

THE COMENIUS HOMESCHOOL

An Umbrella and Tutorial Arm of Franklin Classical School



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POINTS OF INTEREST

- King Arthur—
November 12-13, 2009
- FCS Admissions
Open House—
November 17, 2009
- Thanksgiving Break –
November 23-27, 2009
(offices closed)
- Christmas Break—
December 21, 2009—
January 4, 2010 (offices
closed)

Announcing: The Comenius Homeschool

We are pleased and excited to announce that the name of the Umbrella Program and Tutorial has been changed to The Comenius Homeschool. The Comenius Homeschool is named for Jon Amos Comenius, who is considered the father of home education.

Few men have born such grief and yet left this world such gain as Jon Amos Comenius. Born into a small village in Moravia in 1592, Comenius was orphaned at a young age. The money left by his father afforded him an education at a local Brethren of the Common Life School, one of the educational blessings of the Reformation. While within this school community, Comenius came to understand that under the Lordship of Christ, every discipline, every subject, becomes a means by which a student can be disciplined in the truth. Here Comenius first sensed his calling to restore education.

Within a few years, Comenius had opportunity to put this understanding into practice as he served both as pastor of the church at Fulneck and as superintendent of a new school nearby. He also began to put his thoughts about education on paper, working out his discipleship concepts within the pages of multiple books.

Yet Comenius experienced one set back after another. The religious persecutions of the Hapsburg Empire and the 30 Years War resulted in a mandate that evangelical pastors renounce their faith or leave the country. Comenius chose exile. The war destroyed churches and schools, and Comenius' own library and manuscripts burned as well. Under threat of death should he ever return to his homeland, Comenius began a long life caring for the Moravian people as they wandered through the snow-capped mountains. Along the way, he suffered the death of his wife and two sons and ultimately bore the grief of losing his best friend and a second wife as well.

Still, Comenius persisted in his calling to restore education. He realized the only hope for healing Church and State, transforming culture, and forging a right path for the future lay in the education of youth, in families and schools dedicated to creating a generation of spiritual and cultural Christian leaders. As a result, at age 64, Comenius once again picked up his pen and began to write. Ultimately he published over 130 titles, a body of work that impacted families and schools on the European continent and abroad, and one that continues to guide classical Christian educators today.

Today, as we announce The Comenius Homeschool, an umbrella and tutorial arm of Franklin Classical School, we stand with Comenius in affirming that the purpose of education is to teach students to think clearly and biblically and to then act in accordance with biblical thinking in the most basic details of life. Therefore, the final aim of education isn't simply knowledge, but virtue, and the end result of a proper education isn't the fitting of a mind, but the fitting of a life.

Because we acknowledge that parents have the biblical responsibility and authority to educate their children, we offer The Comenius Homeschool as a service, a help, and a friend to homeschoolers in your commitment to train up your children to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

Appointments

In an effort to provide the best possible service to our families, we now schedule appointments on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. This will allow us consistent opportunities to serve all other needs of our families. We look forward to serving you this school year.

Forms

Do you need transcripts, SF-1010, or other papers completed or signed? All requests must be in our office before December 7 for processing before Christmas Break. Requests received after December 9 will be processed after January 8, 2010.

Monday Workshops

You still have time to register your students for our Monday Workshops. Students may take one workshop, all of them, or any number in between. While we cannot award credit for these workshops, you may incorporate them into your course of study. Workshops will be held at FCS from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sting Rays & Sharks! (Monday, Jan. 25, 2010). Deadline to register: December 18, 2009.

The Legacy of Literature of the Great Christian Tradition (Monday, Feb. 22, 2010). Deadline to register: January 29, 2010.

Sting Rays & Sharks! (Monday, March 22, 2010). Deadline to register: February 26, 2010.

Please visit our website for workshop details and registration information. www.franklinclassical.com/tutorial.asp.

King Arthur (updated information)

FCS Music and Drama students, the FCS Players, present *King Arthur* as the fall production. Show dates are Thursday, November 12, and Friday, November 13, at 7:00 p.m. at Christ Community Church. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for students. The family maximum is \$40. Tickets can be purchased the FCS front desk and at the door before each show.

Grade/Attendance

Grade and attendance sheets are available on our website. Semester 1 grades are due on January 15, 2010.

Community P.E.

Our Community Physical Education classes are off to a great start and there are still openings for your student. We host these classes at Ultimate Sports Basketball Academy in Franklin for our day school students, our homeschool students, and other homeschool students in our community. Please contact the program facilitator, Coach Seth Witherington, at switherington@franklinclassical.com.

Championships

Congratulations to the FCS football and volleyball teams who both won Middle Tennessee Athletic Conference Championships on Saturday, October 31. The Knights football team completed an outstanding 9-1-0 season by holding off Aaron Academy in the championship game, winning 24 to 18. The Lady Knights defeated Lancaster Christian Academy 3 games to 2 to finish off an impressive 15-4-0 season.

Tutorial

The Comenius Homeschool is providing a biblically based, classical, one-day-a-week tutorial on Mondays. The tutorial is offered in partnership with Franklin Classical School. Therefore, it has been designed to mirror Franklin Classical School's Upper Division humanities block, focusing this year on Christendom. This Humanities block is comprised of Humanities, English, and Literature with optional Latin and Math and Science Labs. Applications are still being accepted. Please contact Laura Lloyd at fcsup@FranklinClassical.com or visit our website (www.FranklinClassical.com) for more information.

Graduation

Congratulations Parents of Graduating Seniors! You have encouraged and guided your student to his/her High School Graduation and we would like to thank you for allowing us to partner with you throughout this journey. We are pleased to announce a Graduation Ceremony for 2010 graduates to be held on June 5, 2010. Dr. George Grant will give the Commencement Address. Please visit our website for graduation details and registration information. You may contact us at fcsup@franklinclassical.com with any questions. In keeping with the vision, mission, and distinctives of Franklin Classical School, this ceremony will be decidedly Christian.

ACT/SAT

Please visit the following website for upcoming testing dates, registration deadlines, and fees:
ACT: www.actstudent.org
SAT: www.collegeboard.org

November Activities

Cheekwood

November 28 - January 4

Let the holidays begin as Cheekwood showcases the sights and sounds of the season with lavishly decorated grounds, artfully trimmed trees, and unique holiday activities. This year, *Season of Celebration* showcases your favorite classic holiday stories. From *The Night Before Christmas* to the *Nutcracker*, each tree brings a different Christmas tale in a new and festive way.

Holiday Stories:

The Night Before Christmas, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, The Polar Express, Why Christmas Trees Aren't Perfect, The Nutcracker and the King of Mice, The Magic Toy Shop, and A Christmas Carol.

Frist Center—Free Music in the Grand Lobby

On Thursday and Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Frist Center features free music from various area performers in the Grand Lobby. Visitors can visit the galleries (free to members), shop in the gift shop, and listen to some of Nashville's finest local music while relaxing in our bistro seating area and enjoying refreshments.

Performances:

Thursday, November 12: Ambient composer Jamie Roberts; **Friday, November 13:** Winston Harrison; **Thursday, November 19:** OTTO Group; **Friday, November 20:** The Contrarian Ensemble; **Friday, November 27:** String Jazz with Billy Contreras and Buddy Spicher.

Second Saturdays at the Adventure Science Center

January 10, 2009—December 12, 2009

Each month, on the second Saturday, see one of three shows during this monthly opportunity to visit the Sudekum Planetarium without paying general Science Center admission. Doors open at 6 p.m. for ticket sales. Showtimes are 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 per show for non-members and \$4 per show for ASC members. Adventure Science Center, Sudekum Planetarium, 800 Fort Negley Blvd., Nashville, TN 37203.

Christmas Bazaar

November 14, 2009

There will be many Christmas items for purchase as well as craft booths. You will have lots to choose from for your home decorating and gift giving. Baker Building, Maury County Park, Lion Parkway, Columbia, TN 38401, Phone 931-381-6195.

Nashville International Auto Show

November 27-29, 2009

601 Commerce Street, Nashville, TN 37203, Phone: 615-742-2000.

Parthenon/Nashville Art Museum

The Parthenon also serves as the city of Nashville's art museum. The focus of the Parthenon's permanent collection is a group of 63 paintings by 19th and 20th century American artists donated by James M. Cowan. Additional gallery spaces provide a venue for a variety of temporary shows and exhibits. Phone: 615-862-8431.

Peterson's Train Store and Collection

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. -5 p.m.

2613 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN, Phone: 615-391-3516.