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Dear Parents,

The arrival of this newsletter signals that the summer holidays are almost finished. Those hot, humid days of the summertime and all the family activities accomplished will become a memory. In a little more than a week, students in grade school, high school and college/university may recall those hazy days because school will be on once again. Yes, time flies!

We may all have different reasons why we send our child(ren) to Quisqueya Christian School. This came very clear to me as I met with parents desiring to have their child(ren) enrolled at QCS. What is your passion (reason) for the school? Preparation to live for Jesus, the love of the Lord, building the Kingdom, transforming the city, developing a world and life view, integration of faith and culture, growing in knowledge of God's Word, learning to discern, learning to serve, exercising the Lordship of Jesus Christ in every square centimetre of the creation, joy in learning, academics, etc. For this new school year to be 'successful' we need to keep our eyes on Jesus, and root ourselves in His Word because only *in His light do we see light*. As the Lord God was with Moses, Joshua, Peter, etc., He is also with us. I pray that Christian education may be 'burned' upon your heart so that you may be 'passion peddlers' for the mission of the school. You are the best ads for the school read by people everywhere. You are living epistles (letters) of Christ read by all. How do they read you?



Welcome to all new students, returning students, and all their families. We trust that the new school year may be a good year for each and everyone. The start of a new school year is a new beginning for us all. New beginnings are a time for new resolve and new energies. I praise God for all the new beginnings He has given His people. And for all those who teach, whether parents, teachers, grandparents, pastors, and friends, may we all be encouragers of one another so that this new generation continues to walk where we have walked - with Jesus.

All families are encouraged to stay in close contact with the school, the staff, the school's programs and goals. Participation in school events such as conferences, assemblies and class trips is strongly recommended. We need each other in the growth and understanding of the basic foundations of Christian education and how these goals come to expression in the lifestyle of the home and school.

We will start the first day of school – Tuesday August 17th at 8:00 A.M. with a brief opening devotional together for grades 1 – 12. The first day is a half day and the students will be dismissed at noon. Parents and friends of Christian education are most welcome to join us and afterwards browse the school campus. This is a time for new beginnings. Starting the school year together as community, giving thanks and petitioning the Lord for His continued guidance is the only way to start the new school year.

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