

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

At QCS, the Bible provides a firm foundation for the ways we live. This



is why that, every day from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade students have Bible class every day. We read the stories of God working in history, and we apply the lessons we learn. I'm encouraged by the Bible verses on posters or the black board in every elementary school classroom. I'm glad that students memorize Bible verses.

Many of the Bible verses I know I learned at my Christian school as a child - - and these verses often come to mind. I remember well in fourth grade, standing before Mrs. Vreeland once a week reciting the Bible verses I had learned. Recently, I thought of a passage I had learned - - "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11). And this gives me all the more motivation to keep the Word before QCS students.

At QCS we have long had the Life Passages program, a program where students in each grade memorize certain verses. This isn't just rote work - - we are praying that God uses his word to transform students to keep them from sinning against the Lord.

Ask your child what he or she is memorizing - - and maybe you can learn with them.

A month ago, I put forward the idea of the hedgehog -- what is the thing that you are really good at? What do you do better than just about anyone else? What is your personal hedgehog? What are QCS's hedgehogs?

As we have thought about this and discussed it in our staff meetings, it seems to me that QCS has some clear and obvious hedgehog strengths:

Our teachers -- our Christian teachers and staff really do care. I have often heard this from parents and even students. Our teachers all regularly pray for the students, individually and corporately. They give extra time after school. They listen to grievances; they provide extra work when required; they serve and serve and serve. Our electives -- interesting and taught by highly capable teachers. This semester, we have offered Haitian Studies, Church History, Structural Engineering, Automotive Mechanics, Anatomy and Senior Transitions. Future historians and medical students are starting their college training right here!

The fox and the hedgehog teach us that while we can't do everything, there are certain things that we do very well, and we should continue to do them very well, thus fulfilling our vision statement:



"...to prepare and equip students to impact their world for the glory of Jesus Christ."

Rod Meadth
Secondary Principal

School Calendar

Nov 1 st	- All Saints Day – no school
Nov 2 nd	- All Souls Day – no school
Nov 18 th	- Battle of Vertieres – no school
Nov 25 th	- American Thanksgiving – no school
Nov 26 th	- no school
Dec 4 th	- Christmas Bazaar
Dec 13 th	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 14 th	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 15 th	- HS exams – noon dismissal
	- last day of the first semester
Jan 4 th	- 2 nd semester – 3 rd quarter begins

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.

A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

What do they call pastors in Germany?
German shepherds.



What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
Ruthless.

Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
Goliath. He brought the house down.



Did you ever see the memory book put together of the 2009/2010 school year? It is available in the office for you to look at. If you desire

a copy, you need to leave your email address with the office secretary. Then you will be contacted by *My Publisher* to order the book online. It is a memory book – remember God's goodness and faithfulness throughout the school year.



Introducing . . .

Hello Everyone! My name is Joycelyne Absolu Bataille. I recently got married on July 31st of this year to the wonderful Joseph Gerald Bataille, Jr.! Soon after getting married, my husband and I moved to Haiti where he had already become familiar, and where I have come to find my place in the transformation of my country. I am from Northern Haiti, but I have had a variety of Haitian experiences, having lived in the Haitian Provinces as a child, the Bahamas, South Florida and now Port-au-Prince.



I am from a family of 5 girls and one boy. I also have four adorable nieces. Most of my family lives in Naples, Florida. Naples is where I spent most of my life for both primary and secondary schooling. From Naples, I moved to North Carolina for college. I graduated from Duke University in 2008. My college experiences ranged from pre-medical classes, psychology classes, various basketball games ☺, etc. But what marked my college experiences the most was the phenomenal spiritual growth that I had from my freshman year till I graduated. It was during these years that I cultivated purpose, a greater passion for Jesus and a desire to live for something greater than myself.

After graduating, I went on to join *Teach for America* where I taught first and third grade in Miami, Florida. In my two years of teaching, I saw the lives of many of my students change before my very eyes. Insecure students grew more confident in themselves. Low readers grew by two years in reading ability. Students who were terrified to take state mandated tests for their grade level in the end were ready to show the state of Florida how much they had learned and how smart they were. I saw the hardened hearts of students who had faced challenges at such a young age soften. Though their lives were transformed in tremendous ways, I believe that my students and their families changed my life more than they may ever know. It was difficult to trust in my ability as a teacher, but more than anything, I had to trust what God was able to do in and through me for my season in Miami. My experiences have magnified my love for children and education. I see every child before with a great potential and ability to learn if given the right environment. If they indeed are the greatest in the kingdom, our work with them for the short while we have them in school will propel them to be the greatest and the best that they can be for their society. It is this experience and attitude that I bring to Quisqueya Christian School. I look forward to my experiences here and I am incredibly excited to join the Quisqueya team.

Chess Players

I am pleased to see students in middle school and in elementary play chess.

The positive benefits of chess are well -documented: attention spans grow, concentration improves, and students learn to take responsibility for their actions. In study after study, students who learn chess see their reading and math scores improve. Chess is a wonderful way to introduce higher order level thinking skills to young students, skills that students often do not learn until much later in life.



In short, chess develops logic, memory, concentration, imagination and creativity! Chess will continue to grow at QCS - - and there will be tournaments taking place soon. Challenge your child to a game today, and be gracious when she beats you!

From the art teacher

The students here are watching and asking questions of the wood carvers, who are making their creations from the tree limbs felled by the storm some weeks ago.



These artisans are doing neat work, which will be available for purchase at the Christmas Bazaar.

It would be greatly appreciated that the students would bring empty toilet paper rolls and cereal boxes to school to be collected for future art projects. The more cereal boxes the better. In chapel the students saw how cereal boxes can be turned into beads to form necklaces. All the boxes we can't use will be donated to that cause. Please send them our way ☺

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for taking the time to show interest in your child's education by attending the conferences. We as staff really appreciated meeting the parents again. It helps us in our task of teaching your children.

For those who were not able to attend, it is important to stay in contact with the teacher especially if your child is experiencing difficulties at school – in learning, in friendships, etc. The report cards are in the office. Please make it a priority to contact the teacher. Your child's future depends also of you being actively participating in his learning.



Rejoice and Rebuild is the theme of the Annual Quisqueya Christmas Bazaar. God wants His people to restore and rebuild things that are broken down. God's people are recreators, restorers and therefore rebuilders. We are able to do this all in the power of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

Be sure to join us on Saturday December 4th from 10 A.M. – 5 P.M. We are actively contacting vendors and working out the details of all what is involved in making the bazaar happen. It is only **five** weeks away!

Need a table to sell your 'wares?' Fill in the form available at the office. Do you know of someone who would desire to rent a table? Tell them about this opportunity.

Be sure to say yes when you are called to give a lending hand. Help us make this a great event celebrating the theme – **Rejoice and Rebuild**.

A Song for Teachers

Once upon a time two students, F.M. and E.R. came to Mr. DeKoter and sang this song to him. The words were printed in the book, but no tune. They improvised and they really did well. Here are the words. What's your tune?

Room 2B
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That's the place for me.
We read books.
We're not snooks
And we write the best storie ies!

Mr. DeKoter
Mr. DeKoter
Come back really soon.
You're the best
In the west
So, here's to our dear room . . .
2B!



How many hours of sleep do you get a night?

It is recommended that adults get a minimum of 7 hours of sleep each and every night.

For children in elementary school a minimum of 9 hours is recommended.

How do you compare?

Humans can make do longer without food than sleep. While you might feel better prepared to stay up all night than to skip a few meals, that feeling will pass quickly.

Provided you receive water, the average human could live as many as 40 days without food. People who do not receive sleep though start to experience personality and psychological changes after only a few sleepless days. The record number of days in a row that anyone has stayed awake without sleeping? 11! That is one record none of us should try to break!

Discipleship Program

It is with great pleasure that we begin the discipleship program here at QCS for the Secondary School students. Each Friday, students, staff, parents and community members will come together to share their faith in Jesus Christ with one another. Today, Friday, October 29th marked the beginning of the discipleship program and it will continue until the end of the school quarter. The students will meet with their leader in small groups of approximately 7 students in the various classrooms and the chapel. The students have also been divided into men groups and women groups.



The first reactions I heard from both students and teachers were very positive. Be sure to ask your child what was discussed or how they enjoyed their first meeting.

If you have questions or comments regarding this program, please email Shane Mattenley or Joycelyne Bataille at discipleship@quisqueya.org

Life Passages

Elementary School

- **Pre-Kindergarten**
Genesis 1:1 and John 4:19
- **Kindergarten**
Psalm 1:1 – 6 and John 3:16
- **Grade 1**
Psalm 23 and 1 John 1:9
- **Grade 2**
Matthew 6:9 – 13 and 1 Corinthians 15:3 – 5
- **Grade 3**
Matthew 5:1 – 12 and Romans 3:22 – 24
- **Grade 4**
Luke 2:1 – 20, Romans 5:8 and Romans 6:23
- **Grade 5**
Exodus 20:3 – 17 and Romans 10:9, 10
- **Grade 6**
Romans 12:1 – 2, Ephesians 6:10 – 18, and 1 Corinthians 13:1 – 3

Middle School

- **Grade 7**
Hebrews 11
- **Grade 8**
John 1:1 – 14, Philippians 2:1 – 11, and Galatians 5:22 – 25

High School

- **Grade 9**
Psalm 96:1 – 13 and Psalm 46:1 – 11
- OR**
Psalm 139:1 – 24 and a creed
- **Grade 10**
John 3:1 – 21 and Titus 3:4 – 8
- OR**
Hebrews 12:1 – 11, I Timothy 4:12 – 16 and II Timothy 1:6 – 12
- **Grade 11**
Romans 8:1 – 39 **OR** Isaiah 40:1 – 31
- OR**
the book of James
- **Grade 12**
1 John 3:11 – 24, Philippians 4:4 – 9, and Joshua 1:9, 24:15
- OR**
selected Proverbs
Proverbs 2:12; 4:13; 5:1 – 2; 6:20 – 22; 9:9 – 10; 10:8 – 9; 11:24 – 25; 13:16; 13:20; 19:2; 22:3; 22:24 – 25; 27:12; 31:8 – 9; 31:26 – 31

