

# Homeschool Children's Challenge\*

## **Spelling**

Read the program notes carefully and find all the words whose spelling differs from that given in *Eaton's True Blue Speller*. Discuss why.

## **Punctuation**

Find all the errors of punctuation in the program notes. You may refer to the copy of Jensen's *Punctuation* you brought with you.

## **Time Travel**

It would be most useful if you can do the previous items before the program notes are printed.

## **Computer Science.**

Convert all the dates given in the program notes into binary, octal, and hexadecimal. Subtract the dates of birth and death of the composers to get their life spans in each number system. You may refer to the Saxon math book you brought with you.

## **History**

Give a concise history of the Reformation and Counter Reformation. Explain that while John the Baptist ate a diet of locusts and honey, Martin Luther did not eat a Diet of Worms.

## **Foreign Languages**

Count the number of foreign languages used in the program notes. Pronounce each foreign phrase correctly, and translate all the foreign words into English. Explain to your parents the effect of the various diacritics in Tchaikovsky's name.

## **Musical Performance**

Which instruments of the violin family are lacking in the Junior Orchestra? (hint: they're bigger than a viola). Which instrument is least represented in the Senior Orchestra? (hint: it's bigger than a 'cello). Find someone near you in the audience who can play guitar and point out to them that the bottom four strings of a guitar are tuned the same as a double bass, so they really ought to be playing double bass instead!

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\*with apologies to the Meadowlark Music Festival!