



June 2020

Summer is in full swing!

What does that look like for you?

Canada Day has just passed and summer is at full tilt. What will it hold for you and your family? Have you ditched the formal part of homeschooling and are being beach bums for the next two months? Or are you still hard at it with a break now and then on the hottest and sunniest of days? Or, are you somewhere in between?- an hour in the mornings, some great read-a-louds, or perhaps a field trip or two disguised as "vacations". The possibilities are as diverse as our individual homeschooling families!

Regardless of your summer flavour, we pray that it will be what you and your family need to rest and recharge!



Canadian all the way!

eh?



Speaking of Canada, here's a fun fact. Remember these two fellas? Bob and Doug McKenzie! Apparently there is a little bit more to what meets the eye where these two "hosers" are concerned.

The real story on [eh!](#)

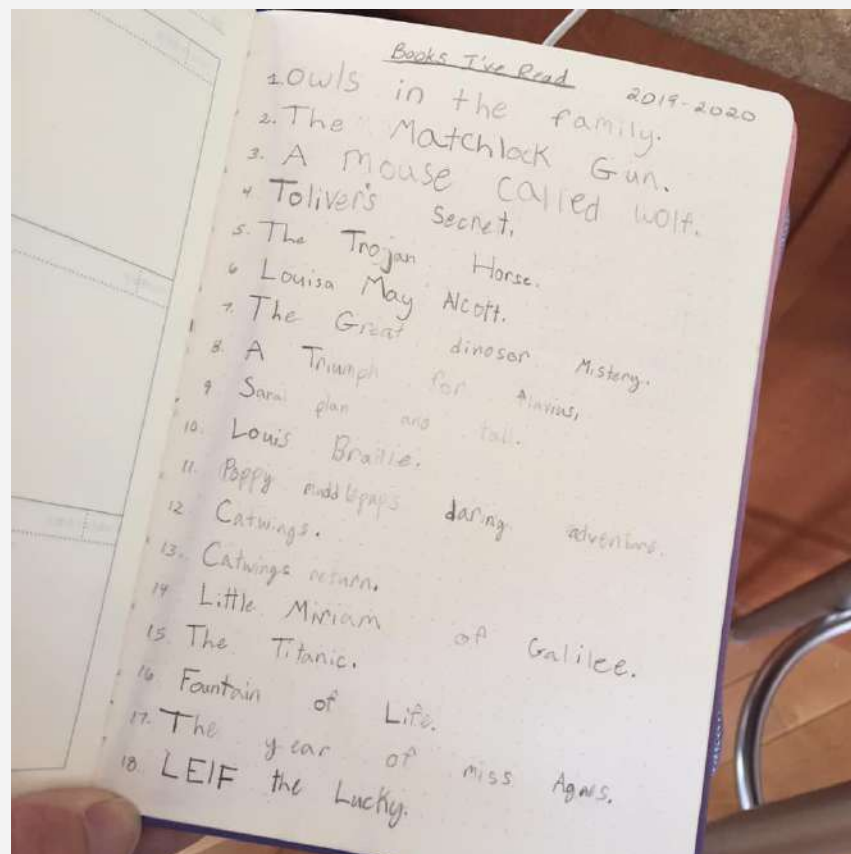
and that's a wrap!

Closing out the year in style

As diverse as your summer, so is the way families end each year.



~onward and upward!~



~taking stock of the achievements~



~a visual display!~



~ending on a high-
first real novel!~



~ending on the ferry ride!
real-life homeschooling!~



~celebrating COVID style, with a drive by!~

The journey of one homeschool family and Covid 19

One of our own!

[12-year-old who has visited 37 countries hopes COVID-19 won't keep her grounded](#)



Ariela White, and her parents Kirk and Diana, talk about what it was like driving through America during a pandemic.

What a crazy year it has been!

There is, however, an upside



The events of 2020 thus far will doubtlessly "go down in history". It has been a year like no other in a myriad of ways. Covid 19 has threatened our health and our freedoms, challenged our faith and is already "reorienting our relationship to government, to the outside world, even to each other. No one knows exactly what will come, but most certainly society-government, healthcare, the economy, our lifestyles and more- has and will continue to change."

There is, however, an upside. God promises in Romans 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

As homeschoolers, another upside is that we purposefully look to everyday life for teaching moments for our children. This is a superior opportunity! If you haven't already, now is the time to purposely engage in discourse regarding what is going on.

"Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people." - Eleanor Roosevelt

[Critical thinking](#) skills can be taught and practiced. [Logic](#) too. And rhetoric, the art of persuasion, can often come in handy as well. So talk, speak, discuss, converse, commune, exchange, parley...

A Prayer for Canada *and you!!!*

[The Blessing - Canada](#)

"As the world has come together in a time of crisis, the church has united in prayer and worship to bless our communities around the world in the Name of Jesus.

The Church in Canada is beautiful, broad and diverse and it is a nearly impossible task to accurately represent the full breadth of true diversity within the church in Canada from coast to coast to coast.

This unique project extended an invitation to churches in every province and territory and we are grateful for the nearly 200 individuals who responded and took part and participated.

With one voice, this is our prayer over Canada."

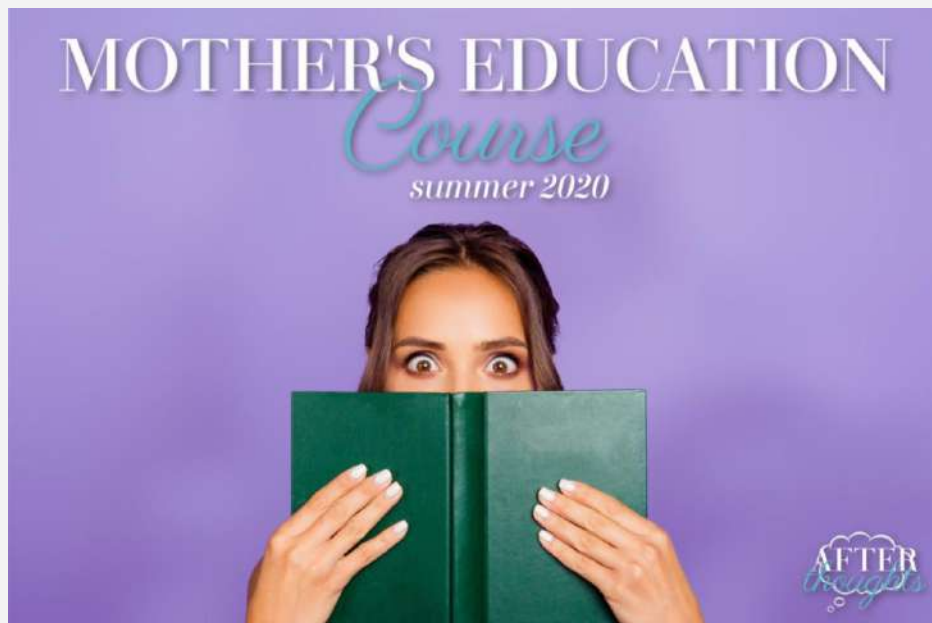


Just for Mom!

Mother's Education Course: Summer 2020

Not just for Charlotte Mason fans!

Is summer your time for personal and professional development?



[This](#) may just help do the trick!

Mess Causes Stress: 11 Rules for Messy People

Creating a better space

Or maybe summer is your time to "rein in" the house before the next school year. You can find some great ideas [here](#), but remember what brings you peace is not the same as the other moms in your co-op. Find your peace. Baby steps.



Homeschooling for Newbies in Canada! July 13-17, 2020
For everyone really!

Or maybe summer is the time you plan for the fall.
Our friends at [Maple Tree Publications](#) are hosting a great online event!



Regardless of our summer goals, take heed to the wisdom of a
veteran homeschool mom and feast!

A Feast of Elements

For home educators all over New Brunswick, the summer is a welcomed break.
Not necessarily from our studies and certainly not from learning in general,
however, the change of season IS a break.

Many home educators continue their formal studies, or at least part of it, during
the summer months so all the hard work of the winter isn't "lost" or just to solidify
the learning. For some, continuing studies into the summer is an acceptable
sacrifice in order to put that final check mark on our to-do list, reading schedule or
math lesson.

Now we can sleep better at night.

For others, including me, when May ends, so does the winter school routine. The fact that my kids' summer jobs start in May and that our gardening requires much attention, is a bit of a direction for us to take a break. It's how we roll. Even though I love lesson plans and accomplishment, I don't lose a wink of sleep due to unchecked items nor neat and tidy files. I rest easy, knowing we did our best, reflecting on the awesome things we experienced and knowing the summer's activity will be lessons in themselves...ones the long winters can't provide.

Either way, God gave us seasons for a reason. I truly believe, the biggest one...besides growing food for winter...is to BE outdoors. I also think that science is just lately tapping into the depth of the physical advantages of all things outdoors. Everything from frequencies, to fresh air, to vitamin D to the feast our eyes get in this beautiful province, all contribute to our God designed health and well being plan. Intentional outdoor activity is a must for us, no matter what "school schedule" we choose, and this is the easiest time to indulge. If you are country folk...it's as easy as stepping outside, walking a few feet more and stop. Stop, sit, be quiet, pay attention to the sounds, the scents, the breeze, the warmth of the sun or even the rain on your face. Spend a little more time there, really soaking up the elements. Later that day, take your kids. Repeat.

If you are city folk, there is always a greenspace not too far. All you need is a space large enough for a lawn chair with a cup holder, maybe a shade tree and a picnic blanket. You might not have the fresh air and quiet available to you, but that's the great thing about NB...you are never too far from a little country solitude and a list of other rural homeschool families, just bursting for a visit!

This routine doesn't have to be a well planned and budgeted day trip to the Provincial Park. It should be a daily exercise. At the very least, have a quick elements soak, but if you can, extend the session to a walk, hike or frisbee game. Let your kids experience the freedom and joy of all the elements. Even rains and thunderstorms can be safely enjoyed and appreciated. Talking about the power, healing and wrath of God are great lessons that summer storms afford us. Take advantage and really feel it!

Our summers are far too short to waste.
Our bodies and minds crave and thirst to feel His nature.

I recommend leaving the book lessons in exchange for the physical ones. Or at least, take the books with you! Once you get a taste, even the snow and cold of winter won't stop you from making a reservation for a daily feast of elements. More freedom, rest and physical connection to Him can be yours...outdoors.

And that is a lesson well learned.

"And He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest awhile', for many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat."

Mark 6:31

Holly Myers

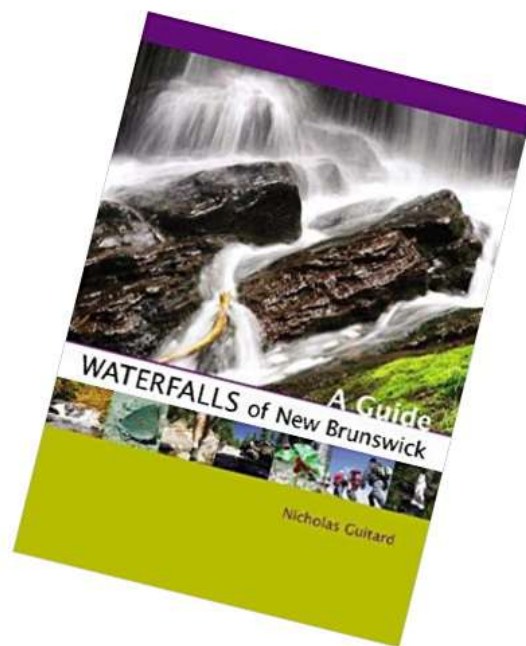


Waterfalls New Brunswick

All the rage!



Join (safely) the throngs of people who have been exploring our beautiful province! The hiking [trails](#) to get to the falls and a [map](#) of the falls themselves can be found in the links. For full descriptions check out [WATERFALLS OF NEW BRUNSWICK: A GUIDE, by Nicholas Guitard](#).



While you are exploring the province, may as well throw in a little [history](#), etc. too, eh?

Campfire treats *to s'mores and beyond!*

Yummmmy!
But what if you get bored of these
delicious summer decadents?
(What? Really? I know,
but it can happen)
Well, here's
[10 Campfire Treats to Make When
You're Bored of S'mores](#)



"I'm bored!!!" *And that's perfectly ok!*

"boredom is crucial for developing "internal stimulus," which then allows true creativity.

And though our capacity for boredom may well have diminished with all the

attractions of the internet, experts have been discussing the importance of doing nothing for decades."

The rest of the article, "Psychologists Recommend Children be Bored in the Summer", can be found [here](#).



You are off the hook Mama!

And that's definitely a wrap!!!
Congratulations to our 2020 graduates!

You did it! (and so did Mom and Dad!)
Congratulations and God's richest blessings to the following:



Edward Amero



Julia Reagon



Moshe A. Martin



Katelyn Cumberland



Nicolas Daigle

Still looking ahead!

Make sure this gets in to your calendar!



Our pleasure to serve you!

Members of HENB

Once again, it has been our pleasure to partner with you during this past homeschool year. We pray that our events and networking, along with our availability to try and answer your questions, has been a blessing to you. Together we are stronger.

Despite the fact that summer is upon us, you can still reach us if you need to-via [Facebook](#) or our [website](#).

Have a wonderful summer and we'll see you in the fall!



Psst...Signed up for membership yet?

It's not too late!

At our Annual General Meeting last year we discussed the restructuring of our fiscal year. Subsequently, our memberships now run from May 15 until May 14 of the following year to align with our year end conference.

Due to Covid-19 we unfortunately had to reschedule this event until 2021 so we are encouraging you to [join](#) online.

FYI Along with its [many benefits](#), membership provides some "members only" options to post secondary.

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"The knowledge of God is
the principal knowledge."

-Charlotte Mason

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