

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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**Be Strong! Be Strong!  
Make each other strong!**

I love advent, that season where we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. At



QCS, anticipation of Christmas is certainly in the air: the Christmas Bazaar was a success the performance of The Messiah was a joyful, worshipful experience, there are many Christmas and year end parties, and chapels have talked about that incomparable Gift that God give us all.

And, right before Christmas break, papers, and projects are due, final exams are written, and end of first semester evaluations are given. There is a lot to do!

With all the busyness, I fear losing focus on what really matters most. I fear that with my schedule and a full calendar, and all the many good things that are going on, that I will forget to put the focus where it needs to be, on Jesus, "who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness (Philippians 2).

This advent season, during all the celebrations, parties, tests, papers, and activities, please take time to contemplate the baby in the manger, the savior of the world and the great love that God has for us.

In past years, the staff has played this game called **Angels and Mortals**. Every staffer draws the name of another staffer. That person is the mortal, and you have to be their angel for the week, doing nice things, giving gifts and saying nice things. You can leave notes of encouragement in their mail boxes, a small treat, etc. Being creative is hard work. You try not to let the mortal who her/his angel is nor do you let know to others who is your mortal. It is like a secret Santa. It's fun; a challenge and work being creative to do good things to the people you work with and on the receiving end, it's great to receive a compliment each day for a week. It creates a great atmosphere, even one of anticipation.

And so I need work to become creative in my gifting. Come to think about it, it is during this season you and I spend a lot of time thinking about Christmas gifts – who gets what and how much will it cost and will they be happy with the gift and . . . Christmas and gifts just seem to come together just because we are accustomed to this tradition.

On all the preparations I do for the game Angels and Mortals or the gifting to family members at Christmas time I too must remember the reason for the season. How much time do I spend on God's gift of His Son and the cost of that gift?

I am deliberate in finding ways to be an angel next week for my mortal. It takes creativity, time, money, secrecy . . . praising my mortal and It shouldn't just be for the five school days, but each day of the year.

I am deliberate also in gifting to the family member whose name I have drawn. All this gifting is mortal to mortal. Where does God fit into the picture? In your giving this year be sure to also include Him in a tangible way.

## School Calendar

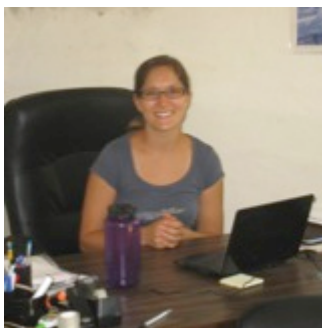
Dec 16, Fri - start of HS exams  
Dec 19, Mon - HS exams – half school day for all  
Dec 20, Tues - HS exams – half school day for all  
- **last day** for first semester – non uniform

**Due to the exam scheduling, this will be the last school day of 2011.**

Jan 10, Tues - second semester begins/third quarter

### Introducing . . .

My name is Irene Pruitt, and I am the guidance counselor for QCS this year. I'm delighted to be here, and am eager to get to know both students and parents throughout the year.



My husband, Robbie Pruitt, and I have recently moved to Port-au-Prince, after two shorter visits to Haiti in the last year. I believe that the Lord has called us to this place, and I am excited to begin the school year.

I was born and grew up outside of Washington, DC, in a suburb in Virginia. This is where Robbie and I have been living for the last seven years, since the time we were married. During this period, I completed my graduate studies at Virginia Tech, in the area of Marriage and Family Therapy. Since finishing graduate school, I worked in the field of counseling at a community mental health center. I have also greatly enjoyed doing youth ministry alongside my husband, who was the Director of Student Ministries at our church. Working with children and teens has always been a passion for me—prior to getting married I ministered to teens at a church in South Carolina, and met my husband while we were working at a Christian summer camp while I was in college. I completed my undergraduate degree at Georgetown University, where I studied Culture and Politics in the School of Foreign Service.

During my free time, I love to spend time with friends and family, and to hike and backpack. I also enjoy painting from time to time. I am looking forward to getting to know this area, and am eager to explore the natural beauty of Haiti in the years to come.

## REMINDER TO PARENTS

**And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.**

**Philippians 4:19 LB**

- Just a reminder that tuition is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month and you have up to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to pay the owing balance. In order to avoid the 5% late fee that will be added to any unpaid balance after the 10<sup>th</sup>, don't forget to make payment before that date.
- Haitian banks are only giving US\$500 cash per day to their customers lately, so the money you need to pay your bills might not be available. We suggest that you either get a manager's check from the bank for the amount you desire or have the money transferred from your bank account to QCS's bank account. If you desire to make a transfer, please stop by our office or e-mail Jennifer Paultre at [business@quisqueya.org](mailto:business@quisqueya.org) and she will be happy to give you the necessary bank information for the transfer.

**Note:** QCS reserves the right to refuse students from attending classes for delinquent accounts until the amount is paid or unless prior arrangements are made, in advance, through the financial controller, Jennifer Paultre. You can contact her via e-mail: [business@quisqueya.org](mailto:business@quisqueya.org) or during office hours: 7:40am to 3:30pm.

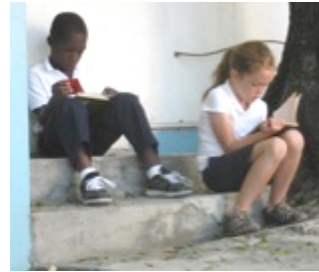
**THANK YOU!!**  
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On behalf of the PAC, I would like to thank all those who helped make this bazaar a success – from the volunteers who gave of the time and talents, to the vendors, to those who donated to the silent auction, to the students who served and those who sang – it was all good fun and fellowship. It was a great day ☺

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## Tentative High School Exam Schedule

Date	Time	Subject
Thursday, Dec 8, 2011	2:05 PM	English 10 (Paper Due)
Friday, Dec 9, 2011	9:05 AM	Comparative Government 11 A American Literature 11 B
	10:05 AM	Comparative Government 11 B Senior Transitions
	11:05 AM	World History 9
	1:05 PM	US History 10 American Literature 11 A Advanced Literature (Paper Due)
	2:05 PM	
Monday, Dec 12, 2011	11:05 AM	Psychology
Friday, Dec 16, 2011	1:30 PM	English 9
		Bible 10
		Bible 11 A/B
		British Literature 12
Monday, Dec 19, 2011	8:30 AM	Bible 9 Biology 10 Bible 12 (Bible 11 B: Ashley Laraque-Ho)
	10:30 AM	Geometry Algebra I Algebra II Pre-Calculus Calculus (Sign Language: Hannah Banks)
Tuesday, Dec 20, 2011	8:30 AM	Anatomy Physics French I French II Spanish I English Enrichment Health
	10:30 AM	Physical Science 9 Chemistry French III French IV Sign Language



**Caught You Reading!**



**Caught You Singing!**

### Educational Tip

Certainly, as the exams approach for the HS students, this tip is important for all, including teachers 😊

### 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 (Proverbs 17:22)

**You don't stop laughing because you grow old. You grow old because you stop laughing!**

A man, in a hurry taking his eight-year-old son to school, made a turn at a red light where it was prohibited.

"Uh-oh, I just made an illegal turn!" the man said.



"Aw, Dad, it's okay," the son said. "The police car right behind us did the same thing."

This was the invite to the Messiah held last Saturday in the Paulette Blain Memorial Library and the response we received from the Paulette's daughter who attended.

The International Community Chorus of Haiti would like to invite you to a special concert to be held in honor of the late Paulette Blain on Saturday, December 3rd at 5:00 pm.

The concert is to be held on the campus of Quisqueya Christian School on Delmas 75 in the Paulette Blain Memorial Library.

Paulette was one of our founding members and sang with us for many years beginning in 1983. She had a profound love for her Lord and Savior - The Messiah, her family and friends, and for those with whom she served at Q.C.S. for over 20 years. She was known for being a praying, Godly woman.



Yours,  
A. R. Chabot  
Choir President & Librarian of  
The Paulette Blain Memorial Library

RSVP: [archabot@quisqueya.org](mailto:archabot@quisqueya.org)

Dear Mr. Chabot and the QCS community,

My family and I would like to thank you for hosting the "Messiah" concert in honor of our late mother Paulette. The news brought tears to our eyes. My father is truly touched by the warmth and love my mother continues to receive from the Quisqueya Christian School community.

Moments like this can only bring one to pause and reflect on the importance of living a life in accordance to God's words. Our mother has thrived throughout her life to be a witness to God's love, to encourage others to rely on God's goodness and strength when faced with life difficulties. The tributes she receives after her death are a testament to the path that she had chosen and to the fruits one reaps from leading a life enlightened by God's spirit.

Our mother cherished the time she spent working at QCS. She welcomed the daily devotions, her interactions with the staff and the children. She enjoyed the yearly retreats, the outings and the opportunity to learn a new craft and to continue to grow spiritually. We thank you wholeheartedly for your kindness, and we will never forget the haven of peace that QCS has provided to both our parents in the many years of turmoil that has rocked Haiti. Once more, a great thanks for naming the library after our mother. The "Paulette Blain Memorial Library" is a source of great pride to all of us.

May you and the entire school community receive hundreds of blessings in this Christmas Season. May the birth of Jesus Christ surround you with a blanket of peace. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Najela Blain-Hammond