

Uganda Girls Project

St. Mary by the Sea Parish, Rockaway Beach, Oregon



March 25, 2023

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . .

Greetings to all from St Aloysius!

Saturday is parents' visitation day here at school and students are excited to see their parents. Most have not seen their family since the new school year began two months ago.



One of our main concerns this year is the new curriculum the government is expecting us to begin implementing now. The pioneers for this new curriculum are the S3 students (9th graders).

Parents are asking questions and concerned what changes are being made so we wanted to have a discussion with them early enough to allay their fears. During the day teachers will also be available to meet with parents and talk about the progress and classroom performance of their daughters.

We also provide a nice lunch and a time for the Parent/Teacher Association to meet. The PTA president will lead a discussion on how we can meet the needs of a growing school population. We have added more triple decker bunk beds in the dorms, and more desks and chairs in the classrooms, but we must plan for future growth as more parents want to educate their daughters.

This busy week we have also received bad news of the passing of one of our parents whose daughter is in 11th grade. I have frequently been in touch with this mother as she had been struggling to look for fees for her daughter and at the same time to look for her own medical fees. She had been suffering from cancer and now has passed away. It's quite challenging as tomorrow will also



Celebrating the opening of the school year!

be the burial. Some students want to go to support their friend even though it is parents' visitation time. This evening I went with a group of students and some staff to mourn with the extended family as they live close. There is no father, only mother and daughter. And now our student is without a mother. I beg you to please allow this girl to now receive a full scholarship as she is a very good student.

With gratitude,

Sister Maria Theresa and Staff

It's parents' weekend!

**We open all celebrations
with mass.**



From the Team:

Seven years ago St. Aloysius Secondary School had an enrollment of 350 girls and many health and safety needs. As of today, the enrollment is 406 students and it is a safe school environment with good water to drink and no leaking roofs! Just under half of the students are receiving scholarship help of varying amounts from us.

We are encouraging Sister Maria Theresa to focus on giving partial scholarships and save the full scholarships for special cases only. From January and February donations, St. Aloysius has already received \$14,432! Thank you for such generosity as this is an amazing amount and we are off to a fantastic start towards our goal of \$60,000 this year.

100% of all donations will be used to give needy girls a high school education at St. Aloysius Girls school in Uganda.

Lenten blessings to all

Weebale! Thank you!

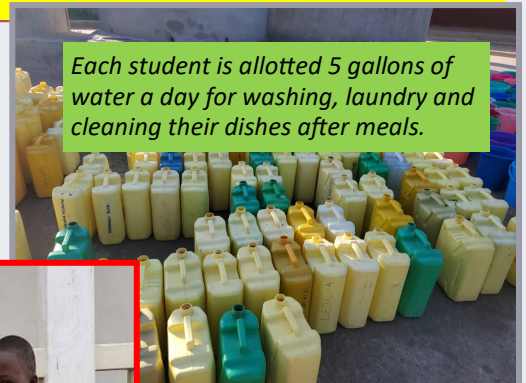


From our style show of recycled fashions. . .
The entertainment of our welcome dinner.

S1's (seventh grade) students are loving their new uniforms! They will wear these same uniforms for four years. The skirts are wrap arounds so they will always fit. Once the girls are 11th graders they will be given light blue skirts and ties.



Each student is allotted 5 gallons of water a day for washing, laundry and cleaning their dishes after meals.



Weebale!



Study Hall

Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister appreciates all you have done for her girls. Future donation checks should be made out to **St. Mary by the Sea Church** (Please write UGANDA on the memo line) and mail to:

St. Mary by the Sea
ATTN: Catherine Imbrie
P.O Box 390

Rockaway Beach, OR 97136

Checks are deposited monthly into the account for St. Aloysius Girls School, then wired to Uganda. \$50 dollars sent each month can keep a girl in school and help with teachers' salary! It costs \$500 a year for tuition, room, board and uniform. The extra \$100 is to cover increased cost of teacher salaries.