

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

This year I've used this column to highlight QCS's core values, those values and principles we, as a community, cherish and nourish. In the middle of our busyness -- deadlines, illnesses, assignments, traumas, activities -- it is good to remind ourselves regularly of our fundamental principles. First, as we've been highlighting all year long, Jesus is the foundation for our lives. If we are solidly anchored in Jesus, we can weather the rough times and the shocks that come our way. Stress, pressure, and tough times reveal weak, unworthy foundations, so we keep going back to Jesus, following him, and centering our lives around him.



Our core values are built on right relationship with God through the only mediator between God and man -- Jesus. The value I've been meditating on lately concerns our attitude. As our Handbook puts it, "We will commit to and lead our students in attitudes that value excellence, initiative, curiosity, service, compassion, and life-long learning." Correct attitude, a good attitude, can make school a place of joyful learning and exploration. The proper attitude can often turn a chore into an act of joyful worship when offered to God.

We value excellence in that we insist that students should always do their best -- always striving for the next level. We value initiative in that we want students to be proactive in their work and in their lives. We value curiosity in that we want students who are interested about the world and want to learn about it in deep, meaningful ways. We value service and compassion, and we see these lived out in many ways through our service projects and through acts of kindness every day on campus. Last, we value the attitude of being a life-long learner. That's why faculty members regularly read, study, and pursue knowledge, and we hope that some of this rubs off on students!

Parents, thanks for joining me in instilling attitudes that value excellence, initiative, curiosity, service, compassion, and life-long learning.

Growing to be like Christ - Christ-likeness

In the Physical Science class we briefly touched upon DNA, Deoxyribonucleic Acid. Upon reading and seeing a video, we saw the very distinctive qualities that made me, me! I am unique. I am one of a kind. My fingerprints are unique, one of a kind. I am fearfully and wonderfully made. And all my experiences, my abilities, my successes, my failures, my personality, my physical appearance makes me, me. The Psalmist states what the Lord has done in Psalm 139,

- ¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- ¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

Knowing that God has made us, we still compare ourselves to others. We look at ourselves and see our weaknesses and our flaws. We make wrong choices and that leaves a mark on us. At times we even wonder if God made a mistake in creating us.

Instead of having a focus on ourselves, we need to focus on Him. He is our Master Teacher. The Teacher's followers in days past were called disciples. This is a person who spends time learning from a mentor, a master trainer, how to live life with skill, purpose, and meaning. The follower hopes to become like his or her mentor by not only knowing the teachings, but also living the same kind of life. Jesus told his disciples that was His goal in training them! In fact, they were to go train others! Seeing Jesus come alive in His first followers became the goal of the people Jesus personally trained and sent out to do His work! That goal is still true of you and me. Others must see us as followers of our Master Teacher, Jesus Christ. Christ in us.

How well am I showing Christ-likeness to all those around me? How well did I learn my lessons? Lord, help me to walk in your steps each day.

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



Due dates are closer than they appear ☺

The students are required to serve as a requirement of being a student here at QCS. The senior class and PAC are also **seeking parents, teachers** to provide helping hands to make the bazaar a success. Why not say yes when someone calls you for a hand to help out?

Applications for vendor booths are available in the school office (one is also attached). If you have a business, why not pick up a form and sell your wares at the bazaar? If you know of a business that you would like to see at the bazaar, why not bring a form to them?

Are there any parents that have tents/canopies that the school can borrow on Friday, Dec 4th and Saturday, Dec 5th? It would be appreciated ☺

You Weren't Listening

Aw you never listen to me. You always figure I'm wrong. You never listen to my side of the story. Many comments frequently made by parents or teachers act as roadblocks to communication rather than providing a route for solving problems. How many can you identify with?

1. **Ordering** – *Stop it right now! Tell your sister you're sorry!*
2. **Threatening** – *Watch out! The next time you . . . you'll be sorry!*
3. **Preaching** – *I told you the glass would break!*
4. **Trying to solve** – *Just forget her, she's not worth it! Why don't you just find some other friends?*
5. **Lecturing** – *When I was your age, I had to . . .*
6. **Criticizing** – *How could you do something like that?*
7. **Ridiculing** – *Do you really want to go out looking like that?*
8. **Analyzing** – *I'll bet you talk a lot in class and that's why you have a detention!*
9. **Generalizing** – *All kids go through this sometime.*
10. **Avoiding** – *You're always complaining. Let's talk about something else!*

Parents/teachers need to practice active listening, avoiding the roadblocks to communication, demonstrating empathy, understanding and genuine concern to help the child/student arrive at a solution.

School Calendar

- Mon/Nov 16th - 1st & 2nd grades small field until 4:20
- 3rd & 4th grades big field until 4:20
- Tues/Nov 17th - gr 9 - ½ day at the orphanage
- Wed/Nov 18th - Vertieres Day – no school
- Thurs/Nov 19th - 5th and 6th grades big field until 4:30
- gr 10 trip to orphanage cancelled

The above are the last two days of playing soccer. The students have done a wonderful job of playing hard and having fun. Thank you parents for your support.

- 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 dentist gets on everybody's nerves.

Educational Tip of the Week

"Support Your Child's Math Skills"

What a perfect time to teach your child liquid and dry measurement by cooking together. The relationship among teaspoon, tablespoon, ounce, cup, pint and quart is best learned through real-life application - in the kitchen, of course! Satisfy your child's appetite for learning measurement NEXT THURSDAY by getting their help with the stuffing, potatoes, and pumpkin pie! Not only will they learn valuable skills, but you'll get valuable help preparing the big meal!

Prayer Corner:

Praying is not easy. Every day so many other things call for our attention. And the world around us puts little value on prayer; it tells us to put our minds to more important matters. But what matters most, is our talks with God.

- We thank the Lord that Mr. McMahon has returned and taken up his task as teacher once again. We continue to lift him, his sister Wendy in our daily prayers, praying for God's healing upon their lives. We praise the Lord that Wendy and her husband Troy were able to see one another and communicate for the first time since the accident. PTL
- We will keep the Mr. and Mrs. Pilorge and their children, Talia (12) and Gianna (10) in our prayers with the death of their brother/uncle. May God's comforting hand surround them in this dark valley.
- We pray for the two students with broken bones and the healing of the broken limbs.
- We give praise to the Lord for Miss Kuhlne return to the class after her bout with dengue fever.
- We welcome Mrs. deBlaij onboard once again as an elementary aide.
- We praise Him for the daily traveling mercies and the opportunities to grow in Him.

Quisqueya Christian School Christmas Bazaar Application

The Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 A.D. from 10:00A.M. - 5:00P.M.

Name:

Business Name:

Business Address:

Contact Information:

Phone Number(s): _____

E-Mail Address: _____

1. Please describe the type of business and type of items and basic price range to be sold at the bazaar.
2. Please list those persons that will be representing your organization at the bazaar (you are allowed three per table and we will prepare badges for them to wear):
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
3. Will you need electricity? Yes/No
(If you do, please bring your own extension cord.)

As a vendor at the QCS Christmas Bazaar, you will receive the following:

1. One space approximately 3 meters X 3 meters
2. Electricity if needed
3. One table and two chairs with a tent or shade to cover
4. Inside parking if there is space left.

As a vendor, QCS asks you for:

1. \$50.00US or \$400HTD per booth. This needs to be paid when delivering your application and is non-refundable.
2. The gates of the school will be open to vendors at 8:00 A.M. and vendors will need to be set up and ready before 10:00 A.M.
3. This application needs to be handed in to the school by November 27, 2009.
4. Vendors are not to sell or display items that are connected to or have connotations with Voodoo.
5. Vendors are asked not to sell food or drinks that will be opened and used on campus. Alcohol may be sold by order only.

Vendors may bring smaller tables, if needed, but they must fit into the space provided. Additional large tables can be provided upon request at the time of application with a \$40.00 US per table rate. Vendors are responsible for their own table cloth, decorations, and signage.

Application Accepted/Application Denied

P.A.C. Representative signature