

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

QCS, over the last several years, has been moving to implement cost-based tuition. That is, charging a tuition that covers the actual cost of educating the child. In the old model of subsidized tuition the school had to make up the difference between actual cost and tuition revenue. In this system, every parent, regardless of financial ability to pay, was subsidized. Unfortunately, teachers have largely shouldered the burden by teaching at well-below market rate salaries. The effect artificially lowers tuition and creates a false sense of how much it actually costs to educate a child at QCS - - and some parents think the tuition they are paying is what it costs to educate a child.



It is only right that QCS - - as many other schools in the States have done - - continue to move in the direction of cost-based tuition, while offering need-based financial aid. To this end, QCS will continue to raise funds for its annual fund in order to award financial aid, and at the same time tuition will gradually more closely reflect what it costs to educate each child.

Last year there was no tuition increase - - rather, tuition was expressed in one yearly fee and two payment plans are offered. In order to have tuition begin to reflect the true costs of schooling, the board of trustees has approved a 10% increase in fees.

And, now that tuition is set, a \$500 deposit (to be applied to next year's tuition) should be paid per child in order to guarantee a place at QCS. The deadline is May 5.

QCS continues to be a fantastic value in education, and we continue to strive for excellence in every area, including developing and maintaining a strong financial base.

Blessings!

Reasons Why I Send My Children To A Christian School – a parent

At the time when re-enrollment is happening and when many others are applying for enrolment at QCS, I thought it would be good to review why parents send their child(ren) to a Christian school.



- Because I believe that God is the source of all truth and that this must be the unifying principle in education and maturation.
- Because the Christian school regards time and talent as a trust from God, and on this assumption seeks to maintain, within the limits of individual capacities, high standards of achievement.
- Because the Christian school engages Christian teachers with a liberal arts (general) education and the necessary professional training, who are personally committed to Christ and concerned with the spiritual as well as the intellectual nurture of the children.
- Because the Christian school teaches the highest motive for good conduct and good citizenship -- love for God and neighbour.
- Because Christian school supports and compliments the Christian home and church during the child's formative years. Daily devotions, prayer in the classroom, chapel exercises and Christian friendships are examples of this support.
- Because I want my children to develop a Kingdom consciousness. In Christian education all experience is related to God. Time and talent are regarded as given by God to be used in His service.
- Because He is Lord of all and Jesus is the centre of everything we do 24/7!
- Life is worship!

School Calendar

April 17 – 23	Sun/Fri	- Senior class trip
April 22	Thurs	- Earth Day
May 7	Fri	- HS School supper & dance - half day for ALL the students
May 18	Tues	- Flag Day – no school
May 26	Wed	- Kindergarten program grade 6 step-up grade 8 promotion
May 26	Wed	- noon dismissal for all
May 27-28		- Teacher work days
May 29	Sat	- Graduation

Aug 17 First school day for the 2010/2011 school year!

Tuition fee schedule is attached!

Educational Tip of the Week

During the next several weeks, Educational Tips for the Week will focus on ways to help your child develop social skills. We hope you find the ideas and suggestions helpful.

**Teach Your Child the Golden Rule:
"Treat others the way you want to be treated."**

Helping your child learn to cooperate and get along with others will enable her to succeed, not only in school, but in everything she does. So, how do you teach your child to show respect for others? By living a good example.

Begin by treating your child with respect. Don't ridicule her in front of friends or adults. Say please and thank you to your child. Respect her right to express opinions, even when different from yours. Then, teach your child to be tolerant of others. Help her understand that legitimate rules are made to protect the welfare of everyone. ("What would school be like if everyone came late to class?") If you observe your child acting unkindly toward someone, talk with her privately about it. Ask how she would feel if she were being treated that way.

School is more rewarding for children who live the golden rule. In fact, life is more rewarding for everyone who lives the golden rule.

Praise/Prayer Corner

- As we approach the final months of school, may the Lord God help us to finish well. May the Lord our God also lead the right candidates to QCS to help fill the various staff needs we still have at this time.

Ask The Right Questions, Find the Right School



As the close of this year approaches, the administration is preparing for the new school year while at the same time, finishing well the present school year. Parents are also thinking about the schooling of their child(ren) for the new school year. Many applications have been picked up, and they are slowly returning. New prospective families are shown the campus. The application forms will be processed at the end of this month and throughout May.

What are the parents looking for? What is the school looking for?

For parents, the following in a beginning way may be some of their questions:

- ✓ Did the staff make me feel welcome** or did we disrupt the routine of their day?
- ✓ How does the school communicate with the parents?
- ✓ Does the school invite parental participation as classroom helpers and/or serving on committees?
- ✓ Are they willing to talk about the curriculum? What are the standards for what is being taught? How well does QCS do in relation to other schools?
- ✓ Is the school accredited? Does the staff have their certification?
- ✓ What place does technology have in the learning environment? Do the students have access to computers? The internet?
- ✓ What kind of physical activities are available to the students?

For the school, the following may be some of the questions in a beginning way:

- ✓ Why are you interested in sending your child to Quisqueya Christian School?
- ✓ Why Christian education?
- ✓ What are your expectations of the teachers/school?
- ✓ Have you been satisfied with the educational program your children have received to this point? If not, in what areas do you expect improvement?
- ✓ How are your children presently performing in school and/or at home? Do they have any learning disabilities? Learning problems? Social problems? Emotional problems? If so, how have these been met in the past?