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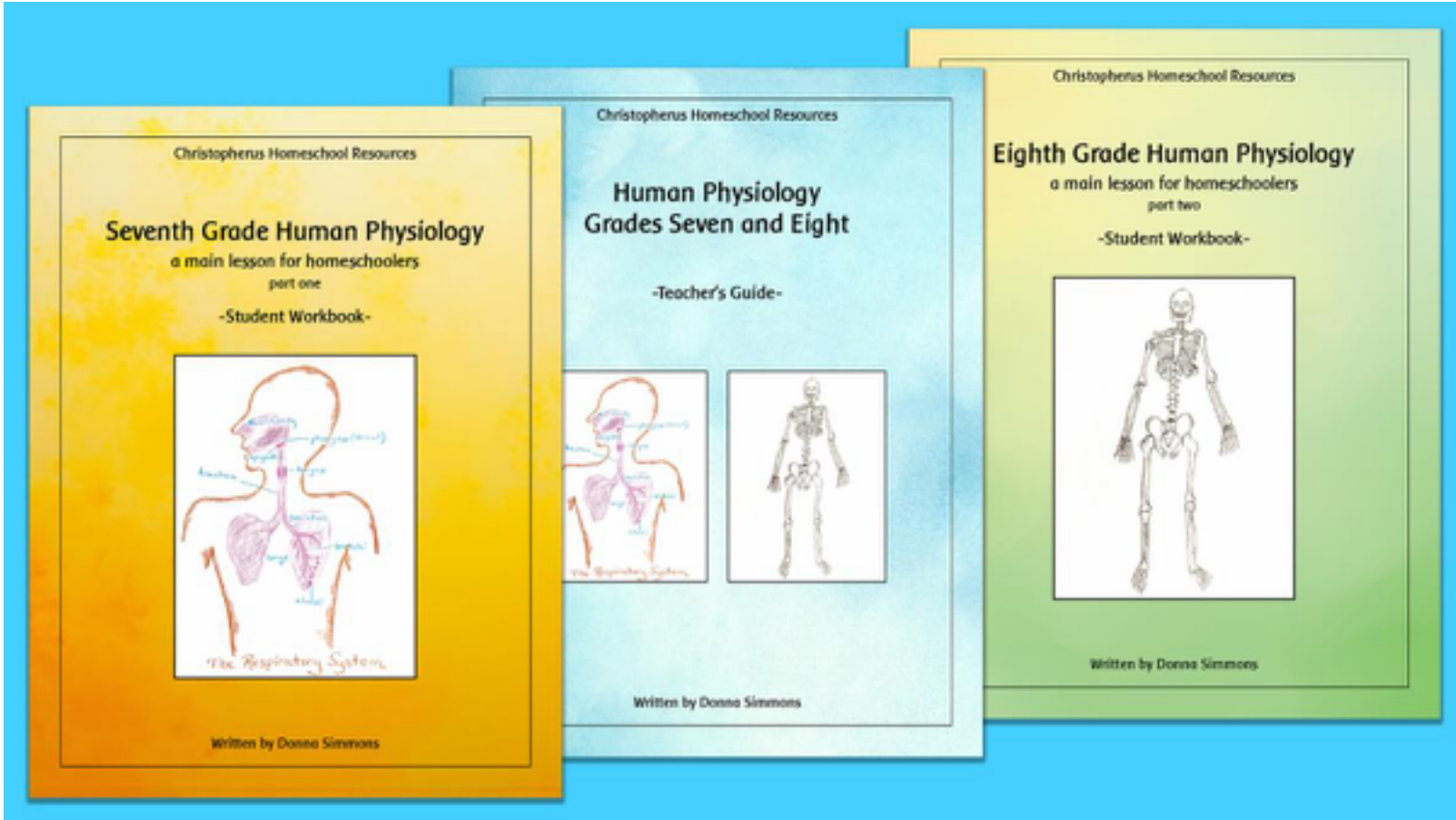
Dear friends,

Just a quick newsy newsletter this month—moving and flu have disrupted things here at Christopherus a bit! But we’re on track with our new human physiology publications...read on...

Well, almost on track. Human Physiology for Seventh Grade, and Human Physiology for Eighth Grade are almost done—but won’t be ready until early March. Sorry about that...We will send out a special email when they are ready for purchase and when folks can read the product pages.

For now, do know that both publications and their companion Teacher’s Guide (for both grades) are largely based in the family culture of each homeschooler who uses them: this is how it should be. We choose to be homeschoolers because we recognize how important family is and how family can be the basis to ensure that our children, when grown, can go out into the world filled with compassion, purpose and clear thinking. Thus a topic like human physiology, being about some of the most important aspects of parenting such as health and well-being, diet, and human reproduction, needs to be able to honor each family’s perspective. And so although I lead you and your child through an exploration of human physiology, to make it real, to root it firmly in the reality of your family ethos, much of the content needs to be supplied by you. Each of you has different perspectives and practices in terms of of health and diet—topics not always covered by human physiology studies in the middle grades. And how your child comes to awareness of human reproduction is a sacred and sensitive topic that will be different for each family.

So...more in the next newsletter and in the special announcement email.



I did want to say, however, that as I am writing these curriculum materials, how aware I am of how important your choice to homeschool and to use a curriculum like Christopherus really is. I just finished some notes on giving one’s child a dictation: I doubt any public school or most homeschooled children get the opportunity to take dictation. And why is dictation important? What archaic skills could possibly be valued in its use? The skills of listening, paying attention, being mindful and not getting lost in one’s work, and building a template for one’s own good writing: these are the invaluable skills that dictation can develop. At Christopherus, we begin dictation and what I call ‘collaborative writing’ from about fifth grade. These are vital parts of all areas of our curriculum.

Helping Homeschoolers Financially

We are still plugging away trying to become vendors in as many states as possible so that you folks who need to can access state funds to assist with purchasing your Christopherus materials. Who knew it would be such an onerous and time-consuming task—each program is different—and each has a unique set of hoops to jump through. Oh well—it’s worth it! [Please click here to read more about this new impulse](#) from Christopherus and other ways we are trying to help Christopherus families who are struggling financially.

Walkthrough videos

Trying to decide whether to go with Christopherus or not? On many of our product pages we have a free short video of me talking about that year’s curriculum to help parents decide if it is right for them.

[We just added an early years walk through which may be of interest HERE](#)

[And we have changed and improved our second grade walk through HERE](#)

We would be very grateful if our friends and supporters would send these links to anyone they know who is trying to decide what curriculum to use. If you could post them on any kind of social media platform as well, that would be terrific!

[And here is a link to our free audio downloads.](#)

[And to our newsletter sign up](#)—again, please send these to anyone who might be interested!

Best wishes and deep gratitude to you all

Blessings on your homeschool journey
Donna