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Empowering Future Leaders

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The new school year began on a high note, thanks to the hard work and commitment of the faculty and staff at the 11 parish schools over the summer.

The year promises to be one of discovery, connection, and achievement as we work together to create a supportive environment for the students. Many changes happened over the summer, including new buildings, teacher training, new furniture, windows, doors, and more. Students were welcomed back to an improved school environment.



Starting the year off right at St. Francis



Teachers preparing the classroom



New kitchen in Bois Brûlé

A three-day teacher training conference held in August enhanced the skills and professional development of all primary school instructors. They had the opportunity to practice new techniques and receive feedback from expert educators and each other. In the weeks leading up to the school year, they gave their classrooms finishing touches and hung decorations. The new kitchen in Bois Brûlé is now fully operational and serving lunch to students. All in all, the students are warmly welcomed!

At the same time, students at the Professional Center are ramping up for an exciting year of professional development, gaining the skills they need to become highly employable or create their own small businesses. Courses focus on design and sewing, culinary arts, hospitality and retail practices.



This year's students at the Professional Center



Lunch time at St. Croix, Nouvelle Cite



Brand new benches

The educational advancements taking place in La Gonâve are a direct result of the foresight and organization of the staff of the St. Francis school system. We are grateful for the support of our donors who assured that LGHP could provide all the resources requested. It is vital to equip the next generation with the essential tools to thrive and make a positive difference in La Gonâve and beyond.

Free lunches for students carry on into the new school year, providing children with the nutrition and energy they need to excel academically.

In Palma, the St. Marthe and St. Marie middle school enrolled its first class of 9th graders and is now fully operational for grades 7-9. A new computer lab and library will enhance students and teacher's access to information and develop computer literacy, research, and language skills.

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