

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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



The stained glass window at left is from the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Buffalo, NY. The scene is highly stylized, with Mary looking serenely down at Jesus, angels adoring and worshiping the infant, the lamb reminding us that Jesus is the lamb sent to take away the sins for the world.

I like the clean and peaceful image, but I know reality was much different: an over worked inn keeper who informed Joseph that there was no room; a distressed Mary, worried about giving birth; and who knows what shape the manger was in. The stable certainly was not as clean as this art indicates it was!

Jesus came into a chaotic, uncertain world, and he came to rescue us and to reclaim this world - - offering us salvation and the renewal of all of creation.

I hope you encounter Christ this Christmas. And don't worry about providing a perfect environment for him: he came into a messy environment and he has been working in chaotic, dysfunctional, less than ideal situations ever since.

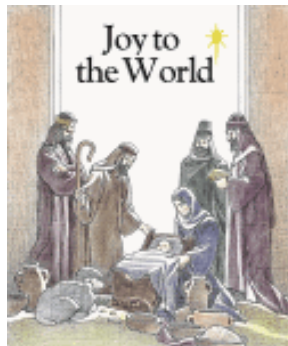
As you encounter celebrate Jesus this season, may you encounter him in fresh, life-giving ways.

Happy Christmas from all of us at QCS

Steve Hersey
Director

One Solitary Life

Nearly two thousand years ago in an obscure village, a child was born of a peasant woman. He grew up in another village where He worked as a carpenter until He was thirty. Then for three years He became an itinerant preacher.



This man never went to college or seminary. He never wrote a book. He never held a public office. He never had a family nor owned a home. He never put His foot inside a big city nor traveled even 200 miles from His birthplace. And though He never did any of the things that usually accompany greatness, throngs of people followed Him. He had no credentials but Himself.

While He was still young, the tide of public opinion turned against Him. His followers ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and sentenced to death on a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth – the simple coat He had worn. His body was laid in a borrowed grave provided by a compassionate friend.

But three days later this Man arose from the dead – living proof that He was, as He had claimed, the Savior whom God had sent, the Incarnate Son of God.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone and today the risen Lord Jesus Christ is the central figure of the human race. On our calendars His birth divides history into two eras. One day of every week is set aside in remembrance of Him. And our two most important holidays celebrate His birth and resurrection. On church steeples around the

world, His cross has become the symbol of victory over sin and death.

This one Man's life has furnished the theme for more songs, books, poems and paintings than any other person or event in history. Thousands of colleges, hospitals, orphanages and other institutions have been founded in honor of this One who gave His life for us. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the governments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not changed the course of history as much as this One Solitary Life.

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School Calendar

- Jan 10, Tues** - first school day in 2012 D.V.
- second semester begins/third quarter
- Jan 12, Thurs** - Let' us Remember Lest We Forget
- no school
- Jan 27, Fri - half school day – noon dismissal
- Feb 20 – 24 - Spring Break
- March 16 - 3rd quarter ends
March 19 - 4th quarter begins
March 23 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- by request – teacher or parent
- April 5 - half school day – noon dismissal
April 6 - Good Friday – no school
April 8 - Easter
April 9 - Easter Monday – no school
- May 1 - Labor Day – no school
May 18 - Flag Day – no school
- June 1 - HS exams
June 4 - HS exams – noon dismissal for all
June 5 - HS exams
- K graduation/Grade 6 Step-Up
June 6 - HS exams – noon dismissal
- Grade 8 graduation
June 9 - grade 12 graduation