

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Friday, January 7, 2011 A.D.

Worship = Walk the Talk

Happy New Year!

January is named after Janus, that Roman god of gates, doorways and beginnings. He is most often depicted as having two heads, facing opposite directions - - one head looking at the past with the other looking toward the future.



At the end of every year, I think back on the joys and sorrows of the year that has just gone by, and this year that exercise has been difficult, painful, yet mixed with moments of joy. As have most of you, I've mourned the deaths of close friends over the last year; I've mourned the destruction caused by the earthquake on January 12th; I've wept for the losses, the misery, and pain of the disaster, which is still all too much with us.

But there has been joy and hope as well. Many people have rearranged priorities because of the earthquake, turning to God, that unshakeable Rock. Others value life more, recognizing that it is a gift and not to be taken for granted. Others have strengthened relationships (while, sadly, some relationships were torn apart).

As we look back at last year, QCS had a great first semester, with highly qualified staff and a strong student body. The student body went from 275 before the earthquake to 63 when we resumed classes two weeks after the quake. Now we have 285 students, and QCS is quickly regaining the momentum that was lost when the ground shook.

At QCS, while we look back, learn from our experiences, while celebrating, and remembering the past, we primarily look forward to the opportunities ahead - - strengthening academic programs, meeting students' needs, scheduling athletic events, disciplining students, pursuing joint accreditation, and upgrading the facilities.

Finally, I'm so glad that it is not Janus, that mythological two-headed God who is in control! My confidence is in that God who spoke the universe into existence, that God who sent Jesus to proclaim the Kingdom of God - - a message of restoration, peace, rebirth, and hope.

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Did you ever try to roller blade? Downhill ski? Ride a bike? Walking? How did you learn? I learned by picking myself up every time I fell down. A new beginning.

The Christian life is also a series of new beginnings, of falling down and getting up again. When we stumble and fall we often think that we have failed and think of giving up. But I am happy that my God is a God of new beginnings. Just think of the book of Genesis - a book of new beginnings. The beginning of a new world; a new beginning by the flood; a new beginning in Seth; a new beginning in Jesus Christ; a new beginning in . . . I am a possibility because God gives me a new beginning each and every day. Thank You Lord!

As we stand on the threshold of the new year 2011 A.D., I am reminded of my friend Joshua, upon entering the promised land following God's guidance. This was a new beginning for the people of Israel - leaving their former ways, their residence in a foreign country, and coming to a new land to live for Him. Joshua stated to the people to follow His leading so *that you may know the way by which you shall go, for you have not passed this way before.* Neither have we passed this way before. Unfamiliar 'territory' lies before us as we continue our journey in His 'Sonshine'. It is my prayer that we too follow His lead not only during the year 2011, but throughout all of our days.

As we start the second semester and the school year 2011, I pray that the staff also keeps in mind the new beginnings also for their students He has entrusted to their care. They too have new beginnings. We are all starting on a clean page of our lives as we live for Jesus. How will your page be at the end of the day? Colourful? Aesthetic? Unified and coherent? At the end of the quarter? At the end of the semester? Always give your best in His service for it is for Christ Jesus we are all working.

May our God not only forgive our sins, but also use our failures to make us wiser as we continue to serve Him on the enterprise of Christian education called QCS.

Welcome to the new year☺



School Calendar

Wed/Jan 12 - national day of remembrance – no school
Fri/March 4 - last day of third quarter
M-F/March 7-11 - Carnival week – Spring break
- Washington Trip
Mon/March 14 - 4th Quarter begins

QCS will be closed on Wednesday, January 12 in commemoration of the earthquake.

On January 11th, the Secondary School students - grades 7-12 - - will meet in the Chapel at 2:30 for a brief service of prayer and remembrance. Parents are invited.

Educational Tip of the Week Teach Your Child to be a Responsible Person

Irresponsible children don't do their assigned chores, frequently leave needed books at school, and announce at bedtime that they forgot to study for a test. But children don't develop skills and attitudes that lead to responsible behavior by osmosis. They must be taught.

You can teach your child how to do chores by demonstrating the task step by step. Never redo the job, even if it's not perfect. This sends her a message that her work isn't good enough.

You can also model how your child can fulfill school responsibilities. Teach her to set up a daily schedule, to pack her book bag, by checking her homework and assignment book, and to develop a study schedule for tests and long-term reports.

Teaching your child self-discipline, dependability, and accountability will benefit her now and will pay off later in high school, in college, and on the job.

A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

I received this message from a secretary of a church in Ontario Canada, where I used to attend.

Sent from my computer at Hope Church – as I do not have an iPod, iPad, iTunes or iBook. But I do own an iRon.

When you have a lock to pick on an old file cabinet, call I.T. support. We love to hack.

Send urgent email all in uppercase. The mail server picks it up and flags it as a rush delivery.



Being fit is a way of saying a person eats well, gets a lot of physical activity (exercise), and has a healthy weight. If you're fit, your body works well, feels good, and can do all the things you want to do, like run around with your friends.

Introducing . . .

I am Sandra Jean-Charles.
At a very young age my family and I moved to Montreal, Canada.



I became very active in the Haitian Christian Community's youth activities. I graduated from LaJemmerais, an all girl High School then majored in Finance at Ahuntsic College in Montreal. I became the Secretary of a well known Christian Theater Troup called Troupe de la Divine Generation (TDG). That is where I met my husband. I studied Accounting at the University of Quebec in Montreal, shortly after I started Psychology. I am also a graduate of the American International Institute of Polygraph School (AIIP) and a regular member of the American Polygraph Association (APA). I am pursuing a Master's degree in Education.

We served the Lord and worked for years as Sunday school teachers, in addition I have worked a period of time as an Accountant for The Montreal Board of Trade, taught elementary classes for four years in an American school.

God has called us in the summer of 2003 to our homeland (Haiti).

My husband and I are blessed with three beautiful children: Olivier nineteen, now a College student in Montreal, Sebastien fifteen, presently a junior living in Maryland after the earthquake, and Victoria eight a third grader at QCS.

We are a happy family, determined to serve the Lord no matter what in good and bad times.

I am presently teaching first grade. I love working with these beautiful children to help and minister to them in the Lord.

Christmas in January

The Christmas Story presented by the elementary students this past week since the school was cancelled last December.



The jogathon monies given to Mrs. Graham for the beautification of CSI. The students will help plant later this year. About \$1,500 US was donated! Wow!