

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter



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The Most Excellent Way

QCS highly values accurate, timely, effective communication.



In fact, as you read through the Handbook, you will notice core values, those values that QCS cherishes, those values that we work on developing, and those values that we emphasize and even celebrate.

To quote from the Handbook, we value **“Right Communication:** We will seek to be effective communicators, and guide our students to be literate, coherent, and communicate effectively through speaking and writing.” While we sometimes fail to be clear, or while we fail to communicate well, “right communication” remains a goal that I keep in front of me on a daily basis.

QCS communicates with parents in many ways: informal interactions at a PAC sponsored picnic, the weekly Newsletter, (please sign up if you haven't!) the letter or the notice home, progress reports, and report cards. This past Friday, we had parent - teacher conferences, where teachers shared the results of the Stanford test from last spring, shared behavioral observations about the students, as well as academic data. I pray that this was a time of accurate, effective communication, a time where parents and teachers can come together and celebrate the successes and find solutions to the challenges.

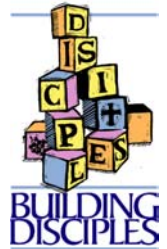
And, when you need to communicate any concern about QCS, please feel free to contact me at Shersey@quisqueya.org.

Blessings!

Discipleship

Discipleship and discipline are closely related. The purpose of all discipline is to say to the students, not that way, but this is the way. Walk in it. As staff, as parents, as a Christian community, we all need to lead students to become disciples of Jesus Christ. This leading will be in all the everyday activities – in their talking, in the doing of their home work, in the after school activities, in their daily behaviour, in all their schooling, in all their learning. The students need to follow God's law from their heart. That is the most excellent way.

School rules are necessary for a school to function properly. In the classroom communities, the school can not afford situations to occur that disrupt learning of other students. Students need to show respect for the teacher, for each other and for the school's property. This becomes a student's code of conduct.



- ✓ In my relationship to God, I will speak of Him in respectful ways.
- ✓ In my relationship to those in authority, I will be obedient and respectful in my speech and conduct.
- ✓ In my relationship to others, I will always be respectful.
- ✓ In my relationship to school property, I will respect it whether furniture or books or building.

T. DeKoter

Introducing QSC! The Quisqueya Soccer Club is for the dads of QCS to play soccer from 4 - 6 each Thursday afternoon.

The entry fee is \$130 (USD) for the year, and this includes a soccer jersey. Please call Denny Day at 3445-4664 for show up on Thursday at 4 to communicate your interest. You will be placed on a team and will rotate play every 20 minutes. Join us for good exercise, healthy fun, and a great time and place to build community!



Introducing

Carol Mears

This is Mrs. Mears third year teaching at QCS. She has been in Haiti for five years with her husband, Richard, who works mainly in sports ministry, and her children, Joy (a senior) and Ricky (a freshman). Her daughter, Grace, is a junior at Biola University in California.



Mrs. Mears grew up in Pennsylvania in a loud, funny, lovable family of ten Italian-German-Irish Allegrezzas who still get together once a year at the Jersey shore with lots of children and a few grandchildren. She has a Bachelor of Arts in French from Shippensburg University, spending her junior year abroad in Grenoble, France, and she studied foreign language education at Laval University in Quebec, where she lived for a year and a half. Learning languages is one of her favorite things to do and just this summer she took an intensive Spanish course in the Dominican Republic, fulfilling a long time goal.

Before joining QCS, Mrs. Mears taught ESL for several age groups, elementary to adult through the UEBH (Union Baptiste Evangélique d'Haiti) and served as Communications Director for that association of churches as well.

Mrs. Mears came to know Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of 18 and since that time has been grateful to God for how good it feels to worship and serve Him and for how good it is to have him to go to with sin or worries.

When she's not teaching or learning languages, Mrs. Mears helps her husband with the soccer ministry and enjoys playing games like Settlers of Catan or Hand and Foot, going to the beach, playing tennis, cooking and baking as a hobby not a chore and watching good movies.

Some random things Mrs. Mears hates are: when her treadmill turns into a clothes tree from lack of use, trying to squeeze in a workout early in the morning before it gets too hot and waiting for stuff to come out of customs.

Some random things she loves are: listening to contemporary worship music, listening to her kids play & sing, listening to Beth Moore talk about the Bible, sitting in bed reading with a cup of coffee, reading about Christians who have lived amazing lives, living in a (mostly) sunny country, coming up with engaging activities for her classes, going to orphanages just to hug kids and ...chocolate.

School Calendar

Wednesdays - Hip Hop after school in the chapel
Mon/Wed - soccer practice for boys 14+
Tues/Thurs - soccer practice for boys 11 – 13
Wed/Thurs - intramural volleyball for 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 Conferences are over. So what now?

Thank you for great participation in the last set of conferences. They were well attended by 90 % of the families. If you have any suggestions how to improve the conferences, we would love to hear from you☺



What's the next step?

1. **Be sure to stay in touch** with the school concerning your child's welfare.
2. **If there were specific suggestions** made at the conferences, please follow up on the suggestions. If the staff member is not making it happen on the school's part, email the teacher or meet with the teacher once again.
3. **Be involved.** Parent involvement helps students learn, improves schools, and helps teachers work with you to help your children succeed.
4. **Set a good example.** Show your children by your own actions that you believe reading is both enjoyable and useful. Monitor television, the use of videos and game systems, the internet.
5. **Encourage students to do their best in school.** Show your children that you believe education is important and that you want them to do their best.
6. **Value education and seek a balance between schoolwork and outside activities.** Emphasize your children's progress in developing the knowledge and skills they need to be successful both in school and in life.
7. **Support school rules and goals.** Take care not to undermine school rules, discipline, or goals.
8. **Use pressure positively.** Encourage children to do their best, but don't pressure them by setting goals too high or by scheduling too many activities.
9. **Call teachers early if you think there's a problem** while there is still time to solve it. Don't wait for teachers to call you.
10. **Accept your responsibility as parents.** Don't expect the school and teachers to take over your obligations as parents. Teach children self-discipline and respect for others at home -- don't rely on teachers and schools to teach these basic behaviors and attitudes.