

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

This week I've been attending the AdvancED Latin American Conference in Atlanta Georgia.



This has been an opportunity to connect with the Heads of other international Schools, to learn from their experiences, and to share what works in schooling. So far, I've attended workshops on curriculum development, fund raising, school improvement plans, and emerging standards in education. Also, AdvancED is "the world's largest education community, serving more than 27,000 public and private schools and districts across the United States and in 69 countries that educate over 15 million students." QCS is seeking accreditation with AdvancEd to go along with the accreditation that we already have with ACSI.

And ACSI is well represented at these meetings as well. I've had profitable meetings with Robin Rugg, the head of Pan American Christian Academy in Brazil. He will serve as a consultant to QCS as we go through the self-study and the process of achieving accreditation. He is positioned well to come alongside us: he directs a school that is accredited both by ACSI and by AdvancED, and he understands the process well. The meetings with ACSI have gone well and have been encouraging. Finally, through the dedication and kindness of Bill Scotti, Regional Educational Officer for the State Department, the Office of Overseas Schools stands ready to provide assistance to QCS in the process of achieving dual accreditation.

I'm pleased with the professional associations that QCS is part of and the way meetings such as these sharpen and encourage me, and give us the ideas and the motivation to move forward. In a few minutes, I'm heading out to learn more about effective school management, and tonight I meet again with my ACSI colleagues - - Christian School leaders from throughout the region - - to strengthen ties with their schools, to learn from them, to understand the accreditation process better.

I am very much enjoying the conference, and I'm also looking forward to getting back and putting many of these ideas into action.

Would you describe your children as servants?

When was the last time they went out of their way to do something kind or generous to those around them? When was the last time they did things for others, with no personal benefit to be gained?

This is a thought with which I challenged some of the boys here at school. I encouraged them to go and do something for someone during the week that put them in the position of servant. They came back with reports of making their beds, cleaning their rooms, doing the dishes, opening the gate for their father, and so on. Naturally, this is to be encouraged, and is worthy of praise.

But now I have to ask a harder question: would I describe myself as a servant?

Do I look to bless others, in ways that bring me no personal gain? Is my first thought, "What can I do for my wife?" Or, perhaps, is my life like a series of photographs with me at the centre of them, and all the world arranged around me?

My Christmas wish is that I could be more like the Suffering Servant who came to save me. He thought not of maintaining His position, but He humbled Himself even to the point of death. Lord, produce such fruit in keeping with repentance.

Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.



Rod Meadth  
Secondary Principal

## School Calendar

Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Christmas Bazaar
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal
	- last day of the first semester
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter begins

## Educational Tip of the Week

Set up a Special Area for School Items Near the Front Door

Your child should put everything he needs for the next day on the table: book bag, lunch money, finished science project, musical instrument. (It's a good place to keep car keys, too.) This reduces morning frenzies over misplaced articles and in-school heart failure over forgotten supplies.

## A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

The person who angers you, controls you!

Give God what's right -- not what's left.

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.

## Jog-a-thon

The sixth grade students at Quisqueya Christian School decided that they were not too young to make a difference for their country. On November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:45pm, 22 of Mrs. Mattenley's sixth grade students lined up to begin their amazingly dedicated run around the school at QCS for one hour straight. Many of the students ran over 20 laps in that hour without taking many water breaks. Several parents and friends volunteered to count the laps that the students ran, cheer them on, give them water, and donate money for the cause. The students ran a total of 471 laps and have already collected over \$750.<sup>00</sup> to plant trees for an orphanage that Mrs. Graham is affiliated with. The whole idea for the fundraiser came from the students who asked their teacher if they could run for their country. Mrs. Mattenley believes that she has an amazingly generous class that is already making a difference in this world for Christ.

Congratulations to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders for setting a positive example to all the students at QCS of what a little time and effort can produce.



## Introducing . . .

My name is Kristie Mattenley and I am teaching sixth grade this year at QCS. I am a native of the state of Oregon, and my family and I have returned to Haiti after a seven year absence. We are so excited to be here again.



I was raised in a Christian home in Oregon. My grandfather was the minister in my home church, and later my father became an elder. After I graduated and left for Bible College in 1994, I met my husband, Shane. We were married in 1995, and after we had a baby in 1999, we moved to Haiti. Shane worked as a youth pastor at Quisqueya Chapel, and I worked in the library here at QCS. In 2001, we adopted two little girls here in Haiti, and returned to the U.S. in 2003. In the time I was away I earned degrees in elementary education at Northwest Christian University, and Pacific University.

It is my heartfelt desire to share my life, love, and knowledge with my class this year. I will be working very hard to build a community of loving individuals who are striving to model Christ daily.



Come and join us!  
Plan to attend the  
2010 Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday, December  
4<sup>th</sup>  
10 A.M. - 5 P.M.  
good food, good fun,  
good fellowship.

**Raffle for the Digicel Blackberry Curve at 2 P.M. and a Blackberry Torch at 2 P.M. and 3 P.M**  
**Raffle for the 32" TV at 4 P.M.**

Other raffles will happen during the day. You need to be present in order to win

Students/staff need to buy entry tickets for the raffle.

Entry to the bazaar only by the school office gate or by the **in** gate at the back of the school.

The other gate is for the **out** only.

No student entry before 10 AM unless they are here to work at the student booths.

No elementary students without their parents or older siblings.



## Important Health Reminders for the end of Semester!

Try to limit the time spent in front of a computer to 45 minutes. Our eyes need breaks from looking at computer screens. For every 45 minutes spent in front of a computer, a break of at least 15 minutes. Your eyes will not be as tired and you will actually be able to get more done.

Although students sometimes feel they must pull an "all-nighter" to be ready for an exam, it is actually more healthy and beneficial to get a good night of rest. Try and sleep at least 7 hours the night before a big test. Your mind will be more refreshed and able to recall more information that was studied.

Exams are still a week away. Imagine the difference if you started studying a half hour each night for your subjects. If you started studying today, by the time you took an exam on the 14th. You would have invested 6 hours! Starting early and reviewing in small segments is much more effect than leaving all the studying till the last minute.

Do not forget your body still needs exercise when you are busy. Your immune system will get a very needed boost, your body will feel more awake and you will sleep better at night. Not to mention the holiday season is just around the corner. Most people consume more calories at Christmas than any other time of the year. Get an early start on those exercise resolutions for the new year!

## Building Your Child's Self Esteem

As a grandparent, praying for the members of my family are an important ingredient of my daily prayer life. These children God has entrusted to me are not only important to me but also to God. They need to know at an early age that God loves them and so do I. How often do we tell our children, *God loves you and so do I.*

To show that they are important to God is to pray regularly **with them** and **for them**. In this way they will grow up believing that s/he is valued by Him. What a boost in self-esteem for a child who hears his parents praying for God's hand upon their children's lives. No greater joy do parents have when their children walk in the way of the Lord.

My grandson was disciplined one day and my wife saw him seated in a corner of the room, muttering to himself, so she thought. She asked Liam what he was muttering about. She was told very politely not to bother him since he was talking to God.

He was talking to a higher authority. In all situations, he has a friend. What a friend we have in Jesus.

## 1st Semester Final Schedule 2010–2011

### Friday 1:30–3:00

English 9; English 10; American Literature; British Literature

### Monday 8:30–10:00

World History; US History; Comparative Government; Church History  
*except Cassandra Adams Church History Monday and Steven Baboun Church History Wednesday*  
Physics – Aïsha Dominique and Axel Jadotte  
Anatomy – Clyve Maingrette  
Health – Nastassja Bourand

### 10:30–12:00

Physical Science; Biology; Chemistry; Physics  
*except Aïsha Dominique and Axel Jadotte Physics*  
Haitian Studies – Boris Gilles and Rami Reyes  
Church History – Cassandra Adams

### Tuesday 8:30–10:00

French I; French II; French III  
English Enrichment – Anne Nathalie Ligonde and Philippe Cineas  
Senior Transitions  
Haitian Studies

*except Boris Gilles and Rami Reyes*  
Anatomy – Nathan Pierre  
Algebra II – Chris Rayes

### 10:30–12:00

Geometry; Algebra I; Algebra II; Pre-Calculus; Calculus  
*except Chris Rayes for Algebra II*  
Anatomy – Rami Reyes

### Wednesday 8:30–10:00

Bible 9; Bible 10; Bible 11; Bible 12

### 10:30–12:00

Structural Engineering  
French IV – Israel Dartiguenave  
Health  
*except for Nastassja Bourand*  
Anatomy  
*except for Clyve Maingrette, Nathan Pierre, and Rami Reyes*  
Church History – Steven Baboun

