

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

Throughout this year these pages have introduced the faculty and staff to you by sharing their auto-biographies which have highlighted their credentials, training, backgrounds, families and passions. They have interesting stories about how God has prepared them and brought them to QCS. I've been encouraged, amazed, inspired, and grateful for a wonderful group of teachers and staff.



Today I'd like to share just a bit about myself, my background and why I'm passionate about Christian schooling. Christian schools in large part have shaped me into who I am today. My parents were missionaries in Japan - - they served from 1956 to 1997, starting churches, disciplining Japanese, building the church. They provided an excellent example of working in a difficult situation and being faithful to the task at hand.

So not only did I have the benefit of parents who taught solid scriptural principles from the time I was born, they sent me to a Christian school where teachers taught me to think in Christian categories and where teachers knew that character, integrity, and relationships were more important than training for a career.

After graduating from high school in Japan, I went to the States for college. I graduated from Asbury College with degrees in English and History. Then I married Ruth Bowen, a missionary kid from Kenya, and we started graduate school at the University of Kentucky where I studied English and Ruth studied French.

My children were both born in Haiti, where we've been since 1993, and we've found QCS to be a great school for our children, and Haiti has proved to be an endlessly fascinating place to live and work.

I believe in Christian schooling because of the influence that a solid, biblically based education has had in my life. Any education that does not have Christ at the center is, in some ways, inadequate. I remain committed to working with my colleagues at QCS to make this the best school possible. Thanks for joining me on that journey.

Reasons Why I Send My Children To A Christian School – a parent

Reprinted from one year ago

At the time when re-enrollment has happened when many others are applying for enrolment at QCS, I thought it would be good to review why parents send their child(ren) to a Christian school.



- Because I believe that God is the source of all truth and that this must be the unifying principle in education and maturation.
- Because the Christian school regards time and talent as a trust from God, and on this assumption seeks to maintain, within the limits of individual capacities, high standards of achievement.
- Because the Christian school engages Christian teachers with a liberal arts (general) education and the necessary professional training, who are personally committed to Christ and concerned with the spiritual as well as the intellectual nurture of the children.
- Because the Christian school teaches the highest motive for good conduct and good citizenship -- love for God and neighbour.
- Because Christian school supports and compliments the Christian home and church during the child's formative years. Daily devotions, prayer in the classroom, chapel exercises and Christian friendships are examples of this support.
- Because I want my children to develop a Kingdom consciousness. In Christian education all experience is related to God. Time and talent are regarded as given by God to be used in His service.
- Because He is Lord of all and Jesus is the centre of everything we do 24/7!
- Life is worship!

School Calendar

Sat/April 16th - Sports Day 'Picnic'
Thurs/April 21st - Maundy Thursday - noon dismissal
- Special Chapel by Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir
F-M/April 22-25 - Easter Holiday
Wed/May 18th - Flag Day – no school
M-W/May 23-25- High school exams
- noon dismissal for all
May 24th - K graduation & grade 6 Step-up
May 25th - Grade 8 graduation
T-F/May 26-27 - Staff work days
Sat/May 28th - Commencement Exercises at 4 P.M.

Tues Aug 17 - 1st school day in the new school year
- noon dismissal

This Thursday, April 21st, there will be two special presentations by some members of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir for our SS at 8:00 A.M. and at about 9:15 A.M. for the ES. If you would like to hear and see what is happening at either assembly, you are more than welcome to join us.

During the first week in May, while the seniors are on their class trip, **grades 3 – 11** will be doing the **Stanford tests** each morning. It is important that the students are rested for these tests.

One purpose of the testing is to see the academic growth of the learner since they took the test last time.

Educational Tip of the Week

**Expand Your Child's Learning Skills:
Encourage Them to Make Puzzles**

Assembling puzzles develops hand-eye coordination and helps children see spatial relationships and improve problem-solving skills.



Buy age-appropriate puzzles. Toddlers can manipulate large wooden puzzles with five pieces or less. Puzzles with 25 pieces challenge preschoolers, while 100-250 piece puzzles keep most elementary school children entertained for an hour or more. For a family activity, serve up a 500-1,000 piece challenge, accompanied by a large bowl of hot popcorn!

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Some folks have not yet paid tuition for April and the final date for payment was April 10. Please pay immediately in order to avoid the 5% late fee that will be added to any balance owing on Monday morning, April 18th. **Note also** that the school reserves the right to refuse students from attending classes for delinquent accounts until the amount is paid or unless prior arrangements are made through the business manager, Mrs. Paultré. You can contact her via e-mail: business@quisqueya.org or during office hours.

Today's Smile — discouraged?

As I was driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-baseline, I asked one of the boys what the score was.



"We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.

"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."



Peer Pressure

Peers influence your life, even if you don't realize it, just by spending time with you. You learn from them, and they learn from you. It's only human nature to listen to and learn from other people in your age group.

Peers can have a positive influence on each other. Maybe another student in your science class taught you an easy way to remember the planets in the solar system, or someone on the soccer team taught you a cool trick with the ball. You might admire a friend who is always a good sport and try to be more like him or her. Maybe you got others excited about your new favorite book, and now everyone's reading it. These are examples of how peers positively influence each other every day.

Sometimes peers influence each other in negative ways. For example, a few kids in school might try to get you to cut class with them, your soccer friend might try to convince you to be mean to another player and never pass her the ball, or a kid in the neighborhood might want you to shoplift with him.

Some kids give in to peer pressure because they want to be liked, to fit in, or because they worry that other kids might make fun of them if they don't go along with the group. Others go along because they are curious to try something new that others are doing. The idea that "everyone's doing it" can influence some kids to leave their better judgment, or their common sense, behind.

It can really help to have at least one other peer, or friend, who is willing to say "no," too. This takes a lot of the power out of peer pressure and makes it much easier to resist. It's great to have friends with values similar to yours who will back you up when you don't want to do something.

QUISQUEYA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
2011- 2012 Fee Schedule

NEW STUDENT ONLY

APPLICATION FEE (Non refundable) Due when application form is submitted	\$30.00
TESTING FEE (Non refundable) Due before taking the placement test.	\$100.00
NEW FAMILY FEE (per family - non refundable) Due on or before the first day of attending classes. A one time fee paid when the first child from a family is accepted at QCS.	\$1,000.00
ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT (non refundable) Due at registration	\$500.00

An enrollment deposit of \$500 (non refundable), which is due at the time of enrollment for all students, is included in the year tuition and the two tuition payment options.

	PK & K Half day	Grades PK to 5	Grades 6 to 8	Grades 9 to 12
TOTAL YEAR TUITION	\$5,000.00	\$5,820.00	\$6,280.00	\$7,000.00

PAYMENT PLANS: For families who prefer a payment plan there are two options:

OPTION 1 (2 Semester payments)

	PK & K Half day	Grades PK to 5	Grades 6 to 8	Grades 9 to 12
First Payment - due on or before August 12, 2011	\$2,625.00	\$3,055.00	3,295.00	\$3,675.00
Second Payment- due on or before December 16, 2011.	\$2,625.00	\$3,055.00	3,295.00	\$3,675.00
TOTAL YEAR TUITION	\$5,250.00	\$6,110.00	\$6,590.00	\$7,350.00

OPTION 2 (10 monthly payments)

- ❖ First payment due on or before August 12, 2011 or the first day of attendance for students enrolling after that date.
- ❖ Payments are due on the first (1st) of each month. A late fee of 5% on all outstanding balances will be added on the tenth (10th) of each month.
- ❖ QCS reserves the right to refuse student(s) from attending classes for delinquent accounts until the amount is paid. If prior arrangements are made through the business manager this decision is waived.

	PK & K Half day	Grades PK to 5	Grades 6 to 8	Grades 9 to 12
10 Monthly payments	\$550.00	\$640.00	\$691.00	\$771.00
TOTAL YEAR TUITION	\$5,500.00	\$6,400.00	\$6,910.00	\$7,710.00

- NOTES:**
1. All funds are in US dollars.
 2. The school Board will do periodic financial re-evaluation and reserve the right to adjust tuition if needed.
 3. A \$30 fee will be charged for all returned checks.
 4. Fees may be assessed for elective classes and for special activities such as the Senior Trip.

Family Fun! Family Sports Day Fun!

The following are the scheduled times for the Sports Day Events that will be held this Saturday. The event will take place at the scheduled times. If you want to be a part of a specific event, you need to be there.

Time	Elementary	Secondary
10:00	soccer – field	Free Throw - BB court best out of 15
10:30	shooting baskets –BB court	Soccer games – field
11:00	special games – BB court Relay, dodge ball, tag	Tug of War - field boys, girls, mixed, moms, dads
11:30	LUNCH	Special Games - field Relays, dodge ball, tag
12:00	Bean Bag Toss – BB court Elimination	LUNCH
12:30	Frisbee Toss – BB court thru Hula Hoops	Shooting Star – field score a goal from varying distances (small nets)
1:00	Jumping – BB court Rope jumping – how many Hula Hoops – how long	Soccer – field men vs SS boys watch and cheer
1:30	Shooting Star – BB court Score a goal from varying Distances (small nets)	Soccer - field women vs SS girls watch and cheer

A Reminder

- We want to thank you all for your kind support and for your donations
- Our **Family Sports Day** will be this **Saturday, April 16, 2011** from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
- For **ALL** grade students, siblings, parents, grandparents, teachers and administrators. This is for the QCS family.
- Everyone should wear the **YELLOW** T-shirt. The T-shirt will also be sold at the gate for US\$ 12 as long as they last.
- PAC will provide lunch, drink and desert to all participants.
- Please dress yourself and your child appropriately for the day: decent shorts, sneakers, . . .
- For your comfort, we encourage to bring hats, sunscreen, sunglasses, towels, water bottles, . .
- Please do bring your cameras to make a lot of memories!!!!

Let's make this Family Sports Day a very special one for the children!

Thank You, PAC

NB:

- *If you wish to purchase additional food and refreshments, the QCS snack bar will be open.*
- *Cheer gear and noisemakers will also be available for purchase*
- *LET'S PARTY will also be selling popcorn, cotton candy, snow cones, face painting*