



ST. MARY'S BOYS SECONDARY SCHOOL

NYERI, KENYA

TWINNING

LASALLIANS OF NORTH AMERICA & AFRICA

Walking Together in Solidarity



ABOUT THE SCHOOL

St. Mary's Boys Secondary School in Nyeri, Kenya, is a Catholic, diocesan, private, boys school open to all regardless of religious denomination. The Catholic Diocese of Nyeri established the school in 1962. In 1990, the Archbishop of Nyeri invited the Christian Brothers to take over the school's administration. St. Mary's serves more than 700 young men and boys through various services: traditional high school, child rescue center, vocational training center, preschool and college/university support. Most children in the rescue center attend local schools, and St. Mary's pays their school fees and provides supplies, such as textbooks and exercise books, school uniforms and shoes. Like most schools in Kenya, all students board at St. Mary's since the expense and availability of public transportation prohibits commuting. Boarding is also essential to ensure students get regular and quality instruction, food, medical care, electricity, time to study, and time to interact with boys from various backgrounds and tribes.



A TYPICAL DAY AT SCHOOL

High school students follow schedules seven days a week. School days start with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by a day of classes, which includes a break and lunch, ending at 4:15 p.m. at which time students take part in service. The late afternoon includes free time, sports and clubs, with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and preparation time from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Lights out is at 10:30 p.m. After breakfast at 7:00 a.m., Saturdays include classes and preparation time from 8:15-11:15 a.m. After a period of service, students have lunch, free time, more preparation time, and dinner before lights out at 10:30 p.m. Sundays start with breakfast at 6:30 a.m. followed by school Mass, preparation time, free time and lunch. The afternoon includes free time, TV time and more preparation time with lights out at 10:30 p.m. The periods of service built into their schedule teaches the students to work together as they assist in maintaining the school compound and farm, clean, cook, feed and care for livestock, and look after the younger orphan boys. The students share a stake in their education and its costs, and therefore develop a sense of ownership, maturity, and increased sensitivity to those less fortunate.



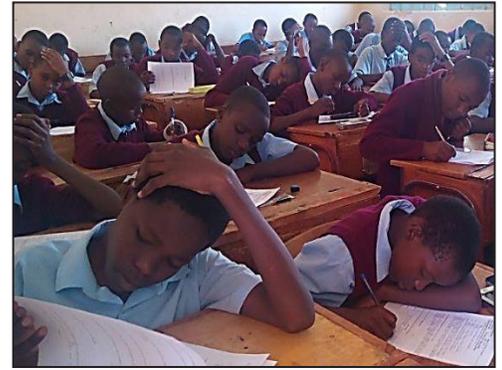
USE OF TWINNING DONATIONS

St. Mary's uses twinning donations for scholarships for students in need, and to provide uniforms, shoes, medical care and materials, such as stationery and books. Donations are also used to pay tuition for juniors attending local secondary and primary schools, and to purchase beds, bedding and mattresses.



MESSAGE FROM BRO. PETER KOMBE, FSC, HEADMASTER

Without the support of our twin schools, we could not have kept the programs in operation since 1999. Sponsoring a needy child really does make a difference to their lives. We have to be careful that we choose the poorest of the poor. Children are selected on a needs basis. Street boys, orphans or children from a single mother are automatically selected. These children would not go to school without this sponsorship. We consider the young people in our twin schools as more than financial sponsors. I would like to encourage them to consider visiting St. Mary's Secondary School and Child Rescue Centre to give their time tutoring some of our boys in English, share their lives with them, and take the time to send them letters. During their visit here we can organize home visits to see first-hand where these kids come from and get the opportunity to talk to their parents and guardians.



Thus, again we appeal to our twin schools this year to give whatever they can to enable us to continue these various programs for the poor. A number of our talented men are still in need of scholarships. Here in St. Mary's, we believe that every student should be given an opportunity for life, and is entitled to a bright future. Together with our benefactors, friends from the various twin schools and individual sponsors and our staff members, we strive hard each day to be able to set a loving and caring environment in the hope of bringing out the best in our boys. Mostly we are dedicated to preparing them for a better future, to become independent men who are confident of themselves and are able to make wise decisions.

The boys at the Child Rescue Centre now live in a loving home because of the generosity of so many good people. This year due to the rising cost of living, we have more poor parents coming to St. Mary's seeking assistance. Though we are struggling to cover the cost of their care, we continue to trust in divine providence, confident that we will have the financial resources to support the desperate cases from the slum across the road from the school. More help is needed. We welcome your support.



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Staten Island, New York
- St. Raphael Academy
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- St. Raymond High School
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