

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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*The Most Excellent Way*

As soon as I became a father, I started seeking parenting advice, listening more carefully to experienced parents, and looking to books and articles for ideas on rearing children. A parent has no greater task than to raise children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And, like I suspect most parents, I'm afraid of getting parenting all wrong!



At QCS, we know that rearing, disciplining, educating and guiding children on the right path are the responsibilities of the parents. And these responsibilities cannot be outsourced! However, QCS comes alongside to help in the process by offering a seminar on parenting.

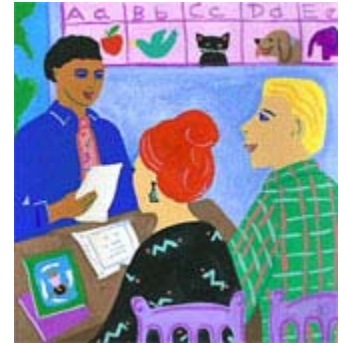
And, from time to time, experienced speakers come our way to help us on our parenting journey. We have the special delight to welcome Mr. Art McMahon Sr. (the father of Coach Art McMahon, Jr., QCS Health and PE teacher). He has been involved in Christian education for 40 years. For 30 years, Art Sr. was a 5th grade teacher in the public school system of Hudson, Ohio. He currently teaches Science and Bible at two Christian high schools. For 25 summers, Art Sr. served as head director for Beulah Beach Christian camps. Each year, he helped to organize and run camps for over 1000 young people. Currently he is the head of a Sunday school outreach program. Art Sr has a gift of reaching young people for Christ and counseling parents who need Bible based advice on issues of today.

Despite the hours given to Christian ministry he is a very devoted family man. His wife Nancy has also been involved in Christian education. She has been the head guidance counselor at one of the largest Christian high schools in the US. As well as being the father to current QCS teacher, Art McMahon Jr, Art Sr has one daughter named Wendy, and two grandchildren. In his spare time he enjoys running, working out and golf.

I am thrilled to welcome Mr. McMahon to QCS to speak on "Communicating Biblical Self-Worth and 15 Ways Parents Exasperate Their Children." I'm looking forward to hearing wise counsel about parenting, and I trust you will attend this important meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 P.M. in the auditorium.

## Parent – Teacher Conferences - March 20<sup>th</sup>

Today was the last day of the third quarter. A week from today, time has been set aside for a parent teacher conference regarding the academic progress of your child(ren). It is fitting to meet once again since there are less than ten weeks left in the school year. If your child is doing well, you are able to encourage him/her to continue to use the gifts the Lord has given. Well done! For those who are not performing well in the various subject areas, there will be time for a turn-around and do the required work necessary to finish the year well. We need to work on a plan, and the best plan is when the home and the school work together. Let's just do it.



Please do make the time available to come to the conference. **The report cards will be given at the conferences next Friday from 7 A.M. – noon.** After seeing the report card, you may desire not to see the teacher. If your child is not doing well, then you have the opportunity to come together to make a plan for the last quarter. For those who have students in the MS/HS, it may be good to have your child there when we are discussing his welfare, so there can be no miscommunication.

Be sure to attend the conferences:

- to suggest ways that the home and the school can help children succeed in school. Let's create a plan together.
- to interpret to the parent the child's growth and progress in his school work.
- to share with parents knowledge about spiritual, social and emotional development of their child(ren).

Reenrollment and new admissions is well underway. **The deadline for reenrollment is March 20.** If you have any questions or concerns about admissions or the fee structure, please feel free to contact me at [shersey@quisqueya.org](mailto:shersey@quisqueya.org).

## Introducing . . . Art McMahon

It has been great to be back in Haiti! It is hard for me to imagine but I made my first trip to Haiti over 9 years ago. At the time I had just graduated from Asbury College in the state of Kentucky. I had been looking for an international school. What I thought at the time was blind luck ended up being God at work. I found QCS on the internet. I contacted the school and they had need for a PE teacher. I spent a little more than a year at QCS in 2000-2001. Although I returned to the US the desire to come to Haiti was still in me. I had opportunities to return on short work related teams. In the fall of 2007 I made the choice to return once again. God opened the necessary doors for me to come back. The past 14 months have been a bigger blessing than I ever could have imagined. I love working with sports. There is not a sport I do not like so it is a natural for me to teach PE. I love seeing students find new ways to be active and healthy. I have a passion for coaching basketball and I still enjoy playing as much as I can. In my free time I enjoy running, lifting weights, tennis and seeing as much of Haiti as I can. It is my pleasure to be back and working at QCS.



### Prayer Concerns

We express our condolences to Thomas Huber, whose mother died this past week, and we also lift up our staff member, Mrs. Katarina Lafortune, whose father unexpectedly passed away in Slovakia. As we lift the families up to the Lord in prayer, may we all remember that nowhere are we safer than our hands lost in the grip of our Guardian and Guide, our Comforter who walks along with us each and every day. May He continue to supply all our needs from day to day.

## School Calendar

Monday, March 16 <sup>th</sup>	- start of the last quarter
Friday, March 20 <sup>th</sup>	- parent-teacher conference 7 - noon
	- report card day
	- no school for the students
March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	- chapel each day for the MS/HS
Wednesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup>	- Parent Seminar at 4:00 PM
April 10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> inclusive	- Easter Break – no school
April 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	- week of the senior class trip
	- week of the Stanford Testing – gr 3 - 11
April 24 <sup>th</sup>	- progress reports go home
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	- Agriculture and Labor Day
	- no school
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	- Flag Day
	- no school
May 26 <sup>th</sup>	- grade 8 promotion
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	- Grade 6 Step-up
May 25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	- high school exams – noon dismissal
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	- last day of school
	- non-uniform day
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	- Graduation at 4 PM

## “RUN THE RACE AND READ!”

### QCS Elementary Read-A-Thon ~begins~

*Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Receive your parent packet with more  
details on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at your  
parent-teacher conference!*

Go to

[www.timalice.net](http://www.timalice.net)

Or

[www.centretimalice.blogspot.com](http://www.centretimalice.blogspot.com)



*to see who we'll be raising money for this  
year!*

### WHY READ 30 MINUTES A DAY?

\*If daily reading begins in infancy, by the time the child is five years old, he or she has been fed roughly 900 hours of brain food!

\*Reduce that experience to just 30 minutes a week, and the child's hungry mind lose 770 hours of nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and stories.

\*A kindergarten student who has not been read aloud to could enter school with less than 60 hours of literacy nutrition. No teacher, no matter how talented, can make up for those lost hours of mental nourishment.

Guess you now understand why reading daily is so very important. Why not have family night reading? It is great to just shut off the television for 20-30 minutes and read... and share.

# *“RUN THE RACE AND READ!”*

**Friday, March 27th**

“Parade of Nations” - come to school with a flag or banner that represents your family’s country of origin and run into the chapel for the Read-A-Thon kick-off assembly at 9:00 A.M.

***Parents are encouraged to attend!***

## Parade of Nations Guidelines

This year are encouraging students to come to school with a flag or banner that represents the country that their family comes from. For some, this means more than one country. There is no limit to the number of flags or banners that a student may carry. Flags and banners may be purchased or made at home and can be computer generated.



Coming to Quisqueya Christian School chapel

When: Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

Time: At 4:00 P.M.

A Seminar for parents, teachers and all those interested in nurturing children

## “Communicating Biblical Self-Worth

and

## 15 Ways Parents Exasperate Their Children.”

By Art McMahon, Senior

Involved in Christian education for 30 years

Served as director for 25 summers as head director for Beulah Beach Christian camps

Refreshments will be served.

**QUISQUEYA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

## 2009 – 2010 Fee Schedule

This fee schedule is the same as the previous one with one correction -- the fee for pre-k was incorrectly stated as \$4,430.00 instead of \$4,330.00. This schedule is formatted in hopes of making it easier to follow.

**Prek and K (1/2 Day)** total tuition 4,330.00 paid as follows:

\$500 deposit at reenrollment  
\$3,930 due in August before school starts.

Option One -- total tuition (5% increase) -- \$4,547.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
Two payments of \$2,023.50 -- one by August 14, and one by December 18.

Option Two -- total tuition (10% increase) -- \$4,763.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
10 monthly payments of \$426.00

**Prek & K (Full Day) and Grades 1-5** total tuition \$5,040.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
\$4,540.00 due in August before school starts.

Option One -- total tuition (5% increase) -- total tuition of \$5,292.00 paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
Two payments of \$2,396 -- one by August 14, and one by December 18.

Option Two -- total tuition (10% increase) -- \$5,544.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
10 monthly payments of \$504.00

**Grades 6 - 8** total tuition \$5435.00 paid as follows

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
\$4935.00 due in August before school starts.

Option One -- total tuition (5% increase) -- \$5,707.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
Two payments of \$2,603.50 one by August 14, and one by December 18.

Option Two -- total tuition (10% increase) -- \$5,979.00, paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
10 monthly payments of \$548.00

**Grades 9 - 12** total tuition \$6,060.00 paid as follows:

\$500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
\$5,560 in August before school starts.

Option One -- Total tuition (5% increase) -- \$6,363, paid as follows:

500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
Two payments of \$2,931.50 -- one by August 14 and one by December 18.

Option Two -- Total tuition -- \$6,666.00 (10% increase), paid as follows:

500.00 deposit at reenrollment  
10 monthly payments of \$616.70