

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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*The Most Excellent Way*

Excellence! The Olympic games have just ended, and already athletes are planning and training for the games in London 2012. These athletes have focus and are committed to excellence. Watching displays of high achievement encourages me to pursue the very best in what I do and in what QCS does. For a Christian, mediocrity isn't an option!



In QCS's commitment to excellence, we have turned to Paideia, Inc, a Christian consulting firm which comes alongside schools and colleges in order to help make excellence possible. Last summer Tim Banks, Board Chair, Trisha Zakhour, Els Vervloet, and I attended a Paideia conference, and we have been energized by the vision of excellence set before us.

The founder and chairman of Paideia, Inc., Bruce Lockerbie, will be coming to QCS to address the faculty and to work with the school board on issues of governance. I'm thrilled that we have the opportunity to work with such a group. On Monday, September 8th, Bruce Lockerbie will address the parents and faculty at 4:00 on the topic "The Unity of All Truth Under God." Please mark your calendar and be there!

Yours for Excellence in Christian Schooling,

Stephen Hersey

## Survival Gear

I see the children come to school with their bulging back packs. They contain their school supplies, phones, ipods and more. Part of the contents is their 'survival gear' for learning for this school year.

Cooks use recipes; pilots use charts; builders use blueprints and we use the Bible. God's Word gives direction to our lives so that we know where we are going. Its direction tells us that our only choice can be that we will serve the Lord. Learning is for Serving. Is this Word a part of your daily survival gear?

Do you want to know about the beginning of things?

God tells it in His Book about beginnings.

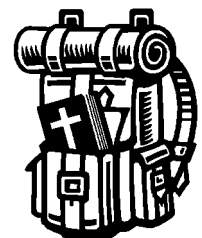
Do you want to know about the meaning of life?

God unfolds it in His Word.

Do you want to know how to live?

God leads you in the way you should go by His Spirit and Word. The great Teacher - His name is Lord! When you do your daily work, think of God first. God will stand beside you and tell you the way to go. His Word gives light. His Word tells us about the most excellent way. Listen to His voice. This is the way. Walk in it.

Walk in His light.  
Love what He loves.  
Seek what He seeks.  
Work as He works.



Schooling is a life long program. Today we all are still learning to walk the Lord's way.

## School Cancellations

School has been cancelled twice due to the weather conditions. The quickest way to let you know whether the school is open or closed is via an email. The office needs an active email address so that we may be in contact not only for the opening and closing of school but also regarding your child's performance in school. The weekly newsletter is also emailed to you each Friday containing relevant information about the activities happening in school.

If you have not visited the school's web site <http://quisqueya.org> on its home page to sign up for the school newsletter, please do so today so that also school closings will be emailed to you directly.

You will also receive a phone chain this week showing who you need to contact when school is closed. Keep it visible so that you can help out informing others about the school closings.

### Katarina Malatova-Lafortune, Ing

Ms. Lafortune holds a BS in Chemical Engineering and a MS in Biotechnology from Slovak Technical University and MS in Chemistry from Rochester Institute of Technology, where she was working as a teaching assistant for Chemistry classes and laboratories for two years. This year at QCS she teaches Chemistry and Algebra II.



She has extensive international experience in analytical and environmental research. She worked for General Electric Research Center in the Environmental Technology Laboratory in NY. She was involved in soil bioremediation processes, water quality assessment and industrial water treatability studies. Prior to this, she participated in a Pre-Service Teaching Training at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in WA, where she learned how to transfer scientific research knowledge into the classroom through a teacher-scientist mentorship program.

She volunteered with a community-interest agribusiness in Kigali, Rwanda in the process of optimizing essential oil yield and assisting a set up of an analytical laboratory.

She is a co-author of scientific articles published in Biotechnology Letters and Chemosphere. She also received the Robert L. Craven Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

She is married and together with her husband moved to Haiti from Africa at the beginning of this year.

## School Calendar

- Wednesday, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> - Board meeting  
- HS soccer  
- MS volleyball
- Monday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> - staff professional development day – no school
- Wednesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> - Hip Hop MS/HS girls  
- 3-3 tourney bball boys HS
- Saturday, Sept 13<sup>th</sup> - volleyball for parents and community (18 +) from 9 -11
- Friday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup> - parent/teacher conferences from 12:30 - 4:00  
- classes from 8 – 11:50
- Friday, Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - 1/2 day for the students

### Important dates for the Seniors

The SAT is administered at the Haitian-American Institute. Registration can be done online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), or info packets can be picked up in the Guidance Office. The test dates and registration deadlines are as follows:

| Test Date | Registration Deadline |
|-----------|-----------------------|
| Oct. 4    | Sept. 9               |
| Nov. 1    | Sept. 26              |
| Dec. 6    | Nov. 5                |
| Jan. 24   | Dec. 26               |
| May 2     | March 31              |
| June 6    | May 5                 |

The PSAT test date is Wed., Oct. 15. It is administered at QCS.

The ACT test dates are Sat., Oct. 25 and/or Sat. April 4. It is administered at QCS. The info has not yet arrived on this test.

### Reading for Enjoyment

Did your child participate in the summer reading program? If he or she did, please return the reading sheets with the questions answered of the specific books read. We would like to recognize those who read for enjoyment throughout the school year, including the summer time.

