

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

Bruce Lockerbie claims "the only legitimate purpose for a school's



existence as a school is to be a place of academic teaching and learning where Jesus Christ is honored as Lord." And, I'm pleased to say, QCS exists -- as our mission statement puts it, "to equip students with the necessary academic and spiritual training that prepares them to impact their world for the glory of God." Everyday teachers are working hard from pre-k to grade 12 to equip students with academic training so they can go and make a difference in the world, and many QCS alumni do make a positive difference.

As an academic institution, QCS celebrates the academic successes of our students, and all students are encouraged to pursue excellence, to develop their God-given intellectual abilities. In particular, it is my pleasure to announce that Sasha McCarn, QCS Senior, has been named a Commended Student in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Program. A Letter of Commendation from QCS and from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which conducts the program, was presented to him today in morning assembly.

About 34,000 Commended Students are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2010 competition by taking the 2008 PSAT.

Congratulations, Sasha!

Right Attitude - service

At our staff devotions on Thursday morning we were asked about our favorite Bible character. I like Joshua for many reasons as a Bible hero, but especially for the words he spoke to the people of Israel. The words he spoke then still resound in my mind this day:

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

—Joshua 24:15

This advice is not only good for me from day to day, but for all of us. A statement I repeat for the special student visitors I receive in my office, *you choose, but I give the consequences*. We cannot underestimate the impact of our choices. Not doing our school work = No More Zeros. Failing grades = Ninth Hour or even no receiving a diploma = not graduating. Faithfully doing my school work each night = good/passing grades = graduation. Going out of my way to help others = service awards. Service projects = a sense of happiness or satisfaction = doing the work of Christ. One choice can have life-long consequences – good or bad. What I will be tomorrow depends on the choices I make today.

The words of Joshua are good words for DeKoter to follow each and every day – *to serve the Lord*. This reminds me of *Why am I here?* This question I raise to all my students. Why are you here? Why did the Lord God, the Creator create you?

To Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. Serve Him. Serve him.

Introducing . . .

My name is Tony Kulpa and I am from St. Augustine, FL. I am 24 years old and I am the second of nine children, with four brothers and four sisters. I was homeschooled K-12 and absolutely loved it! From my teenage years on I always loved teaching and helping others pursue learning. Since then I have taught groups at almost every level, from preschool children to college students. It's hard to pick a favorite age group but I have to admit I love teaching students who can challenge you in your knowledge of a subject that you know very well.



My favorite physical pastimes are hiking and backpacking. I love to walk places that could be easily reached by car just for the fun of it. I also love exploring and finding myself in new and exciting situations. I am a voracious reader, when I have the time, and especially enjoy classical literature. Despite my leanings towards the verbal, I majored in mathematics and computer science at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, FL. My areas of particular study were artificial intelligence and the mathematics of Computer Graphics. If you ever want a very, very long conversation with me, ask me what branch of science AI is part of!

This is my first time coming to Haiti and I find that I enjoy it immensely! The teachers, staff, and students of QCS are wonderful and have been so welcoming. I am excited to find myself on such a great team and in such a magnificent community! I look forward to all that God and this school will do to stretch me and challenge me in this upcoming year!

Praises/Prayers

- ✠ We praise God for His daily blessings – safe travel, food, clothing, friends, QCS
- ✠ We pray for continued peace in the land
- ✠ We thank the Lord for a good first quarter
- ✠ Thank You Lord, for the students we have. They are a great bunch.
- ✠ Thank You Lord for Your gifts to us, the ones we take for granted all too often – the ability to read, write, speak, walk, talk, shout for joy, etc
- ✠ Thank You Lord for Your presence here

School Calendar

- Mon/Oct 12 -1st & 2nd grades small field until 4:20
- 3rd & 4th grades big field until 4:20
- Wed/Oct 14th** - **Board linkage meeting with parents - 2 PM in the chapel**
- Thurs/Oct 15 - 5th & 6th grades big field until 4:30
- Fri/Oct 16th - last day of First Quarter
- non-uniform day
- Mon/Oct 19th - staff PD Day – no school for students
- Tues/Oct 20th - 2nd quarter begins
- 12th grade to HOPE
- Fri/Oct 23 - report card day
- parent teacher conferences
- no school for the students

Pre-K News



Here are a few pictures of Pre-K's rainbow party this past week. For snack, the children had a rainbow Jello cup with whip cream and rainbow sprinkles. Then we went to the playground and blew bubbles. The children saw all the different colors just like a rainbow. *All this makes me wish I was in Pre-K. I missed this step in my education* 😊

