

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

The secondary school is just finishing up with Spirit Week - - crazy clothes, fun games, and a rather large dose of silliness. On Wednesday students had "Wanna Be" day, where they dressed in what they wanted to be when they "are all grown up." Students wore soccer jerseys, scrubs, business clothes, and there was one aspiring policeman. One student wanted to be just like Mr. McMahon, and one senior aspires to be a bumblebee. Interesting.



Everyone aspires to be something - - we all have our goals about who we one day want to become, and QCS has a clear vision for what we want from our students, and these are reflected in our core values and in our Mission Statement, "To prepare and equip students to transform the world for Jesus Christ." The first value, from which the rest of our values naturally flow, focuses on the relationships we have - - starting with God and other people, and moving on to the whole of creation. We long for right relationships, relationships marked by justice and mercy, relationships marked with compassion, truth and love. We long to make genuine connections with each other, free from hypocrisy and deceit.

And it all starts with God. As the Board Policy Manual explains this value: "Right Relationship: We will seek to bring students into a proper relationship with God through evangelism and discipleship; and we will cultivate a Christian community in fellowship with God and with one another, respecting God's creation and the authorities that God has placed over us."

In the quest for an authentic Christian community, we will do everything possible to have right relationships with God, with each other, with our environment - - for the Glory of God alone. And, in the end, while I am far from it now, I want to be like Jesus.

## How is your eyesight?

I praise God for glasses. They help me see the small printed pages, my computer screen and much more. Many a time I cannot find my glasses and they are obviously found in the last place I look. Somehow, it seems that my glasses also attract dirt. One of my duties in the morning is to clean my glasses so I can see what I am supposed to see. But my best vision is when I see all through my Biblical glasses. Teaching my Bible classes reminds me of that - looking at the world through God's eyes.

Often in the bad times my eyesight gets foggy and I fail to recognize God's hand of blessing. I focus on the negatives and let them pull me down. At times I may not even see any positives in my situation. But with my biblical glasses, I do see that God always gives blessings even though they may not be readily seen.

As I Canadian, I celebrate Thanksgiving Day this Monday. American Thanksgiving Day is about a month later. Two specific days set aside to give thanks. I praise Him for these 'memory aids' when I am forced to stop and see what the Lord has done for me. *The Message* in Romans 12:1 states:

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best things you can do for Him.*

That's worship. Worship is life. Worship is our daily living.

Lord, help us all to live each and every day in thanksgiving to You.

In God's economy,

worship = living

worship = serving



## School Calendar

Fri/Oct 15 – 17	- Senior trip to Seguin
Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	- last day of First Quarter - a non-uniform day ☺
Oct 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Staff PD Day – no school for students
Oct 19 <sup>th</sup>	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter begins
Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	- Parent Teacher conferences - no school for the students
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	- All Saints Day – no school
Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup>	- All Souls Day – no school
Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Battle of Vertieres – no school
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	- American Thanksgiving – no school
Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>	- no school
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Christmas Bazaar
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	- HS exams – noon dismissal - last day of the first semester
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester – 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter begins

## Educational Tip of the Week

**Work Closely with School Personnel: Talk to the teacher if your child has a special need**

Teachers are not psychics. For example: if your child wears glasses, tell her/his teacher. You'd be surprised how long glasses remain buried in a child's desk before an unsuspecting teacher discovers them.

Some children resist wearing glasses, especially when they need them only for reading. Tell the teacher if your child should be wearing glasses for reading up close or copying from the **chalkboard**. If you are one of those parents plagued by frequently lost eyeglasses, consider buying two pairs if you can afford them. Instruct your child to leave one pair in school, keep the other at home.

### A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

My teacher always used to tell me that double negatives are a real no – no.

A Sunday school teacher asked, *Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?* No replied Johnny, *How could he, with just two worms?*

When my daughter, Keli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, every favourite animal – current and past. For several weeks after she had finished the nightly prayers, Keli would say *And all girls*. This soon became part of the nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, *Keli, why do you always add the part about all girls?*

*Because everybody always finish their prayers by saying All Men!*

## From the Guidance Department Last Call

The **PSAT** test will be given at school Wed. Oct. 13. It is a good practice test for the SAT exam. Scholarships from the results of the test are also possible. This test is open to Juniors and Sophomores.

### Introducing . . .

My name is Phedorah Debrosse and this is my second year teaching Pre-Kindergarten at QCS. It is good to be back to educate the little ones and to see God's work in the making. I have been teaching for over 11 years in the early elementary levels. I have a degree in Early Childhood Development. I enjoy working with children anywhere. Teaching 4 and 5 year old children is the best therapy ever!



My family and I are from Haiti and Florida. I have been happily married for 11 years. We have 3 handsome boys; Isaac, Isaiah and Ian.

I love to help out anyway I can. When I'm not working or volunteering, I love to spend time with my family. We enjoy going to the beach, riding motorcycles or watching a good movie.

I am looking forward to a great year.

### Simple Ways to Build Your Child's Confidence Let Your Child Make Decisions

One of the most important skills your child will ever learn is that of discernment – to see things as they really are. Included in this is the ability to see the differences between right and wrong. As our children mature, we need to let them grow in the area of their choices. Encourage your children to recognize the decision making process at work.

In the ES chapel, we have been looking at the choices the children of Israel made while in the wilderness. They had the choice to obey God or disobey.

God also calls us to choose to obey Him. Making choices that please Him is but one way in which we work for God.

**Christian Partners**, led by QCS parent Ernsou Jean-Louis, will host an all-night youth group program at QCS on October 15 from 7 PM to 6 AM. There will be a time of praise and worship, prayer, sports, and message. QCS students in grades 10 and above are welcome to attend. Please know that most of the activities will be in Creole or French, but some English will be spoken as well. There will be adequate adult supervision.



We have students who are presently enrolled on an online course made available through the school on Sevenstar. The following is shared from the Sevenstar News I receive from them.



### **Review:**

Each person needs to get between 3-5 sessions of physical exercise each week. How did you do this week?

Exercise should be a minimum of 30 minutes and your heart rate should increase to your target zone. It is important to balance between cardiovascular, muscular and flexibility exercises. It is not easy to find time during your weeks but your body will thank you for it.

### **The value of Breakfast:**

Eating breakfast each day has many health benefits. People who eat breakfast actually consume less calories throughout the day than those who skip breakfast.

One of the reasons is that people are less likely to "snack" on random foods throughout the morning.

Breakfast foods such as cereal and wholegrain bread have many nutrients our bodies need.

Also eating breakfast can help your emotions stay positive and you should feel more energetic throughout the day.

Also don't forget your body needs water! Men should drink about 3 liters and women 2.5 liters each day. More if you exercise.

## **Online Learning Is Getting Attention**

From the NY Times

Anytime, Anywhere  
By CARLO ROTELLA  
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"Karen Cator, director of the office of education technology at the U.S. Department of Education, says she thinks of online learning this way: "If students have their own computer, it can travel with them from home to school. There can be software programs that help the student, or there can be an online teacher, but the technology can also augment a teacher in a face-to-face classroom."

Such shape-changing mobility is becoming the norm. According to a study by the Sloan Consortium, at the K-12 level, there were 50,000 students enrolled in wholly or partly online courses in 2000. By 2008, there were more than a million. Most of the students are in high school (many taking courses in subjects their local districts find it inconvenient to offer in classrooms) or in credit-recovery courses intended to lower the dropout rate by allowing students to pass a previously failed or incomplete subject. About 200,000 students are in full-time virtual schools, getting all of their schooling online.

Caprice Young, the former chief executive of KC Distance Learning, says, "In 2008, our primary clients were alternative schools and charters, but in the last year our client base flipped to predominantly traditional schools." Online courses have typically catered to some of the most motivated students — those seeking Advanced Placement credit, for instance — and also to some of the least motivated, especially those at risk of dropping out. But now, as it becomes a standard part of normal public education (70 percent of school districts had students enrolled in an online course), online learning is increasingly reaching all types of students....."

Sevenstar believes Christian educators have an opportunity to be leaders in this dynamic form of education. Can we afford not to be?

