

## **OCHEC 2009 Convention – Workshops**

### ***“Understanding the Right Brained Visual Spatial Learner” – Trix Bradley***

Is your child interested in drawing, music, theater, computers, video games, or building things (Legos)? Have you heard the labels ADD, gifted, dyslexic, LD, or other similar differences associated with your child? Does your child resist standard teaching methods? Your child may be right-brained and/or a visual-spatial learner. Discover your child's path to learning with joy and the characteristics of this learning style. Come celebrate the gifts of the right-brained learner.

### ***“The Battle for the Child” - Paul Faris***

Canadian parents are in a battle for the souls of their children. We at HSLDA invite you to join us on the front lines of this battle as we seek to protect the right of Canadian parents to direct the upbringing of their children. Sometimes the only thing standing between us and the future indoctrination of our children as foreseen in *Brave New World* are a few good men and women who simply refuse to surrender the minds of their children. In this seminar Paul offers insight into where the battle lines are being drawn and what we can expect in the next several years.

### ***“Exposing A Trojan Horse” – DVD – Paul Faris***

Are we welcoming a Trojan Horse into our midst through government-funded programs for home educators? What impact will they have on future generations of Christian home educators? Exposing a Trojan Horse interviews leaders of Christian state home school organizations, researchers and parents to uncover the hidden costs of parents participating in government-funded programs for home educators. After this powerful DVD, Paul Faris the Executive Director from HSLDA, Canada will answer questions.

### ***“Fostering a Servant’s Heart” - Cheryl Burella***

Fostering a Servant's Heart will start with a very quick exercise/demonstration in journaling devotions to afford every member of the family an opportunity to hear God's whispers. Then Cheryl will share dozens of practical ways children at different ages can serve. Anonymous as well as recognized works requiring a variety of different commitment levels will be presented and a few unusual ideas. There will be discussion on how to decide what to get involved in and time for brain storming. There are sure to be ideas you never thought of. It is well accepted that, the best cure for selfishness is serving others. This hour will be jammed pack of practical ideas. Come get inspired and empowered to build the character God desires in our children.

### ***“After Graduation” - Panel-MC Andrew Zwart***

Parents often wonder whether the education they are providing their children will prepare them for university, college, or the real world. They also wonder whether they will be accepted by the standards of admission to institutional learning. The answer to these questions is a resounding yes. The former home school students populating this panel have demonstrated the ability to succeed at both higher education and in the real world and are honoured to share the key factors in what propelled them on their different paths. But we also must ask the question, what is a glorious vision for after graduation? Does it include college or university? What is the place of entrepreneurship? How can young men and women being schooled at home be preparing to fulfill the purpose of our lives in carrying out the dominion mandate and great commission and enjoying God forever?

### ***“Learning Disabilities 101” - Louise House***

How can you possibly teach your child with learning disabilities at home? Come and be encouraged as Louise will give you 9 reasons why home education can be a great option for your LD child as well as many practical teaching tips and home management suggestions for children who struggle to learn.

### ***“Homeschooling: The Adventure Begins” - Louise House***

Just getting started homeschooling? Have you been home schooling for some time but need some help with the basics. Come and get tips on setting a schedule, choosing curriculum, setting goals, handling the objections of others, and so much more.

***“Fathering beyond a Generation” - Anthony Nelson***

Too many Christian families see homeschooling as an event. For it to become more than a one-generational movement, it must take on a life that transcends more than one generation. Therefore, Christian fathers must see home-educating as a call to reverse the trend in our society. In this workshop, we will look at ways in which we can set things in place, so that a generation cannot help but repeat it. Scripture Texts: Malachi 4:6 ; Genesis 12 :1-3

***“Call for Leaders” – Chad Roach***

Mentorship is a lost concept in the education of most young people in today's culture. While many high schoolers see a traditional college degree as a prerequisite for achieving a successful life and career, there is actually a lesser-known option that integrates well with the educational experience of home school students. As a home school graduate himself, Chad Roach shares from his nearly 3 years of experience in being mentored by Kevin Swanson. In this session, hear the practical story of how one home schooler pursued the historical practice of mentorship for his higher education.

***“Authentic Beauty” – Mary Knor***

How can we be strong Godly women that radiate true beauty in a culture that tells us that our value is based on how we look, or what we do? Come for an interactive and honest discussion about what authentic beauty really is.

***“Children’s Nutrition” - Vicky Hachey***

We spend countless hours looking through curriculum catalogues, sitting in home school lectures, going to curriculum fairs trying to piece together the best education to develop our child's mind and character. Nutrition is another important aspects to the development of our children. Even though our children are well fed, they can be malnourished. Many of the manufactured foods our children consume today are adulterated, manipulated and void of proper nutrients. As a Registered Holistic Nutritionist, Vicky Hachey will share some practical nutritional tips to help your children nourish their body and mind.

***“Entrepreneurship” – Andrew Knor & Jake Zwart***

Have you ever thought about having your own business? How do you make that happen? Come and find out from Andrew Knor and Jake Zwart, two entrepreneurs who are home school dads. They will share the stories of how and why they became entrepreneurs.

***“Apprenticeship 101” - Juliana Taylor***

This presentation will provide an overview of the apprenticeship system in Ontario. Participants will learn about the difference between compulsory and voluntary trades, how to get started in apprenticeship, apprenticeship incentives, obligations required to become a journey person, as well as the role of apprenticeship field offices and the Employment & Training Consultant.

***“Seeing Through New Eyes” - James Tughan***

Visual Art and Our Young People: An interactive workshop that explores how God has designed us and our children in His image to "see" using layers of meaning in visual language.

***“Organizing Your Home School” - Sheila Wray Gregoire***

Often homeschooling fails not because of the schooling side but because of the problems that plague all homes: messes, lack of discipline, too many errands, and just plain chaos! The difference is that home schoolers can't fake it! We're home all the time, so our faults are magnified tenfold. Learn practical tips on how to stay organized and disciplined so that you create an environment where learning can take place without stress--for you or your children!

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***“The Journey of Home Education” - Diane Geerlinks***

The decision is made...now what? Where is the first trail marker on this Home Education Journey? How do you cross the bridge from school to home? Who will be your trail guide? Is there a place to get off and enjoy the sights? Diane will share some lessons learned about traveling this journey...lessons about knowing your destination, planning your mode of transportation, and packing the appropriate materials. Yes, you can be assured that there will be amazing discoveries as well as challenging experiences. Diane is eager to encourage parents on this homeschool journey, with all its' joys and struggles. You will be inspired and encouraged to travel down this path with confidence!

***“Beyond High School” - Diane Geerlinks***

When the last chapter of your home school journey has been written, what will the results look like? How will you know that you've arrived? Will it be the SAT score or the university admission? How will this homeschooling highschool affect our children's future? Will it really prepare them for life? Going against the tide of our culture brings its challenges. As a mother of 4 graduated children, Diane will share some of her family's struggles and successes as they have moved beyond highschool into new real-life endeavors. This workshop is intended to bring us back to the heart of the matter, equipping our students with focused education rather than just the goal of graduation!

***“Teaching Phys-ed at Home: Yes You Can!” - Betty VanGilsKloet***

How can I get our family to be more active? How do I fit phys-ed into my busy week? This workshop will motivate, encourage and educate home educators in the art of integrating fitness and physical education into their daily home/school lives. This hands-on workshop will include active participation and opportunities to try out equipment. You will walk away with many ideas and activities that you can use on Monday with tools that you already have in your home, and you will have a list of equipment suppliers, websites and books that will help you develop your program at home. Suitable for elementary and highschool levels.

***“Teaching Phys-ed at Home: Developing a one year Sport-based Curriculum” - Betty VanGilsKloet***

How do I plan a whole year of weekly phys-ed classes? How do I teach skills and drills for specific sports? How do I modify sport drills to work for small groups? This workshop will show you how to start with a general overview of your phys-ed year and then break it down into sport-based units including warm-ups, training drills, game modifications for small groups, and assessments. You will also learn how to apply the Teaching Games for Understanding model to your lessons. Handouts with sample classes and outlines will be available. The curriculum is prepared for elementary school levels, but it will be beneficial to high school students as well.

***“It's my Home School and I'll Cry if I Want to!” - Video***

If your brain is feeling tired, join us for a hilarious look at the joys and trials of homeschooling. This musical presentation is performed by a talented group of home schooling moms and dads and is sure to make you laugh. Complete with parodies of popular songs and true to life skits, it will remind you that all of us experience the same exhausting satisfaction as we home school. Our desire is to bring a little lightheartedness and joy into the lives of all home schoolers. This video will make you laugh and cry as you remember that the joy of the Lord is your strength.

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