



## SAINT GABRIEL PLAYGROUND

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In an effort to draw enrollment and improve education, Father 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.

### THIS FACILITY WILL PROVIDE:

- PE Curriculum development
- 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:

- Clear the area of rocks and dirt
- Level the ground and a small hill
- Build a wall of retention
- Foundation
- Concrete surfacing
- Bleachers on one side facing the school



Fr. Ady will raise 10% of the funds through tuition. Also, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) will participate in some of the work, logistics, clean-up, and provisions of food and water. Sacred Heart will contribute funds from its St. Gabriel Building and Outfitting Fund. The school will be responsible for maintaining the playground. Fr. Ady will send a timeline of the work, updates, and pictures of the progress made.

Students will write short reflections on the attributes that a playground at their school will provide. This will allow them to be engaged in the process and encourage them to take ownership of the playground once built.

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](http://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 have and will support this project. Together we continue praying for our Family at home and in Haiti. For more information contact:

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