

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

The stack of books next to my bed is quite large, books I am in the middle of reading, or books I intend to read.



I have a similar stack in the living room, and I have several favorite books in my office, books I turn to regularly, like old friends, for comfort, ideas, reassurance, entertainment, and ideas. Many of these books spur me on to pursue excellence, others help understand the human condition better, while others still just offer the delight of a well-told story.

Schools tend to be bookish sorts of places, where teachers comb through old volumes for ideas and inspiration, and students read the delightful rhymes and stories of early elementary to the serious matter of Shakespeare, Dickens, and Doestoevsky. Recently, Mr. DeKoter tossed a gem my way, **The Outrageous Idea of Academic Faithfulness** by Donald Opitz and Derek Melleby, and it quickly hooked me. I already know that I will re-read some sections and refer to ideas in this short book for years to come.

This book emphasizes faithfulness in all areas of life while insisting on academic rigor and integrity. All of us are shaped by the culture that surrounds us - - but, as Christians, we are not to conform to the pattern of this world, but our minds are to be transformed by God. Read Romans 12:1-2.

At QCS we take these lessons to heart, and we are fighting hard the ideas of the dominant, non-Christian culture. There is more to life than upward mobility, entertainment, and financial success. Making more money is not the goal of life. Education isn't primarily provided to get a higher paying job. Rather, education is to learn how to live, to cultivate character, recognizing that, every time, character is more important than career.

And, as a Christian school, the answer to why study is much different from that of a secular school - - we study to explore God's world so we can be stewards of creation, and we view study as an act of worship so that, at the end of every assignment, and at the end of every day, we say,

To God Be the Glory.

## So why is QCS here?

The description of the profile of the graduate of QCS describes it best. In our journey of learning to be life long learners, we desire to see growth in the following areas:



### In spiritual growth

- continue to grow in a personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- know, understand, and apply God's Word in daily life with discernment, developing a Christian worldview.
- know that our world belongs to God and every area of life is under God's dominion and each must bring honor and glory to God
- conduct themselves in a Christ-like manner in the school and within the community
- understand they are God's workmanship, created in Christ to do good works, which God prepared in advance for them to do.

### In intellectual growth

- has a knowledge and a passion for God and His Word
- showing competence in the academics:
  - recognize the value of the academic study of the Scriptures
  - skilled in reading, writing, speaking, listening and thinking,
  - proficient in mathematics and science
  - appreciate literature and the arts and how they express and shape their beliefs and values
  - appreciate languages and cultures of other people encouraging biblical hospitality
  - utilizes resources including technology to find, analyze and evaluate information
  - have the skill to question, solve problems and make wise decisions
  - communicate clearly, and think critically and creatively
- see learning as a lifelong process
- practice responsible stewardship of God's creation
- know their strengths and weaknesses and recognize their responsibility to develop their gifts fully and use them for the benefit of others.
- earn both independently and cooperatively
- accept individual responsibility for their academic progress
- have a developing Christian view of life and reality

### for personal/social growth

- o living the love of God in social and community relationships, evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit
- o honor and respect those in authority
- o do right, love mercy and walk humbly with God, being peacemakers as they live for Jesus at home, in the church, in the school, in the community, in the world at large.
- o has developed proper a proper view of self as one created in the image of God, being enabled to love one's neighbor as one's self

### for physical growth

- o respect their bodies as gifts from God and as temples of the Holy Spirit
- o accept the responsibility for the stewardship of their bodies with good health habits in all areas of their lives
- o exemplify good sportsmanship and teamwork

Are we there yet?

As on any journey, we only arrive there when we get to our destination. Our final destination is when we see Him face to face. So in the meantime, we continue our journey of learning in joy, growing more and more in the aspects described above.

### Applications/Investments



This time of the year we have many people coming to inquire about the school. That's good. More than 400 hundred applications have been

picked up and looked at by the families desiring quality Christian education for their children. Some 60 new students are seeking placement at this time.

In preparing for the new school year, we are looking for volunteers to serve on the board and the Parent Action Committee. The Board focuses on what is best for the school, which at times means putting aside our personal emotions and plans. Board members support the Director in doing what is best for the school not only for today, but having an eye on the future.

The Parent Action Committee is a vital committee welcoming the new parents to the school and making them feel a part of the school community. They are able to answer the new parent's questions, concerns and stay in contact with the family as the school year progresses to make a smooth transition to QCS.

If you would like to serve on either the Board or the PAC, please drop in the administrative office and let us know that you like to be actively involved in what is happening on the QCS campus. Invest in your child's learning by giving of your time, and talents and treasures. Let's be encouragers of one another.

## School Calendar

Today	Fri	- HS School supper & dance - half day for ALL the students
May 18	Tues	- Flag Day – <b>no school</b>
May 26	Wed	- Kindergarten program grade 6 step-up grade 8 promotion
May 26	Wed	- noon dismissal for all - plan to attend
May 27-28		- Teacher work days
May 29	Sat	- Graduation

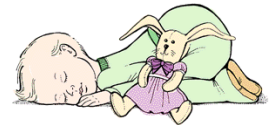
Aug 17 First school day for the 2010/2011 school year!

**For the QCS families, did you guarantee a place for your child with a deposit of \$500 for each child? Other applications are being processed at this time. Are you in?**

## Educational Tip of the Week

**"Make Certain Your Child Gets a Good Night's Sleep"**

Depending on your child's age, he needs between eight and ten hours sleep each night. Establish a reasonable bedtime and stick to it. Your child must be alert to succeed in school. Imagine a young person struggling to absorb a day's worth of education when he can't keep his eyes open and his head off the desk.



You may think your child is getting proper rest, but take a close look at your bedtime routine. How long does it take from the time he marches up the stairs until he closes his eyes? Getting washed, brushing teeth, and reading a bedtime story may take forty minutes or longer.

Not everyone is a morning person, but your child should wake up refreshed. If he spends most of the morning dragging around the house, chances are, he's not getting enough sleep.

### Prayer Corner

- The after shock did rattle many a student this past week. It was neat to hear the prayer of a grade four student at the chapel the day after stating that God is in control and we have life in Him. What a witness!
- Thank You Lord for providing applicants willing to serve You here in this place. Thank You for answering our prayers to supply us with the staffing needed for the new school year.
- Help us all to finish the school year well, looking for You to continue to be our Provider, as You have been in days past.
- Thank You for Your daily blessings.