

Uganda Girls Project

Rockaway Beach, Oregon and Peabody, Massachusetts



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE. . . .

We finally have all our students back, including over 100 first year girls (S1). Our enrollment for this year is now 460 students who are amazing young women! We have done our best to accommodate such a large student population by squeezing in more bunk beds and rearranging the dorms to

make more room. Your scholarships have been so valuable in serving so many smart girls who are striving for a better future.



We are continually striving to strengthen and enrich our curriculum here at St. Aloysius, with a special focus on our entrepreneurial program where students who don't plan to go to the university or take any further classes can learn how to be successful at starting their own businesses in their home villages.

Through this program, we help our students understand the value of sacrifice, perseverance, and the dedication required to reach meaningful goals. We are guiding them to become seekers of success—not only in their future endeavors, but in the way they live their lives—rooted in faith, trusting in God, and using their gifts to serve others.

We are blessed to now have over 50 pigs in our piggery, and to celebrate this gift, we decided to treat the girls to a special Easter dinner. We prepared three of the pigs, along with an abundance of vegetables and rice. What a blessed celebration we had with a beautiful Easter service followed by a joyful and festive meal for all.

Academic classes are all going strong. We have added German to our curriculum. I am sending pictures of our students in their classes and studying outside of class. We are so proud of our students and teachers!

Easter blessings to you all.

Sister Maria Theresa, Principal

FROM THE TEAM . . .

When Sr. Maria Theresa called to send her information for this newsletter, she was still so full of Easter joy and gratitude for her students and for the scholarship support we have been sending for so many years. I wish all of you could have been on the call with me.

The news of St. Aloysius's outstanding government test scores taken last December has helped with last minute enrollment. Parents who can afford to pay for their students want to send them to a high scoring school! St. Aloysius is doing very well and we should all be proud knowing that our donations have helped this school. During COVID they could have easily fallen into a state of financial collapse without our help. Our donations help to educate girls who qualify and want to make a difference in their families, villages and country.

While Sister and I were FaceTiming, she brought me into one of the classrooms near her office. The 8th grade students eagerly shared what they were learning. Their responses were both thoughtful and inspiring: hard work and sacrifice are necessary to reach a goal; everyone's ideas are important and deserve to be heard; and there are no wrong answers when learning together.

What struck me most was their confidence—there was no hesitation as hands shot up, each student ready and willing to share. It was a joy to witness such enthusiasm, courage, and mutual respect in the classroom.

Blessings, Catherine and the Team

FYI . . As of the end of March, we have raised \$10,295 towards our goal of \$40,000.

Weebale! Thank you SO much to all of our supporters and friends!

Current enrollment is now

460 students!





Our first year German students!



Entrepreneurial Students



Letters

Dear Sponsors. . . . I send you warm greetings from our dear home and mother school, St. Aloysius Bwanda. I am in Senior Five and now a student leader.

With a joyful heart allow me to appreciate your continuous support towards my education and these last four years and for many of us as girl children. You have enabled me and many of my friends to receive an education. Because of your support I remain in school for another year without worries. Indeed you are a great blessing forever to me.

My grades remain high and I love math and biology. In the future I hope I can qualify to become a Reverend Sister of Bannabikira, that is known as Daughters of Mary. I pray this is God's intent too.

Back to my other sponsored classmates, allow me to inform you that your support towards us all is not a waste of time. This is because as girls we know that we must be always determined and life is not easy. We pray for direction through God's grace. May the good Lord bless you everyday,

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Thank you for your very generous donations! Sister Maria Therese appreciates all you have done for her girls. To contribute online, go to: <https://bannabikirasisterscorp.org> OR mail donation checks to:

**Daughters of Mary Sisters
c/o Sister Immaculate
136 Lynn St.
Peabody, MA 01960**

Make your checks out to *Daughters of Mary* and write *St. Aloysius School* in the memo line. Please include your email address!

\$650 provides a girl in-need with room, board and tuition for a year!

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