

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



Friday, October 3, 2008 A.D.

The Most Excellent Way

Accreditation! QCS maintains accreditation with ACSI, the Association of Christian School's International. This



association maintains standards that are equal to or greater than secular regional associations, such as SACS. At the time of the last renewal of accreditation, David Wilcox, Director, International School Services, praised QCS: "Your school has been accredited for a full term of accreditation. You and the entire staff did a tremendous job under challenging circumstances. Your families have every right to be confident in the quality of the education they are receiving, as verified by a very qualified visiting committee." And, if you want to check out QCS's status, go to www.accreditedschools.org and type in Quisqueya under the search field. (Don't type in Quisqueya Christian School as too many entries will come up.)

Accreditation is helpful in holding QCS accountable to maintain standards. As part of this process, a visiting team will come to evaluate QCS next academic year to give a mid-term report on the progress QCS has made since the last Accrediting visit. And, for those who need more information, check out the ACSI website, where it explains that

the U.S. Federal government recognizes ACSI accreditation in the same way it recognizes accreditation from secular regional associations. ACSI elementary and secondary accreditation is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Citizen Services as partial satisfaction of requirements to host students from abroad.

ACSI accredited schools are listed in the international registry of accredited schools, maintained by the North Central Association. As a charter member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA) the ACSI accreditation program has been thoroughly evaluated and approved. Visit the site (<http://www.acsi.org/web2003/default.aspx?ID=4321ఘ>).

This accreditation assures parents that QCS maintains high standards and that the schooling offered is of a very high quality. In fact, QCS, with its foundations firmly planted on the Bible, and with the recognition that all truth is God's truth, provides a rigorous, challenging experience. (See the letters on pages 3 and 4.)

Stand Firm in the most excellent way

The words **stand firm** are found more than



twenty times in the Bible. If we stand firm in our journey of joy in our learning, rooted in His word, then we will be travelling the most excellent way since He is the foundation of our walk.

A photographer was assigned to take pictures of a great forest fire. He was told that a small plane would be waiting to fly him over the fire. Sure enough, a small Cessna plane was there as he arrived at he airport. He jumped in with his equipment and shouted,

"Let's go!"

The tense man sitting in the pilot's seat swung the plane into the wind and soon they were off, though flying erratically.

"Fly over the north side of the fire," said the photographer, "and make several low level passes."

"Why?" asked the nervous pilot.

"Because I'm going to take pictures!" yelled the photographer. "I'm the photographer, and photographers take pictures."

After a long pause, the 'pilot' replied: "You mean you're not my instructor?"

God has given a most reliable resource which we all need to guide us in our daily walk through life. His word. In your daily walk, stand firm in His way – the most excellent way.

Tony DeKoter



A reminder: school uniforms will be the required clothing starting this Monday ☺

The QCS Board invites all parents to a Board-Parent Linkage meeting to give parents an opportunity to voice concerns and give input regarding QCS. This meeting will take place in the Chapel this Wednesday, October 8th, at 2 P.M.

Introducing

Kim Hargrove



Kim Hargrove is in her second year at QCS. Born and raised in Dallas, Texas, Kim has always loved learning about and experiencing new cultures. She graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005 with a degree in Political Science. Her number one passion in life is Jesus Christ. She became a Christian at a young age, but didn't really start living for the Lord until her freshman year of high school. As she continues to experience God's love, she has had many amazing opportunities to share His love with others. Those opportunities include building houses for impoverished families in Mexico, praying with school children in Peru, holding orphans in Haiti and Nigeria, and of course, teaching at QCS!

Kim's time in Haiti began with short term trips to an orphanage in Pelerin in 2005. She then moved to Haiti in 2006 to live and work with 60 teenagers in Bolosse. After spending 3 months there she then moved to the orphanage in Pelerin. There she spent 9 months with 80 children ranging in age from 2-18. She has a heart for the orphaned and abandoned children of Haiti and hopes to one day open a home for them.

Kim loves spending time with her family (especially her adorable niece and nephew!) Her other interests include working with her horses (back in Texas of course!), getting to know her students, playing soccer, cooking with Ms. DeYoung and Ms. DePooter, photography, watching movies, hanging out with the Blesh family, and 'getting schooled' on Xbox and Wii.

Humbled by the people, places, and events the Lord has placed in her life, Kim is thankful to be where she is today. She loves teaching at QCS and is excited to see what else God has in store!

School Calendar

Wednesdays - Hip Hop after school in the chapel
Mon/Wed - soccer practice for boys 14+
Tues - soccer practice for boys 11 – 13
Wed/Thurs - intramural volleyball for HS

Wednesday, Oct 8th - Board-Parent Linkage at 2 PM
Friday, Oct 10th - movie night for MS/HS
Thursday, Oct 16th - last day of the first quarter
Friday, Oct 17th - Dessalines day – no school
Monday, Oct 20th - second quarter begins
Friday, Oct 24th - report card day ☺
- parent teacher conference day ☺

The senior class will be selling Cheesecake Factory Cheesecake for the next few months. These cheesecakes are plain cheesecake and are 9 in and 4 lb each. They will be flown in from the US on Thursdays and need to be picked up by 4 pm on these days unless further arrangements are made. Cost is \$30 USD and an ordered must be placed through a senior on the Monday of the week you want one.

Is your child in one of Mr. DeKoter's math classes? The homework is not written in the agenda book? Then visit the site

<http://qcsmathalgeo.edublogs.org/>

This blog was created to keep you as parents informed of the main topics the class is covering for the day. The pages assigned are usually started in the class as class work so the students may ask questions of the how if they did not understand the concept. If the work is not completed during the class time, then it becomes homework – work to be completed at home ☺ The blog is updated each morning.



Movie Night

For the Middle and High School

Brought to you by the Senior Class

It will begin at 6:00, Friday, October 10th

- ▶ Entrance: \$3 US or \$25 HT – this includes a drink and popcorn)
- ▶ Yummy desserts sold separately so bring spare change!

All money will go to the Senior Service trip fund.



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September 30, 2008

[Addressee Omitted]

Re: {Student Omitted}, from Quisqueya Christian School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti
Attn: Admissions Department

This letter is responding to a request by Michael Epp from ACSI—Association of Christian Schools International that Nassau Community College consider the acceptance of the credits for an applying student, [student name omitted], from Quisqueya Christian School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti. This request is based on the following information and rationale.

The accreditation status of Quisqueya Christian School is recognized by the North Central Association (NCA) as comparable to the accreditation status of the accredited schools of all of the regional accreditors. NCA requests its member schools to accept the credits earned by students from schools accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations, as well as those accrediting agencies that are members of the NCPSA--National Council for Private School Accreditation. This request is extended to also accept credits from those schools holding accreditation through any of the accrediting bodies that are part of an alliance with the regional associations, including NCPSA and its approved and recognized members, which includes the Association of Christian Schools International. This is the case for Quisqueya Christian School of Haiti.

Quisqueya Christian School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti is an accredited school by ACSI—Association of Christian Schools International. Through NCPSA, ACIS is part of the alliance of premier accreditors of CITA—the Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation, which includes several of the regional associations and is administered by NCA from the NCA headquarters in Tempe, Arizona. ACSI is a member in good standing with the CITA Alliance of recognized accreditors, which includes MSA-CES, SACS, WASC, NCA, COE, CITA, and NCPSA. ACSI has a rigorous accreditation protocol and school improvement standards. Further, CITA has a specific policy of acceptance of credits and grade placement from all of its Alliance members, which includes ACSI and, therefore, Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Students from Quisqueya Christian have transferability of credits with over 32,000 accredited schools in more than 120 countries of the world.

On behalf of this student, [student name omitted], NCA, CITA, NCPSA, and the regional accreditors of CITA would encourage Nassau Community College to accept the credits from Quisqueya Christian School.

You are welcome to contact me with additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy V. Sinisi".

Dr. C.R.V. Sinisi, Executive Director
NCA/CITA--North Central Association and
Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation

CC: Dr. Don Petry, Executive Director, NCPSA--National Council for Private School Accreditation



NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR PRIVATE SCHOOL ACCREDITATION

A CONSORTIUM OF ACCREDITING ASSOCIATIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF PRESCHOOL, ELEMENTARY, & SECONDARY PRIVATE SCHOOLS

[Addressee omitted]

Student Applicant: [omitted]
School: Quisqueya Christian School
Date: September 30, 2008
Accompanying Letter: Letter of NCPSA and ACSI Membership in CITA

We have been informed by Michael Epp of ACSI—Association of Christian Schools International that it would be helpful to you to have more information regarding the accreditation of Quisqueya Christian School, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and its accreditor, ACSI. ACSI's accreditation is fully comparable to regional accreditation including the Middle States Association (MSA-CES), Southern Association (SACS), North Central Association (NCA), New England Association (NEA) and the other regional accreditors.

ACSI was one of the first agencies to qualify for formal recognition of its accreditation standards, policies, and procedures, and is in good standing with NCPSA--National Council for Private School Accreditation (NCPSA). It is through ACSI, therefore, that NCPSA and CITA (See paragraph below) fully recognizes the accreditation of the Quisqueya Christian School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

CITA--Commission on International and Trans-Regional Accreditation was formed by NCA--North Central Association; NAAS--Northwest Association of Academic Schools; WASC--Western Association of Schools; SACS--Southern Association of Schools; MSA-CES--Middle States Association; and NCPSA--National Council for Private School Accreditation (and its individual members).

NCPSA and CITA's formal recognition of ACSI, as an accreditor of excellence, gives their national and international recognition to any accredited school by ACSI. Such recognition means that the school enjoys a collegial relationship as well as transferability of credit and grade placement with all of the other CITA Alliance member schools—all 32,000+ of them in 120 countries of the world. (CITA members are listed above.) Also co-accreditation is extended between and among all of these accreditors, private or regional, to each other's schools.

With the support and cooperation of the US Department of Education, the US Department of Homeland Security formally recognizes NCPSA and CITA for the purpose of accepting F-1 non-immigrant international students. The National Association of Secondary School Principals also recognizes NCPSA, and thereby ACSI, as one of the qualified gatekeepers to determine the eligibility of a private school or private school accrediting agency for the National Honor Society. The States of Florida and Wisconsin have written NCPSA, and thereby ACSI, into its laws as the only officially recognized, national, private school accrediting umbrella agency for various state administered programs and scholarships. Twenty seven states have also formally recognized the ACSI accredited schools.

For more information, you may contact Michael Epp at ACSI, or me, Dr. Don Petry at NCPSA.

Sincerely,

Dr. Don D. Petry
Executive Director
National Council for Private School Accreditation