Share

Join us as we serve the needy of Colorado Springs with the Care and Share Mobile Food Pantry the second Friday of every month. New dates will be available soon!

For more information and to register, [please click here.](#)

Please note: Because of restrictions at Care and Share, we can only register for the food pantry three months in advance. If you would like to be contacted when registration becomes available, contact the coordinator at sgservingprojectscoord@hche.org.

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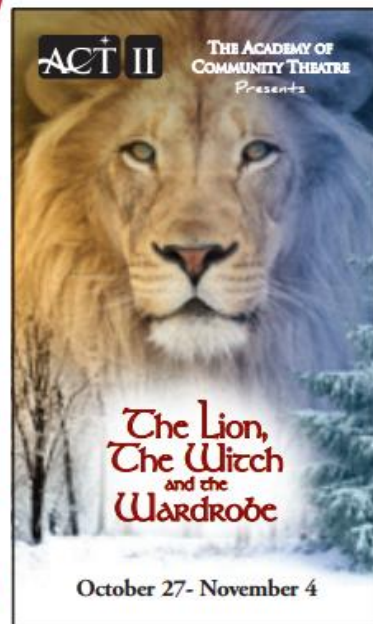
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Ages 4 - High School

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TICKETS

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION

We are rounding the final corner in our semester long weekly celebration of High Country's 20th Anniversary. Join us in the last few themes and let's end the semester with joy!



October 31st & November 1st—The World Series wraps up this week. Show your team spirit! Wear your favorite team's attire this week.

November 7th & 8th—Got some silly socks? Show 'em off at HCEC this week for some end of semester fun!

November 14th & 15th—We'll close the celebration with gratitude (no dress up theme this week). Thanks for helping us celebrate!

LEGACY SPORTS

Colorado Legacy
Sports Inc.

CLS was created to be a Christ centered sports league for the home-schooled athlete. With time we hope to broaden our sports venue for kids of all ages who live in Colorado Springs and the surrounding areas. We are members of FRCAA (Front Range Christian Athletic Association). This gives our 12-18 year old students opportunity to compete with private and public schools along the front range. We are excited to be a Christian based sports program promoting excellence in sports as well as in character.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
2017 Winter Season



Registration is now open ...
registration closes when full!
[CLS Basketball Webpage](#)

The season will kick off with the Turkey Trot Tournament in Pueblo, November 17-19th, 2017. Games will be on Tuesdays & Fridays, with a few exceptions (please see BB Calendar for updates). Practice days will be Mondays & Thursdays please see BB Calendar for updates).**

***Season dates and times are still being confirmed so please beware that days and times are subject to change.*

Colorado Legacy Sports is a member of the FRCAA Conference, so we will have competitive Men's & Women's teams that will compete against other FRCAA members. Travel is involved along the Front Range as far south as Pueblo, and north as far as Fort Collins & Loveland, Colorado. Parents are responsible for driving their child(ren) but are welcome to carpool with other athletes and families.

We are a growing ministry and are in need of additional staff, please pray about joining our team. We are looking for coaches, administrative individuals, organizers, computer savvy people, etc. If you are interested and can see yourself helping with our mission, please email or call us. HR can be contacted at 719-649-0892.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Drumline & Colorguard in the Winter
High School Co-ed Volleyball in the Spring



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 (including 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 a never 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.

Generation Joshua Club Chaperone – The Chaperone will supervise and advise GenJ students as they pray and serve our government leaders. The Chaperone will oversee an on-campus meeting for at least once a month, during Enrichment hours.



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High Country Enrichment Classes



A Note from Darla

Appreciation Week is nearly here! Each semester, the 11th week of classes (November 7-8) is set aside for families to appreciate anyone who has made their time at HCEC especially meaningful. As the semester draws to a close, I want to thank and appreciate the families, teachers, and leadership of HCEC for celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the formation of High Country with us and making this an incredible semester! I want to especially thank all of you who have participated in the spirit activities and celebration tables: so many happy memories and great experiences were added to the treasury of what makes High Country unique and special. As I have walked through the halls, I have seen moms and children fellowshiping; connection through relationship has occurred on all levels.

I see new friendships beginning and old friendships being nurtured. I see our children being taught to honor God while doing life with others. Prayer has occurred and the gospel has been presented in every classroom. In fact, a student was recently overheard expressing his desire to serve God more wholeheartedly than he had been. Isn't that the main reason we do what we do here?

Thank you, HCEC families, for deepening a culture of thankfulness in midst of walking through this semester. Thank you for making an intentional effort to reach out to the families around you and connect. Thank you for your prayers for each other and HCEC as a whole. You are what make HCEC so unique and special. Thank you for attending classes and serving one another. You have painted a very beautiful picture of the body of Christ this semester! Thank you for being the treasure that God planned to bless not only me but many others! May God mightily bless you as you celebrate this Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year! I look forward to seeing and connecting with you again next semester.

COMING IN 2 WEEKS! REGISTRATION APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING

CALL IN BEGINS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH!

Registration Appointment Scheduling
~ See Your Priority Category for Times ~

📞 By Phone: [278-9135 ext 1](tel:278-9135)

Leadership: (Teachers, Lead Teachers, Team Leaders, Staff & VPs including Dining Detectives and Youth Ambassadors)

📞 Call Friday, November 10th

Current HCEC & HCSG Families:

📞 Call Monday - Wednesday, November 13th - 15th

Open Enrollment Families:

📞 Call beginning November 16th - January 16th

In Person Registration Appointment Requests across from Guest Services

All Families: 📞 Tuesday & Wednesday, November 14th & 15th

~ November 2017 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10 LEADERSHIP Call In	11
12	13 HCEC HCSG Call In	14 HCEC HCSG Call In and In Person	15 HCEC HCSG Call In and In Person	16 ALL Call In	17 Through 1/17/18	18
19	20 Receive your Appointment Time	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Appointments will be confirmed by Phone on **Monday, Nov 20th!** You will receive a call with your appointment time.

Spring 2018 Registration Dates: January 15th, 16th, and 17th.

Watch the Weekly Bulletin for pertinent information on the upcoming Spring 2018 semester.

We are so glad that you are here. We'll see you again in January!

May the Lord bless and protect you; may the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you; may he be gracious to you, show you his favor, and give you his peace.

Numbers 6:24-27 The Living Bible

High Country Christian Academy (Independent School) News

How do I award High School credit?

As I have talked with homeschooling moms, I have found that when our children reach high school is usually when even the most dedicated homeschool mom thinks she no longer has what it takes to continue homeschooling. She taught her child to read and survived tears and tantrums when she taught him or her fractions, yet the thought of teaching high school seems so much more daunting and out of reach.

We at High Country are here to tell you: you can homeschool high school! The Support Group offers a morning moms group for weekly ideas and encouragement. Enrichment offers a variety of high school core and elective classes and we, at the High Country Christian Academy, support our members with up to three free hours of curriculum consultation, record keeping of grades, attendance, and test scores and then finally a transcript and diploma. We offer the help and accountability parents need as you navigate the high school years and transition to college. As we talk with families, one of the most frequent subjects that comes up is: what counts as a high school credit? There are a few different ways to award a credit. I will briefly highlight the different options.

Immunization and Test Scores

Per your parent agreement you have 60 days from the date of enrollment to upload these important records. If you registered by August 15, your records were due October 15. If you registered by September 15, you only have until November 15. Even immunization waivers are only valid for one school year and must be uploaded annually. Thank you for your cooperation!



Complete a high school level textbook: When your student completes a high school level textbook, this demonstrates mastery of a subject. While you don't have to complete every page or problem in the textbook, make sure your student has a good overview of the material. A safe rule of thumb is to complete 75% of the material in a textbook.

Logging Hours or the Carnegie Credit approach: If you create your own unit study for a subject, you will need to log the hours your student spends on the coursework. One credit is approximately 120-180 hours. For core classes, you figure that if on one subject they spend 50 minutes a day, five days a week for 36 weeks, they will achieve 150 hours of coursework. For a lab science, you add another 30 hours for the lab work. When calculating hours for an elective, such as art, music, drama, PE or technology, 120 hours is adequate. When your student takes enrichment classes at HCEC, be sure to note whether the teacher has designed the class to be a high school level class (e.g. an Apologia lab science class where they do all 16 modules) or if the teacher has designed the class for pure enrichment. There is no substitute for classroom activities and discussion, just note that some of the classes will only add 12 hours per semester to the 60-hour half-credit or 120-hour whole-credit requirement.



Dual Enrollment and CLEP Tests: When your child takes a class at the community college or takes the CLEP exam for college credit, that class counts for high school credit. But to be clear, even though it is a 3-hour course at the community college, it only counts as one high school credit.

Even though this may sound like a lot to keep track of, please do not feel you have to be legalistic about it. Find a system of record keeping that works for you. It could be anything from a homeschool planner to 3x5 note cards and a file box. Remember, we have chosen to homeschool for a reason! We value creativity, flexibility, and out-of-the-box educations! This is your time to shine!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Academy follows the same schedule each year:

- September 30th:** First quarter ends.
Reporting closes October 10th.
- December 31st:** Second quarter ends.
Reporting closes January 15th.
- March 31st:** Third quarter ends.
Reporting closes April 10th and
- June 30th:** Fourth quarter ends.
Reporting closes July 10th.

Colorado law requires the Academy to keep attendance records current so it's imperative that quarterly reports are submitted each quarter.

Praying for you and your families,

Jennifer Valdois



"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU," DECLARES THE LORD,
"PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU,
PLANS TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE."

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November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30 Graduation registration open all month!	31 COLLECTING FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS at Enrichment Classes Chick-Fil-A calendars for sale!	1	2	3	4
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12	13 Registration appointment calls begin this week!	14 Last Day of Enrichment Classes Thanksgiving baskets collection Chick-Fil-A calendars for sale!	15	16 Call-in for <u>ALL</u> ! 	17 Call-in continues for all through today! 	18
HCEC/SG Families Registration Appointment Call-In						
19	20 Receive your registration appointment time by phone today!	21	22	23	24	25
					<div style="border: 2px dashed orange; padding: 5px;"> <p>Looking Ahead</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Dec. 1 — Immerse Christmas Party ◆ Jan. 16-17 — Gen J Simulation ◆ Jan. 15, 16, 17 — Spring Registration ◆ Jan. 9 — Mandatory Graduation Meeting for all graduating seniors & parents ◆ Jan. 31 — Student Orientation ◆ Feb. 20/21 — First week of classes ◆ April 13 — Jr./Sr. High Formal ◆ May 19 — Senior Graduation Ceremony </div>	
26	27	28	29 Early graduation registration ends tomorrow, 11/30!	30		

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New Life Church: www.newlifechurch.org

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

<p>Your short ad here with an 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>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>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>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. vegiemommyforever@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>		

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