Home Educator Express



Hello, THSC Friend,

It was so wonderful to meet some of you at the Ask a Homeschool Parent booth at the Called to Teach Convention in the Woodlands over June 2nd to 4th!

How inspiring to be surrounded by people who are all working toward the same goals and doing their best to teach their children to the best of their abilities...

We had so many speakers that were inspirational! I can't tell you how much I enjoyed getting to meet <u>Natasha Crain</u>! Her session on teaching apologetics to your children was completely packed. You could see the excitement in parents' eyes as they learned from her.

Apologetics isn't just something mysterious for scholars to debate. Apologetics is for everyone! Here are some ideas on how to integrate apologetics and logical thinking into your homeschool.

ECheck out Natasha's books! They are designed to help you deal with the increasingly aggressive culture and give you (and your kids!) confidence to not give up your faith or your joy. Her books teach you, as a parent, how to have productive

conversations with your children and how to answer even their most difficult questions.

Stand to Reason University is a free online training program full of ideas to give your student confidence in their beliefs. Using short, interactive, and engaging courses, STR U equips Christians to make an even-handed, yet gracious defense for Christianity and Christian values in the public square. Courses cover things like looking at the context before coming to conclusions, discussing the nature of truth, and overviews of apologetics.

The Fallacy Detective: Thirty-Eight Lessons on How to Recognize Bad Reasoning has been the bestselling text for teaching logical fallacies and introduction to logic for over 15 years. Using humorous scenarios, it uses engaging comics and thought-provoking questions to get your students excited about logic. My kids love this book and read it on their own time, just for fun!

I hope these ideas help you create an environment of joy in your home and in your homeschool overall.

Thank you for reading,

Jessica Lovett

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[&]quot;...sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, but with gentleness and respect..."

⁻¹ Peter 3:15



See Sample Schedules!

Is something missing in the way you homeschool your students?

It happens to all of us... Sometimes we need to stop and evaluate what direction our homeschool is heading. If you need to add some additional structure to your day, have you considered an online learning program?

Founders Classical Academy is a brick-and-mortar school that offers an online program, too, with just as much rigor and academics as a private school.

Click the button to see sample schedules for Kindergarten all the way through 8th grade from Founders Classical Academy.



Newsletters for the Grade Levels You Teach

Did you know that we have newsletters especially designed for elementary school, middle school, and high school students?

We know that your students have different levels, learning styles, and needs. Sign up today and get fun ideas delivered to your inbox to keep homeschooling fresh!

You can sign up for one or all of them, depending on the ages of your students.

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Middle School

High School



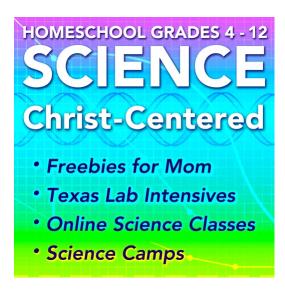
Local Homeschooling Events

Have you seen our new Local Homeschooling Events page? If you're in Texas, sign up to keep informed of all that's going on in your local area.



How Much Screen Time for Kids is Too Much?

Ubiquitous digital screens are a defining feature of our era. Movies, television, desktops, laptops, pads and tablets, cell phones, readers and gaming devices ... many of us spend hours a day in front of a glowing blue screen. We work, play and depend on them for socialization and relaxation. The total amount of screen time for kids each day—an average of 6.5 hours—has more than doubled in the last 20 years. Read on...



Make Science More Accessible

Bring Christ-centered science insights to your homeschool! You can test drive a new virtual, interactive science lab, get infographic lessons, fascinating videos, and more from College Prep Science! They even have a COVID-19 lesson on how viruses work, complete with audio lesson and worksheets!

See the Virtual Science Lab!



Need a Safe Way to Keep in Contact with Your Kids?

<u>COSMO Technologies</u> is a family tech company founded by three former homeschoolers, and this holiday season we're partnering together to support families in our state. COSMO's flagship product is a groundbreaking <u>kids smartwatch</u> and parent app that helps families stay safe and connected as an alternative to smartphones. **Read on...**

THSC Membership benefits

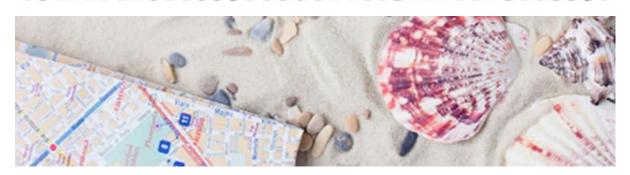
As a homeschooler, THSC helps your voice be heard!

We have all heard about the politicization of the public school system and, as advocates for homeschooling, feel worried about governmental overreach into our homes. Our right to homeschool is one of the most important rights we have.

Are you looking for a way to support the homeschooling community and make sure your values are protected?

If you join THSC, you can also take comfort in knowing that you're supporting THSC's Policy Team. They work hard behind the scenes to watch every single bill in Texas that is presented to the legislature and make sure it is not undermining families. THSC also works hard to help members who have experienced prejudice for being a homeschooler - either with CPS, with governmental benefits like social security, in college admissions, or with the public school system.

<u>Become a member today</u> and do your part to help protect the homeschool community.



The THSC Watchmen

Is your homeschool graduate looking for a way to become more involved in politics? Are they passionate about making a difference in the world but you're not sure where to help them start?

The THSC Watchmen are a team of homeschool graduates who serve as legislative analysts and lobbyists for Texas' homeschool families. Every single legislative session, the THSC Watchmen work tirelessly to protect the rights of homeschool families.

This is a resume-building opportunity for students to have hands-on experience while with other like-minded individuals, in a safe and controlled environment. Watchmen serve together for an entire legislative session. <u>Apply today!</u>



Homeschooling Matters Because Families Matter

Mask mandates, Critical Race Theory, and the teaching of sexually explicit material are causing parents to step back and recognize what their children are being taught in public schools.

In a post-pandemic world, homeschooling continues to rise, and parents have become empowered to take charge of their children's education. We believe that parents have a God-given right to raise their children as they see fit, without government interference.

Check out this new, inspiring video showing real homeschooling families and what a difference being a part of a supportive community like THSC can truly mean!

THSC Member Community

Do you wish that there was a place where you could chat with like-minded homeschool parents? We are opening up a brand new Facebook group for both THSC members and non-members to be able to stay updated on important happenings in the homeschool community and help each other on their homeschool journey. Check it out today!

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