

SAINT GABRIEL ALL-PURPOSE RECREATION PLAYGROUND

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In an effort to draw enrollment, and improve education, Fr. Ady wishes to utilize the current space in front of the school to build an all-purpose recreation playground. His goal is to educate the whole person: spiritually, intellectually and physically. Studies show students who are involved in outdoor activities achieve better scores. The high school students will use it to play soccer, volleyball and basketball; lower and middle school students will use it as a playground. Work started this month.

THIS FACILITY WILL ALSO PROVIDE:

- Curriculum development: PE
- A safe place to play
- Physical and social development
- Sport competitions and teamwork
- Well-being and health
- Self-respect and discipline

BASIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT:

- Level and clear the area (rocks and dirt)
- Build a wall of retention
- Foundation
- Concrete surfacing
- Bleachers on one side facing the school



Fr. Ady will raise some of the funds through tuition. Also, the Parent Committee will participate in some of the work, logistics, clean-up and provisions of food and water. Sacred Heart will contribute funds from its Building and Outfitting Fund as raised. The school will be responsible for maintaining the playground. Fr. Ady will send a time line of the work and updates and pictures of the progress made.

To engage St. Gabriel's students in the process, they will write short reflections on the attributes that an all-purpose recreation playground on their campus will provide.

If you wish to assist Fr. Ady in his endeavor to educate the whole person with the construction of this playground, please address your check to Sacred Heart Church and add *St. Gabriel Building and Outfitting Fund* on the memo line. For online giving go to www.sacredheartnorfolk.org, click on the **Giving** tab, then click **online giving**. Under **designate fund amount**, scroll down to **Haiti: Building and Outfitting Fund** and indicate the amount.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated. Special thanks in advance to the parishioners and friends who will support this program. Together we continue praying for our Family at home and in Haiti.

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