

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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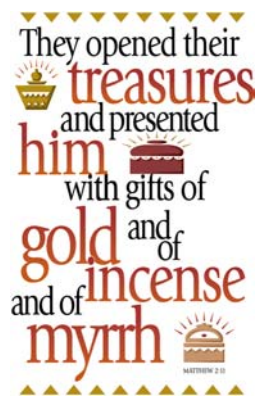
Friday, December 12, 2008 A.D.

The Most Excellent Way

This time of year, full of Christmas parties, end of semester exams and projects, after school activities, report cards, the Christmas Bazaar, and more brings stress to many. And it is always a joy, every year, to hear the fourth grade students reciting the Luke chapter 2 Christmas story from memory, and watching the older students mouth the words that they have memorized in previous years.



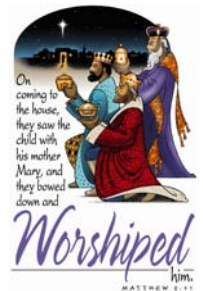
In the middle of busy schedules, deadlines, shopping, decorating, and parties, don't obscure the real Christian observance of that day that God sent his son, Jesus, into the world to redeem mankind. The message over the soccer field -- Jesus The Greatest Gift of All -- reminds us that everything else we do pales in comparison for what God has done for us. Let us remember Jesus, God's gift, and worship him this season.



I need reminders to keep me on my task. I have the date of the day I was married inscribed on the inside of my ring so I will not forget my anniversary. I have a calendar on my computer which reminds me of my colleagues' birthdays, so that I may send them an electronic birthday greeting. My father always tied a knot in his handkerchief so that he would not forget the errand he was to do on his way home from work. What memory aids do you use?

Another memory aid I use are posters, Christian posters to help me focus on my daily work. In my office there are reminders of who I am and whose I am: *The Master you are serving is Christ* or *The kingdom of God is everywhere* or *We love because He first loved us*. I guess I am a very visual person.

The desk calendar also is a memory aid to special days, especially at this time of the year. Christmas Day, December 25th is a very special day when we remember the birth of Christ. I am glad that God placed this 'memory stone' on the calendar, because it forces me to stop and think of His gift to me, to you and to all who believe. I pray that you will enjoy the reason for the season -- Jesus Christ -- with family and friends and that His light will guide all your steps in the New Year 2008 A.D. Continue to serve Him with your gifts as in fact you are already doing. That's walking in the most excellent way.



It was great to see the many parents come and see the Christmas Story in chapel today as the ES students presented *The Mouse's Tale*. Thank you to one and all who help make this program a success.

Introducing
Nellie Hilaire

My name is Nelly Hilaire. I was born in Port-au-Prince, but left at the age of 10. I grew up in Monterey, California. I graduated from California State University, with a B.A. in Communicative Disorders. I have been married for 27 years and we have one daughter.



I have been teaching 5th grade for 6 years. One of the reasons I think that I enjoy teaching this grade so much is that I left Haiti during my 5th Grade year. I spoke no English at the time. I grew to love reading, which is still one of my favorite hobbies. Another love of my life is gardening. I spend much of my weekends playing in the dirt. During the summer, I enjoy playing video games, both GameBoy Advance DS and PS2. I love quest and adventure games.

I grew up in a Christian home. My grandfather was a Baptist minister. I accepted the Lord during my teenage years. He has worked wonders and miracles in my life. I love sharing His Word with my students.

Volume II of The Quill, Quisqueya's quarterly magazine, is here! The magazine includes stories, poems, photos, and artwork from our students. Support these talented writers and artists at by purchasing your copy in the front office for 40 HTD or \$5 US. Students pay 30 HTD if ordered from their homeroom teacher.



Tuition fees are due on the 15th of every month. There will be a late fee applied for those who do not meet the payment schedule.

School Calendar

Mon/Wed, Dec 15–17 - HS exams continue in the mornings
 - school in the AM only
 Wednesday, Dec 17 - last day of the semester
 Friday, Dec 19th - report cards may be picked up
 Monday, Jan 5th - first school day in the new year

January 24 next SAT test (registration deadline is Dec. 26 at www.collegeboard.com)

April 4 next ACT test (registration deadline is Feb. 27 at www.act.org)

Exam Schedule

Friday-	today	1:30 - 3:00	English
Monday		8:30 - 10:00	Math
		10:30 - 12:00	Bible
Tuesday		8:30 - 10:00	Science
		10:30 - 12:00	Transitions/Anatomy/ESL
Wednesday		8:30 - 10:00	French/Business Ethics Music Appreciation
		10:30 - 12:00	History

Attention all elementary students! Come join us after school on Tuesday, December 16th for a Christmas mini-movie marathon! We will be watching *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Mickey Mouse Christmas*, and *Shrek the Halls* in the chapel from 12:15pm-1:30pm. Refreshments will be available so come prepared to purchase yummy Christmas treats! This event is a fundraiser for the high school students traveling to Washington DC in February.

As we approach Christmas Day once again, the staff and the students wish you a blessed Christmas with the family and friends. May God continue to be your Guide throughout the new year of 2009 D.V. Continue to travel with Him always.

