

Watch Speech & Debate, Aquarium Days, Ocean Engineering, TeenPact,  
Free Creation Conference, Homeschool Conference, Theater  
Contests for Cash and Scholarship, Running Start Registration



## February 2018 News & Events

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Visit our Website

### Homeschool Days at the Newport Aquarium March 5-9

Enjoy reduced admission cost of \$13.99 per person and add a Penguin Encounter for \$12.99. Tickets must be purchased in advance. The Aquarium will have a new exhibit in March titled "Ring of Fire" where visitors can meet the Giant Pacific Octopus, Moon Jellyfish and Japanese Spider Crabs who make their home in underwater volcano regions of the Pacific Ocean.

[Click here](#) for details.

### Take Your Students to Watch Homeschool Speech & Debate Competition Feb. 22-24

[Rainmakers](#), our local homeschool speech & debate club, is hosting a tournament at Vancouver Church (3300 NE 78th St, Vancouver, WA 98665) and it's a huge educational opportunity for families! There are 11 different [speech events](#) and two types of [debate](#). With dramatic interpretive speeches, platform & limited prep speeches, and debate argumentation, there is plenty for families to watch (children must be able to sit quietly for 60 - 90 minutes). Judges are also needed for the tournament. [Click here](#) for judging information.

### Christian Heritage Family Discipleship & Homeschooling Conference April 26-28 (Early Registration Open)

Join hundreds of other families who are committed to discipleship and home education in Redmond, WA for two full days of hope, encouragement and inspiration. "Teach Me Thy Way" is the theme for this annual event. [Click here](#) for details.



## TeenPact Early Registration Open (Classes in March & April)

TeenPact's mission is to train youth to understand the political process, value their liberty, defend their Christian faith and engage the culture. Three options for ages 8-19 provide a comprehensive, fun, hands-on learning experience in civics. These classes do fill up so register early if you want to participate. Read more information about the program [here](#). For State fees and discount information, [click here](#).

[Washington](#) March 26-30

[Oregon](#): Two sessions: April 2-6 and April 9-13

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## "An Ocean of Engineering" Hatfield Marine Science Center Spring Homeschool Day April 6

Register now to explore the use of engineering in the ocean. Students will design, build, and test their own creations. Programs are divided by age groups. [Click here](#) for details.

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## His Mercies Are New This Morning—Seize the Day! Resolve to Live Like You Won't See This Day Again Because You Won't

by Denise Mira

*The progressive changes seen in the photos of your children will tell the story of how time marched on, while you were perhaps savings, selling, and spending? Wishing, waiting, and wanting? Will you have spent vast amounts of time entertaining yourself?*

Before reading this article, please [watch the introductory video from Denise](#) (in the orange pointer box within the text). Her inspiring words will bless you.

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## Running Start Information Nights Feb. 28 or March 7

Running Start is a program of Clark College whereby juniors and seniors can attend Clark College full time or part-time to earn college credit and fulfill high school requirements at the same time. [Click here](#) for program details. [Click here](#) for the Information Night flyer. [Click here](#) for fall eligibility information.

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## Free Foundations of Life Creation Conference Feb. 9 & 10

Register now for this free event with speaking sessions, and a special all-day children's program for ages 5-11. The event is hosted by Calvary Community Church in Longview. [Click here](#) for details.

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## Tickets on Sale for Feb. & March CYT & Journey Theater Performances

[Christian Youth Theater](#) - "Honk Jr." March 9-17 and "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" March 2-10  
[Journey Theater](#) - "Seussical" Feb. 16-25, "Pirates of Penzance Jr." Feb. 16-25, "Disney Aladdin Jr." March 2-11, and "Little Women" March 2-11

## Joseph S. Rumbaugh Historical Oration Contest for Grades 9-12 (Deadline

## March 31)

Win cash awards at three levels with the national championship winner receiving \$5,000. The oration must be an original composition of no less than 5 minutes and no more than 6 minutes. The subject must deal with an event, personality or document pertaining to the Revolutionary War and show a relationship to America today. The deadline to enter is March 31. [Click here](#) for details.

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## Optimist Club Oratorical Contest (Deadline February 28)

[Click here](#) for the scholarship invitation details. [Click here](#) for the application. Contact information is included within these documents. It's important to touch base with the contact person to let her know you will be applying and to ensure all of your paperwork is in order.

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## Cool Links

### Educational & Other

[Copy Cat Recipe Guide](#) – Popular restaurant dishes you can copy at home.

[If It Were My Home](#) - Learn what life would be like living in another country. Great book recommendations listed too.

### Theater

[Christian Youth Theater](#) - Portland/Vancouver

[Journey Theater](#)

[Magenta Theater](#)

### Stuff to Do

[School at Home Adventures Field Trips](#)

[Fort Vancouver Regional Library](#)

[Oregon Museum of Science & Industry](#)

[Oregon Zoo](#)

[Vancouver Water Resource Center](#)

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