

WELCOME WE ARE DELIGHTED TO SERVE AS YOUR FAMILY'S OPTION 3 ACCOUNTABILITY ASSOCIATION. **OUR PASSION IS TO ENCOURAGE, EDUCATE, AND EQUIP** YOU AS AN ADMINISTRATOR WHILE SUPPORTING AND GUIDING YOU AS A TEACHER.

GO THROUGH ALL OF THE LINKS, VIDEO WEBINARS, AND BLOG ARTICLES WHILE KEEPING A RUNNING LIST OF QUESTIONS THAT NEED CONFIRMATION OR FURTHER EXPLANATION. THEN EMAIL THOSE QUESTIONS TO US- NEVER HESITATE TO REACH OUT WITH ANY **QUESTIONS** OR QUANDARIES. WE WILL ALWAYS BE JUST AN EMAIL AWAY, SERVING AT THE SPEED OF LIFE.

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IF JOINING FAITHFUL SCHOLARS FROM ANOTHER ASSOCIATION OR TRADITIONAL SCHOOL, WE WILL NEED FORMAL TRANSCRIPTS FROM THEM. PLEASE SEND US A SCREENSHOT OR EMAIL ADDRESS FROM WHOM WE CAN REQUEST RECORDS (ASAP).

OUR **WEEKLY DIGEST** COMES THROUGH EMAIL DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR. IF IT IS NOT SHOWING UP IN YOUR EMAIL, PLEASE CHECK SPAM, PROMOTIONS, ETC BOXES. IF IT STILL DOES NOT SHOW UP, REACH OUT TO MAKE SURE WE HAVE YOUR PREFERRED EMAIL ADDRESS INPUT. THE FAITHFUL SCHOLARS' DIGEST CONTAINS EVENTS, CLASSES, REMINDERS, UPDATES, AND MORE

MEMBER LOG IN TO ACCESS YOUR MEMBER LETTER, TEACHER/STUDENT CARDS, DMV PERMISSION LETTER, DUAL ENROLLMENT PERMISSION LETTER, EOY COMPLIANCE FORM, RENEWAL. *****BE SURE TO JOT DOWN YOUR USERNAME/PASSWORD AS YOU WILL NEED IT TO ACCESS DOCUMENTS*****

[HTTPS://FAITHFULSCHOLARS.COM/MEMBER_SITE/](https://faithfulscholars.com/member_site/)

YOUR MEMBER CARDS ARE FOR TEACHER DISCOUNTS. STUDENT CARDS ARE FOR STUDENTS WHO DRIVE. CARDS ARE *NOT LEGAL PROOF* OF HOMESCHOOL STATUS.

ALSO FOUND IN YOUR MEMBER LOG IN AREA:

DMV: Member Letter along your DMV Permission Letter will be required by the Department of Motor Vehicles in order for your student to receive his/her driving permit/license and/or After Hours license (age 16+).

Secondary Schools (dual credit) such as York Technical College: Member Letter, Secondary School Permission Letter, and Transcript (request mailed to chosen secondary school using this link <http://www.fithfulscholars.com/request-a-transcript/> will be required for eligibility for college application and participation.

-IF YOU ARE JUST BEGINNING, THOSE QUEASY FEELINGS WILL DISSIPATE AS THE YEAR GETS UNDERWAY. LESSONS AND DAYS WILL BE LONGER, MORE COMPLEX, AND INTEREST SELF-DRIVEN. THE MAJORITY OF HOME SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOLERS PARTICIPATE IN COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ONCE/TWICE A WEEK. A LIST OF CLASSES, COOPS, PROGRAMS CAN BE FOUND LINKED HERE https://faithfulscholars.com/?page_id=2176
---CLASSES DO NOT NEED TO BE TEXTBOOK/CLASSROOM DRIVEN. BOOKS/TEXTS MAKE IT EASIER TO COUNT CREDITS, BUT 120 HOURS OF STUDY OR LIFE LEARNING = 1 CARNEGIE UNIT = 1 CREDIT.
-THE INTENT OF THE LAW IS TO LEARN MATH, LA, SOCIAL STUDIES (HISTORY), SCIENCE, AND ELECTIVES EACH YEAR. IT DOES NOT STATE THAT IT MUST BE TEXTBOOK DRIVEN.

SUBJECTS DO NOT NEED TO FOLLOW PUBLIC SCHOOL ORDER YOU CAN TAKE BIOLOGY AND SKIP PHYSICAL SCIENCE OR DO MARINE BIOLOGY OR HORTICULTURE INSTEAD. MATH CAN BE APPLIED MATHS SUCH AS ACCOUNTING, CONSUMER MATH, FINANCE, ETC
ELECTIVES CAN BE, SHOULD BE, YOUR CHILD'S AREA(S) OF PASSION OR A SEEKING ABOUT FOR THOSE AREAS OF INTENSE INTEREST. AGAIN 120 HOURS = 1 CREDIT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE HYPER VIGILANT ABOUT

HOUR TRACKING BUT DO AVERAGE A ROUGH COUNT IN A DAY OR WEEK AND MULTIPLY HOW MANY DAYS WILL EQUAL 120 HOURS (OR 60 FOR HALF A CREDIT).

CLASSES, PROGRAMS, COOPS

MOST HIGH SCHOOLERS TAKE AT LEAST A PORTION OF THEIR COURSEWORK OUTSIDE OF THE HOME IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS. THIS LIST IS FOUND ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE'S LIST OF GENERAL LINKS.

MATH- YOU CAN STUDY ANY 4 MATHS, EVEN APPLIED MATHS. HOWEVER, IF PLANNING TO TRANSFER TO A TRADITIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, STICK WITH TRADITIONAL MATHS.

REGULAR STUDENT: CALCULATION CONNECT, MR. D, THINKWELL, MASTERBOOKS, MATH MAMMOTH, SAXON (WHICH IS DRILL N KILL BUT EASY TO FOLLOW)

ADVANCED STUDENT: SINGAPORE MATH, THE ART OF PROBLEM SOLVING

STRUGGLING STUDENT: LIFE OF FRED MATH, MR. D, CALCULATION CONNECT, OR APPLIED MATHS

APPLIED MATHS –CONSUMER MATH, BUSINESS MATH, ACCOUNTING, ETC)

ENGLISH SHOULD INCLUDE COMPOSITION, CREATIVE WRITING, AT LEAST ONE VERY INTENSE RESEARCH PAPER PER YEAR, GRAMMAR, READING COMPREHENSION AND RESPONSES ARE IMPORTANT FOR TESTING.

--**LITERATURE** – SHOULD BE RICH, CLASSIC, AND MEANINGFUL. AVOID BRAIN CANDY AND PAGE BURNERS/TURNERS IF, IF, IF YOU ARE WANTING TO INSTILL THE JOY OF READING VS. THE ENJOYMENT OF A MOMENT. READING COMPREHENSION AND RESPONSES ARE IMPORTANT FOR TESTING.

FOR AN INDEPENDENT CREDIT: 5 TO 10 BOOKS IS A GOOD STANDARD; JOURNAL, BOOK STUDIES, ETC TO BUMP TO HONORS.

--**SPELLING RULES** ARE NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN.

--**READ ALOUD** WITH TELL BACK/NARRATION NEVER GETS OLD- MY MOM STILL READS TO US WHEN WE VISIT FOR HOLIDAYS. NOT LONG BOOKS, BUT SHORT BLIPS AND STORIES AND WE (STILL) LOVE IT!!

SCIENCE- HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE BECOMES BASED AROUND LABS, BUT YOU CAN MAKE ANY SCIENCE INTO A LAB SCIENCE BY SIMPLY.... ADDING.... LABS (AND LAB REPORTS). GRIN. AROUND 5+. WE HAVE ENJOYED ANATOMY, HORTICULTURE, ZOOLOGY,

SOCIAL STUDIES IS A GREAT WAY TO BUILD A WORLD VIEW. IN THIS, USE VARYING TEXTBOOKS IN ORDER TO DISCOVER HOW THE AUTHOR(S) OF A TEXTBOOK STRONGLY INFLUENCES THE READER DUE TO HOW HE/SHE LEADS HIM/HER TOWARD THE ANSWERS. THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO READ BOOKS BY THOSE THAT HOLD DIFFERING VIEWS THAN YOU IN ORDER TO DISCUSS HOW TO RECOGNIZE A RED HERRING, ILLOGICAL THINKING, THEORIES BEING TOTED AS TRUTH, ETC.

DEADLINES: Please keep your membership letter(s) and transcripts on file for as long as you homeschool.

ONLINE RENEWAL ([HTTP://WWW.FAITHFULSCHOLARS.COM/RENEW/](http://www.faithfulscholars.com/renew/)) BEST IF COMPLETED BY/BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST WITH A LATE FEE APPLIED THEREAFTER.

BUT **WE DO ACCEPT NEW APPLICATIONS ALL YEAR 'ROUND.**

HINT: DON'T FORGET YOUR USERNAME/PASSWORD CREATED UPON JOINING!

GRADES DUE:

9-11 GRADES DUE BY/BEFORE JUNE 10TH

12 GRADE DUE BY/BEFORE MAY 31ST!

GRADES ARE SUBMITTED THROUGH YOUR MEMBER LOG IN PORTAL

INPUTTING GRADES IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE CONVERSATION, SO INCLUDE EVERYTHING, USE THE 'ADDITIONAL COMMENTS' SPACE FOR NOTES, AND KNOW THAT WE WILL HAVE A BACK/FORTH CHAT WHILE YOU DO THE EDITS ON YOUR CHILD'S TRANSCRIPT.

7TH/8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS – AT THE END OF 9TH GRADE YOU WILL INPUT ANY/ALL HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS EARNED IN MIDDLE SCHOOL. FAITHFUL SCHOLARS WILL GUIDE YOU PROFESSIONALLY THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND ALWAYS EXPLAIN WHY WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO INCLUDE OR NOT INCLUDE ANY MIDDLE SCHOOL CREDITS. THE ONES THAT 'READ' BEST ARE ALGEBRA 1, ENGLISH 9, PHYSICAL SCIENCE OR BIOLOGY.

GRADUATION CEREMONY: If you have signed up for Faithful Scholar's graduation ceremony, yay!!! We have a dedicated FB page that you should request to join (once we close it back to a private group- post summer) and email. FB: Faithful Scholars Graduation.

<https://faithfulscholars.com/graduation/>

RETURNING TO/ENTERING HIGH SCHOOL: Your Membership Letter and Transcript (created by FS) will be required to register. If you are unable to locate last year's pdf sent by email, request your transcript here. <https://faithfulscholars.com/request-a-transcript1/>
The school is usually satisfied with the above documentation for class placement, but if they request additional supporting data, take in your daily records with a list of books, texts, and course outlines, etc as found in your High School Records Notebook.

The schools are typically wonderful to work with, but they legally have the right to deny acceptance of any credit/class should they see fit. You can request an assessment to determine if their decision is accurate, and they have the right to comply or deny.

If you have a difficult situation and need Faithful Scholars to mediate, please do not hesitate to reach out. katie@faithfulscholars.com

TECHNOLOGY OUGHT TO BE CONSIDERED A FEEDING TUBE. THE INFORMATION IS THERE AND CAN BE PUT INSIDE ONE'S BRAIN, BUT THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP, TRUE UNDERSTANDING, NOR LOVE OF THE INFORMATION GAINED. **SCREEN-LED LEARNING IS PRE-ORDERED MATERIAL LEADING TO PRE-ORDERED ANSWERS THAT WON'T CHANGE WITH QUESTIONING AND IMAGINATION, THUS ELIMINATING THE USE OF QUESTIONING AND IMAGINATION.**

USE TECHNOLOGY AS A 'SECOND LESSON' AND YOUR CHILDREN (SONS IN PARTICULAR) WILL DO 'SECOND LESSONS' ALL DAY LONG. IT CAN BE A TIME FILLER AND A BREAK FOR YOU TO GET OTHER WORK DONE IF YOU ARE STILL NEEDING TO BE 'EYES ON'.

IF YOU STRICTLY USED LITERATURE TOWARD THE SAME END WITH ZERO OPTION FOR TECH TIME, YOU WILL HAVE MUCH LESS ARGUMENT, ZERO POLICING FOR SAFETY/SNEAKING, AND, AS RESEARCH CONTINUES TO SUPPORT, WE AVOID LIMITING OUR CHILDREN'S MINDS THROUGH PLAYTIME RATHER THAN SCREEN TIME.

Always just an email away!

Blessings and Joy,

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