

# The Tanzania project is making headway in spite of limitations due to the Coronavirus.

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Since March last year, BISB has developed and deployed various changes to ensure the wellbeing and happiness of staff, students, and the many optimizations made, BISB has been steadfast in keeping with our cherished traditions. One beloved legacy that has been vital to upholding our compassionate and philanthropic nature is the Tanzania project. Adopted changes included simple and classic measures such as the adoption of mask-wearing and frequent sanitation of classrooms, as well as a complete reinvention of our schedules and events. When asked to elaborate regarding the school-wide effort to transform activities to accommodate all students, Ms. Hernandez described the situation as “challenging”, a near-universal consensus among BISB stakeholders.

Ms. Hernandez, who runs the Tanzania project, is also a Guidance Counselor with a significant and visible role within BISB. She offered insight into how she has had to make changes to provide support to students, such as releasing wellbeing surveys to ensure students are supported. She also mentioned many ways in which the Tanzania project has modified itself in order to complete its goal of helping children in Tanzania have access to quality education and facilities.

Ms. Hernandez also added that although performing Tanzania activities was substantially ‘easier’ last school year when crucial meetings could be conducted in-person more often. She reaffirmed that the team had gotten ‘extremely creative’ and added that the Tanzania team had already raised nearly 500 dollars, and this was before the Tanzania Cabaret.

The Tanzania project involves a trip to Tanzania, where a component of the trip consists of participants participating in physical construction projects, such as installing equipment that produces green energy or building a sustainable garden. Another aspect of it is grassroots fundraising.

In light of the Coronavirus, the school administration made the tough but necessary decision to cancel this year's Tanzania trip to prioritize the health and

safety of students. Although the trip will not be possible this year, the fundraising is actively progressing.

‘All the money raised will go directly to helping build the secondary school.’ Ms. Hernandez assured while sharing a key goal of the Tanzania project this year.

‘Our money, we will send directly over in full, everything we have made...

Everything that comes in goes directly to buy wood and nails and concrete and all those things.’ She shared that she believed the construction element has been postponed but would resume as soon as possible and reiterated the need to fuel and support the initiative that our school has spearheaded for several years now.

The celebrated pilgrimage is immortalized through photos and videos on the BISB website, this is a resource that is available to everyone.

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