



**Session 1 (9:20-10:20am):**

**A Day in the Life - scheduling panel discussion** (*Ashley Kosem\*, Elizabeth Kawasaki, Julie Fecat, Victoria Datkuliak*)

This is your chance to be a “fly on the wall” in different homeschools. Panel members come from various life situations, including working moms, single/military moms, “homesteading” moms, and moms with involved partners. They also have differing family sizes, student needs, and preferred educational styles. Each will share what a typical day is like/has been (as life situations change) and answer your questions about how they got there. *\*Do you want to hear advice about a specific situation? Email your situation or questions ahead of time to Ashley Kosem at [AshleyKosem@yahoo.com](mailto:AshleyKosem@yahoo.com).*

**Transcripts, College Applications, & the Future - Oh My!** (*Amy Wade*)

Come learn from someone who is about to send their second child to college. Respecting that every child in every case is a little bit different, I will be happy to share what has worked well for our two children, the first of which will graduate from college this year. The homeschooling through high school process is not as scary as it seems! I will be sharing tips and tricks that made high school and heading to college a little bit simpler.

**Ages & Stages: Homeschooling with Intentionality and Flexibility** (*Nicole Minor*)

Homeschooling children of varying ages can be intimidating due to both the joys and challenges it presents. Each season of motherhood and of life is filled with moments for learning both for children and for you as a homeschool parent. Come and be encouraged to develop a homeschool environment that is intentional yet feels flexible and meets the unique needs of each family member no matter the season they’re in!

**Session 2 (10:25-11:25am):**

**Homeschooling Methods - panel discussion** (*Nicole Minor\*, Sarah Smith, Sarah Johnson*)

Have you been asked “what is your homeschool style?” and you don’t even know what that means? Are you wondering how to choose resources that best fit into your family dynamic? Hear from moms who are in the midst of finding ways to navigate learning gaps, teaching a

variety of ages, and encouraging our children to develop their individual strengths and passions. *\*If you are curious about a particular method, or have specific questions, bring them the day of or email them ahead of time to Nicole Minor at [minordn@yahoo.com](mailto:minordn@yahoo.com). (Please note that this session will not discuss or recommend any specific curricula.)*

**Fear Not! Transitioning to Homeschooling High School - panel discussion** (Esther Nemuras\*, Amy Wade, Dana Houchins, Kelly Hancher)

Do you have a middle school or junior high student and are starting to worry about what comes next? Maybe you wonder... can I even teach high school? What about all the higher level subjects? Will something crucial get missed and they won't be ready for college? Are you thinking about putting your child in school because of these fears? The thought of homeschooling high school doesn't have to cause fear and trepidation. It can be very fulfilling and even be the best years of your homeschool journey. Come, be encouraged by moms who are in the trenches of teaching high school and/or are on the other side with graduates. *If you have any questions you would like the panel to answer, feel free to email them ahead of time to Esther Nemuras, [enemuras06@yahoo.com](mailto:enemuras06@yahoo.com).*

**Nature Study: Not Just Another Checklist** (Tiffany Bennet)

What is nature study? What is the purpose of nature study? Join us for a discussion on the benefits of Charlotte Mason-styled nature study and how the study of nature encourages our children (& us) to draw nearer to God. We will discuss practical tips on getting started with nature study, what to do while we're out there, and how to use those cute little nature notebooks before our littles lose interest and run off to stomp in the creek.

**Session 3 (1:00pm-2:00pm):**

**The Mom Mixer** (Christa King)

Our group is growing! Plus, not only are there new faces, but we are all changing seasons as our homeschool journeys evolve. Let's make more connections! Are you looking to get to know more moms in the group? Are you searching for "your people"? Would you like to get to know some great ladies who are in your season? All are welcome! Come join us, and let's make some new friends!

**Homeschool Dads – discussion group (NEEDED!)**

This session will be a casual and informal time for homeschooling (or future homeschooling) Dads to share their experiences, questions, and concerns. Come be encouraged and inspired by other men who have been in similar shoes! *Please note: We still need an outgoing dad to facilitate this discussion! If interested or you have questions or potential discussion topics, please email them to [memberinfo@ovche.org](mailto:memberinfo@ovche.org) ahead of time, or just bring them the day-of.*

**Breath as Prayer** *(Julie Fitzsimmons)*

Have you heard of Breath Prayers? They are Scripture-centered prayers paired with intentional breathing to help calm your body and focus your mind on God. In this session, we will learn how to pair the physical benefits of “breathwork” with the spiritual benefits of scripture memory. We will also discuss other reasons for and ways to pray, how Christian meditation is different, practice writing our own Breath Prayers, and of course, spend some time together in prayer.

**Jon Peterson Scholarship Information Session** *(Chelsea Lewis)*

For Ohio Residents only: Learn how to obtain the Jon Peterson Scholarship and why it can benefit your child with a learning difference. (More information coming soon!)