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Once again, teens and their parents gathered for an afternoon of relationship building, engaging activities, and investment in the future of the Christian Homeschool Teen Network (CHTN). Regular participants were excited to welcome a couple of new families to the event. Their presence was much enjoyed and it greatly contributed to the success of the session. Throughout the afternoon, teens and parents connected in a variety of ways, while helping the network to plan and grow.



Let's make high school great again! 😊

Surprising Introductions

To start things off, everyone answered the question, "If you could be in a movie of your choice, what movie would you choose and what character would you play?" Participants took turns introducing one another to the group. As it turns out, there are a lot of action hero wannabes, would-be football players, and Sound of Music fans lurking within CHTN.



Is there a Maria in the crowd?

It's pretty safe to say that everyone learned something new about each other. This icebreaker was an excellent way of finding common ground while sharing a few of our 'favourite things.'

Endless Possibilities!!

Do you have a favourite hobby? What is a skill you would like to develop? What would you like to try for the first time? What is missing from your high school experience?

Did you have some interesting answers?

The group spent time pondering these questions to compile and share answers amongst each other. These responses are the start of next year's potential projects. It also presented topics to cover in future quarterly sessions. The answers ranged from doing math to social visits at McDonald's. Or perhaps the network will go white water rafting or explore the Yukon. The possibilities are endless!

A common thread weaved through all the responses: 'We need each other to make the high school experience better!'

"I liked how friendly everything is."

"I had no idea something like this existed where there is such an obvious intent of pouring into the teens and their futures."

"[I liked] the scope of the agenda; praise and worship to financial lesson to activity to group work!"

"I feel so blessed to be part of this homeschooling group."

Roll of the Dice

This session's learning exercise was on the topic of finances. Jerry Chacko introduced the group to the Rule of 72, which states that 72 divided by the interest rate equals the number of years it takes for money to double once. After a collaborative demonstration of how the rule works using various interest rates, the participants were split into teams of four. Every team was given a budget with amounts of income and expenses. The goal was to finish with a positive total. To complete their mission, each team had to acquire amounts of additional income, expenses, savings, and debt. Amounts and interest rates were written on cards, which were drawn at random. Then, every participant had a chance to roll the dice to determine what to multiply each amount or interest rate by. Once all the information was distributed, the teams calculated their totals and compared scores. Two teams ended up with money in the bank, but the other two teams were not so lucky. The exercise taught valuable lessons about the danger of credit card debt, investing wisely, and managing personal finances.



One team managing their budget



Competitors lining up to rally

Fierce Competition

During the break, teens and their dads gathered in the gym to play handball. Things got competitive quickly. Joel Mogilevsky proved himself as the clear handball champion of his family, nearly doubling the scores of both his dad and brother. Caleb Chacko was not so fortunate. Coach Jerry emerged as winner, dominating his son by 17 points. Regardless of the scores, everyone had fun keeping intense rallies going and working up a sweat.

Decisions Made:

- ❖ Delay Serving Syrian Refugees project
- ❖ One-day baseball and/or geocaching project to be done in July

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