

Education Update: Good News from our Diocese Schools Fall Summary 2025

Ailanga Junior Seminary, Central District:



Self-Reliance Projects, above and below

Cows help to get milk for students and staff tea.

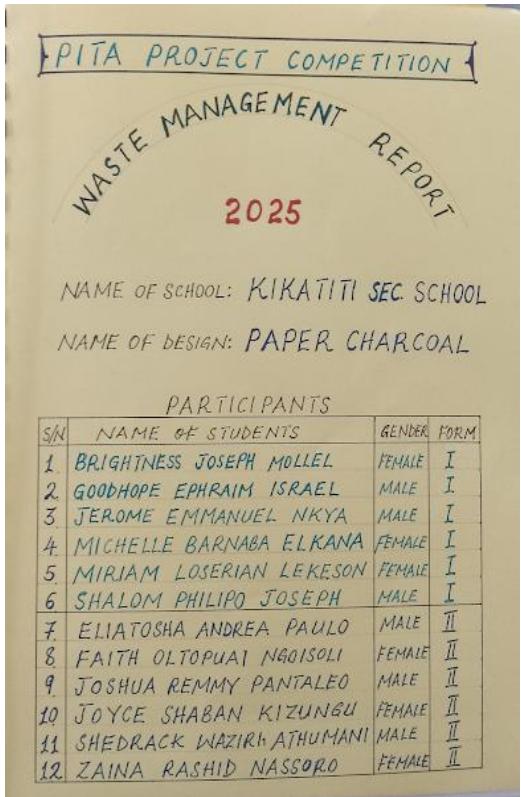


We raise vegetables which are used for student and staff meals.

Kikatiti Secondary School, Southern District:



Students and teachers participated in a training presented by an NGO in which the participants learned how to grow and transplant seedlings. They also learned how to use natural ingredients such as herbs to fertilize plants and protect them from pests, without harming the environment.



Form 1 and 2 students from **Kikatiti Secondary** entered a competition including 34 Meru District Council schools—both private and government. They investigated how to make charcoal out of waste paper. They found it can be made to burn very hot and lasts like firewood charcoal. They learned how to give it a pleasant aroma when burning. They also learned other environmentally friendly uses, including how the ash can be used in the garden.

Paste this in your browser to see the students' full report:

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Mshikamano Vocational Training Center, Central District

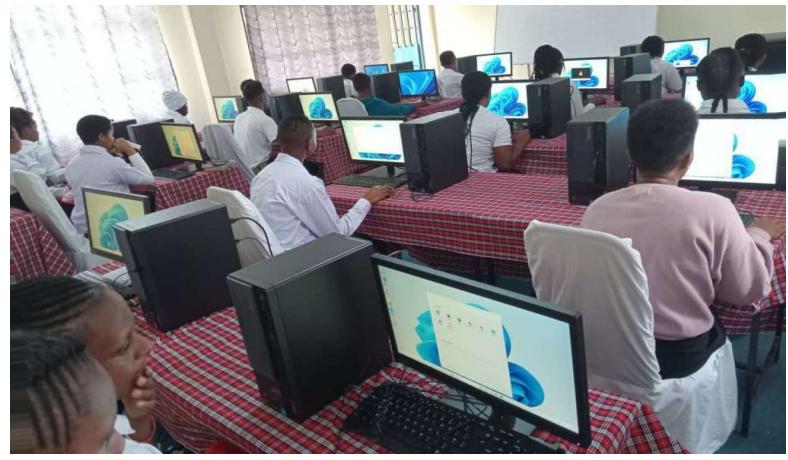


Photos

Food Production Students

Tour Guide Students with Bishop Paul

Secretarial Classes (continued on next page)



Anande Pre & Primary School, Eastern District



Students assemble, for announcements etc.



Soccer team

Leguruki/Kingóri Education Center (LKEC), Eastern District

LKEC includes both a vocational training center and a secondary school.



School leaders and visitors inspect renovations.



They visit practical classes above and below.



Students actively involved in group discussions in the secondary school.

Ngarenanyuki Secondary School, Northern District



Top left:
Form 4 girls celebrating their 2025 graduation ceremony at Ngarenanyuki Secondary School.

Top right:
Form 1 & 2 Biology students discuss environmental conservation.

Middle left:
Chicken project helps to ensure that the school is getting internal income to help the school run itself.

Middle right:
Students at school garden harvesting vegetables for their meals.

Usa River Rehabilitation Secondary School, Central District



This is a staff motivation event where all staff were rewarded for their good work and student performance.

School field trip to coffee plantations in Moshi.



Computer Class



Vegetable workshop for students given by an outside organization.



Students doing practical work in the chemistry lab.

Makumira Secondary School, Central District

HISTORY

Makumira Secondary School was founded to provide quality education to students from low income earning families. Over the years, it has grown both academically and socially, offering a conducive environment for learning and personal growth.

DAILY LIFE OF STUDENTS

A typical day at Makumira Secondary School begins with morning assembly where students gather for prayers, announcements and motivation. Lessons follow in a well-organized and arranged classroom by following general lesson timetable which are led by dedicated teachers who are committed to academic excellence.



PROJECTS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Beyond academics, Makumira Secondary School places a strong emphasis on practical skills and projects. Students actively participate in initiatives such as:

Fish pond project—here is where our students learn more about aquaculture by constructing ponds, fishing and preparing fish as part of their meals.

Vegetable garden—our precious students are experts in promoting sustainable agriculture and healthy living, planting various vegetables which they consume during their meals.

Bakery and Piggery project—which equips our students with hands-on experience and fostering entrepreneurship skills.

FISH POND PROJECT



**VEGETABLE GARDEN
PROJECT**

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Environmental conservation is also at the heart of Makumira's mission. Students participate in Tree Planting Day, creating awareness of the importance of caring for nature. Together, they learn responsibility, teamwork, and stewardship.



EXCURSION AND EXPOSURE

To broaden their learning beyond classrooms, students take part in study trips and excursions, such as the memorable visit to Tarangire National Park where they experienced the beauty of wildlife and the importance of conservation. The day is accompanied by a picnic lunch in the wilderness, often by the rivers, before continuing wildlife viewing, followed by relaxed return to school at sunset.



ACHIVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

Over the years, Makumira Secondary School has achieved remarkable progress in academics, sports and community development.

However, the school also faces challenges, including the need for renovation of old buildings, financial struggles due to declining student enrollment, and difficulties some parents face in meeting school fees.



“Makumira Secondary School is more than just a place of learning it is a family, a foundation and a future. Here dreams are nurtured, and tomorrow’s leaders are born.”

Akeri Hope Pre and Primary School, Western District

Pupils and Teachers Participating in Sport





Morning Assembly



Current Outlook of Classroom Buildings



Standard Two Pupils Learn by Doing

Teaching and Learning Activities in Classroom



Angaza Pre & Primary School, Central District



On October 16th Angaza held a graduation ceremony for their 40 Standard 7 students. This was their 6th graduation. The school began in 2014, adding a level per year until they were able to accept pre-primary students through Standard 7. These graduates are expecting to join Form 1 in a variety of secondary schools. They are wished “good success”.



Education Secretary Tareto Nassari visits a pre-primary classroom at Angaza. Below the children sing with their teachers.



These last two photos from Angaza are screen shots I took from short videos that Pastor Malaki sent, which is why they are a bit fuzzy. He also sent a video of students playing basketball, but I wasn't successful in capturing a clear enough screen shot for this report. The students had a metal hoop on a stand for a basket, and were playing enthusiastically. What struck me as I watched that video was the universality of what the children were doing. Pastor Malaki says they are aiming to obtain more sports equipment.

More Good News. . .

You may recall that in January the Education Report (you can find it in the Airtable) included that Form 1 and Form 2 students from **Kikatiti Secondary School** won 1st place in a geography competition out of 34 entries from other schools—both government and private. It was sponsored by Makumira University and another in Finland. Their prize was to have a weather station installed at their school. The pictures below are from that installation.



As you can see, the Diocese schools are busy & vibrant places! They have achieved much, but challenges remain plentiful. We know there are countless appeals flooding your mailboxes, especially as we enter the Thanksgiving & Christmas season. We simply ask that you please faithfully consider a gift to support students and teachers in our Diocese schools. It is an investment in a brighter future and a beautiful way to share God's love with our partners.

Please Note:

All of the above photos were submitted to me (Ruthann Rohde) in September – early November 2025 in response to a request for an update on what is happening in their schools. Many thanks to the following heads of schools who shared their good news:

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Mr. Emanuel Ayo, Usa River Rehabilitation Secondary School
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