



**St. Clair County Christian Home  
Educators Newsletter  
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**UPCOMING SCCCHE MEETING**

**November – no meeting**

**LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SCCCHE MEETING**

**Thursday, December 13th - Talent show and craft fair at 7:00**

Our December meeting will be a wonderful opportunity to share your talents and gifts, especially in the area of music. Acts and musical performances of all kinds and from all ages are welcome, although Christmas music will be especially appreciated. Following the talent show will be the craft fair where you can buy a number of interesting and wonderful things. Many of these will support missions and other worthy causes, not to mention the good opportunity for purchasing Christmas gifts, so bring some extra money to spend on these excellent items!

**For the Talent Show:**

Get your acts together and let [Josh Peterson](#) know the following info:

Name of act  
Type of act  
Names(s) of participants  
Name of piece performed  
Name of composer and arranger  
Name of accompanist  
Number of mics needed  
Number of stands needed  
Other stage needs

**For the Craft Fair:**

We will have tables in the Fellowship Hall (and hallway if needed). Set-up begins at 6:00 and set-up **ends at 7:00**, and viewing will happen after the talent show. Get Josh a description of what you will be selling/displaying, and how many tables you need. There will be round tables in the Fellowship Hall.

**FIELD TRIPS**

## The Largest Ice Skating Rink in the Midwest is... at Forest Park!

400 Jefferson Dr  
St. Louis, MO 63110

Thursday, Nov 29th at 1:00pm. Stay as long as you'd like.

Anyone, any age, can ice skate.

\$7 entrance fee, cash payment only on site (see alternate option below)

\$7 skate rental (figure or hockey)

\$8 skate sharpening (\$10 for new or rusted skates)

### NOTES:

1. Cannot bring food in but you can leave to your vehicle and come back. You'll have to return your skates then get them back when you return OR there is a café on site where you can purchase food and drinks. An ATM is on site as well.
2. If you'd like to pay me in advance via check or PayPal, you can. I will arrive early to pay and get our tickets. This would help avoid congestion at the counter.
3. Only ice skaters pay. Non-skaters can sit inside and watch through the window. There will be a bonfire outside to stay warm while watching from outside.

### Payment Options:

1. [Paypal.me/wandacollazo](https://www.paypal.me/wandacollazo)
2. Mail check to: 114 Aquarius Dr, Shiloh 62269
3. Drop check off at address above in mailbox outside marked SCCCHE

See you there!

P.S. Good idea to dress in layers!

Living by grace,  
Wanda Collazo  
618-509-3397

## No need to travel far, the Science Center of St Louis will bring the workshop to us!

Topic: Body connections

\*They will cover the circulatory, digestive, muscular, and nervous system.

December 11th at 10:30am

\$10 per child (1-4th grade) **DUE** Nov 30th

At: Edgemont Bible Church

5100 N. Illinois st

Fairview Heights

(In the gym. The door is right in front of the playground)

\* for those with younger children, the nursery and outside playground will be available for your use. Please clean up before you leave.

Can mail or dropoffcheck to:

Wanda Collazo

114 Aquarius Dr

Shiloh IL 62269

OR

[paypal.me/WandaCollazo](https://www.paypal.me/WandaCollazo)

NOTE: SEND AS FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO AVOID A FEE. We are not a business.

Living by grace,  
Wanda Collazo

## Meeting Location

### Meeting location will remain the same

Most of you should be aware by now that there was a serious cleaving of the congregation of our host church, First Assembly of God. The majority of the congregation has left the church and it was unclear whether we would continue to meet where we have been meeting since the 80's. I'm happy to report that we will continue to meet there for the foreseeable future and under the same terms as before. Please be in prayer for the congregation that has left, as they are now seeking a new place to meet. This has been very painful for everyone involved, so your prayers are appreciated.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### Are you looking for Voice Lessons?

Gina Swickard, the wife of the new pastor at St. Matthews, has openings for new students. Please call her at 217-622-9968 or email [gswickard15@gmail.com](mailto:gswickard15@gmail.com) for more information.

### Teen Pact

Teenpact is a leadership school that comes to each state's Capitol every year to train students to use their voice to speak up on behalf of those without a voice, to encourage their peers to boldly stand up for truth, and above all, to lift up the name of Jesus unashamedly.

Have you ever seen God do something in your child that you never thought was possible? TeenPact has been one of the most impactful elements of our homeschool journey. None of my children are born leaders, but I've seen God work something remarkable in them and so many others as He has seen fit. I've heard many stories of students with no desire to attend a TeenPact Class who end up completely transformed by the end of the week in Springfield. Everything becomes our mission-field. The students leave with a greater understanding of the processes of law and legislation, but more importantly they leave with an awareness that Jesus wants to affect this culture through their voice, vote, and testimony.

I'm not saying TeenPact will change your child's life, but I do believe that God will change your child's life - and it may happen during a TeenPact week as scripture is shared, as students pray over one another and their legislators, or as clarity comes as to how and why we honor those God has placed in authority over us.

Check out this video to hear more about TP

<https://youtu.be/VcRHy17JxJY>

If you are interested, please send me an email so I can add you to the communications that will be going out to students from our area.

Just to clarify, your sign up with me will loop you in on travel group emails for lodging and transportation with other local families. It is still necessary to register your child through [teenpact.com](http://teenpact.com) for tuition and meals.

We will continue fundraising together to help reduce travel expenses. Definitely spread the word and let me know of others you know who would like to be added to the travel

list.

Check out the website for more information: <https://teenpact.com/>

register here: <https://teenpact.com/states/il/>

Early Bird discount is still available through the end of December.

questions or other thoughts contact me anytime - I love to chat about TeenPact!!!

618-530-0895 (call or text) or email me @ [christie4275@gmail.com](mailto:christie4275@gmail.com)

Christie Black

## ENTERTAINMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Orchestra and Choir Concert

Orchestra and Choirs concert is Thursday, Nov. 29, 7:00 PM, Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah

### Penguin Ski Club at Hidden Valley (2018-19)

It's an unbelievable price and makes a fantastic Christmas gift!

#### WHAT IS THE SKI CLUB?

Ski club passes allow one to ski or ride all day once a week for the entire season, which usually runs from mid-December to early March. You can arrive as early as 1:00 PM and ski until closing.

#### HOW MUCH IS THE SKI CLUB?

For \$129 each person receives a lift ticket and an individual pass.

If you would like to ski on Fridays only, you can buy a Friday pass for \$159. Friday is a high demand day, but still less busy than weekends. NOTE: The same person cannot buy both a Mon-Thurs pass and a Friday pass.

#### WHAT IS THE DEADLINE TO SIGN-UP AND PAY?

The deadline to join is December 31st at midnight. Hidden Valley makes no exceptions to the deadline.

#### THIS SOUNDS GREAT! HOW DO I JOIN?

♦Go to: <https://www.skipeakresorts.com/shophv/ClubLogin>

♦User name for the club is "Penguins" with a capital P.

♦Password is "homeski" with a lower case h.

♦Next, click the blue "go shopping."

♦At the top left there is a box of categories where you click 18/19 ski passes. Select the pass you would like. Most people want the Mon-Thurs option for \$129. An alternative is to select the Friday only option for \$159 and add it to the cart and check out.

♦During check out you will assign a guest for the pass. If you were a member last year, type in the name of each person one at a time and see if it is still in the system. If not, you may need to create a new guest. New members do this by typing in the name, address and birthday, etc.

♦Once you find the guest, or create a new one, you select the guest and enter his or her birthday. Check out is like most other things on line. You enter your billing name and address and make payment via Visa, Master Card or Discover.

#### CAN I CONTACT SOMEONE WITH QUESTIONS?

To learn more about Hidden Valley, <http://www.hiddenvalleyski.com/>

If you still have questions, please email [K3instl@att.net](mailto:K3instl@att.net) or call 314-607-8023

## SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES

### MECH Mustangs Return For Their 3rd Season of Basketball

Current game schedule posted at <https://www.facebook.com/MECHMustangs/>

### Spring 2019 Archery

Beginning Friday, January 18 2019.

We have two times to choose from:

- 1) two 'o clock to three 'o clock PM OR
- 2) 3:30-4:30 PM.

More information to come in mid-December, or you can email Betty Cobillas at [ba@cobillas.com](mailto:ba@cobillas.com)

## YEARBOOK

### SCCCH Yearbook Cover Contest

If your child is interested in entering the design contest for the 2018-2019 yearbook cover, please notify Kay Waldram at [Mohmers@att.net](mailto:Mohmers@att.net) by the December meeting.

The yearbook theme will be Streams, Creeks, Rivers based on John 4:14, John 7:37-39, Zech 14:8-9, John 4:1-15, Psalm 23:2 - Artist's choice.

Please note that the information on the website hasn't been updated yet for the 2018-2019 school year. <https://www.facebook.com/events/304585360377844/>

## CALENDAR CHECK

**March 28-30**, [Great Homeschool Convention](https://greathomeschoolconventions.com/). More info to be found at this link: <https://greathomeschoolconventions.com/>

## A NOTE FROM OUR COORDINATORS

When I was a young man and a fairly new Christian, there was a mildly painful lesson I once received from a youth pastor. When I told him an off-color joke, he refused to laugh or show any delight. In fact, he got rather cold about it. Later on he explained that such humor was not for Christians, and that we must be salt and light wherever we go, quoting Ephesians 5:3-4

*But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather thanksgiving.*

It is certainly a challenge to keep our humor clean, especially since the dirty stuff seems funnier. And yet on social media I see Christians sharing such humor with others. I have always tried to behave like that youth pastor and avoid sharing or even 'liking' such things. I suppose if I were really pure I wouldn't even look at it, but often times the crudeness pops up without warning. We would probably be better off without social media altogether (as many of you know and already practice) and I commend you for that. You're not really missing anything.

So for the rest of us I would like to encourage us all to be like that youth pastor and refuse to share, comment on, or like anything with crudeness or profanity. Let's do our best to clean up our minds and hearts and focus on proper behavior. After all, we want to be continually growing in Christ, not simply staying where we are. If you are on Facebook, I also recommend you download Facebook Purity, which can filter out certain words and advertising. We must be continually growing closer to Christ, so in the words of Aslan from the *Chronicles of Narnia*, "Further up and farther in!"

God Bless!  
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## It's on the website

[SCCCE.org](http://SCCCE.org)

Have a question about things in the group? Deleted your newsletter? Need a phone number for a leader? Want to know about field trips? It's all on the website.

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