HS COLLEGE-BOUND presents the first in its series of workshops THE HOMESCHOOLING PARENT'S TOOLKIT

Homeschooling Fundamentals

Getting started with a structured academic approach

The decision to homeschool is daunting. Parents ask themselves: *Am I qualified to be my child's teacher?* —They worry about missing essential topics or even entire subjects that are critical to a thorough academic plan. Few newcomers to homeschooling are aware of the wide range of options now available—options that make it feasible for homeschooling parents to provide to their kids a world-class education.

This workshop provides essential information that empowers you to create an effective, workable educational plan. It also gives you concrete tools for effective homeschooling:

- The Trivium. Using this ancient model of cognitive development to inspire your child and enhance his or her intellectual capabilities.
- Great books. Using "great books" as the core of your homeschool curriculum.
- Inspired and inspiring. "Living books" vs. textbooks.
- **Developing a love of learning & child-led learning.** Games and projects for learning as alternatives to worksheets.
- **Reading.** Establishing good reading habits in your household.
- **Developing writing skills in your student.** The limited role of grammar, handwriting, and dictation in developing your child's "voice" in writing.
- The home-educator as manager. Goal-setting and end-of-year assessments.

Workshop fee (includes printed reference materials): \$89. For a couple, \$150.

About the facilitator

Diane Speed has been a home educator for more than a dozen years. Using an academic, collegeprep program of her own design, she's tutored two children from pre-school through high school. Her son, Tristan, was awarded a full academic scholarship—tuition, room, and board—to Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he completed a B.A. in screenwriting with a minor in music. Diane is happy she still has one at home: teenage daughter Holden plays classical guitar and ukelele and has just taken up the mandolin; she also writes and sings her own songs.

Diane is the founder of the Classical Kids Network, the home-school support group she has led since its inception in 2001. Classical Kids now serves more than 200 families in CT and surrounding states. In 2007, Diane launched the website **classicalkids.net** to enhance all services to member families.

Prior to being a home-educator, Diane was a management consultant, designing team-building and sales-training programs, as well as software training programs.



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Bethel, CT Date TBD: 1:00 - 4:30 PM

CONTENT

Part 1: Philosophies of homeeducation. A tutorial with detailed explanation of structured approaches, e.g., *The Well-Trained Mind*, Charlotte Mason, etc.

Part 2: Tailoring your approach.

A primer on tailoring the approach to your needs and circumstances. Topics will include developing your own curriculum, transitioning to homeschooling from school, homeschooling multiple children, etc.

Part 3: From Home-educator to

Manager. Ways to organize yourself and motivate your child: schedules, goal-setting, assessments, etc.

WITH TIME FOR

- answers to all your questions;
- perusing curriculum samples selected for their quality & suitability.

For questions or to confirm your seat, contact:

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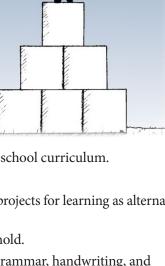
Once again you have led me in what seems to be the right direction. You are definitely a lady with many resources in that brain of yours. I feel blessed to have met you. —*New homeschooling mom of three,*

ages 5, 6, & 9

I was fortunate to attend a workshop you led when I first started homeschooling. To this day I refer to the handouts you created. When people talk to me about homeschooling, I share your amazing materials with them to show them that they too can do it! *—Homeschooling dad of two, ages 8 & 10*

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