

Uganda Girls Project

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

Ash Wednesday 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

Dear beloved sponsors,

Greetings from Uganda and, in particular, from St Aloysius Bwanda. It's now the new academic school year of 2023 for us. I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support towards the education of so many needy students. It's through your support that our school can meet the tuition needs of so many girls.



We began our new academic year on the 4th of February and most of our girls were able to come back. We have also been receiving our new entrants for Senior One, (that's 7th grade) and as of now we have 85 with more still arriving. Among these youngest girls there are some with very good academic scores and talents, but their parents cannot meet the school requirements for tuition. **Fortunately for our girls, your scholarship donations make it possible to offer many partial and a few full bursaries (scholarships) to see that they have an opportunity to continue their schooling.**

Last week the results of our S4 (10th grade) candidates of 2022 were released and we thank God for the good performance. We registered 80 candidates, and all passed though some did better than others.

Thank you for the support of especially those many girls that were on your scholarships. We are receiving those girls back tomorrow and we hope that most of them will be back for their last two years of high school, though I know some few will be joining nursing school and other kinds of programs this year. Currently our students are just finishing up their beginning of the year retreat in which we had a team of 4 graduates to talk to them along with a priest retreat master (Fr Julius) sharing with them topics such as following God's teachings, inspiration to build self-esteem, and to remain focused on their studies.



They also stress to our girls about keeping healthy relationships with their classmates and others and not give up on their dreams of completing their education!

Another improvement this school year will be having our teachers receive training on the new class standards as we make improvements in our curriculum. **We are all looking forward to making St. Aloysius be the best school possible.**

I plan to update you on the progress of our students throughout the year. Once all students are back, I will send statistics on class sizes and numbers of full and partial scholarships.

Thank you so much once again for your generous support to our school, and may the good Lord continually bless you

Sister Maria Theresa and Staff

The 2023 academic year has begun at St. Aloysius!



From the Team:

With the coming of this new school year, we have now seen seven years of students passing through St. Aloysius Secondary School. Many of you have been contributing since we began this project. Our goal from the beginning was to help poor girl students, receive a high school education and have a safe, healthy environment. We have stayed focused on our mission, and can only marvel at accomplishments. Students who come back to visit their alma mater are stunned at the huge improvement in the facilities and in the number of girls receiving scholarships.

The Holy Spirit is absolutely leading us and together we have responded with compassion and support. What a privilege it is to be a part of this mission to help support girls in Uganda who want a high school education!

Weebale! Thank you!



The Consultation Shelter, which we donated funds to have rebuilt now has new brick side walls! The wood railing was attacked by termites and had to be replaced!

We've had a great harvest this season! This newly harvested maize will be dried, ground, and mixed with beans to make poshu which the girls eat every day.



During the school year this grass roofed building is our Consultation Shelter where students may meet with staff or administrators. All individual meetings are held here. No one is to meet with anyone, such as a teacher, anyplace else. (Every diocese in the world is now required to follow safe environment protocol.)



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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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.