

HOME EDUCATORS
of New Brunswick



PARENTS ÉDUCATEURS
du Nouveau-Brunswick



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*Have everything you need?
We pray you are settled in.*



We all know that Jesus meets all of our needs.
It is how He chooses to do that that people come in.
If something is still missing, try connecting with people-

1. Locally

These groups are your front line! 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. If you are having trouble, just give [us](#) a shout!

2. Provincially

You do not homeschool alone in this province. [HENB](#) serves well over 150 families across New Brunswick who are walking a similar path. Joining us helps make us an even stronger body should we ever need to lobby the government. You allow us the baseline to provide this newsletter and all of our events as we seek to connect, advocate, support and educate.

3. 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.

Your new HENB Youth Council!

Teens from aound the province





Suava, Abby, Naomi, Katie, Eva and Connor

Looking forward to a great -

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Preschoolers!

Looking ahead to formal education

We are so keen to get started! I mean, who doesn't like new school supplies, organized planners and ABC's on the wall! But different online articles help us put on the brakes by reminding us that it's all about relationship! Our children need to be firmly established in their relationships with us. "Your preschooler's chief desire is to build a close physical and emotional relationship with you (and it's best for psychological development). Your child will learn naturally, and will learn best, by learning from you, the parent." As one author describes it, "Children are made readers on the laps of their parents".

It's also about their readiness for formal schooling. However, natural exploration through play, gives better results. It doesn't mean we never plan or organize learning opportunities. Time and time again, though, studies have shown that while children DO learn from being directly taught, "direct instruction made the children less curious and less likely to discover new information".

And, after all, it is also about their love of learning! They will have 13 years of homeschool. Pioneers Raymond and Dorothy Moore have always said "Better Late Than Early: A New Approach to Your Child's Education" in their classic book on home education. So let's get our little ones started off on the right foot!



Leadership Breakfast

You were well represented!

Thank you to all the leaders who were able to come out! There was representation from Fredericton, Upper River Valley, Brown's Flat, Saint John, Sussex, and Moncton! It was a wonderful time amongst people walking the same road! As people shared, it quickly became obvious that the issues were unanimous. The groups exist and we volunteer to

help support you in your homeschooling journey. Burnout, however, is a real thing. For us AND for you! We want to see you, your children and your family thrive. So we strive to give only what God desires and how He directs us. Busier isn't better, despite what the world tells us. Skills and encouragement to be the best mom, wife, and teacher you can be is. Homeschooling is hard! Let's not make it harder.



Even [Ann Voskamp](#) agreed in a recent blog.

3rd Annual Youth Retreat!

Spurring one another on!

What a fun time we had together! Your kids are awesome!





The obstacle course!

Although in competition for first place, they cheered each other on! (Even to the point of running alongside in case someone needed a sub.)



Whether or not your child(ren) attended the retreat, they can still get to know some of the other youth in the province and keep up to date on future events. Simply [email us](#) the account to connect with and we will add them. Parents you are more than welcome to join! Events can also be found [here](#)!

[Register now!](#)

Professional Development Day is right around the corner!



"If mothers could learn to do for themselves what they do for their children when these are overdone, we should have happier households. Let the mother go out to play!"
~ Charlotte Mason

It's all about character!

HENB President Rod Cumberland encourages

As he visits the local support groups this fall, Rod has left the same message. Academics, yes. But an employer and society at large, especially one without Christ, will take note of character. Focus on character training. Teach manners, good work ethic, perseverance, how to change a tire and cook a meal. Most of all ground them in God's Word so that Jesus can grow His fruit in them.

Here are some resources:

- [Child Training Bible](#)
- [Laying Down the Rails](#)
- [100 Movies that Teach Character](#)
- [Pearables](#)
- [Life Skills for Kids](#)



Remembrance Day

Lest we forget!

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields

'Punch'
Dec 8 1915

John McCrae

The original by [Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae](#): perfect for copywork, dictation, and memorization. Additional resources can be found at [Veterans Affairs Canada](#).

p.s. Something to think about and perhaps discuss- is it disrespectful to advertise Christmas before November 11th? Here are two sides of the question- [for](#) and [against](#).

Perhaps the best way to remember is to simply attend a Remembrance Day service at the nearest cenotaph to hear the names of local men and women who gave their lives for us.

Considering Post Secondary? Not sure?

It never hurts to check out your options if God so leads!

Join others at NBCC for the [Student for a Day](#)

Crandall University is hosting an [Open House](#)

Check out one or both of UNB's campuses by [Booking a Campus Tour](#)

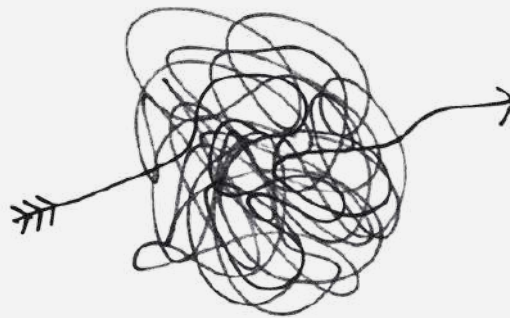
Universite de Moncton also offers [Student for a Day](#) at each of their three campuses

[Mount Allison University](#) and [St. Thomas University](#) each offer the same.

The above are the most well known names in New Brunswick, but they are just a drop in the bucket of what is available! While many fall dates have gone by, most offer Open Houses in the spring as well.



Tours are available every year to help answer some of your questions! But take your time. It is a huge decision to make and may or may not be the path God will use to help your child(ren) be who He has created them to be. It is rarely a straight line!



Photography Contest Extended!

From our friends at HSLDA



Details are [here](#) !

November 19 is National Play Monopoly Day
What could be any more educational?!



Whether it be the Frozen II or the Hobbit version or any version in between, this classic board game has been silently teaching children for decades!

Already looking to the finish line!
Our year end conference



2020 CONFERENCE
KEYNOTE SPEAKER

*Heidi
St. John*

June 5-6, 2020
Moncton Wesleyan Church, NB

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"Look on education as something between the child's soul and God. Modern education seems to look on it as something between the child's brain and the standardized test."

- Charlotte Mason