

# 2014

Jesuits of Eastern Africa Province



## [ST. PETER CLAVER HIGH SCHOOL]

SCHOOL PROFILE JUNE 2014

## **Brief History**

In the year 2000, Fr. Damas Missanga in collaboration with Fr. Gasper Sunhwa got funds from the Our Lady Queen of Peace Foundation of Canada, to build a primary school, St. Ignatius Preparatory & Primary School. In 2003, the school became operational. During a visit to the school in 2006, members of the family who established the foundation enquired where the primary school's graduates would attend high school.



Upon hearing that the Secondary school education at that time was limited in Tanzania, they decided to address the need by partnering with the Jesuits of Eastern Africa Province to establish an Educational Centre. The proposed centre, Our Lady Queen of Peace Educational Centre was to include not only St. Peter Claver High School (Forms 1-6) but also a two year vocational training school, and a teacher-training institute.

In 2009, the ground was broken with the blessings of Most Reverend Father Jude Thaddeus Ruwa'ichi, OFM Cap. St. Peter Claver, a boarding School, officially opened in January 2011 with 140 students joining Form I. The school is situated in Dodoma, the capital city of Tanzania.

## **Administration**

St. Peter Claver embraces Jesuit educational principles which focus on personal reflection, experience and conversation with others as essential sources of learning. The school mainly targets students from Dodoma as it is underserved with regard to Secondary education.

Presently, the school has 690 students (230 girls and 460 boys) and 35 teachers (6 female and 29 male).

## **School Mission & Motto**

The school mission is to assist young men and women to develop their talents, intellectual and otherwise, in order to serve others to the greater glory of God. The school motto is to learn, to love, to serve.



## Performance

In 2013, SPCHS was ranked number 7 out of 349 schools on the Central zone after the Form two national exams. All 140 candidates attained the mean grade.

## Religion

St. Peter Claver is a Jesuit Catholic school that offers hospitality to students of other religious traditions. As a rule, all students attend Catholic prayer sessions/meetings irrespective of their religious practices. Only baptized Catholic students are allowed to approach the altar for communion. The school however respects the right of conscience relative to faith, and non-Catholic students are encouraged to fulfill their own religious duties privately. Students are expected to follow the religion they indicate on their admission forms. 70% of the students are Roman Catholics, 25% Protestants while 5% are Muslims.

## Programs

- Community Service: students engage in Saturday afternoon tutorial programs at primary schools or help with recreation programs in orphanages. Students also spend time in the school garden and in cleaning the school compound.
- Garden: students have a small farming project that sees the cultivation of local vegetables, and Chinese cabbage. They sell the produce to the school and the profits support their extra-curricular activities.

## Ongoing Projects



*Left: Our Lady Queen of Peace Church; Right: the school library*

- Construction: the school library, laboratories, a section of the classrooms and church are still under construction. The school administration area is also under construction.

### Areas of greatest need



*Left: A section of the incomplete classrooms; Middle: ongoing construction at the administration area; Right: the school dispensary*

- Completion of the buildings: this is the main priority for the school as students are required to start using these structures for their practical lessons and for other academic requirements. These include the Chemistry, Physics and Biology laboratories, the school library and the school church.
- Laboratory materials: the construction of the chemistry, physics and biology labs is ongoing. The school however requires laboratory equipment before they can be utilized
- Furniture for the library: the school library is still under construction. The school however received library books from Books for Africa organization.

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