

The Haitian Project, Inc.
When It Pours, It's Good/All The World Is A Stage
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Top row: Scenes from LCS's performance of Shakespeare's Love's Labours Lost

Bottom row: The working assembly line for the recent cement wall pour in the J.J. Dessalines building reconstruction

We had two exceptional performances recently. The first occurred on Friday evening. Our Louverture Cleary School Theater Troop—led by Volunteer and Bishop Ireton High School Mission Trip veteran, Emily Marquet, performed Shakespeare's *Love's Labours Lost* for the school's neighborhood. It was received very well. The acting was superb and the modern Kreyol version was a hit. Just take a moment and imagine Shakespeare on Santo 5 for everyone!

With the success of the play, LCS participated virtually in the Annual High School Festival at the Folger Shakespeare Library. This past Wednesday and Thursday, a video that featured LCS students performing scenes from *Love's Labours Lost* was shown at the festival. Known as a world-class research library, the Folger, located in Washington, DC, also has a fantastic education & outreach program that includes programming for students of all ages. We have benefited greatly from generous donations of Folger edition Shakespeare texts which have supported both the curriculum and theater at LCS.

The other great performance this past week was another cement wall pour on campus. This makes number three for the J.J. Dessalines building. It was a great effort by the whole school – especially the students. They really got into their work, laborious as it was. We have three more cement pours to go to finish this multi-purpose building.

Since we often refer to the class levels and the buildings at LCS, to help everybody understand the layout of the school better and the grade levels, below are some reference notes on these topics:

Sizyem- 7th grade, Senkyem – 8th grade, Katryem – 9th grade

Sekond – 11th grade, Rhéto – 12th grade

Philo – 13th grade (Based on the French academic system, in Haiti there is an emphasis on philosophy in the final year of secondary school)

Claire-Heureuse Building

Located on the north end of campus, the Claire-Heureuse is a three-story girls' dormitory that houses half of the school's female student population. It was originally constructed in 1987, with additions in 1998 and 2006.

Palais Blanc

Located on the north end of campus next to the Claire-Heureuse, the Palais Blanc is named after Haiti's capital building, painted all white. The Palais was the initial, residential building on the newly acquired campus when it was purchased in 1986. By 1987, the second floor was added. The building now holds a computer laboratory, a staff and Volunteer kitchen, two offices on the first floor, and Volunteer living space on the second floor.

Science Lab

Located on the north end of campus on the other side of the Palais Blanc, the science lab holds a laboratory, complete with gas and water piping, on one half and a classroom on the other half. It was built in 1999 through the efforts of the U.S. military, Haitian staff, students and Volunteers.

J.J. Dessalines Building

Located centrally along the west side of campus, the building contained six classrooms and served as a dormitory to more than 50 boys, on the third floor, before the 2010 earthquake rendered it unsafe to use. It was constructed in 1987 and is named after Jean-Jacques Dessalines – leader of the Haitian revolution and the first ruler of an independent Haiti.

Sanite Bélair

Adjacent to the J.J. Dessalines Building, the second girls' dormitory, three stories in height, was built in 2001 and houses half of the school's female student population. Wife

of Charles Bélair, who fought with Toussaint Louverture, Sanite Bélair is considered one of great heroes in the Haitian Revolution that lead to Haiti's independence in 1804.

Agora Building

Located on the Southern end of campus the Agora building is named after the ancient Greek word for Agora, describing a meeting place. Construction of the Agora building began in 1999 on the newly acquired second half of campus and ongoing renovations made room for a library, auditorium, and a maintenance work shop on the first floor. The second floor holds three classrooms and administrative offices, and the third floor holds boys dormitories for half of the school's male student population.

Chapel

Finished in 2001, the Chapel rests on top of the LCS cafeteria and connects to the Agora building by bridge. The chapel provides seating for about 75 students during Mass.

The Foyer

This was the original boys' dorm. Located centrally on campus and attached to the kitchen, cafeteria and Chapel, the Foyer was constructed by 1987 and now holds dormitory space for half of the school's male student population.

Kitchen and Cafeteria

The kitchen and cafeteria was constructed by 1987 and provides a dining area for the school's 368 students during breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.” ---Matthew 10:8