

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

Each new year,
each semester,
represents a new



start, a chance to rededicate ourselves to God, to excellence, to service, and to each other. And each semester opens new opportunities at QCS, opportunities to learn, to grow, to consider new ideas, to strengthen and affirm friendships, and to delve into new material. The HS has a number of new courses this semester: Logic, Psychology, World Religions, Guitar, Choir, Worship and Leadership, Theater.

Along with the new year comes new staff. We welcome Ted and Kathy Steinhauer -- Ted is the plant manager and Kathy will serve as a secretary and a receptionist in the front office. Ben and Katie Kilpatrick join the HS where Ben will be teaching Psychology, Sociology, Modern World History, and Comparative Government. Katie will be teaching Grade 9 English, Speech, Theater, and Geography. Berthony Jolibois will teach music to the upper elementary, MS Choir, HS Choir, and a HS guitar elective. Please make these new members of the QCS community feel welcome.

QCS continues to move forward with the new year, and I'm excited about the possibilities before us. Make sure to attend the January 21st Annual Parent Meeting to hear more about the future of QCS.

Very Best Wishes for this New Year!

The following was part of the devotional I shared at the ES chapel.

Oh Happy Day! Welcome back to school! I am glad you are here. I hope that you all had a good holiday and now are ready to get back to work. I am.



We are gathered here to start the new year, the right way – with our God. We need to start each day with Him and that is also a reason we have our daily devotions in the classroom.

The Psalmist in Psalm 31 says:
I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God." My times are in your hands.

I don't know what your family does to bring in the new year, but it's celebrated in many different ways around the world. I read that:

- in Japan, people dress in new clothes and decorate their houses with bamboo and pine branches—symbols of long life.
- in Scotland, groups of friends or families get together for dinner at a host's house and exchange gifts soon after midnight.
- in Greece, the children leave shoes by the fireplace, hoping St. Basil will fill them with gifts.

For many years, my wife and I have spent New Year's Eve with family and friends, eating dinner together, playing games, and enjoying good conversation. As midnight approaches we hug and kiss one another, we read from the Bible and pray. We thank God for the year that has passed, His faithfulness, and we ask Him to guide our walking in the new year.

The times and seasons and years, including this new year, are in God's hand (Psalm 31:15). As Christians, we have nothing to fear, for God's goodness is great (v.19). We can walk with Christ each day and join the psalmist in saying,

As for me, I trust in You, O Lord; I say, You are my God.

That reminds me of my friend Joshua. Remember him speaking to the children of Israel before going into the new land? He said

As for me and my household, we will serve the living God!

Whom are you serving this day?

The Seven Laws of Teaching

Browsing at a Christian bookstore, this book caught my eye. The laws stated in this book were not obscure or hard to reach. They were simple and natural that they suggest themselves almost spontaneously to the observer. At the start of the new year, the new semester, it was good to be reminded of the following once again.

1. A teacher must be one who knows the lesson or truth or art to be taught.
2. A learner is one who attends with interest to the lesson.
3. The language used as a medium between the teacher and the learner must be common to both.
4. The lesson to be mastered must be explicable in the terms of truth already known to the learner - the unknown must be explained by means of the known.
5. Teaching is arousing and using the pupil's mind to grasp the desired thought or to master the desired art.
6. Learning is thinking into one's own understanding a new idea or truth or working into habit a new art or skill.
7. The test and proof of the teaching done must be a reviewing, rethinking, reknowing, reproducing and applying of the material that has been taught, the knowledge and ideas and arts that have been communicated.

Praise/Prayer Corner

* My family was very grateful for an early Christmas present! On December 23rd my sister was able to come home from the hospital! It had been 2 long months for her to be away from her husband and two children. She had set a goal that she would be able to be at her house to celebrate with family. She had missed Thanksgiving, my nephew's birthday and my niece's birthday but she was determined to not miss Christmas. It was an emotional celebration to see her there. She is learning how to care for herself and continues to be an excellent mother from a wheelchair. She is determined to learn all she can and has not given up on walking again. Thank you for praying for Wendy. The Lord has been faithful and I am glad she is trusting Him. She has said that we do not always understand why things happen but that does not change the amazing love of God.

Mr. McMahon

Calendar

Fri/Jan 22nd – 29th - Elementary School Readathon
Thurs/Jan 14th - I.E.U. @3:30 P.M. – Basketball
- no charge
Sat/Jan 23rd - Pierre Larousse @ 3:45 – BB
Thurs/Jan 28th - Frantz Pailliere @3:00 P.M. – BB
Tues/Feb 2nd - 9th grade class orphanage visit
Thurs/Feb 4th - 11th grade class orphanage visit
Fri/Feb 5th - Jean Narcisse @ 3:45 P.M. – BB
Tues/Feb 9th - 12th grade class orphanage visit
Thurs/Feb 11th - 10th grade class orphanage visit
- Jean Narcisse @ 3:00 P.M. – BB
Mon/Feb 15th – 19th - 'Spring Break'/Carnival
Thurs/Feb 18th - Ecole Internationale @ 3:00 P.M. - BB
Fri/Feb 19th - Saint-Louis @ 3:45 P.M. – BB
Thurs/Feb 25th - Isaac Newton @3:00 PM – BB
Tues/Mar 2nd - 9th grade class orphanage visit.
Thurs/Mar 4th - 11th grade class orphanage visit
Thurs/Mar 11th - 10th grade orphanage visit
Fri/Mar 12th - 3rd quarter ends
Mon/Mar 15th - 4th quarter begins
Tues/Mar 16th - 12th grad class orphanage visit

Sports Info for the Week

Monday - HS/MS boys soccer – 3:15 - 5:00
- HS boys basketball practice – 3:15 – 5:00
Tuesday - HS girls soccer practice – 3:15 – 5:00
- HS boys basketball practice – 3:15 – 5:00
Wednesday - HS/MS boys soccer practice – 3:15 – 5
- HS boys basketball practice – 3:15 – 5:00
Thursday - HS girls soccer practice – 3:15 – 5:00
- HS boys basketball game
Friday - HS soccer – scrimmage – 3:15 – 5:00

Educational Tip of the Week

"Supervise Your Childs Homework Routine Each Day" □

Decide with your child on a time each night to do homework and stick to it.

Teachers set up a classroom routine because children like routine. It gives them comfort and stability. Kids like knowing when things will happen, rather than being caught off guard. If you suddenly call your child in from his outside play to start homework, chances are you will meet more resistance. But if you establish a routine, such as homework begins at 5:00PM, arguments will be greatly reduced.

Also, provide your child with a comfortable place to do homework. This doesn't have to be hospital sanitary or library quiet. Some children work fine lying on the floor; others need a desk. Music is okay if its not distracting. TV is out.

A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

A computer does save time. Now I can play solitaire without having to spend all that time shuffling the cards.

QCS Elementary Read-A-Thon

Jan. 22nd to Jan. 29th

IT'S TIME TO GET READY TO READ....



“BOOK IT TO SPACE”

Sponsor Pledge Sheets are coming home today with the ES students.

Last year the students raised over \$3,000 USD with their reading for Ti Malice to build benches for a school in the village of Grande Boulange. This year we will again donate our sponsor pledges to Ti Malice for a similar project.

So

Find sponsors for your reading that are out of this world!

Additional SPONSORSHIP PLEDGE SHEETS are available at the QCS front office.



With the new year comes new students. We would like to

welcome the following students and pray that their journey of learning will be in joy.

Pre-k - Dion Reyes

K - Georgina Reyes

Grade 3 – Ahmad Bitang

Grade 4 – Kaitelyn and Kyle Dorlette

Grade 6 – Marshall Munsell

Grade 7 – Diego Sobalbarro

Grade 10 – Ann Laura Sobalbarro

Alumni Corner

Many alumni have visited QCS over the Christmas holiday season, and it is always good to visit with former students, reminisce about QCS's past, and talk about the many improvements made in recent years. We'd like to highlight our Alumni, and we'll start with Ariel de Lain.

Ariel graduated last May as the Valedictorian. While at QCS, she was a conscientious student who worked hard on a consistent basis. She has taken those study habits to Rutgers where she is applying to Nursing School there. Ariel was surprised at the amount of work college demands -- "it is hard" and "the papers are due every week" and how you have to "teach yourself by reading the book and studying." Fortunately, the study habits she developed at QCS served her well and she has been able to maintain a 4.0 gpa.

"QCS prepared me well for my classes," Ariel said, and she advises QCS students to prepare now for college by "getting in the habit of studying, never shake off assignments, don't be scared or too stressed, and believe in yourself."

QCS is proud of Ariel and the success she is having in college. Her experience shows that consistent study and hard work pay off!

Tardiness

As stated in the handbook, *tardiness is inconsistent with our desire to respect the time we have together*. Check it out in the handbook because some students will be serving a Saturday detention because of their lateness to class each and every day. *Walking into a classroom late is disruptive and the students who are late miss important announcements and directions and the starting of the school day as community in the Lord.*

JANUARY LUNCH MENU

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
4	5 Fried Chicken Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit	6 Lasagna Garlic Bread Salad & Fruit	7 Beef with veggies White Rice Salad	8 Fried Fish Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit
11 Mash Potato or Spaghetti with meat sauce salad & Fruit	12 Turkey Griot Rice and Beans Salad	13 Hamburger & French Fries Fruit	14 Chicken in sauce White Rice with Bean sauce Salad	15 Beef Tassot Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit
18 BBQ Chicken Rice and Beans Salad	19 Macaroni & cheese Chicken Wings Salad & Fruit	20 Hot dog & French Fries Fruit	21 Turkey in sauce White Rice with Bean sauce Salad	22 Fish in sauce Rice and Beans Salad and Fruit
25 Chicken Wings Fried plantains Potato salad Fruit	26 Beef Tassot Rice and Beans Salad	27 Ham & Cheese Sandwiches French Fries Fruit	28 Chicken in sauce White Rice with Bean sauce Salad	29 Turkey Griot Acra Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit