

Homeschool Companion

Connections Newsletter

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Welcome!

We are glad you have chosen Homeschool Companion, a division of MRG Media Ministries, to assist you this year. We're here to create a Christ-centered learning environment that nurtures every aspect of a student's growth. It's our aim to help students reach their full potential and make a positive impact on the world, and we're dedicated to fostering each student's mental, physical, and spiritual development, preparing them for a life of service to God and others.

Our curriculum blends faith and learning, encouraging critical thinking, moral integrity, and a lifelong passion for knowledge. You can find the heart of Homeschool Companion's Virtual High School in Smithsburg, MD. We warmly welcome students from grades seven through twelve who are eager to learn, ready to embrace our virtual school culture, and respectful of our community. Admission is a special opportunity, and we reserve the right to grant or withdraw it based on our standards.

Registering for Classes

We're excited to welcome new students! To help us get to know you better, please provide:

- Credits and transcripts from your previous school or homeschool
- A reference from a pastor or another trusted adult (non-relative)
- Financial support documentation (students can enroll while awaiting financial approval)

If you don't have current transcripts, don't worry! We're happy to review any of the following:

- Your portfolio
- Results from standardized or placement tests
- Relevant homeschooling materials
- An interview with you

Admission Dates

We typically enroll students at the beginning of each semester, but we understand life happens! That's why we also offer late admissions to ensure you can continue your academic journey without interruption. Our doors are always open for enrollment

Monthly Devotional

As the new school year kicks off, it's totally normal to feel both excited and nervous. A new homeschool, new classmates, and the pressure to do well can be a lot. But here's the thing: we're not in this alone. God's got a plan for each of us and every tiny detail of our year.

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to trust God completely. That means actively letting go of our worries and trusting His greater wisdom.

God's plan for you this year includes every lesson, every new friend, and every challenge. He knows what each of us needs and has given us the tools to succeed. He understands our fears and is ready to guide us.

When we give our worries to God, He promises to clear our path, guide us, and give us the strength we need to rock this school year.

Study Materials

Check out these sites for some awesome tools in helping students with classes:

- [MagicSchool](#), with AI-powered tools to make life easier
 - [Book Creator](#), a fantastic multimedia creativity tool
 - [Brisk Teaching](#), a great productivity Chrome extension
 - [Khanmigo](#), an app that puts AI in the hands of students
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The Story of How We Began

While driving down the highway and listening to talk radio, Rose Gamblin thought, "Wouldn't it be nice to have a program dedicated to homeschooling families?" So she pitched her idea to several people, including her publisher, but was initially turned down.

A few weeks later, boxes of equipment addressed to her from *Life Talk Radio Network* turned up. Rose called, and they told her that if she would be willing to produce her own shows, they would be happy to air them. The first week of January 2008, *Homeschool Companion* went on the air. Michael Gamblin, who already had a background in audio/visual production, became the producer, and Mike and Rose have worked tirelessly to support this ministry.

In 2016 they incorporated as *MRG Media*. *Homeschool Companion* is a registered DBA of *MRG Media* and obtained a 501(c)3 enabling listeners to help sustain the ministry. As a result of COVID and more parents taking back the idea of raising their children, *Homeschool Companion's* shows reach has exploded to more than 25 million listeners across the USA and is also broadcast in Guam and England.

Special Dates: August 19.....Enrollment Begins
September 2.....Labor Day
September 3.....Classes Begin
October 31.....Halloween
November 11.....Veterans' Day
November 22-December 1...Thanksgiving Break
December 20-January 1.....Christmas Break

Stay Connected

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Meet Homer, our mascot:

Pros of his high school years: Homer graduated top of his class, was voted prom king, and danced with the prettiest girl in the school.

Interesting Facts About Homer: His twin sister and he were homeschooled.

We are looking forward to being your companion as we homeschool together.

