

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Friday, October 30, 2009 A.D.

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This weekend QCS alumni, and some former staff members, from the 1990's will be



meeting in Orlando, FL. This will be a time to reconnect, to reminisce about "the good old days" to catch up on news, and to share with them the many changes that QCS has had since they graduated. I taught many of these students, and I'm eager to visit with them.

I'll also be sharing with them the many changes that have taken place since they left: improved technology; expanded course offerings; expanded libraries; the renovated soccer field and basketball court; an air-conditioned secondary building; new lockers. And I'll make sure to say that, with all the changes and developments we've had, QCS remains completely committed to following teachings of Jesus Christ.

Such meetings also energize me when I see productive, successful alumni credit QCS with a solid academic base that helped make success in college or a career possible. And hearing their stories reminds me that present students are making memories they will share in years to come, and I want to do all I can to make those memories good ones and to offer the best learning experiences possible.

At this time we covet your prayers for Art McMahon's sister Wendy and husband, Troy who were in a motorcycle accident. Both are still in the hospital and their children are with the grandparents. Wendy's condition is very serious. We pray for God's healing hand upon her fragile life and guidance for the doctors' hands as they operate. May they all experience God's comforting hand as they walk through this dark valley.

The end of October always reminds me of the Reformation, a powerful movement to bring the Church of Christ back to its biblical roots. Over against the frequently distorted and misleading teaching of the late Medieval church, the Reformation movement stressed that salvation is a free gift of God received by faith alone. Not works. Over and over, reformed preachers and writers stressed that people are justified in the sight of God through faith in Christ and in no other way. The Reformation also emphasized the primacy of the Bible over against the traditions of the church.

The specific emphasis of the Protestant Reformation has often been summarized with Latin phrases. They are:

**Sola gratia:** By grace alone. In salvation, we are rescued from God's judgment by His grace alone. Salvation is not in any sense my work.

**Sola fide:** By faith alone. This phrase expresses the truth that God's people, receive the salvation of Christ by faith and not by works.

**Sola Scriptura:** By Scripture alone. The Bible is the supreme authority for all matters of faith and life in my daily living.

**Soli Deo gloria:** Glory to God alone. Because salvation is of God and has been accomplished by God, it is for God's glory.

It is quiet and it is early when I start my day with the Lord and my coffee. What are the first words I speak? *Good morning, Lord. I am ready to meet the challenges of this day in Your service.* Or are my first words of the day *Good Lord! It's morning!* And I want to retreat back under the covers and not meet the challenges of the day? His Word tells me, *This is the day that the Lord has made. I will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Thank You Lord for Your Word for it is my roadmap for new beginnings each day in Your presence. Shine upon me as I serve You this day. Let the journey of learning continue . . . in joy and in Your Sonshine!

We had the privilege of hearing a former teacher address the students at the MS/HS and ES chapel this past week. Mrs. Shelby 'Leabhart' Harper taught a group of willing HS girls musical interpretation of a song entitled *Arise My Love* sung by the Newsboys. The girls used sticks in their interpretation of the song – a musical dance. This expression is part of the Dowel Rod Ministry. Afterwards Mrs. Harper spoke to the students about prayer, especially forgiveness prayer for the people who have hurt us or bother us. We were reminded once again, that we all are on a mission field, serving the Lord.



We love our books . . . and its looking that way! This year there have been many book repairs in the library, more than in previous years. Many books are coming back worn and/ripped. Parents, please help your children take better care of all their books.

Mrs. White  
ES Librarian

### Parent – Teacher Communication

Parents and teachers - thank you for approaching the parent teacher conferences in the true spirit of communication – listening and talking to each other. I pray that the conferences were beneficial for your children's learning. They were certainly a benefit for me. The next progress reports will be published on November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The strength of the education of our children comes from the Lord's blessing upon our efforts to raise them in the fear of His name. We also need to recognize that the strength of many a school is directly related to the extent that the parents are involved in the school and in partnership/cooperation with the teachers. God's will is done when we work together in the training of His children.

## School Calendar

Mon/Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls' Day – no school  
 Tues/Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> - **No Games today ☹**  
 Thurs/Nov 5<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:30  
 Mon/Nov 9<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades small field until 4:20  
 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:20  
 Thurs/Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:30  
 Mon/Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades small field until 4:20  
 - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:20  
 Wed/Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Vertieres Day – no school  
 Thurs/Nov 19<sup>h</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:30  
 Thurs/Fri/Nov 26/27 - Days of Thanksgiving – no school  
 Sat/Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Bazaar  
 Mon – Wed  
 Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - High School Exams – noon dismissal  
 Wed/Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends/end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester  
 - noon dismissal – non-uniform day ☺  
**Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Jan 4<sup>th</sup> inclusive = Christmas Break**  
 Tues/Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - start of third quarter

The QCS back packs are for sale @ \$8.00 US. Each elementary teacher has a supply and HS & MS can purchase them at lunch by the high school building.

### A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

**Definition:** Plastic surgery – cutting up all your credit cards.

### Educational Tip of the Week

#### "Support Your Child's Reading"

Children complain that textbooks are boring. One problem is that textbooks are written at or above grade level. Another problem is the concise writing style that textbook authors are forced to use. Coupled together, these make reading and comprehending textbooks difficult for some children.

You can improve your child's understanding of textbook material by reading aloud with fluency and expression. Giving further explanations and stimulating more talk about the subject is a surefire way of easing textbook boredom and arousing interest in the subject matter.



See you at the pole.  
*Go and Pray* - 2 Kings 22:13a



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Dear QCS Parents,

Plans are underway for this year's QCS Christmas Bazaar. "Already?" you might exclaim! Yes! It is time to plan, prepare and get ready because the time will soon be here. December 5<sup>th</sup> is only five weeks away ☺



Proceeds of this year's Christmas Bazaar will go to the Parent Action Committee (P.A.C.) for QCS family and community sponsored events such as the Fall Family BBQ, Spring Family Picnic. Another portion of the proceeds of the Christmas Bazaar will be given to the QCS Senior class as they participate in the planning and preparing stages and the day of the December event.

What does this have to do with you? We need your participation! There are seven different committees that have been formed in an effort to make this the best Christmas Bazaar ever, however, without your thoughts, ideas, resources and muscle, it cannot happen! So, roll up your sleeves, put on your thinking cap and let us know how you can help.

These are the areas of which we could use your participation:

**Decorating:** need supplies, help putting up and taking down trees and decorations.

**Ticket Booth:** need people to be at the booths to sell tickets and help count at the end of the day.

**Set up/Clean up:** be at the school before and after the event to help however needed.

**Safety and Security:** have guards and others be responsible for all safety issues of the day

**Food & Drinks:** need people to serve and to help prepare some food in advance.

**Bake Sale:** need lots of yummy desserts, cookies, cakes, breads, etc donated.

**Advertising:** need contacts for local radio, newspaper and "feet" that will help get promotional flyers into local businesses.

Do you know of **vendors** who will purchase booths to sell their goods to those who attend the Bazaar? Have them contact the school office for an application form. Why not bring the form to them?

If you can help to do just one thing, please contact us! We will connect you with the proper person regarding the area of your availability, gifting and desire. Call one of us listed below, or feel free to speak with any of us on campus.

Thank you in advance for considering what you can do to help make this year's Christmas Bazaar a lasting memory for many families in our community.

Sincerely,

The Parent Action Committee

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P.S. We are willing to do a promotional letter to send home with the students and announce the day of the bazaar of all businesses that provide services and items to the bazaar at cost or for free for this event.