

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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

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QCS, after going through a thorough self-study, QCS hosted an accreditation team



representing two accreditation agencies: ACSI, the Association of Christian Schools International, and SACS, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. QCS has been accredited since 1987, and we are seeking reaccreditation at this time.

The team, made up of experienced educators, examined every aspect of QCS. They interviewed parents, students, teachers, administrators, support staff, and board members. They read reports and the supporting documents, such as the board manual and various handbooks, and they worked hard to verify that QCS is, indeed, true to its mission and vision.

The visiting team will submit a report to the accrediting agencies within a week, and then, in about a month, the accrediting agencies will make decisions on QCS's accreditation status.

I'm very pleased with the process we have been through, and I would like to thank the many parents, students, and teachers who took part in the process. In particular, to paraphrase a commendation made by the team: QCS principals are hardworking and dedicated - - and a big thank you goes to Rod Meadth, Secondary Principal, and Tony DeKoter, Elementary Principal. It is a pleasure and a privilege to be part of such a supportive, vibrant community that is committed to continuous improvement.

Quisqueya Christian School received its re-accreditation team this week, marking the culmination of almost eleven months of work. In December of 2010, we formed committees for a self-study report, and began to assemble documentation that would give an accurate picture of our school and its daily operations. Praise God for the completion of our work in this matter!

The fact is that we all require checks and confirmations of our status, both at an institutional and personal level. Surrounding ourselves with others who are like-minded encourages us to run faster, try harder, and do better. The Scriptures remind us that "iron sharpens iron" (Proverbs 27:17, NKJV), and we will see the practical results of this at QCS: sharper campus, sharper minds, sharper focus.

Let me be so bold as to ask about your personal sharpening: are you regularly meeting with other Christian believers, as instructed in Hebrews 10:25? We are told to meet together so as to exhort one another, and "so much the more as you see the Day approaching." The day of His coming is certainly nearer than ever before, so bind yourself together in our common faith! Not only do you need strengthening and sharpening yourself, but others out there might also need your encouragement.

What a blessed thing is our community in Christ! Seek others out with whom you might pray on a regular basis. Build each other up with kind words of encouragement. Make a firm commitment that you will be found in church with your family on a weekly basis, praying, worshipping, and celebrating. Consider yourself blessed to be "sharpened".

Working with you for your children and for the Glory of God,

Rod Meadth
Secondary Principal



School Calendar

Oct 31, Mon	- Reformation Day - no school
Nov 1, Tues	- All Saints Day – no school
Nov 2, Wed	- All Souls Day – no school
Nov 18, Fri	- Battle of Vertieres – no school
Nov 24, Thurs	- American Thanksgiving Day – no school
Nov 25, Fri	- no school
Dec 3, Sat	- Christmas Bazaar
Dec 16, Fri	- start of HS exams
Dec 17, Mon	- HS exams – half school day for all
Dec 18, Tues	- HS exams – half school day for all
Dec 19, Wed	- HS exams – half school day for all - last day for first semester – non uniform
Jan 10, Tues	- second semester begins/third quarter



Grades will soon be added to the grading program. Are you online? Check on a regular basis for the teacher's weekly reports for those teachers who use that format or most certainly check your child's progress.

Check out what's for lunch ☺



The PAC members need your help. We are preparing for the Christmas Bazaar and certain committees still need some members. We need volunteers for the following:

- Set up and clean up committee
- Silent auction committee
- Ticket sales committee
- Security committee

We are a community and when community members step in the gap, it makes light work. Give Tony an email if you are willing to lend a hand (tdekoter@quisqueya.org) Your active participation is needed.

Introducing . . .

Jarrett Davis



I am from Illinois, in the US. I have just graduated from Greenville College, also in Illinois. My major is Recording Industry, with a minor in Digital Media. My wife, Tiffany Davis taught 5th grade here at QCS last year, while we were still engaged. We were married this past summer on July 9th and a month later we came here.

I have never been out of the country before, or even on a plane before this excursion. It's been a pretty crazy ride so far!

I am already in love with QCS! I am teaching High School Film, Yearbook, Digital Photography and Eighth Grade Computer Applications.

My passion is with media, so I know I will do my best! I also am excited to integrate my faith into these subjects and show my students the importance of these subjects in their lives and how it integrates with their relationship with God!

Caught you reading ☺



Educational Tip of the Week:

Work Closely with School Personnel:

Tell the school about family crises

Children behave differently under stress. Some act out, while others withdraw into themselves. Alerting the teacher about a family crisis - the death of a grandparent, the loss of a pet, or a serious family illness - will enable her to manage your child's emotional needs more appropriately. All it takes is a two-minute phone call or short note.

Teachers appreciate knowing when unfortunate situations may affect their students. It's a time when many find a few extra minutes to show a child they care.

QCS gives a hearty **THANK YOU** to Mr. Rodolphe Nemorin and the A.C. Construction crew for grading the gravel road behind QCS.