




SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool | Homeschool Connections

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Calendar  **HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM | MRS. ANITA GIBSON | DIRECTOR**
 <<Click the "Calendar" link to stay updated about holidays, office closures, events, report card due dates, etc.

| OCTOBER | |
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| 10 | VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING "HOW TO PREPARE FOR A HOMESCHOOL REVIEW" (6:30PM) |
| 17 | VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL REVIEWS BEGIN (NEW FAMILIES ONLY) |
| 17 | RESCHEDULED ONLINE SENIOR COMMITMENT CEREMONY (6:30PM PROFESSIONAL ATTIRE) |
| 24 | ONLINE SENIOR PLANNING MEETING (6:30PM) |
| NOVEMBER | |
| 4 | CONTINUE VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL REVIEWS (NEW FAMILIES) |
| 4 | FIRST QTR REPORT PERIOD ENDS (FRIDAY) |
| 7 | SECOND QTR REPORT PERIOD BEGINS (MONDAY) |
| 7 | VIRTUAL PARENT MEETING "THE FALL CHECK UP-"WHAT IS WORKING & NOT WORKING?" (6:30PM) |
| 7-22 | VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL REVIEWS BEGIN (CURRENT FAMILIES ONLY) |
| 11 | VETERAN'S DAY (OFFICE CLOSED) |
| 14 | FIRST QTR GRADE REPORT DUE (TUTORS GRADES ARE DUE) |
| 14 | SENIOR TURNS IN BIOGRAPHY, TRAITS, & PICTURES |
| 18 | FIRST QTR GRADE REPORT DUE (PARENT) LATE FEE ASSESSED AFTER THE 18TH |
| 23-25 | THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (OFFICE CLOSED) |
| 30-December 18 | VIRTUAL HOMESCHOOL REVIEWS |

Here is a link to the calendar on our webpage under the Forms tab. [Calendar](#)

HOMESCHOOL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES (FIELD TRIPS, EVENTS, & CLUBS)



FIELD TRIP: Montpelier Farms (Pumpkin Patch)-* no transportation

1720 North Crain Hwy., Upper Marlboro, MD 20774 <https://www.montpelierfarms.com/>

Date: Tues. Oct 25th/ Cost: \$13 per. person/ Time:10am-1:00pm

- Includes- feeding animals, rope maze, hayrides & much more. (Optional- student can bring \$3 on day of field trip to purchase pumpkins 5 lbs. and under/ \$.60 per pound all others)
- Kids can stay at longer at farm with their parent (optional)
- Bring Bag Lunch (note: no glass bottles allowed)



- Must pay in advance
- Elementary/ Middle/High School Students Welcomed!

Field Trip/Event Sign-Up Form: [Montpelier Farms \(Pumpkin Patch\)](#)

[DOWNLOAD FLYER](#)



OCTOBER CLUBS (On-Site)

Location: 3600 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785

- Tuesday, October 11th - Game Day Club (3:30-4:30) (ES/ MS) *IN PERSON
- Tuesday, October 13th - Moms Club (3:30-4:30)
- Tuesday, October 13th - Book Club (3:30-4:30) (MS/ HS) *IN PERSON
- Thursday, October 27th- Real Talk Club (3:30-4:30) (HS) *IN PERSON

[Download Club Descriptions](#)



OCTOBER EVENTS

No Events this month



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

[2022 National Merit Scholarship Program - Student Guide](#)

STEM OPPORTUNITY: HOMESCHOOL DAY AT THE B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM

We are happy to announce that registration is now open for our October 19th Homeschool Day, the first of the 2022-2023 school year at the B&O Railroad Museum. This year our first Homeschool Day will be STEM themed, featuring tours and workshops with STEM content. I wanted to personally share the details of these dates with you in hopes that you and other homeschool families you learn with would be interested in attending. While you are welcome to bring a bagged lunch to enjoy under our outdoor pavilion, our café will also be open to purchase snacks or lunch during the day as well.

You can find more information regarding our Homeschool Days on our website:

<https://www.borail.org/events/homeschool-day/>

Registration is currently open on Eventbrite for our October 19th STEM Homeschool Day. As a member of Maryland's State Aided Educational Institutions, we also offer free admission and participation for students residing in Maryland. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Adults can purchase chaperone tickets ahead of time for a reduced price by following the link below. For an added cost you can also add on tickets for our 11:30am train ride (\$2 per person). If interested, we strongly recommend you purchase train ride tickets at the time of registration due to limited seating. Please follow this link to complete registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stem-homeschool-day-at-the-bo-railroad-museum-tickets-416014750317>

Our website will also include applicable Maryland state and NGSS standards for each of these programs as well as pre and post visit lesson plans to be used in preparation for and reflection on your activities. These can all be found here on our website: <https://www.borail.org/explore-learn/for-teachers-students/>

ANNOUNCEMENT: Governor Hogan proclaimed October STEM Education Month!

Check out events across the state of Maryland at <https://marylandstemfestival.org/>

- Kick off your STEM Fest with a trip to the Maryland Science Centre on Home School Days, September 21-30, 10a-4p. Get tickets at deeply discounted rates and enjoy phenomenal STEM programs for all ages! Some classes are still open. Register in advance. <https://www.mdsci.org/learn/for-parents-homeschoolers/homeschoolers/current-program/>
- Participate in the STEM art contest now until the end of October. <https://marylandstemfestival.org/art-contest/art-contest-2022>
- Register for free programs at your local library: <https://www.pgcmls.info/>
- Create your own special program!

IMPORTANT LINKS & RESOURCES

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)

The FAFSA form allows you to be considered for federal student aid. In addition, states and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. But, since aid is limited, you have to meet the deadlines!

[Student Identification Cards](#)

Use the link above to create your student's personal ID.

Please copy and paste the information below **HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW** for ALL ID fields indicated that are NOT specific to your student(s).

Name (example): Jonathan Morrison (your student's first and last name and middle initial if desired).

School Name: **SHABACH! Christian Academy Homeschool**

Address and Phone Number: **3600 Brightseat Rd. *
301.772.8591**

Grade (example): 8th Grade (your student's ordinal grade followed by the word "Grade").

Year(s): **2022-2023**

[SHABACH Oversight Training Presentation](#)

If you missed the training session, please see the link to the PDF provided.

Student Technology Requirements (ON-SITE)

Each student should have available to them a device, preferably a laptop or desktop, to complete their online assignments on-site. They will also need the following: a printer, copy paper, and ink in their home workspace.

Uniforms

Here is the information for ordering SHABACH! uniform shirts. All students should have 1-2 shirts for attending onsite classes, events, clubs, chapel, field trips, etc. Jeans with no holes are acceptable bottoms.

**All American Wear School Uniforms
5001 – B Forbes Blvd
Lanham, MD 20706
(301) 459-5000**

IT'S TIME TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S PROGRESS (1ST QTR report period ends, Friday, November 4th)

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES IN GOOGLE CLASSROOM*, IN THEIR ONLINE PROGRAMS, AND WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL TUTORS. THIS IS ESSENTIAL TO REMAINING UPDATED ON THEIR STRUGGLES, STRENGTHS, AND WEAKNESSES.



*Log into Google Classroom with your student to view their activity in their academic classes. **You MUST ask your student for access to view their grades.**

Once you log in you can view:

- Missing work—Work not turned in.
- Grades & communications from their teacher about grades.
- Upcoming work—Work that's due today and tomorrow or that's due in the upcoming week
Class activities—Announcements, assignments, and questions recently posted by teachers.

PARENT/GUARDIAN VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP (you must sign up for three separate events/dates)

- [Hall Monitor \(click here\)](#)
- Year Book Committee – Contact Mrs. Anita Gibson at (301) 906-8970
- Field Trip Planning Committee – Contact Mrs. Tabarez at (301) 655-8140

Position Descriptions:

- *Hall Monitor:* oversees the general safety of the Homeschool campus. As a hall monitor, you help provide a safe learning environment for the students, teachers, and other school staff. Your job duties range from patrolling the grounds, to escorting students to and from the snack rooms/lunch room, to compiling reports on student behavior.
- *Year Book Committee:* advise and provide guidance and direction on the yearbook, outlining the yearbook's layout and overall design, help develop the yearbook's theme and style, develop the yearbook's content, edit photos and copy in the yearbook, including labeling and cropping images where needed, check the yearbook for spelling and grammatical errors and also be responsible for fact checking, and will work with the Administrators to develop interesting and factual copy for the yearbook, work with Administrators and members of the committee to finalize the submission details on yearbook including publishing, printing, and supervising the yearbook orders/sales.
- *Field Trip Planning Committee:* responsible for organizing and facilitating interactive learning opportunities for the school's parent/student community that include curriculum centric enrichment activities focused on meeting grade level standards; and organizing and facilitating field trips and special events for the school. The employee will act as a liaison between the school and its families.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Students observed struggling with the onsite course content after 3 weeks, will be advised to hire a private tutor for their student moving forward. We do not want to hinder the success of any student, so, you also may be asked to withdraw your student from the class to pursue a more individualized plan. Parents will be notified via email and/or a phone call by the teacher.

Tuition Questions

Please always send tuition questions to kgreenfield@smionline.org and copy amgibson@smionline.org. ALL other emails, documents, etc. should always go to <mailto:info@scahomeschool.net>.



Website:
<https://www.scahomeschool.net>



Contact #:
(301) 583-5333



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info@scahomeschool.net

PLEASE VISIT [HTTPS://WWW.SCAHOMESCHOOL.NET/HOMESCHOOL-CONNECTIONS](https://www.scahomeschool.net/homeschool-connections) FOR THE MOST RECENT UPDATES/CHANGES



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