

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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The Most Excellent Way

If you weren't at the parent meeting in January, there is a packet for you in the front office – please pick it up!



The Board presented two important matters: First is the Annual Fund, a way you can donate funds in order to strengthen the financial base of QCS. All funds donated will go toward attracting and retaining teachers, and funds will also go to provide financial aid to families who qualify. Second, the fee structure at QCS is being simplified. QCS is doing well, and these changes are being put into place to keep QCS operating efficiently.

There will be no increase in tuition for next year. Rather, all fees – such as the curriculum fee and the, activity fee have been combined and tuition will be expressed as one yearly figure, due before school starts in August. For example:

Yearly tuition at QCS is as follows:

Pre –K	Grades 1-5	Grades 6 - 8	Grades 9 – 12
\$4330	\$5040	\$5435	\$6060

There is a reenrollment deposit of \$500 due at reenrollment. \$25 dollars of this goes toward registration, and \$475 will be subtracted from the totals listed above.

If parents prefer a payment plan, two options are available: Two payments can be made – one before school and one at Christmas for a 5% fee. For those families who wish to make monthly payments, a 10% fee will be incurred.

For parents reenrolling, if you are presently receiving financial aid (such as a “Special Ministry Discount” or a “sibling discount,” and you have financial need, you may apply for aide – and you will receive it!

Reenrollment packets will go out March 2nd., including a form for financial aid, but attached is the fee schedule to help you understand the process better.

While change often causes uncertainty, please feel free to ask questions of Jennifer Paultre, the Business Manager, Mirna Beneche, the Office Manager, any board member, or me.

In every area, from academics to finances, QCS is always striving to honor God through best practices and excellence.

Among the staff at lunch time, we were discussing the various rules and regulations for get a driver's license. It varies greatly in the various countries and I am glad I have my Haitian driver's license. I have been stopped many a time and each time, I'm still okay.



I am also grateful that I have a reliable machine to drive, although the air bags are no longer there nor do the front seat belts work. In Ontario, Canada, since December 1, 2006, every person travelling in a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt or use a child safety seat. The penalty for seat belt infractions is a fine between \$60 and \$500. Convicted offenders will receive two demerit points. New drivers lose their license at 9 demerit points while experienced drivers lose their license at 15 demerit points.



Since seat belts were made mandatory, the number of people killed and injured in collisions in Ontario has steadily dropped. The use of seat belts have saved many lives. They are there for our good.

God's Word is also there for our good. It tells us how to live. His Word tells us to keep the belt of truth in Ephesians 6. As the seat belt keeps 'things' in place, so does the belt of truth. Truth keeps us secure in Christ. The belt of truth involves two places of truth – in our hearts and in our minds. Truth in the heart will mean serving God and our neighbour. Truth in our heart will affect our whole attitude. It will make us do what is right and good and true. Truth in our minds will mean as Timothy states, *Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Buckle up! It's the law. Live as a child of the King, a kingdom kid, equipped to serve in His world in the most excellent way, loving with all our heart and soul and mind.



Allow me to introduce myself.

I, Tony DeKoter, thoroughly enjoy teaching and as a result I spend too much time at my work. But love for my work, love for the family and love for the Lord are basic ingredients for joyful living - not necessarily in that order. This is my third year at QCS and I am enjoying my task at QCS as teacher and principal.



I have been an intermediate(MS) teacher for thirty-six years before I came here and still enjoy the classroom each and every day. I'd never make a great full time administrator because I would lose the classroom JOY. Most children enjoy my classes. As we cover the curriculum, I desire that they see the Lord of Life not only in the academics but also in me. He's the foundation of all that I do and needs be their roots also. And so the emphasis in my teaching is that it is Christ-centered, curriculum focused, child-oriented and teacher directed. That's a tall order.

Although my wife, Mary, and I are empty nesters, we did and still are raising our three children and seven grandchildren. Once upon a time, we were the guardians of two Chinese children from Vietnam for five years. (Eventually, Sang and Minh brought their mom and dad, brother and sister also to Canada and so the whole family was reunited once again.) As part of our promise to the Lord, our task to the community never ends and we all need concerted effort in the nurturing of His children. That task and responsibility never ends and that is why the Christian school is not only a parental school, but a school supported by the Christian community whose vision is that their God is Lord of all of Life, including the education of their children and their children's children.

In the small schools (from 100 – 150 students) I taught and where I was also the administrator, one teaches all subjects although there are areas which are not my expertise. I thoroughly enjoy math, grammar, literature, P.E. and computers. But, that doesn't limit my expectations of the students the Lord has entrusted to me. Not everything that I teach is a show and tell. Sometimes, it is just a telling.

In my teaching as in my daily living, I acknowledge my dependence upon the Lord and continue to put my hand into His hand for my daily guidance. He has given me much and I continue to rely upon Him for my daily strength and wisdom - Lead me and Guide Me, Lord in the days ahead as we, my wife and I, continue to live every day as a day of our Lord in Your service at QCS and the greater community here in Haiti.

## Prayer Concerns

Please keep the Craan family in your prayers as the doctors are trying to find out what is causing Krysta's burning rash and swollen painful joints. We pray for a speedy recovery that may result her return to join her classmates.

We also continue to keep the Innocent family in our prayers. Olivier, a grade six student has missed at least three weeks of school because of the pain he is experiencing in his back and lower limbs. May our God grant the healing he needs and the doctors the insight they need to diagnose the problem.

Keep the Board and the Director in your prayers as preparations are being made for the new school year – for new board members, teachers to fill the staffing needs, and all the behind the scenes items that go into the making of a new school year – prayer, inspiration and perspiration.

## School Calendar

Mon – Fri, Feb 16-20 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week  
**Thank you for your tokens of appreciation and prayers.**  
Today, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - noon dismissal  
February 23 – 27 - Spring Break – Carnival Break  
Monday, March 2 - return to class  
Friday, March 13 - third quarter ends – non uniform day

## "RUN THE RACE AND READ"



**READ-A-THON is coming!**  
**QCS Elementary Read-A-Thon**  
**Promo week begins**  
**Wednesday, March 18th**

## Contributions from the grade 6 class

### Writer's Block

I am in the  
    **Writer's Block:**  
A place so tiny  
That when you're there  
    No ideas  
    Can possibly fit, and you  
Can't possibly write a poem  
    Without ideas –  
But I just did  
    This one.



**Flower**  
Tiny and red  
It's pointed petals make  
A spreading cup, drunk  
from by the  
Fairies.

**PEACE**  
A sense, a feeling  
Between countries, between us . . .  
A symbol of God,  
This sense makes you feel secure,  
The time of reuniting.

**Pencil**  
Long, yellow  
Sharpening, writing, erasing.  
It writes this poem!  
Stylus.



**Books**  
Stories, tales.  
Reading, writing learning.  
Sometimes they become real . . .  
.  
Traveling, questioning,  
adventuring  
Exciting, alive!  
Journeys.

**Tree**  
Tall, green  
Reaching for clouds.  
Branches spread, giving shade.  
Beautiful.

**Caterpillar,**  
Green, short  
Crawling, climbing, forming  
Grows a cocoon, then burst.  
**Butterfly**  
Flying, swirling, soaring  
Colourful, insect  
Transformed.



**An Acrostic**

**P**reciously written from the heart.  
**O**ur feelings burst out  
**E**ach one is unique  
**M**ore and more words develop.

**QUISQUEYA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
**2009 – 2010 Fee Schedule**

**NEW STUDENT ONLY**

**APPLICATION FEE** (Non refundable) **\$25.00**  
 Due when application form is submitted

**TESTING FEE** (Non refundable) **\$75.00**  
 Due before taking the placement test.

**NEW FAMILY FEE** (per family - non refundable) **\$1,000.00**  
 Due on or before the first day of attending classes.  
 A one time fee paid when the first child from a family is accepted at QCS.

**REGISTRATION AND TUITION FEES** **\$500 +PLAN A or PLAN B or PLAN C**

**ALL STUDENTS**

**REGISTRATION FEE** (Non refundable on or after June 1, 2009.)

- ❖ Due by the end of March 2009
- ❖ Holds place in school

**PLAN A**

- ❖ Total year tuition due on or before August 14, 2009

**PLAN B** (5% increase of Registration fee plus Plan A)

- ❖ Paid in two equal parts
- ❖ First payment due on or before August 14, 2009
- ❖ Second payment due on or before December 18, 2009

**PLAN C** (10% increase of Registration fee plus Plan A)

- ❖ Paid in ten equal parts from August to May.
- ❖ First payment due on or before August 14, 2009.
- ❖ Payments are due on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of each month.
- ❖ A late fee of 5% on all outstanding balance will be added on the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) of the month.
- ❖ QCS reserves the right to refuse student(s) from attending classes for delinquent accounts of two (2) or more months tuition until the amount is paid. If prior arrangements are made through the business manager this decision is waived.

	PK & K 5 Half days	PK & K 5 Full days	Grades 1-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
<b>Registration fee</b>	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
<b>Plan A: Year – due August 14, 2009</b>	\$3830	\$4,540	\$4,540	\$4,935	\$5,560
<b>Plan B: first Payment- due August 14, 2009</b>	\$2,023.50	\$2,396	\$2,396	2,603.50	\$2,931.50
<b>Plan B: second payment - due December 18, 2009</b>	\$2,023.50	\$2,396	\$2,396	2,603.50	\$2,931.50
<b>Plan C Monthly payments</b>	\$426	\$504	\$504	\$548	\$617

**NOTES:**

1. All funds are in US dollars
2. The school Board will do periodic financial re-evaluation and reserve the right to adjust tuition if needed.
3. A \$30 fee will be charged for all returned checks.

**Calculation of Fees based on 2008-2009 fees & tuition**

<b>2008 - 2009</b>	<b>PK &amp; K</b>	<b>Elem</b>	<b>MS</b>	<b>HS</b>
Registration	25	25	25	25
Activity fee	120	120	120	120
Curriculum	305	305	320	345
Yearly tuition	3880	4590	4970	5570
<b>Total Fees for the year</b>	<b>4330</b>	<b>5040</b>	<b>5435</b>	<b>6060</b>
<b>5% increase</b>	<b>4547</b>	<b>5292</b>	<b>5707</b>	<b>6363</b>
<b>10% increase</b>	<b>4763</b>	<b>5544</b>	<b>5979</b>	<b>6666</b>