

Uganda Girls Project



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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Greetings from St. Aloysius Bwanda. . . . February 22, 2024

Our first week of the new school year for students was spent reviewing and testing over last year's main subject materials. This helps students remember and focus on their curriculum. The second week of the new year was spent in retreat where students made a commitment to do their best for God, to work on self-discipline, and practice teamwork in their daily school life. Students are now in their fourth week and are busy in their new level classes.



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Test scores are in from their last year's government finals, and we are very happy to report that all students passed. The student scores were even better than last year! There are many reasons for this as we are being very proactive with our students and have educated parents when they came for parent weekends last year. Primary reasons are:

1. We focused on improving knowledge.

If you remember last year, the class levels that had to take the major government tests came back from their school breaks early for extra lessons. To do this they gave up many days of vacation and even teachers gave their time to help with catching up from the lost Covid school time. We also gave many practice tests last fall and tutored students who needed help.

2. We focused on students staying healthy.

This past year we also did our best to keep everyone here in good health. We continue to appreciate our good water and we thank you for buying this water purification system that provides us with this healthy water! The company came just before school started in January and changed the filters. They do this twice a year for us and it helps to keep our girls from getting sick. Healthy girls do not miss class!

3. Scholarships provided by you, our donors!

Our needy scholarship girls are in class and do not need to worry about being sent home due to parents not paying tuition bills. So, you too have helped our students to score well on tests, and we thank you so very much for providing so many scholarships. As you know, most of these scholarships pay half of their tuition. Parents must pay half of the tuition as their responsibility. Only 32 students receive full scholarships.

We thank you, our dear donors, for helping us get off to a great start this new school. Your St. Aloysius daughters are making you proud. May God Bless you

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

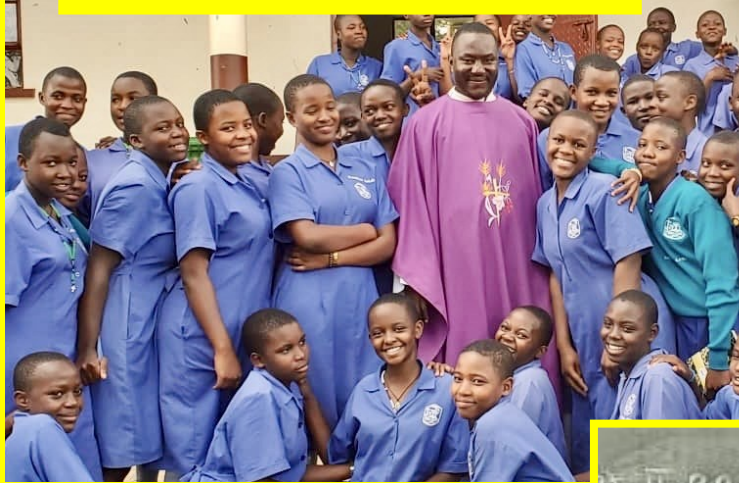
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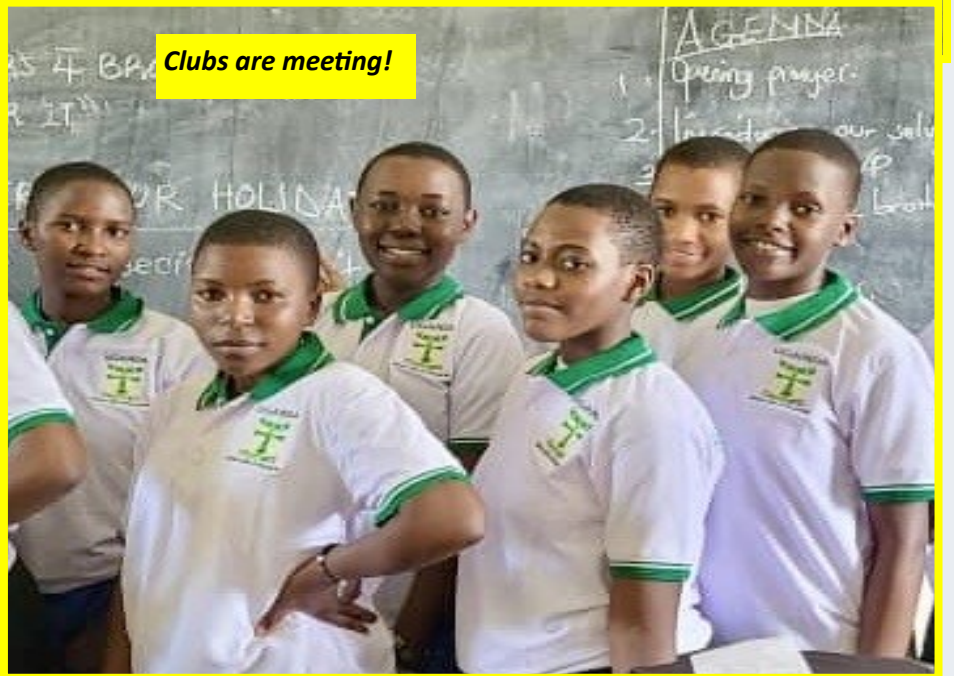
Our retreat was the second week of school!



Weebale! Thank you!



Clubs are meeting!



Mardi Gras Party!

A message from St. Mary by the Sea, Uganda Team.

We're off to a great fundraising start this year! While the preparation of the **Mardi Gras Party** was a lot of work, we received compliments from so many who had a fabulous time. Thank you volunteers for all you did from the early days of preparing, to the setup, execution, and cleanup.

Thank you, thank you!

We raised \$3500 for the St. Aloysius scholarship fund from this event and are so grateful to everyone who participated and joined in the fun!



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:

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