

Sacred Heart Primary School

Kyamusansala Hill, Uganda

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While academics are a serious endeavor at the school we also provide the children with multiple opportunities to develop themselves in holistic ways.

Computer lessons are given to Grades Four through Seven using computers donated by our Sacred Heart schools in Seattle and Atherton. Last summer, Sacred Heart Educators from Houston, St. Charles, and Villa Duchesne installed excellent educational programs for the students to use.

Grades Three through Six are enjoying **sewing lessons**. The girls are very proud of their work and

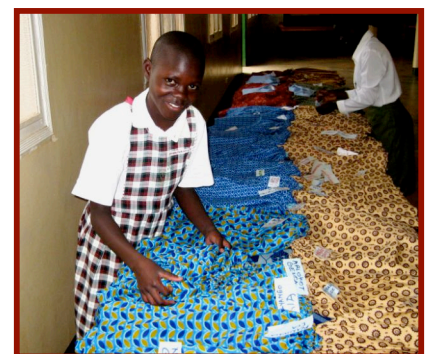
delight in showing it off to parents and friends.

Arts and crafts activity is often carried out under the banana trees on our hillside where the children are able to spread out and enjoy the fresh air. Making dolls out of banana leaf strips is a favorite activity.

There are **special organizations** that some girls decide to join such as the Sacred Heart Movement, Legion of Mary, & Girl Guides – similar to Girl Scouts. These students have special responsibilities in the school such as raising the flag each day, giving good example, service, prayer, and guiding visitors.



Our students are proud of their school, their teachers, and their own hard work.





When studying together or just relaxing after classes, our girls make lasting friendships and share joyful companionship.



Sunday Liturgy is the highlight of the week. Gifted dancers and musicians from various classes take turns singing, reading, and leading processions.



Message from Sr. Cullen



You will find smiles, laughter, exuberance and pulsating hope in the hearts of village girls of Uganda.

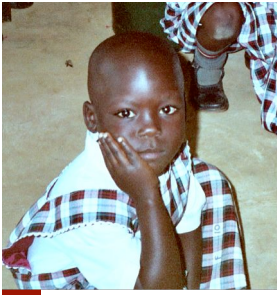
I invite you to recall when our first astronauts shot off into space. From their spacecraft, they saw first their own country, then our continent, and then the glorious awe-inspiring and breathtaking beauty of our planet from a new and more universal perspective. Many of us can recall when we saw that first photo of our earth against the backdrop of space. This experience engendered new human understanding, global awareness, and faith conviction about the gift of our precious earth and its people created in God's image.

Given the many concerns and struggles of this young 21st century, at times we may become overwhelmed, frozen in helplessness, fatigued into inertia. So take a moment, start from outer space, and reverse the astronaut's journey. In your imagination, zoom

in on Africa and then on a village school perched on top of Kyamusansala Hill in southwest Uganda. There you will find exuberance, laughter, smiles and pulsating hope in the hearts of 432 young girls who are receiving a loving, holistic Sacred Heart education.

Many of you write me about your joy in this collaborative effort and your change of perspective. With a global view we are all able to see better the gifts, values, and needs of this planet and the potential of the human person. We care about the education of young people, especially in economically poor countries like Uganda where only 40% of village girls even begin high school. Your Partnership in Mission with us has helped to change this fact. Thank you!





Our School Plant

Yes, we are still growing and building. Today our student population is 432 with double classes. Once the new academic classroom block has been completed we will be able to relieve the present congestion. We will move the Primary One classes out of the small staff eating room, divide in half the 65 students of Primary Five, and expand the computer room space. In addition we will organize the library and reference books in one location for easier access and reduce the number of bunk beds in each dorm room

to ease up the cramped sleeping quarters. Then we can accept more students from the waiting list until we reach a maximum of 560 students. This number is our target population for the efficient running of the school. Construction of the new academic building is on schedule with completion planned for February 2010. At that time most classes and the administration will move there, freeing up the original building for the dormitory and younger children.



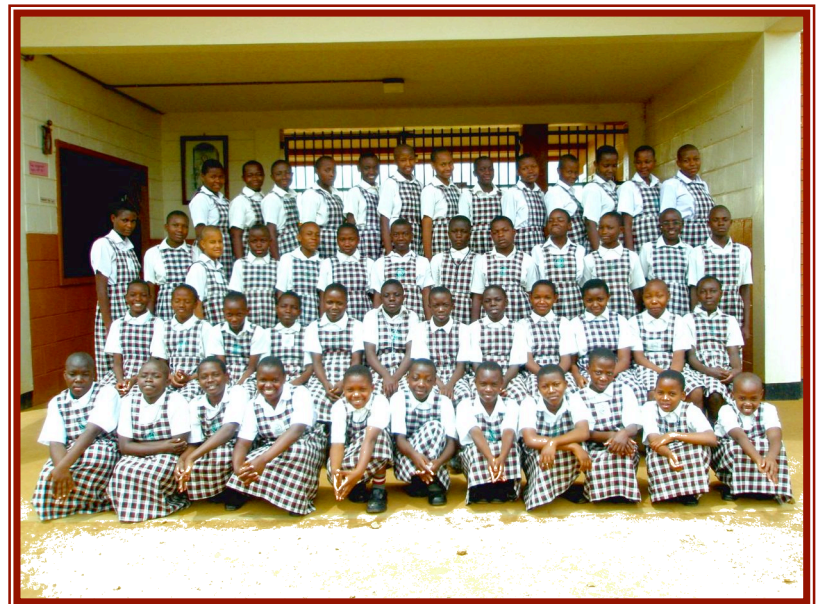
Academic building



Dormitory room

2009 Graduating Class

Most of these fifty students have been with us since our school began in February 2003. Now they all will go on to high school. They send their gratitude to you for helping to make this momentous day possible.





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Our immediate funding needs...



- \$ 55,000 To complete the academic building construction
- \$ 70,000 Solar for academic building
- \$ 35,000 Underground rainwater tanks for academic building
- \$ 47,500 Financial Aid for one hundred students (\$475 per student for the school year)
- \$ 90,000 Additional staff housing unit

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