

HOME EDUCATORS
of New Brunswick



PARENTS ÉDUCATEURS
du Nouveau-Brunswick



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*Are you fully supported?
It's your lifeline!*



Locally...

They are your frontline! They are the families you and your children will interact with often. They will be the parents you toss ideas with, pray for, and call when you need an "ear". These will be your child(ren)'s friends. Find the [local support group](#) closest to you.

Provincially...

You do not homeschool alone in this province. When you [join HENB](#), you instantly connect with over 150 other families in New Brunswick.

Nationally...

Overall, [membership with HSLDA](#) provides peace of mind for you and your family during your homeschooling journey. Members can say that homeschooling is better with HSLDA. We'd love for you to be able to say the same.

Around the province!

What are your peers up to?



The home educators in Fredericton have recently embarked on **Woodland Wednesdays**, an outdoor nature group organized by Trina Fitzgerald for their home school community. They meet Wednesdays for a few hours at the UNB Woodlot, bringing their lunches and any gear they have for exploring nature. With observation decks, seating, and a creek for water play, they explore, build forts, identify insects, and mushrooms... it's a group where all can play and have fun in the forest!

What's happening in your neck of the woods?
We'd love to hear!

The Art of Nurturing

What a professionally developing day!



Just some of the hostesses!

"This year didn't disappoint."



"I always leave there feeling blessed by the fellowship of women who are on the same homeschooling journey."

"Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. John 15:4" What an incredible theme for our annual PD Day that took place on October 28th at Jacksonville Baptist church. River Valley Home Educators were our hosts this year and did such a wonderful job. Attendees were blessed with such amazing hospitality! From the devotional time, delicious food, great coffee and chats with other homeschoolers, the day was rich from start to finish. They planned so many wonderful sessions with topics focused on nurturing our relationship with God, our marriages, ourselves and our children. We are so thankful to be able to join with other homeschoolers from across the province to be encouraged and blessed on our homeschooling journey.



Things are busy both at home office and across the country.

In early October, following the Lord's leading in his life, Paul Faris announced it was time for him to pass the baton to another leader. **The board has asked us to pray that God would guide them** in finding the right person for the crucial position of President and Senior Legal Counsel for HSLDA and CCHE.

And just recently, as shared in an email from HSLDA,

Shocking news from Alberta.

On October 25, 2016, with no prior notice given to anyone in the homeschooling community, the Alberta government cancelled the registration and accreditation of Trinity Christian School Association, effectively shutting down Wisdom Home Schooling. Wisdom is the largest private facilitator of homeschooled students in Alberta, serving approximately 3500 students.

Wisdom works under the supervision of Trinity. In Alberta, homeschooling families have the option of notifying with any public school board or private school that is willing to take them. Once they register, the government then pays the school board or private school a small percentage of the student funding they would be entitled to had they been in school. Half of these funds are then available to the parents to offset their homeschooling expenses.

Private schools that register homeschoolers in Alberta have been under increased scrutiny including regular audits for the last several years. Nevertheless, this action by the Alberta government was a shock to the homeschooling community.

Parents who had notified with Wisdom are now being directed by Alberta Education to notify with a new school board. Alberta Education expects this to occur within the next

couple of weeks. While, it is true that compliance with the School Act dictates that parents will have to notify with a new school board, we are recommending that you wait for a week or so to evaluate your options.

Shutting down Trinity and Wisdom is a major shock to the homeschool community. HSLDA is very concerned, and we are examining all of the implications to homeschooling in Alberta that may flow from Alberta Education's decision. Over the next few days we will be working on recommendations that will address both short term and long term home education objectives. All of the potential options for action will be evaluated. Please look for our further recommendations by the end of next week.

HSLDA is giving priority to processing new memberships for Albertan families. This is a very stressful time for many homeschoolers in Alberta. Please feel free to pass this email on to homeschoolers who are not members along with the warning that people need to be members of HSLDA in order to receive help on these and other issues.

Please be in prayer for this situation as we move forward.

Sincerely,

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Lastly, an appeal, in this excerpt from another email..**Please pray!**

As stipulated by the law, homeschool families have the right to provide at home an education that is equivalent, yet not necessarily identical, to what is provided at school. Nonetheless, in this case, the school board has demanded that the education provided in this family be an exact copy of the province's program and that the child be evaluated at school. Since such demands are deemed inappropriate by this family and go beyond the provision of the law, the family refused to comply with it and the case was consequently brought before a judge of the Youth Tribunal. At the conclusion of these legal proceedings, the judge ruled that it is up to the school board to determine what equivalent is, which leaves school boards able to interpret article 15(4) of the Education Act however they wish. And in this case, the school board considers that "equivalent" is a synonym of "identical".

The judge's decision would set a precedent that would be detrimental to Quebec's entire homeschool community, since it would enable the school authorities to force

families to teach their children a curriculum that is identical to their school board's curriculum, rather than that which is designed to be appropriate and best for each individual student. That is why both the father involved in this litigation and HSLDA have decided to appeal the judge's decision. The appeal process, which will likely go into the spring of 2017, aims at not just protecting this homeschooling family but every homeschool family of Quebec. By appealing this legal decision, HSLDA is fighting for all homeschooling families to be able to provide an education at home that is equivalent, yet not necessarily identical.

Remember

For our freedom they died



To pass on the knowledge of what has been done for us, you will find a great list of books for all ages, a unit study, and other suggestions of ways to honor our veterans all [here](#).

We are still looking!

Are you the one?

Are you able to translate from English to French? Do you feel led to lend a hand at HENB?

We are in need of a person or several people to assist us with translation. Please

[contact us](#) if you are interested.



Home and School with Heart

In need of new recipes?

Fall is the time for soup!



Easy, warming, and delicious! Soup's on the menu and you can find the 20 best fall recipes [here](#). Enjoy!

Finding your rhythm?

Best place to start!

Print it off and stick it to your fridge!



Social studies, civics, government, history?

The USA election

How is Canada's electoral process different from the US? How are we connected and what are the ramifications to us of the outcome of the presidential election of our neighbor?

Find some of the answers [here](#).



Alumni Antics

Where are they now?

We always knew the proof would be in the pudding. So when all those skeptics (including ourselves) come back to haunt us, let's take heart in the grace of God.



*Jesse (and Melissa) Myers,
son of Guy and Holly Myers
Congratulations!*

*Jordan Kent, son of Jodie Grondon,
University of Ottawa,
Political Science, Canadian History*





Nathan Cumberland, son of Rod and Dawn, Team Canada, Stihl Timbersports 2016 World Championships

Where are your graduates? Please let us know!

Leadership Breakfast

Let your voice be heard!



The local support group leaders will be coming together to brainstorm how HENB can better serve you. Please share your ideas with them or [drop us a line!](#)

Save the Date

Great events coming!

Leadership Breakfast - November 26

Legislative Tour - tba

2017 Annual Conference - May 26, 27,
2017 [Check out the speaker!](#)



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"An observant child should be put in the way of things worth observing."

-Charlotte Mason

"Profound thought is conveyed in language of very great simplicity and purity."

-Charlotte Mason