

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

The holiday season is upon us -- and soon First Semester will be over! Stores have started



decorating for Christmas -- and plans for QCS's Christmas Bazaar have long been underway. Next week QCS takes off on Thursday and Friday for American Thanksgiving -- and Sunday, November 29, marks the first Sunday of Advent.

I'm writing this on another holiday: Vertieres Day, the last major battle of Haiti's war for Independence. Today commemorates that monumental battle where Haitians, under the leadership of Jean Jacques Dessalines, defeated the expeditionary French forces. France lost its most lucrative colony and Napoleon gave up his ambitions in the Americas. Haiti has much rich, interesting, and important history. I want our students to understand well the lessons that accompany these holidays and observances. I want them to understand the history of Haiti and the forces that have shaped this endlessly fascinating country.

As you take a day off of work and school, please take the time to teach your children the lessons of the day -- from the battles against the French in Haiti, to the lessons of gratitude associated with Thanksgiving, and, most of all, prepare now for a meaningful, intentional celebration of Advent, that wonderful time of year when we rejoice in an event solidly rooted in history: the coming of the Messiah.

Blessings!

Christlikeness

Using the computer thesaurus, I found the synonym to the word disciple – pupil, scholar, learner. I like the last noun because we all – students, teachers and parents – need to be life long learners. That is also one of the habits we would love to see in the graduate of QCS.

A disciple is a follower of His teacher. Christ Jesus was the Master Teacher. His disciples were to learn Christ. At times we learn our lessons well and other times we are slow learners.

To become like Christ is not accomplished through osmosis. To become Christ-like comes through habits. We need to develop the habits of:

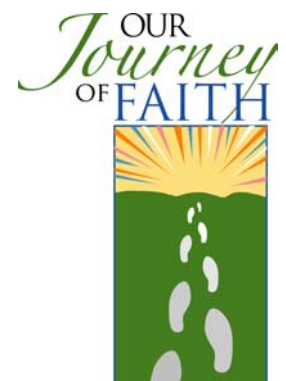
Learning from His Word. - the Bible is our guide for living. It tells us Do this and live. Fear God and keep His commands for that is the whole duty of man. That learning can only happen when we read His Word on a regular basis. That word needs to equip us for the hope we have and we always need to be ready to give an answer for the hope we have to all those around us. That Word is the basis for this school.

Talking with God - as Christ's disciples were in His presence each day and heard the parables and saw the miracles, so we too need to see God this day and talk with him always. We are never alone. He is always there, being our Guardian and Guide. In our journey of life long learning, we need to walk and talk to our Master Teacher each day.

Doing good - never becoming weary to do good. We read how we should live in His Word. At the ES chapel exercises, the learners are reminded that we need to produce the fruit of the Spirit in our daily life. How are we known? We are known by our actions. They will know that we are Christians by our love.

Our knowing must become **our doing** must become **our loving**.

Core value of QCS of Right Living- Christ-likeness.





Come and join us!

Plan to attend the 2009 Christmas
Bazaar

Saturday, December 5th

good food, good fun, good fellowship.

Like to give a helping hand? Leave your name at the office or email tdekoter@quisqueya.org Many hands make light work ☺

Reading Aloud

Every parent who reads to children and every teacher who shares a book knows of the wishful desire to read one more chapter. Many adults remember the teacher who read to his students each day from some wonderful book. Books matter to children. Books have a way of building people. Books influence both young and old to this very day. We are all under construction.

How are you encouraging your child on his journey of learning? reading?

Prayer Corner

* We praise the Lord for the healing process of Olivier's bones. This past week he was at school wheeling around and being wheeled around.

* We continue to pray for healing for Wendy and Troy and their two children as they continue to live in God's presence and in His power and strength.

* Next week is the American Thanksgiving. Every day needs to be a day of thanks giving. We need to share our attitude of gratitude with God each day. Father we thank You for each new day, for QCS, our daily food, daily safety, daily health, for family, for salvation in Christ Jesus, for life, for . . .

School Calendar

Fri/Nov 20th - HS campout overnight
 Wed/Nov 25th - last progress report before report cards
 Thurs/Fri/Nov 26/27 - Days of Thanksgiving – no school
 Sat/Dec 5th - Christmas Bazaar
 Mon – Wed
 Dec 14th – 16th - High School Exams – noon dismissal
 Wed/Dec 16th - 2nd quarter ends/end of 1st semester
 - noon dismissal – non-uniform day ☺

Dec 16th – Jan 4th inclusive = Christmas Break
 Tues/Jan 5th - start of third quarter

A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine - a definition

pasteurize – too far to see

Educational Tip of the Week

"Support Your Child's Math Skills"

Mental math comes in handy on tests, at the cashier's counter, in restaurants, in the kitchen, and at the workbench. Help your child develop mental math skills with word problems like "Jack has \$20 and spends \$13 at the arcade. How much money does he have left?" Or multiple calculation problems like "6 times 5, plus 3, minus 4 equals..." You can use mental math problems while waiting in the doctor's lounge, cooking dinner, or walking through the mall.

The journey of learning has been mentioned throughout this edition of the newsletter. Proverbs tells us to *teach your children to choose the right path, and when they are older, they will remain upon it.*



Your love for your children is shown by:

- making your home a place where they can bring their friends
- choices determine consequences
- let your yes be yes and your no, No!
- compliment your children as soon as it happens
- spend time with your kids now, and they'll spend time with you later
- too many advantages for your children add up to disadvantage
- be an example to your children even when they are not around
- teach your children to do more than they are asked to do

I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.