

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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

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QCS staff begins each week with prayer, Bible reading and worship, and they end the week on



Fridays with prayer and worship. It is only through acknowledging God as the ultimate end of education that teachers become centered and focused. It is only through coming to God and appropriating his Grace that teachers and staff members can be carriers of grace to students and others. I hope you start your days and weeks in similar ways, acknowledging God, worshiping, praying, loving him, and I hope you are teaching your children such good habits of mind.

For the last few weeks the theme in the morning devotions has been grace, and how QCS would look as a grace filled campus. Grace will mean, as Howard Blair, my High School English teacher put it, "that adults will be very careful how they treat children. All children will be equally valued for who they are, not for what they can do – the slow learner valued just as highly as the future valedictorian; the awkward, unathletic type just as highly as the skilled athlete; the shy introvert as well as the charmer."

The QCS staff want to be carriers of God's grace to your children, not in sentimental ways that overlook wrongdoing and excludes discipline, but in loving ways that encourage excellence and in ways that affirm and restore, in ways that acknowledge that since God has forgiven us, we forgive others.

Thanks for joining QCS in this journey of grace,

My foray into fatherhood has been a joyous experience thus far. There are few things more delightful than receiving a hug from miniature arms, or seeing those sweet smiles of pure joy. I pull my motorcycle into the driveway in the evening, hear the cry of "Daddy home!", and I know that all is well.

Warm fuzzy feelings are nice, but there are also solid truths behind them. My two sons are not just cute and cuddly; they are both fearfully and wonderfully made! Firstly, God has designed them to be a state-of-the-art biological machine, capable of motion and action, repairing itself when "broken", eventually being able to reproduce another one like it. Secondly, their invisible, eternal soul is derived from the very nature of God Himself, a supernatural deposit given through the "the breath of life" (Genesis 2:7). With this comes all the weight of intelligence, creativity, reason, emotion, and Love.

Our teachers at QCS firmly believe that students are made, male and female, in the "image of God" (Genesis 1:27). Each student carries the weight of God's blessing, and is capable of "impacting their world for the Glory of Jesus Christ". It is true that sin has entered the world, marring this image, and we struggle with the consequences of that every day, but the original fact is unchanged: each student is a precious and holy child of God!

Having said this, we also believe that every person is "in need of individual salvation by grace alone, through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ" (Parent-Student Handbook, pg 8). We encourage our students to accept that precious gift of salvation through Christ, and having done so, to live for His Glory, growing in a deeper walk with Him each day.

I encourage you to see your own children in a fresh light today, as bearing the image of God, but also needing salvation through faith in Christ. Be amazed at all the potential of their young lives; shepherd and disciple them toward a Saviour.



Rod Meadth  
Secondary Principal

## School Calendar

Oct 12, Wed	- PSAT for those registered
Oct 14, Fri	- last day of 1 <sup>st</sup> quarter - chapel for HS rather than Wednesday - Mr. McMahon Sr will address us
Oct 17, Mon	- Dessalines Day - no school
Oct 18, Tues	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter begins
Oct 21, Fri	- report cards/conference - no school
Oct 22, Sat	- ACT for those registered
Oct 23 – 26	- accreditation visit
Oct 26, Wed	- Accreditation Report to the School community. All are invited to hear the initial report in the chapel at 3:30 P.M.
Dec 3, Sat	- Christmas Bazaar

- You are cordially invited to attend our prayer group which meets every Friday when school is on. Please do come and join us.
- Please note that next week, **Mr. McMahon's father** will be speaking at our secondary Chapel service. However, **Chapel will be at 8 A.M. FRIDAY**, the 14th of October, instead of Wednesday. Parents and guests are invited to come hear Mr. McMahon, Sr.

**Elementary soccer is over for now. The t-shirts are still coming in and will be delivered when they arrive.**

**NO ELEMENTARY SOCCER NEXT WEEK☹**



Next week, **after Friday**, October 14<sup>th</sup> the progress reports will be online for the parents to see. There are no paper copies. The conferences slated for October 21<sup>st</sup> will use these reports as a starting point for the discussion about your child's academic growth. The academic probations will also be based upon these reports.

**Prayer Corner** – our talks with God includes

- thank You Lord for a praying community, lifting students, parents and staff daily in our prayers
- be with those Lord who are struggling, not only with their academics, but also emotionally and spiritually. Move mightily among us Lord by Your Spirit.
- thank you for the gems Your children say. *Out of the mouths of babes oft times come gems.*
- we praise You Lord for You are our God and we will continue our walk with You in all we do and say. Lead us. Guide us.
- thank you Lord for a good first quarter to the school year.

## Meet the teacher . . .



Hi, my name is Kellyanne Borg and this is my first year teaching at Quisqueya Christian School and my third visit to Haiti. I have flown 9833 miles from Melbourne, Australia leaving behind my father, mother, two brothers, sister-in-law and cute three year old nephew. Prior to moving to Haiti I have taught for five years in Australia as well as 7 months in London. I am excited about teaching 3rd Grade at Quisqueya and working within a very warm and hospitable school community.

During my first visit to Haiti in July 2010, I volunteered for one week with World Hope International. Together with a team of American teachers I ran teacher-training workshops for Haitian teachers; we also held a Vacation Bible School for children living in Petit Goave. The highlight of my visit was meeting for the first time my Compassion sponsor child, Belinda. Since that first visit I have become proactive in helping some of the people I met, whose stories of resilience touched my heart. Initially I was overwhelmed by the needs of the Haitian people but now I feel privileged that God has invited me to join many others in showing God's love and HOPE to the people of Haiti. I believe together we CAN make a difference! I am committed to partnering with God and His purpose for Haiti!



**Table Tennis Anyone?**



**Caught Reading**



**Just Got Caught Being Nice :-)**

Following is a listing of new books which were recently donated to the Library by the Alec and Myrtle Chabot Memorial Fund and are ready for students to check out:



- ✓ 3 Willows – the sisterhood grows by Ann Brashares
- ✓ Life in the Medieval Cloister by Julie Kerr
- ✓ More Than a Carpenter by Josh McDowell
- ✓ The Betrayal by Douglas Bond
- ✓ Sebastian Drake – Prince of Fools by Philip Caveney
- ✓ Twain's Feast by Behrs
- ✓ The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived by Steven K. Scott
- ✓ The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren
- ✓ The Intellectual Devotional by David S. Kidder
- ✓ Don't Know Much About Literature by Kenneth C. Davis
- ✓ 33 Men (Rescue of the Chilean Miners) by Jonathan Franklin 2 copies
- ✓ The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- ✓ Catching Fire (The Second Book of The Hunger Games) by S. Collins
- ✓ Mocking Jay (The Final Book of The Hunger Games) by Suzanne Collins
- ✓ Samson and Delilah and other Old Testament Stories by Victoria Parker
- ✓ Greater Estimations by Bruce Goldstone
- ✓ The Boy Camper by The Editors of Popular Mechanics
- ✓ The Boy Mechanic Makes Toys by The Editors of Popular Mechanics
- ✓ Things Left Unspoken by Eva Marie Everson
- ✓ The Penderwicks by Jeanne Birdsall
- ✓ LINCOLN President-Elect by Harold Holzer
- ✓ Ever By My Side by Dr. Nick Trout
- ✓ The Tragedy of Julius Caesar with Connections by William Shakespeare
- ✓ PATRICK O'BRIAN by Nikolai Tolstoy

### What Makes a Good Book?

*C.S. Lewis said that no book is worth really worth reading at the age of ten which is not equally worth reading at the age of fifty.*

*Children's books cannot be written for or down to children. Children reject books that do not treat them as equals. The 'My dear little reader' approach never really pleased children. Books are written not so much for children as written by people who have not lost their childhood. Since adults are only grown-up children, good books appeal to all ages.*



Honey for a Child's Heart

As promised, here is the section from the handbook about probation.

### Probation

There are two types of probation: behavioral probation and academic probation. Students who are on either type of probation may not represent QCS in interscholastic competition, intramurals.



Students who remain on probation for more than one semester may be counseled to withdraw from QCS or face possible suspension. Students on academic probation may participate in class functions and fundraisers.

Academic Probation is designed to help students succeed in school. For elementary and middle school, probation is determined by the marks at the end of each quarter. For high school, probation is determined by the marks at the end of the first and third quarters and by the final semester grades.

The policy is as follows:

1. Two or more D's, or one F on a report card results in academic probation for a minimum of one quarter.
2. Students who fail a required course must make that course up within one year or face possible suspension or expulsion.
3. Students who are on Academic Probation for two semesters may be asked to withdraw from QCS or face expulsion.
4. Exceptions to this policy can be made for any student with a documented learning disability or emotional disability.

Behavioral Probation is a formal status that warns parents and students that a change in the student's behavior and/or attitude is needed and expected.

1. All new students are on informal behavioral probation for the first marking period. Students on informal probation may participate in all school activities.
2. Students who repeatedly ignore rules, receive two or more unsatisfactory conduct grades, or fail to respect their teachers or peers will be placed on Behavioral Probation.
3. The parents will be notified of this status and will need to meet with the Principal and other staff members to find solutions to the misbehavior.
4. Students who are on Behavioral Probation for two quarters may be asked to withdraw from QCS or face expulsion.