

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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

Two more weeks to go until the end of first quarter!

Encourage your child to finish strong. After first quarter, students who have two D's or an F on the report card will be on academic probation and must attend Ninth Hour, an afternoon session on Tuesdays and Thursdays that lasts from 3:15 to 4:00. If your child is struggling in a class, encourage him or her to see the teacher right away.



QCS is committed to challenging and helping all students, from those who struggle academically to those who easily do well. Ninth Hour is a way to give students time to get organized, see teachers for help, and to spend time studying. This isn't a punishment, but it is a way of saying that QCS will do everything possible to provide help and structure to those students who are not handing in work or who are not spending sufficient time studying.

But school can only do so much; the home can do much more to ensure academic success - - and your child is at home many more hours than he or she is at school. Do your child a favor and take away the Blackberry, eliminate TV and video games, and limit time on the Internet. Not realistic? Well, at the very least, carefully monitor these time-wasting activities, activities that train students to have short attention spans, activities that train children to be bored. Instead, discuss ideas with your children, talk about what they are studying in school, encourage them to read, to exercise and be involved in sports, to play mind expanding board games, such as Scrabble, chess, checkers.

QCS delights in partnering with parents to help every child work hard, and achieve more than they ever imagined.

Be Strong

The ES chapel is exploring the school's theme at their chapels on Thursday mornings. You are more than welcome to join us. Yesterday, we did have a few parents who desired to see their children involved in the reading and/or hear their child speaking on the video produced by the grade three teacher.



One on the questions asked was *How are you strong?* And that question continues to bring me back to David facing Goliath. No one had stepped up to the plate for some 40 days. No strong men in Saul's army? No one to stand up for Jesus . . . until David came along. And where did he find his strength? It certainly was not in brute force. It was certainly not in his size. It was certainly not with a protective coating of Saul's armor. David couldn't take on some else's identity to be strong. David found his strength recalling what the Lord God had done for him. - the past. He went forth on God's faithfulness and His power and not his own - trusting His God.

Where are we on our journey of learning and where do we get our daily strength? Certainly the rest, the food, the daily exercise are ingredients, . . . but who has brought us this far? God has. Do we realize all what He has done for us? How has He helped you this day? Where have you seen His presence? Do you experience Him or are you self - reliant?

I see His presence with the daily travelling mercies, to see His grace to carry me through the dark valleys of sickness and death, to meet the challenges of each day with eagerness because it is the Lord God I am serving. I must be His champion and others must be able to see Him in me. I am 'dressed' each day in the armor He has given me.

How am I strong? I walk each day in His 'Son'Light for He has given me this day to live for Him. And in order to know Him, I need to be rooted in His Word to give my life direct in the way I need to live every day. I am rooted and I can fly because he is the wind beneath my wings. I am strong.

School Calendar

Oct 7, Fri	- all nighter for HS – watch for details
Oct 12, Wed	- PSAT for those registered
Oct 14, Fri	- last day of 1 st quarter - chapel for HS rather than Wednesday
Oct 17, Mon	- Dessalines Day - no school
Oct 18, Tues	- 2 nd 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

Mr. McMahon's dad will be here during the second week in October and would like to have the opportunity to address the students. In order to accommodate the request, SS chapel will be on Friday that week. This is also an **open invite** to the school family to come and hear Mr. McMahon's dad address the students. Parents and guests are more than welcome to attend chapel at 8 A.M. to hear our guest speaker.



Parents and students can check what will be for lunch today. Just go to the "Lunch" tab in the upper-right corner of the screen. You can also jump to a calendar view from there to see what's coming up later on.

Prayer Corner – our talks with God includes

- prayers for God's comforting hand upon Lissage, a school guard, whose mother was buried yesterday after being seriously ill for some time.
- thanks for the daily safety of traveling each day. Just think of the many miles traveled by our school families each day and the number of cars on the road.
- praise for the general school spirit among the students and the staff. What a blessing to be a part of the adventure!
- thankful for the visual evidence of prayer warriors here on campus each Friday morning.



Get Caught Reading

Once again, thank you to our dedicated volunteer librarian who worked tirelessly all this week in rearranging the books in our library. No book was left unturned. I can testify to that, seeing Mr. Potts dusty hands. He should have had a pedometer on him just to track the kilometers he travelled just in moving the books. You truly are a librarian, Mr. Potts and we thank you the way the Lord used you to be a creative helping hand during the past two weeks. Well done! Godspeed on your travels and your continued service for His kingdom. You are His champion!



The following used books were donated recently by Jayden Krul – one of the home-schooled missionary children who are also members of our library.

GIDEON Soldier of God by Christian Focus Publications
REBEKAH The Mother of Twins by Christian Focus Publications
PETER The Apostle by Christian Focus Publications
What Happens to a Hamburger by Paul Showers
WORLD by Lift-a-Flap Books
USA by Lift-a-Flap Books
The Berenstain Bears and the Messy Room by Stan and Jan Berenstain

The Paulette Blain Memorial Library appreciates everyone who has been so kind as to donate books to help our collection continue to grow. We have also appreciated the recent assistance of Mr. Doug Potts from Ohio who was librarian here at QCS during the 1979/1980 school year and has just recently retired from 30 years as a librarian in the U.S. Mr. Potts helped us completely re-organize our non-fiction section and checked through our entire collection of over 20,000 volumes to ensure that all of our books were properly in order.

Picture books at the outset seem simple, but the good ones say important things that will furnish your children with good concepts, ideas to talk about and think through, ideas to stick in the child's mind for years to come.

Don't dismiss them too quickly, especially for the ages six through eight. Develop a mind-set that thinks from the child's point of view. Often a book will tug at your own heart, giving you new insights and even a new direction for you and your children to explore.



Honey for a Child's Heart

There are only two weeks until the first quarter of the school year is completed. Do you know where your child is academically? Have you visited Sycamore? For all students in the grades 1 – 12 you are able to see at anytime where your child is at academically. Please stay in touch with your child's work. Show a visible interest. Let your child know you care.



The following is taken from the Parent Student Handbook 2011 – 2012 edition found in the document section of the school's web site. It is good to review our policies just to refresh our memories. Here is the section about grades:

A is a grade of distinction and should be received only by those whose work is truly outstanding. This may be only a small percentage of the class.

B is above average.

C is the average or typical grade and is given more frequently than any other grade.

D is below average but passing.

F is failure to receive credit for the course due to unfinished or unsatisfactory work. This grade may not be removed from the student's transcript, even though the course is repeated with a passing grade. It may be removed from the student's grade point average if the student repeats the course and earns a passing grade.

I is an incomplete. Incompletes are given for unusual or unforeseen circumstances – such as illness – that prevent a student from completing the work. Incompletes are given with the teacher's recommendation and the principal's approval. Teachers and students must negotiate a due date for incomplete work. In general, incomplete work not handed in by the end of the next quarter becomes an F. Exceptions can be granted by the director.

P indicates passing and is used for courses where a more specific letter grade is not assigned.

Be sure to look up the section entitled **Probation** – both academic and behavioral. It will be published in the next issue.

Meet the teacher . . .

Hi, my name is Amber Epley. I am from the United States, specifically Dallas, Texas. I was born in Texas and moved around the state 6 times before ending up in Dallas. I am the daughter of two teachers and my grandparents as well as several aunts and



uncles are also teachers. I have one brother, Chase, who is three years younger than me and a small grey dog named Macy. I attended high school in a very small town with only 18 students in my graduating class. After graduating high school I moved to College Station, Texas and attended Texas A&M University. I studied Sport Management and was involved in several student organizations. I worked for two years before I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I began teaching last year in a 3rd grade classroom. It was a great year where I was able to learn from my peers and grow a lot as a teacher.

Some facts about myself: I love running and I love sports. I played almost all the sports available to me in high school with the exception of basketball, even though my dad was the basketball coach. I also love to read and love to travel to new countries, which is what brought me to Haiti the first time.

I came to Haiti in February with my church from Dallas and we visited Mission of Hope in Titanyen. I fell in love with the country and prayed that God would allow me to return one day and He did! I am teaching middle school History and Keyboarding at Quisqueya this year. I am very excited to be in Haiti and am energized about this new school year. I know God has amazing plans for Quisqueya this year and I am eager and honored that He has allowed me to be a part of it.