

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

On my bedside table are a dozen books I hope to get through soon. Some are old favorites such as a volume of 17th century poetry that I turn to for comfort, wisdom, beauty and truth. I have Shakespeare's complete Sonnets next to my bed, and these well-crafted poems bring me back to college when I took an independent study on Shakespeare's Sonnets with my girlfriend, now my wife. It was one of the most interesting classes! And the professor, Art Brestel, who guided our studies also performed our marriage ceremony.



Other books are about history. Founding Brothers by Joseph Ellis explores those exciting years in the founding of America between 1790 and 1800 when John Adams and Thomas Jefferson were bitter political enemies, each claiming the other's vision of America was betraying the revolutionary principles of 1776. And another book I've recently finished was Without Hesitation, the autobiography of General Hugh Shelton. I read this book because he led the 1994 Operation Uphold Democracy in Haiti, when the US government sent in 20,000 troops to restore the government. He has many interesting insights for those who are interested in various views of Haiti at the time.

The most important book on my bedside table is the Bible. I'm reading now about Moses and how Moses, under God, exercised leadership, sometimes wisely and sometimes impatiently and impetuously, and I'm reading about how the people of God all too quickly stray from following him. At QCS we want to live and operate biblically. We want the Bible to saturate our lives, our school, our practices.

As you join with me in reading and encouraging students to read, don't forget the most important book of all.

Are you getting your rest?

In case you didn't know, the term "sabbath" does not mean "Sunday" or "Saturday" or "weekend" or even "church". The English word "sabbath" comes from the Hebrew, "shabbat", and means to cease. At its fundamental meaning, it has nothing to do with meeting with other believers. It does not even originally come from the Old Testament Law, from the Jewish people, or from Christianity, and it certainly wasn't your pastor who came up with the idea.

The sabbath principle is traced back, like so many things, to the first passages of Genesis:

"Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made."

Before the church. Before Jesus' time on earth. Before David, before the Law, before Moses, and before Abraham the Hebrew ever existed! God rested from His work, and blessed and sanctified the seventh day.

In light of this, let's function as children of God who are truly in harmony with the universe their Creator defined. The pattern of hard work and blessed rest is too obvious to miss, and the invitation is too inviting to decline! In my university years, I was strongly impressed by this sabbath principle, and I put God to the test. No matter what assignments were due, and no matter what deadlines -- there were many as an engineering student! No matter what pressing errands, bills to pay, or emails to write.

Instead of those things, I took my right as a created being in a created world to spend one day out of every week ceased from my work. Let's have a barbeque! Why not go for a walk down by the river? Let's go drive in the mountains! Who wants to kick the ball around in the park?

If I don't respond to your emails on the weekend, you may just have caught me on my sabbath! I hope you are getting yours, too, in respect of God's ordained order and in celebration of freedom from sin (Deuteronomy 5.15).

Rod Meadth
Secondary Principal

School Calendar

Sat/April 16th - Sports Day 'Picnic'
Thurs/April 21st - Maundy Thursday - noon dismissal
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.

Educational Tip of the Week

"Project a Positive Attitude About Your Own Learning"

Telling your child that you always hated math when you were in school sends the message that it's OK for her to hate it, too.

Be careful not to give your child an excuse to do poorly in school. Kids often claim to hate a particular subject or teacher, when in fact, they find the subject matter difficult or the teacher demanding.

Help your child understand the real problem and work toward a solution. Try saying, "I know math is difficult for you. Let's sit down together and I'll help you with your homework."

Today's Smile – computer crashed

The computer in my high school classroom recently started acting up. After watching me struggle with it, one of my students came up and took over.



"Your hard drive crashed," he said.

I called the computer services office and explained, "My computer is down. The hard drive crashed."

"We can't just send people down on your say-so. How do you know that's the problem?"

"A student told me," I answered.

"We'll send someone over right away."



Sycamore Corner

Parents should understand that they have their own login details, separate from their son's or daughter's.

Logging into Sycamore with your own username and password means that you can see instant messages addressed to you, you can see all of your children at once, and we can see that you are logging in and checking your children's progress.

If you don't know your personal login details, and you have been using your children's, please ask Mrs. Beneche or Mrs. Jules to give you your information immediately!

Re-enrollment for 2011 – 2012!

Re-enrollment period for current families runs from Monday, March 21st to Thursday, March 31st.

Re-enrollment must be made in person with either Mrs. Beneche or Mrs. Jules during office hours.

Upon arrival you will be given a form showing your current status. You will be asked to confirm and/or update the information.

The re-enrollment fee of \$500.⁰⁰ US per student is required at the time of application.

Re-enrollment dates are March 21st – March 31st



Some kids can't wait to get braces. Others are a little worried about what it will be like or how they will look. It can help to learn more about braces, which straighten your teeth and make your smile even better looking.

Lots of kids don't have perfect teeth, so don't worry if yours aren't straight. Take a look at most of your classmates. Many of them probably don't have straight teeth either. Sometimes teeth just don't grow in evenly.

Your teeth might be crooked, or your upper and lower jaws might not be the same size. If your upper jaw is bigger than your lower jaw, that's called an overbite. If your lower jaw is bigger than your upper jaw, you have an underbite.

Either way, it's called malocclusion (mal-uh-kloo-zhun), a word that comes from Latin and means "bad bite." Malocclusion is just a word that dentists use to describe the shape of your mouth.

Your dentist might notice one of these problems during a regular visit and recommend that you see an orthodontist. This person, who also might be called a braces specialist, can determine whether you need braces.

Watch for the details of the Family Sports Day coming on Saturday, April 16th from 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. Reserve the date and make it a time to come with your kids to the school. It will be a day of scheduled activities for students and parents. Stay tuned ☺ You will be **receiving a notice next week** which needs to be returned ASAP. It will be the entry ticket for the event.

This week the Library has processed many new books and added them to the shelves. A very special thank you goes out to one of our students, Sebastian Hersey of the second grade, for bringing in a huge selection of books for the Library from his own collection some of which are listed here:

Knock, Knock! Who's There? by Tad Hills
Castle by Jane Shuter
Courage on Mirror Mountain by Wynnette Fraser
Home on Stoney Creek by Wanda Luttrell
Reaching tidewater by Noreen F. Moore
Littsie of Cincinnati by Jinny Powers Berten
The Captive by Joyce Hansen
Shadows in the Glasshouse by Megan McDonald
The Village by the Sea by Paula Fox
The Mitten by Jan Brett
Six Snowy Sheep by Judith Ross Enderle
Happy Easter, Little Critter by Mercer Mayer
Oil from the Sea by Rigby
Corduroy Goes to the Fire Station by Don Freeman
 and others...

Thank you Sebastian!

And the list of books continues from last week's entries from the very generous donation from Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Dening:

The Book of Dragons by Michael Hague
No Matter What by Debi Gliori
Over the River and Through the Wood by Christopher Manson
The Number Team Have a Party by Sally Hewitt
The Book of Shadow Boxes by Laura L. Seeley
Magic Eye II – Now You See It... by N. E. Thing Enterprises
Papa Panov's Special Day by Ruben Sallens
Quick as a Cricket by Audrey Wood
Berenstain's A Book by Stan & Jan Berenstain
One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish by Dr. Seuss
Big Brave Brother Ben by Kara May
Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
CLIFFORD'S Puppy Days by Norman Bridwell
Sea Lion Roars by Drew Lamm
A Cat in a Kayak by Maria Coffey
Mama, Do You Love Me? By Barbara M. Joose
Secret of the Pyramids by Richard Brightfield
Underground Kingdom by Edward Packard
Survival at Sea by Edward Packard
Inside UFO 54-40 by Edward Packard
The Forbidden Castle by Edward Packard
Escape by R. A. Montgomery
The Race Forever by R. A. Montgomery
Mystery of the Maya by R. A. Montgomery
The Abominable Snowman by R. A. Montgomery
House of Danger by R. A. Montgomery



The following was part of Israel's address to the students during chapel this past Wednesday.

Dear QCS students;

Today is a very special day. A day, for some, had seemed to take an eternity to come. Today, I am once more proud to call myself a QCS student. Unlike as most other schools, our school follows the principles that Jesus Christ left for us when

he had once walked the earth. Principles that seem foreign and alien to the ones of this world.

Today, we can all say the Food Drive has been a success. It has been such a success that we ended with a surplus of food which will be given out at the end of the year as a second food drive. I remember when we first started the food drive... After a month, we barely had anything. Crackers would have been the outcome of this food drive. Coincidentally, this brings us back to the story of Jesus and the two loafs of bread. Out of little, much came. This brings us forth to the American money that says in God we trust to be present in our lives and bare much truth.

Today, after God, all of you have contributed to make this day not only a dream, but a reality. We take care of the people we love. Thank you.



Art work from the Bible class – the I AM's of Jesus Christ