



CFSSD NEWS

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Got Support?

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of sitting in on our Home-school Seminar by Mary York. She shared freely about her many years of homeschooling and the lessons she's learned. She touched on a myriad of topics, but the one item mentioned over and over was the importance of having support.

It's important to make the decision to homeschool, to buy curriculum, to plan out your days, and to begin teaching. But as with every hard job that we undertake, how much support we have is critical! First and foremost, you must have the full support of your spouse. If you don't have it, it's not wise to proceed. But beyond that, the support you can get from other likeminded families is vitally important.

During the seminar, this was emphasized again and again. It is necessary to find other moms to interact with on a regular basis. You feel the need to discuss your search for an appropriate family devotional, how your son isn't reading like you expected, how your daughter doesn't seem interested in school, how they're driving you crazy with dawdling, or how much you're all enjoying read-alouds. Who better to share with than another home school mom?

They can commiserate with you in your trials, and rejoice with you in the victories. They can share things they've tried that worked for them, and help you find solutions. Sometimes all you need is a shoulder to cry on and then you're ready to tackle the problem again. This kind of support is a main reason for the existence of CFS and why it's important for you to find other homeschoolers to fellowship with.

Mary shared how she signed her kids up for classes with other homeschool kids and how they really enjoyed it. But the following

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Associate Membership

If you live in an area of the county unserved by a local CFS group, you may find an associate membership appealing. You may apply for this on our website at www.cfssd.org.

CFS (Christian Family Schools) of San Diego promotes, encourages, and supports private Christian homeschooling and includes a number of local support groups in communities throughout San Diego County. We organize events and activities available to members and sometimes, non-members. Additionally, CFS encourages communication among private home education leaders by hosting leadership meetings several times a year.

CFS PARK GROUPS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Chula Vista	ChulaVista@cfssd.org	<i>2nd Friday at 10:00 AM</i>	Email for location
El Cajon/Santee	ElCajon@cfssd.org	<i>3rd Tuesday at 1:00 PM</i>	Shadow Hill Park - rain or shine
East Lake	Eastlake@cfssd.org	2nd Friday at	Email for time and exact location
Fallbrook	Fallbrook@cfssd.org	<i>2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM</i>	Email for location
La Mesa	LaMesa@cfssd.org	<i>3rd Friday at 10:00 AM</i>	Northmont Park
Mira Mesa	www.cfsmiramesa.org	<i>1st Wednesdays at 1:00 PM</i>	Breen Park
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Ramona/Backcountry	Ramona@cfssd.org	<i>2nd Friday at 10:00 AM</i>	Dos Picos Park
Rancho Bernardo	RB@cfssd.org	<i>2nd Saturday at 2:00 PM</i>	Email for location
Valley Center	ValleyCenter@cfssd.org	<i>1st Friday at 1:00 PM</i>	Valley Center Community Church Park (off of Cole Grade Rd before library)

year she found that although the classes were nice, the main reason she went back was for fellowship for herself. It is so much easier to carry on and to ward off discouragement when you have regular fellowship with other parents who are on the same track. If your group doesn't offer classes, then organize a regular mom's night out.

And don't wait for your leadership team to organize events. In almost every case they would LOVE to have help organizing field trips, classes, or mom/dad events for your group. What happens in your group is everyone's responsibility and the more you pour yourself into the group, the more benefits you will reap.

Although we offer associate memberships for families who are not near a meeting place, we encourage you to join a local park group if at all possible. Because having regular meetings with nearby families can make all the difference in what kind of school year you have.

I pray that each of you have a school year blessed with loads of learning, fun field trips, fantastic fellowship, and sweet support from fellow home-educating parents. ~ Sylvia Pierce

What's It Really Like at Public School?



When you start questioning your decision to homeschool and the big yellow bus begins to look appealing, read this list of what one mom on Facebook shared about what she experienced at her local public school. The grass really isn't greener on the other side of the fence. She found school to be:

- ◆ Overcorrection City.
- ◆ Tense Drop Off/Pick Up Car Lines
- ◆ SO MUCH TESTING
- ◆ "Learning" what he already knew = boredom
- ◆ Early mornings, need I say more? EARLY.
- ◆ Got there five minutes late and some people had major backlash.
- ◆ Lunch Rush- came home with most of his lunch uneaten
- ◆ Endless meetings that never resolved anything
- ◆ Understaffed. Severely understaffed. 30 kids to 1 person?
- ◆ Unkempt school rooms/buildings
- ◆ Hand-Foot-Mouth Disease went around, Flu and Colds rampant
- ◆ One school wanted him to write 1-100 every night before he could write
- ◆ Lots and lots of screens. Ipads, class games, teachers projector, laptop
- ◆ Constantly inundated with sugar treats as rewards
- ◆ Very few minutes of actual socialization
- ◆ Constant needs/requests of parents
- ◆ Unfriendly or stressed other parents
- ◆ Phone calls home to pick up early
- ◆ Admin with pretty words and opposite actions
- ◆ Stressful theme weeks that sound cute but aren't
- ◆ Stressful field trips that sound fun but aren't
- ◆ Sensory overwhelm, not just for him, but me as a volunteer
- ◆ Misunderstanding children who need connection not labels/ time outs
- ◆ Disgusting, seriously foul bathrooms, swamps
- ◆ Lice went around
- ◆ Favoritism was evident, even at 5!
- ◆ Treating kids with extra needs as bad

She ended with this: It's a lot of rushing and waiting. It makes for blood sugar and emotional crashes when they get home. TRUST that homeschool is a healthier place for a child. No one needs the list above.

High Tech Fair San Diego



What:

The San Diego High Tech Fair is a unique experience for students from 7th through 12th grades to visit with representatives of local high tech companies. They will learn from interactive experiences how the world of science can be fun and rewarding. The students enjoy seeing "real life" applications of what they already may be learning and includes over 60 exhibitors from local, cutting-edge STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) organizations. You will find demonstrations in Physics, Bio-Tech, Chemistry, Engineering, Nanotechnology, Robotics and much more! This is a wonderful venue for a cooperative effort between business and education.

The participating companies include interactive activities that clearly explain their companies' technologies and products. Because the entrance of each group is staggered by 30 minutes, each student can visit each booth easily and not miss any of the exciting exhibits. This is not a career fair, it's a technology fair, and it's loads of fun!

When: Friday, January 18, 2018, Time to be determined

Where: Balboa Park Activity Center, 2145 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA

Who: CFS students in Grades 7-12 and their parents (sorry, no younger siblings will be allowed, please make arrangements for your younger students)

Cost: \$5.00 per family

Reservations and payment are necessary to hold your spot! We need to know how many adults and how many students!

We had a grand time the last 2 years! Don't miss this wonderful opportunity in 2019!

Sea Lab is coming in January or February—keep an eye on the website so you don't miss this very popular field trip!

Online Chess Club

Registration is open all semester. Click [here](#) to join.



This chess club is open to students of CFS Poway and CFS San Diego sister groups. It will be a platform for weekly tournaments for students to play against each other. Students should be familiar with chess. If your student has never played chess before, I would suggest you consider having your student join chesskids.com and learn to play chess before joining this club. Membership will cover the fall semester from 8/1 to 12/15.

Two separate divisions of the club and tournaments will be held. Elementary and Upper Grade (6th to 12th). Please exercise good internet safety with your students and do not allow them to friend, accept friend requests or play anyone who is not listed as member of their club OR who they do not know in real life. This is a public forum for chess with over 22 million users. This is not recommended if you are unable to provide parental supervision as this is a public access chess website or if your student is unable to abide by your guidelines. A chat feature is available during tournament play as well as in the club. I expect all students to exercise good sportsmanship and keep their comments encouraging and honoring to God. Any students who violate this will be warned. Students who abuse this chat privilege after being warned will be removed from the club and your fee will not be refunded.

Generally speaking tournaments will consist of 3 games played. If players play the maximum allotted time of 30 minutes per player, the tournament would last 3 hours. Once all players complete play in the first round before 60 minutes playing, the second round of play will commence immediately at the conclusion of that. If students tie in the number of games won, ranking in the tournament will be based on the website's rating of their play based on points scored during their games. Students will be able to watch back their games played in the tournament as well as watch other players' games as well. **Students are expected to play on their own with no outside help from friends, siblings, parents or technology.**

NEW: Tournaments have been scheduled on Fridays from 2 to 5 for elementary and Mondays from 6 to 9 for upper grades. Even if you can not always participate in tournaments, you are welcome to join the other club and play individual games (live and delayed) with other students in the club.

Cost: \$3 per student (please be sure to set up a chess.com account before signing up). Payment is required at time of registration via paypal for CFS SD members.

Questions, please contact Lucinda at treasurer@cfspoway.org There is no deadline to join this club.



Amazon Smile

If you shop on Amazon, consider supporting CFS with every transaction. Simply name CFSSD, Inc as your charity of choice when you shop at Amazon Smile. You can go to this link to get started: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/20-5825871>

Calling All Graduating Seniors

If you have a graduating senior who would like to participate in a CFS Commencement ceremony next June, please email Sylvia at mail@cfssd.org and let her know ASAP!



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SPEECH and DEBATE CLUB

God has called us all to be communicators.

Whether relating to family members, spending time with friends or talking with a co-worker, we are constantly communicating. Being able to do so in an excellent manner - effectively and winsomely - is what we believe God desires for each of us, especially our young people.

We are a group of families dedicated to working together in equipping our students to compellingly express the Truth throughout every aspect of life.

This is a parent-led club, so at least one parent must attend events with their student(s). Students age 12 (by January 1, 2019) to 18 and independently home-schooled are eligible to participate. Meetings are Monday nights in Escondido. The level of participation is up to what works best for your family, so there is plenty of flexibility!

An **Introductory Meeting** for all new families will be held on Monday, September 10th at 6:30pm. Please plan on attending even if you are still considering whether to participate this year. You will get a great overview of how this all works! This meeting (and all meetings) will be at Cornerstone Church in Escondido.

For more info on the club, please visit our website at www.controls.org or contact us at controls@gmail.com

Nutcracker Ballet

Take an extraordinary journey to the Magical Land of the Sweets with Clara and her Nutcracker Prince. Set to the timeless music of Tchaikovsky, you will witness the epic battle between toy soldiers and mice before being whisked away to an enchanted land of falling snow, waltzing flowers, and the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy. The show will last approximately 2 hours with a 15 minute intermission. There will be a Q & A after the performance in which the audience may ask questions of the dancers and director. This is appropriate for all ages!

WHO: All CFS families in San Diego county
DATE: Wednesday, December 12, 2018
TIME: 9:30 AM
WHERE: Casa Del Prado Theater
Balboa Park
1650 El Prado
San Diego, CA 92101
COST: Students \$ 7.00
Adults \$ 11.00



Tickets are limited and will sell out! We cannot guarantee tickets after Monday, October 2nd!!!

Disneyland Fieldtrip!

Energy and Physics Lab 101 for grades 3-5 at Disneyland Park

Program Overview Students in grades 3-5 discover light and sound as forms of energy and how to use them in practical application. In this 2.5-hour academic adventure, students see first-hand how these elements are a vital part of creating world-class attractions and how Disney uses these physical properties to entertain and amaze guests from all over the world.

Key Learning Points During this interactive field study, students will:

- Define energy, work, and waves
 - Describe different forms of energy and the Law of Conservation of Energy
 - Demonstrate the properties of a compression wave in a medium
 - Describe binaural hearing
 - Articulate the relationship between light's wavelength and color
 - Demonstrate how light is refracted in glass
 - Discuss different historical figures and order events chronologically
- Realize that science is a powerful tool for creating enjoyable experiences



Energy and Physics Lab 201 for grades 6-12 at Disney California Adventure

Program Overview Witness physics principles at work in creating true-to-form Disney attractions. With hands-on experiments and demonstrations, students in grades 6-12 come to understand the fundamentals of acoustics and optics, in addition to the different mediums that affect the transmission of light and sound waves during this 3-hour field study.

Key Learning Points During this interactive field study, students will:

- Design a Disney attraction concept
- Define and demonstrate wavelengths, frequency, and speed
- Articulate what binaural hearing is
- Describe a compression wave and its medium
- Discuss acoustics
- Describe different applications of magnetism
- Articulate the relationship between color and wavelength
- Demonstrate how light can be affected by objects like mirrors, prisms, and lenses
- Articulate the relationship between electricity and magnetism

Distinguish the difference between permanent magnets and electromagnets



WHEN: Saturday, September 22, 2018

WHERE: Disneyland and Disney California Adventure Park, Anaheim, CA

WHO: CFS families from our support groups and CFS Associate members

COST: \$ 86.00 for Class and Admission to one park
\$ 130.50 for Class and Admission to both parks (Island Hopper Ticket)
\$ 86.00 for Admission to one park for additional adults and siblings
\$ 130.50 for Admission to both parks for additional adults and siblings

Parents and siblings of students may gain admittance into the same park for the same prices as indicated above. However, only 2 adults may attend each class total. Please consult with your friends to coordinate who will be watching whose children in the classes! Preference will be given to those adults who have signed up and paid early!

Parking is currently \$20.00 per personal vehicle and should be paid upon entry.

We must have a minimum of 10 students in each class in order to offer this fieldtrip!

Please sign up as soon as possible!

PLEASE NOTE: The 2 Physics Classes are at different parks! If you have students in more than one park, we highly recommend that you have access to both parks!!!

Classics for Kids: Music Takes Flight

This program will feature classical music based on flying insects, planes, pilots, rockets, spaceships, superheroes and literary/film characters.



WHO: Members of any CFS Support group in San Diego county and CFS Associate Members

WHEN: Friday, November 16th, 9:30 AM

WHERE: Balboa Theatre, Downtown San Diego - 868 4th Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101.

COST: Students: 7.50

Adults: 7.50

Sign up: at www.cfssd.org



HSLDA's annual essay contest begins in September. Details about this year's contest will be available then. Go [here](#) to get all the information!

Homeschooling Organizations Deserving Our Support

⇒ **CHEA** Christian Home Educators Association of California

CHEA is a statewide organization that provides information, support and training to the Christian home-schooling community. CHEA sponsors an annual conference which will be held in Pasadena next July. To join CHEA or for more information go to www.cheaofca.org

⇒ **FPM** Family Protection Ministries

FPM is the voice for homeschoolers in Sacramento. They look out for legislation that will restrict our right to home educate our children. This ministry is funded by donations. You may send contributions directly or through CHEA. With a donation of \$40 you will receive their newsletter. Find more info at <http://pheofca.org/>

⇒ **HSLDA** Home School Legal Defense Association

HSLDA provides low cost legal defense for all families who choose to privately educate their children at home. Membership is \$120 annually. CFS members qualify for a group discount rate of \$100. Find out more about HSLDA at <http://www.hsllda.org>