

MOTHER OF MERCY CENTER -LARE

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MOTHER OF MERCY GIRLS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Motto: Education With a Broad Purpose

Core Values

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Hard work
- Teamwork
- Service
- Excellence

School Vision

A place where girls are challenged both mind, body and spirit to be who they are in order to reach their potential

School Mission

To enlighten, inspire and empower a girl child in Lare Community through a rich variety of activities in becoming a holistic individual prepared to face challenges of the dynamic global village

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ABOUT US

Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School is a top performing school located in Lare Village, Njoro, Nakuru County.

It is a girls' boarding school located 190km Northwest of Nairobi, Kenya and 39km West of Nakuru City.

The school was founded by Sr Rose Wangui of the Catholic Diocese of Nakuru and opened its doors to its pioneer class in 2011.

Since its inception, the school has consistently upheld its reputation as a center of academic excellence by offering a conducive environment for holistic development of its students.

Majority of the students are drawn from underprivileged families who find it hard to afford education and have been enrolled on partial scholarships under Mercy Center Foundation.

It's academic program is anchored on Kenya's education system, the Competence-Based Curriculum (CBC) which equips learners with theoretical and practical skills critical for subsequent tertiary education.

The school also supports talents and skills development among students by encouraging their participation in co-curricular activities including games and sports.

Here, the school community cultivates a culture of love and togetherness in line with our core values of integrity, hard work, professionalism, team work, service and excellence.

The school's vision is to be a place where girls are thriving emotionally, intellectually, spiritually and physically to reach their potential.



Aerial view of Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



Students during lunch break at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



Administration block and classrooms at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



Victoria Laboratory at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School

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The Founder

Giving Every Young Girl Equal Chance To Thrive In Modern World

Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School through Mother of Mercy Center Foundation and its partners continues to live up to its dream and mission of empowering young and vulnerable girls through access to quality education.

This is because we believe that education is the greatest equalizer for our girls and our help to them is a stride towards supporting every member of our community contribute towards transforming the society in their unique capabilities.

During this time and era, hailing from a humble and underprivileged background should not be a stumbling block to the full realization of a child's dream as safeguarded in the Constitution of Kenya on Right to Education.

Unfortunately, in our country today, many children continue to face a myriad of challenges denying them the right to be in school. The challenges range from economic hardships that force families prioritize their survival over education, cultural norms with gender biasness in favour of boys' education over girls and where girls are exposed to child marriages which terminates their education.

Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School recognizes these barriers to the bright future of these young minds. It is for this reason that in partnership with our local partners and beyond Kenya's borders that we remain committed to help them to break down these barriers.

We remain forever grateful to all partners and donors who have made this journey possible against many odds. We express our profound gratitude to Mr Daniello and his family who have been of great support towards this program.

It is through such support that today, the school has an enrollment of over 300 girls most of whom were picked from vulnerable situations giving them hope for a better future.

As we open doors that would otherwise remain closed, we live up to the teachings of Jesus in Mathew 19:14, just as He said, we too say; Let all needy children come to us. Even if they are non-Catholics.

We express our profound appreciation to our dedicated staff and resilient students as we continue with this journey guided by our mission, vision, core values and equality in a world where every child's dream can become a reality.



Sr Rose Wangui

**Founder-Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School
and Mother of Mercy Center-Lare**

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The Principal

Keeping The Girl Child In Class

Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School is not just a learning institution but a beacon of hope for many young girls who would have otherwise be relegated to the sidelines of the society.

The school currently has an enrollment 314 students drawn from across the country, selected after a rigorous vetting process that ensures the partial scholarships go to the most needy cases in our society.

For the first time, this year we have admitted girls from Northern Kenya counties where early marriages and other retrogressive practices such as Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) are still common and early marriages. To such students, the school is not just a place of learning but a place for their safety.

We have had instances of students preferring to remain at school during holidays as their parents may not afford transport or they feel the risk out there is too high which may mean them not reporting back.

Over the years, the school has continued to witness steady improvement in academic performance. In 2023, 60 of our students were candidates for the national exams. Their performance in the test placed the school on the fourth position in Njoro Sub County.

Students with better marks from primary school have enrolled at the school at this promises for even better results in the future.

The school has managed to establish key infrastructure such as laboratories but there is still need for more facilities and expansion of the existing ones.

As a school, we feel greatly indebted to our partners and sponsors who have ensured the school keeps running.

We particularly wish to thank Mr Daniello and his family whose immense and consistent contribution has made the school what it is today, milestones which would have otherwise not be achieved.

It is worth noting that many students even after offering them the partial scholarship, they cant afford making it challenging to run the school.

Some of the cases can be described as extremely needy as some students report to school without basic items such as uniforms and toiletries due to high poverty rates back at home.

As one of the ways of bridging the financial shortfall, the school has initiated income generating units whose proceeds we plough back to run the school.

The projects include an upcoming oil refinery, dairy, horticulture and poultry.



Lydia Ndungo

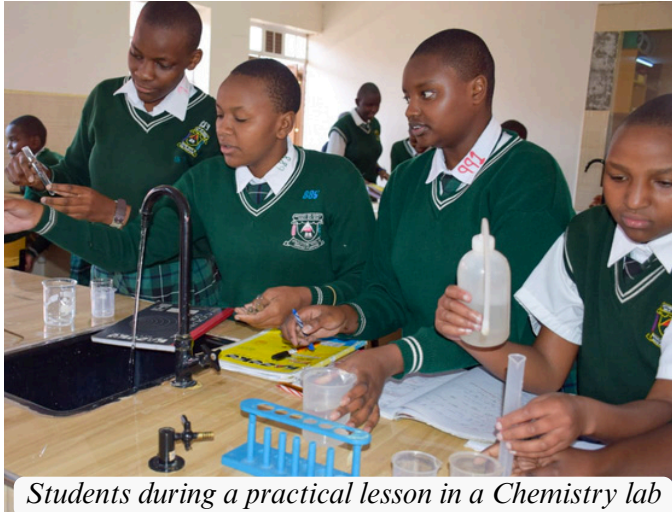
Principal-Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School

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The Infrastructure

Through the continued support received from our sponsors, the school continues to expand and establish critical infrastructure required to provide a conducive environment for the learners.

Aside from classes and a dormitories, the school now has laboratories for various learning areas, a library, dining hall among other amenities. The facilities however require further equipping and furnishing.



Students during a practical lesson in a Chemistry lab at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



A student is assisted by a teacher during a practical lesson in a Home Science lab at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



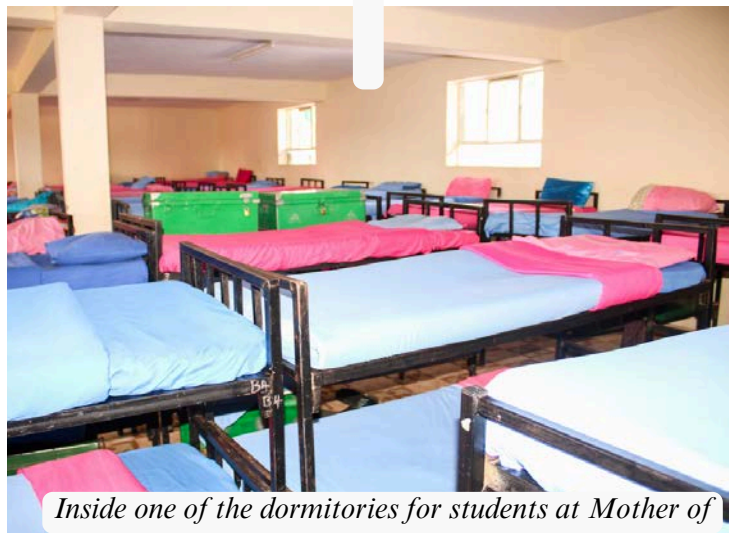
Students during a theory lesson in one of the classrooms at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



Students doing their private studies inside the library at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



The Daniello Building at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School



Inside one of the dormitories for students at Mother of Mercy Girls Secondary School

The Beneficiaries

"I am 15 years old, I lost my father when I was very young. My mother struggled to pay my school while in primary school. This made me miss school most of the days and left me with a lot of work to catch up with my classmates. All that changed when I got here. I feel safer at this school because back home children of my age are involved in crime and drug abuse. Being at Mother of Mercy Girls is a great blessing to me as I pursue my education. Am greatly humbled and appreciative of Mother of Mercy Center and sponsors who support the school"



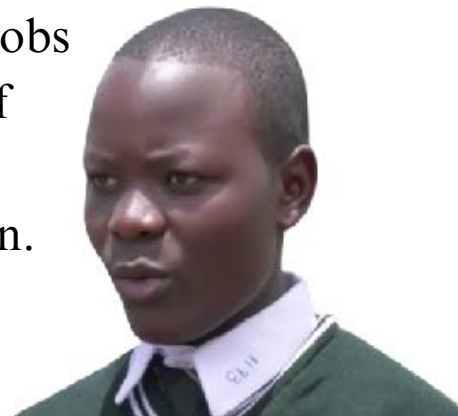
Praise Dorcas, Student

"I come from Marsabit County and am so grateful to Mother of Mercy Girls which has given me a chance to pursue my dreams. In my home county there are many cultures that are harmful to girls my age. Notably, there is early marriage and many girls don't have equal chance to get education. To me, Mother of Mercy Girls is like a second home where I feel even safer to be. I wish to express my gratitude to the founder and all the sponsors who support this school. It is through this program that I now have hope for a better future."



Amina Liban, Student

Am from Kisumu County. I have been living with my grandmother from a tender age. She's old and has been doing odd jobs to provide for us. I missed a whole term due to lack of fees. It was then that I got a scholarship at Mother of Mercy Girls which rekindled my hope to get education. My heartfelt gratitude to the school, teachers, and all sponsors who have made it possible for me to be in class again.



Vivian Akinyi, Student

Revenue Streams

The school has established various income generating units. Some of the produce is consumed within the school cutting the cost of purchasing the items. The surplus production is then sold to the local market and the proceeds ploughed back in subsidizing tuition for the needy students.



Some of the greenhouses at the school farm



Inside the capsicum greenhouses at the school farm



Some of the cattle at the school's dairy unit



Inside the poultry unit at the school farm



Sunflower oil refinery which is almost complete but running



Inside the pig unit at the school farm