

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

Remarks at the Dedication

Welcome and thank you very much for coming to this special event, the dedication of this year to the Lord, and an Open House to meet and visit with teachers. Welcome, and thank you for entrusting your children to QCS.



A special thank you goes to everyone who donated financially to QCS last year. Because of your generosity, student financial aid has been awarded, and funds have gone toward recruiting and retaining teachers. And if you missed out on the opportunity to contribute to there will be opportunity again this year!

The theme for this year is Worship, and we will be encouraging all members of our QCS community to join together in praise, thanksgiving, and gratitude toward God. And we have much to be thankful for, especially when you consider where we were in the weeks following January 12, the uncertainty, the chaos, the fear. And now we are back at school with 285 students, and a highly qualified staff that I would compare favorably with schools anywhere.

Let's begin this service with prayer because we know that nothing good can be accomplished without the guiding hand of God almighty. We know that, in spite of our best efforts, if God does not bless us, our efforts will come up short. In all we do at QCS – from our sports programs to our academics – we give God the glory and seek his blessing. Let's pray:

O God, this hour we call upon you Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth. We seek your wisdom, guidance, and blessing.

May your name always be glorified at QCS.

May the gospel of Christ always be heard here,

May everything that comes out of our classrooms, and studies; may everything that comes from our playing fields and basketball courts, give you Honor and Glory.

As we pursue beauty, goodness, and truth in our classrooms, as we seek much more of your wisdom and power, more than we have known before, we ask your blessing. This is your school and we hold it in sacred trust, knowing that we are accountable to you.

May your blessing be on our students – from the pre-kindergarten students learning to read to the Seniors who will, all too shortly, be going to college or entering the work force.

May your blessing be on parents as they direct children in the fear of the Lord. Give guidance as we rear our children.

May your blessing be on teachers as they prepare daily to inspire students to greater achievement. Give them wisdom and patience.

May your blessings be on the Board and administration, as they set policy and take care of the day to day operations of the school.



Give us wisdom, courage and strength, Oh Lord, to face those challenges that wait for us this year. And not to ourselves, but to you, Oh God, be all the Glory.

In Christ's name, Amen.

School Calendar

- Mon/Aug 30 - Washington DC Parent Meeting @ 6 P.M.
room 36
- Sat/Sept 11th - Family Picnic – a day for soccer games
- Fri/Sept 17th - Parent /teacher conferences
from 12:30 – 4:00 P.M.
- Oct 15th - sharing beginning schooling thoughts
- last day of First Quarter

Calling All Books !!!!

Thank you to one and all who have returned their school books textbooks. Anytime you find school textbooks at home, please return them.

SOCCER REMINDER!

Next week starts after school soccer for the elementary grades. Over 80 students have turned in their paper and t-shirt money and we are expecting a great season.



Monday August the 30th grades 1-2 and grades 3-4 will be practicing and playing on the field from 3:15 - 4:15.

Thursday September the 2nd grades 5-6 will be practicing and playing on the field from 3:15 - 4:30.

I am excited about the chance for the students to play and I know they are too.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. McMahon at: amcmahon@quisqueya.org

Educational Tip of the Week

Read to Your Child Every Day



Children who read, succeed. Reading is the single most important skill a child needs in order to do well in school. And reading to your child every day is the single most important

activity you can do to help your child become a better reader. Teachers have known it for years, and a study conducted by the U.S. Department of Education has shown that children whose parents read to them regularly are typically more successful in elementary school.

So when should you begin? The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends beginning when your baby is six months old. But it's never too late to start. You can help your children succeed in school by reading aloud to them starting today.

Hello and welcome!

I'd like to take this chance to introduce myself, especially to the new QCS families: my name is Rodney Meadth, and I will be acting as the secondary principal this year (middle school and high school). I've already had the pleasure of meeting many parents and students, and I look forward to strengthening our relationships throughout the year.

I'll be joining Steve Hersey and Tony DeKoter in this weekly newsletter, and you can find my desk in the new administration building, next to the lunch area. If you have any questions about the secondary school, any positive or negative feedback, you can always feel free to contact me by email (rmeadth@quisqueya.org), or by phone (3883-7348). I'm also teaching Physics and Structural Engineering this year, courses available to Seniors and Juniors.

I'd also like to take a moment to inform you further about our new online school management system, Sycamore Education (www.sycamoreeducation.com). Firstly, if any parents have not yet received a login invitation by email, that means you have not supplied us with an email address, or we have an incorrect email address. Please write to me personally and notify me if this is the case.

The Sycamore system is the central information point for student schedules, upcoming assignments, grades, school news and photos, and more. When you log in as a parent, you can go to "My Sycamore" on the left of the screen, then to "My Students". A list of your children will appear, and you can click on their names to explore a wide range of information.

Please be patient with us as we bring all of our classes and grades up to speed! Also be aware that we will soon be activating the students' accounts. Your child can then use an internet connection at any time, from anywhere in the world, to check their upcoming assignments, review their past grades, or download lost assignment handouts.

I look forward to seeing you around campus -- let me know how I may best serve your family's needs!

Puntastic!

Let the Fun/Pun Begin

- A backwards poet writes inverse.
- A baker stopped making donuts after he got tired of the hole thing.
- A baker's job is a piece of cake.
- A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

The School Staff

Here is the staff list once again. Keep this in a handy place so that you know who to contact should you have concerns or praises, it will help you to know who to contact. There were a few corrects made. Check it out ☺

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It was with a heavy heart that I learned that Madame Blain, our beloved librarian and staff Creole teacher, died unexpectedly on July 6, 2010. Madame Blain was our longest serving staff member, having started working at

QCS in 1988. She held various positions at QCS - - accountant, French teacher, staff Creole Teacher, and, most recently, librarian. Her gracious, calm, dignified manner impressed all who knew her, and she was also the model student, taking professional development courses, reading widely, and studying languages, including Italian, German, Latin, Spanish, and English. She earned degrees from the Teacher's College in Port-au-Prince in 1951, and she earned a degree from the Jamaica School of Commerce in Kingston, Jamaica in 1960.

We will miss Madame Blain for many reasons, but I will miss her because of her confident, consistent faith. She prayed for teachers at QCS every day, and she prayed for students - - showing extraordinary concern for those who were making poor choices. Often, when she knew I was facing difficult choices and decisions, she would let me know that she was praying for me and for QCS.

In order to honor her memory and to recognize her deep contributions to QCS, our new library has been named the Paulette Blain Memorial Library. It would be fitting to end this piece with part of her story in her own words:

"As a child, I used to go to church every Sunday morning and I used to regularly attend the evening services as well, the "Vespers" as they were called at that time. I enjoyed getting up early to attend the 5 o'clock service on week days as often as I could, before going to school. I wanted to please the Lord in every way. I was an orphan and my grandmother who brought me up made sure that my morning and evening prayers were regularly said.

As an adult, I kept on living the same way. But I was living in fear: fear of the future, fear of hell, fear of eternal damnation. But in 1977, I met a missionary Pastor Carl O. Brown and his wife Martha. They spoke to me and I came to understand the greatest love that our Lord has for each of us. I committed my life to Him. . . . My fear vanished. I am confident. Christ has reconciled us with His Father, Our Father, through His Sufferings and Death on Calvary."

the Director