

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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The Most Excellent Way

Welcome to the 2008 - 2009 academic year!

QCS starts the year with 264 students and a full faculty and staff of 36. For the last two weeks teachers have been preparing lessons, praying, arranging classrooms, determining to do their best for your children. And I am pleased to have a strong faculty and an excellent support staff.

QCS continues to move forward in offering interesting and challenging electives. This year I am especially pleased to introduce the music and art programs in the high school: Jamie Cartright will be offering HS Choir as well as a Music Appreciation class; Corrigan Clay will be offering courses in Design Fundamentals, Art History, and Art Studio. Other electives include Digital Photography, Journalism, Chess, Marine Biology, Aeronautical Engineering, and Health. And programs at the elementary level continue to go forward, with increased ESL support and the continuation of French and Music.

We do all that we do to equip students with academic skills so that they can impact the world for Christ! As such, QCS as an institution aims for excellence: the faculty are dedicated to a high academic standard, and we expect our students to be serious about their studies, taking to heart the challenge to reach their God-given potential.

Blessings, and best wishes for a new academic year!

Stephen Hersey



This weekend the senior class is at Seguin for a time of growing together, developing community. We pray that this would be an enriching weekend for them.

The Apostle Paul, in his first letter to the Church at Corinth, writes, "And now I will show you the most excellent way."

This year QCS will emphasize this "most excellent way," the way of unconditional love, throughout the year, which means we'll spend a lot of time in First Corinthians 13, which describes love and concludes with those memorable words: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

And now these three remain:
FAITH,.....
& HOPE
Love.

..... But the greatest of these is love.

I Corinthians 13:13

The *Message* explains it this way:

*Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end.*

So no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Throughout this year, may we all
*trust steadily in God,
hope unswervingly,
love extravagantly.*

That is the most excellent way.



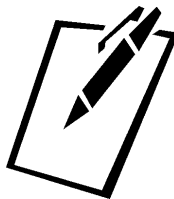
I first moved to Haiti from a small town called Oak Harbor located on Whidbey Island in the northwest corner of Washington. Prior to living in Haiti I grew up on a small farm that my family still owns. My family back in Washington consists of my parents, three brothers, two sister-in-laws, and my adventurous niece. God has blessed me with a wonderful family to whom I am very close. When I am not teaching I enjoy being outdoors. I enjoy running, water skiing, wakeboarding, and reading.

After graduating from Seattle Pacific University with my teaching degree in 2000 I moved to Haiti and began to teach Fourth Grade at Quisqueya. While in Haiti I met and married my husband Tarek. We have been married for three years and look forward to many more. I have now been teaching Fourth Grade for eight years. Each new class has taught me something new and I am excited for what my ninth year will bring.

A New Program

No More Zeros is a new program being instituted at QCS to help students complete homework and avoid no credit for not handing work in, and the program will help students become more responsible and better organized. The program works as follows: if a student does not turn in homework on time, he or she must come after school between 3:15 and 4:00 to make up this work. Also, if a student wastes time in class and does not do the class work, the student will stay after school to complete the work.

This program starts Monday, August 25 under the direction of Randall Chabot. We will continue to find effective ways to meet the needs of all our students.



School Calendar

- Tuesday, Aug 26th - ES soccer
- Wednesday, Aug 27th - HS volleyball
- MS soccer
- Wednesday, Sept 3rd - HS soccer
- MS volleyball
- Wednesday, Sept 10th - Hip Hop MS/HS girls
- 3-3 tourney bball boys HS

Volleyball

Each second Saturday of the month there will be volleyball from 9 A.M. - 11 A.M. starting on Saturday, September 13th for parents and community members. This is for adults only (18+).

The following was part of the staff devotions during their development days

Leader Prayer:

Father, we pray for our school:
 Help us in trust to take each other's hand.
 May we not build castle walls of mistrust about ourselves,
 May we learn to handle conflict
 and not freeze our anger or fear in distant politeness
 nor tear ourselves apart in verbal hatred
 nor divide ourselves in cliquey groups.

Encouragement

Dear God, let us show our joy,
 by encouraging those who are unsure of themselves,
 by helping those who are weak,
 by laughing with those who are happy,
 and by sharing faith with those who search for truth.

Unity and Diversity

Leader: God has made us all so different

All: in one way, this makes for friction, for we see things differently, our reactions, our beliefs, our background are all different;

Leader: in another way, this makes for enrichment, for a world of so many different people means that there are countless different possibilities.

All: So we can fight, or we can co-operate.

Leader: Jesus said that fighting is out.

All: So help us to work together, Father.

Encouragement

Let us show our joy,
 by encouraging those who are unsure of themselves,
 by helping those who are weak,
 by laughing with those who are happy,
 and by sharing faith with those who search for truth.

Keep us open to one another as we go to school together,
 but also keep us open to others, welcoming and accepting.
 Deepen our love as we share the gospel,
 and broaden it as we offer it to the world.
 Lord, may this be an enjoyable year together.
 Go with us Lord, Amen.