

Sud Academy Update

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Welcome to our 1st newsletter for 2019! This is shaping up to be a busy year at Sud Academy, as a record number of 45 students have registered to write their final secondary exams at the end of the year! We hope you enjoy reading this brief glimpse of life at the school.

Report from Staff:

- 18 primary and 45 secondary students will write their final exams at the end of the year.
- 29 new Sudanese students joined this year.
- 2 new teachers are Martin Malaka & Joel Lukaka.
- Every Monday, a program is offered to staff & students covering topics like gender based violence, peer pressure, financial management, HIV/AIDS and life choices.
- Every Wednesday, friendly **volleyball** or soccer matches are held with neighbouring schools.



Meet Dinah John, Form 2 (Grade 10) student



Dinah is 16 years old and is in Form 2 (Grade 10) at Sud Academy. When she and her mother left their village in Southern Sudan, they faced many hardships as they made their way to Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. Many of the women and girls who joined them on this journey were raped, maimed and many killed before they made it to Kakuma. Dinah states she feels traumatized by the horrible scenes she saw while running away. Since she joined Sud Academy, Dinah is now receiving the counseling and guidance she needs from her teachers who are experienced in counseling these Sudanese students. Dinah and her mother have now settled in Kawangware slum close to Sud Academy. Dinah is a bright, talented and hardworking young lady. Her ambition after completing her secondary education is to join a law school to become a lawyer. Her hobbies are reading novels, journals, and writing articles. She is so thankful she has joined Sud Academy; her dreams are now alive as she daily puts together the ingredients to achieve her goals.

Sud Academy exists under the registered charity Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (BN 86394 8212 RR0001). Our partnering agency in Kenya is Christian Mission Aid (www.cmaid.org). Please support us in our efforts to educate these determined young people. Cheques can be made payable to "C.A.S.S." with "Sud Academy" on the memo line. Donations can also be made through the CanadaHelps website under Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan.

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