

MEMBERSHIP HANDBOOK

We exist to **encourage** parents in their homeschool journey by:

- **Informing** parents of pertinent homeschool legal issues, homeschool current events, seminars, or conferences;
- **Investing** in families by providing an atmosphere for exchange or teaching techniques, curriculum information, and **volunteer-led** group activities such as family socials, educational field trips, sports, high school socials, and senior graduation;
- **Exalting** the Lord Jesus Christ as we represent His name in our homes and in the community.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who is or will be actively engaged in home education.

Members are encouraged to use their skills, talents, and ideas to create opportunities or help with group services and activities that will aid and inspire one another in our homeschooling endeavors. Joining together as a support group facilitates informal networking, provides a foundation for building relationships between homeschooling families, and allows for a pooling of our giftings and resources for larger group activities.

Annual membership fees are **\$25.00**.

You **must** be a member family to participate in the SJCHE sports program, graduation, high school activities, or the high school Winter Formal. Families must be registered by **July 31** to participate in SJCHE events. **Renewing families**, there will be a \$10 late fee added to your fee if you register after July 31.

Annual dues cover, but are not limited to, newsletter costs, website design and maintenance, facility rent, special speakers, banking fees, fellowship events, testing, Jr. sponsored Senior Dinner.

Members wishing to discontinue their membership or have address changes are asked to please contact the SJCHE Website Administrator.

HOW SAN JUAN CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS FUNCTIONS:

Group services and activities are provided by MEMBERS to help and support one another in our common purposes. Members are encouraged to volunteer and coordinate or help with activities that their family would like to participate in. Advertising these events can be done using the SJCHE Yahoo Group or the SJCHE website. SJCHE is a volunteer-led support organization and is not responsible to educate any member's student. SJCHE nor its member families can be held responsible for the actions of your child(ren) at SJCHE-held events. Parents are welcome to stay at all SJCHE events except the Winter Formal.

FINANCES:

San Juan Christian Home Educators is organized as an informal community service group. For simplicity and cost reasons, we have not sought non-profit status, and we do not file tax returns. To comply with tax laws, we have been advised that we must be careful how we handle income. We are allowed to receive income from annual dues, sports participation, and special activities to reimburse expenses that will be incurred throughout the year.

GRADUATION:

Planning for Senior year begins your Junior year of high school. All Juniors who plan to participate in the Senior events and graduation are strongly encouraged to participate in the Senior events.

Graduating seniors and their parents meet throughout the senior year to plan and prepare for their graduation ceremony. The graduating senior must be a member of SJCHE by **July 31** of the graduating year.

For unity and to lower families' costs, SJCHE has chosen white graduation gowns (ordered from Jostens) as the standard. Accessory color(s) are red and black.

Graduation Music: For unity in the group and to glorify and edify the Lord, the SJCHE board has chosen "Pomp and Circumstance" for the processional music.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

A directory of SJCHE families will be compiled and available for download from the SJCHE website. The directory will only contain those member families who wish to be listed. The SJCHE directory is only to be used in order to locate other families to share schooling information and common interests. We consider the information in the directory to be CONFIDENTIAL and should not be given out to other individuals or organizations.

YEARBOOK (9TH-12TH GRADES):

The yearbook staff of parent leaders and students meets throughout the year to put together a quality yearbook of SJCHE high school students' pictures, activities, and memories. Students on the yearbook staff have a great time and learn a variety of skills in the process, including time management and working with deadlines, scheduling, group cooperation, word processing and page layout, public relations, and photography.

GUIDELINES FOR GENERAL CONDUCT:

San Juan Christian Home Educators recognizes that all events sponsored by SJCHE, formal or informal, are an opportunity to be ambassadors, first for Christ and secondly for home education. The presence or absence of godly character is the first and last impression we leave with others. San Juan Christian Home Educators desires to be a support network where families can minister to one another with loving encouragement, discipleship, and resources as parents seek to train and instill godly character in their children. To this end, we encourage respectful speech, dress, and participation in any SJCHE sponsored activity.