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PRINCIPAL SPEAKS

The world famous 20th century American industrialist John D. Rockefeller was always on the work mode and busy. Once when he was on his flight travel was asked by a co-passenger, "Sir you are already a filthy rich man to manage a luxurious life for many generation to come – but why do you still continue to be busy working even when you are on flight also". His answer was "a flight to take off needs lots of energy and a similar amount of energy also needs to have the balance in the air. Just because the flight has taken off, the pilot cannot put off the engine"

Similarly parents cannot take for granted that by admitting your child in a good school and sending them for couple of tuitions alone will make them an excellent child. The basic duty of the parents is to monitor and follow up the child, which cannot be ignored or negotiated. This is the basic duty and need of the hour that children at home should be intensively observed, and regularly followed, because as the Holy Bible says – the '*evil is moving around like a roaring lion*'.

George Bernard Shaw said "Two things define you. Your patience when you have nothing and your attitude when you everything". Everyone in our society come across these two situation of nothingness and abundance as well. But eventually what matter is your patience and attitude in life. So these things are very essential for good parents while dealing with the children of the present time.

Here in this newsletter, we have tried to capture the various events that had taken place in our school in the last three months and towards the end this bulletin, our students articles also printed in the students' corner. Apart from it you will also find programs for another coming three months. Wish you all an enjoyable reading and follow up.

Thanks

Stay Safe & Blessed

Principal

June 28th : Block & District sports meet:

The local district administration organized a football match for under 17 in the block level. Our boys had participated in it and won the grade to play with the district level. And when they played at Kanchanpur they missed the target. However, they were awarded with the certificate for winning in the block level competition.

**July 06: Tree Plantation Day:**

It is our annual programme of the year. We celebrate this with gratitude to our Mother Earth in love for nature. We celebrated the event in the presence of Shri. Dibakar Jamatia, DCM Panisagar, Shri. Binod Reang – Ranger Officer Panisagar, Shri. Dhanjanjoy Das and Shri. Moharamlal Halam. The program began with colourful dances by the students depicting the importance of planting saplings in our homes and in



neighbourhood. After the program all the invitees planted saplings along with the student fraternity in the campus. Through this program our student are reminded that the trees shield us from harmful pollutants, prevent soil erosion, and offer habitats for diverse species. Forest also play a vital role in mitigating climate change, absorbing carbon dioxide and producing life-giving oxygen.

July 01st – 15th : Principal Meets KG – X:

Being in connection with the students and parents is one of the main tasks of the Principal of any school. Though the principal connects with the students through everyday assemblies and periodical publications, this is another innovative way of being in touch with the students of all classes from the juniors to the seniors in the school. So the Principal took off from his office for two weeks to interact with all the students of each class every day. He

communicated with them through video clips and interactions by implanting some good seeds of ethical values and social responsibility. All students were happy to attend this class and learned some good values for their lives.

July 13th: Parent Teachers Meet:

Good parents always wish to know the progress and growth of their child. So the first PTM was held on this day for the teachers to interact with the parents and communicate about their child's growth and progress. Many parents turned up for this personal meet. We do appreciate the concern of the parents for their children, without any exams held also parents came to talk with the teachers.

July 25th – 27th Peace club Meet:

Peace is all time need of the hour, so we need to show the seeds of peace in the young minds. The social wing of the diocese of Agartala organised two days of program for a few selected students from each school. Five of our girls along with Miss. Lalbiaki participated in this program and benefited much. They also visited some important places in Agartala.

**July 15th – 23rd: Unit Test:**

Parents have high expectations from their children. So after they had interacted with their ward's class teachers, this unit test was conducted. All students had been regular to classes to perform their first unit test for this academic year.

AUG 02nd: HIV & AIDS Awareness Prog:

Awareness regarding the drug abuse and AIDS is paramount importance of the hour. Dharmanagar Teresa Welfare society had organised a talk and video program for the students of classes IX & X. It was well appreciated and participated by the students. They also conducted a short quiz program on this matter and many students received some prizes as well.

AUG 03rd: Ker Puja:

This is one of the popular festivals in Tripura, celebrated in the month of August. This celebration occurs two weeks after the Kharchi puja to honour KER, the guardian deity of Vastu Devta. It includes offering sacrifices, and prescribing boundaries which both safeguard the people from calamities and savour them from external aggressions. The puja was initiated by the king of Tripura for the participation of the Halam tribe. During the Puja, entrances of the capital city of Tripura, Agartala are closed off to protect the area. The people here are restricted in many

ways. They are not allowed to dance, wear shoes, or even light fires. During this time, the elderly, expectant mothers, and the sick are moved to villages nearby. This is done to prevent any mishaps that may occur. The ceremony begins with a loud bang on the morning of Ker Puja, indicating the start of Ker Puja. People during this time are discouraged from making any loud noises.

–Moumita Nath IX,B

Aug 6 & 7th: Institutional Audit:

Two-thirds of the Earth's surface is covered with water. The other third is covered with auditors from headquarters" – Norman Ralph Augustine. As our ministry of service is closely monitored by all, our administrative system has been on duty to do the internal audit. Fr. George Jacob the secretary to the Holy Cross Educational Foundation with his team went through a full audit of our academic functions starting with document checks and classroom supervisions. He was welcomed by the staff and students with a melodious song. This service of audit is much warranted in the present scenario and we appreciate the works of the administration.



AUG 12th & 13th: Medical Check up:

Annual medical check-up is mandatory for the students, so the local PHC was requested to conduct this medical check-up for all students. Three doctors were present on both days to look into this check-up and all students were examined.

AUG 12th & 13th: Medical Check up:

The Staff and Students of Holy Cross School, celebrated the momentous occasion – of our nation's 78th Independence Day. The orderly march-fast, the colourful mass drills and the cultural programs marked the day with pride and dignity. Shri. Sujit Ruddra Paul, the Inspector of schools along with Dr. Somendra Kumar, Senior Scientist KVK, Panisagar hoisted the flag ceremoniously and received the honours from the parade groups. The students performed many colourful patriotic dances with melodious music. Many parents and guardians also witnessed this event and appreciated the incandescent performances of the students.

17th Aug: Inter-School Peace Club animation:

The social wing of the diocese JUST organised this prog for the students of Katalcheera, Olive Hills, Kumarghat and Panisagar. The teachers and animators under the able leadership of our headmistress Sr. Sandraline, organised various

competitions between different schools and gave away good prizes. It was well participated and organised well. The students had a common lunch and departed by train in the evening.

**18th Aug: Block Level Football under 14:**

Students of our school team under fourteen participated and selected to play in the state level.

**Aug 19th: Raja's – Birthday:**

Tripura is claimed to be one of the oldest princely states of ancient India. The long period over 547 years altogether 35 Maharajas ruled the kingdom of Tripura. The last king Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur reigned for the period from 1923 to 1947. He was a versatile as well as farsighted king who died on 17 May 1947. He was a well-known king who ruled our state of Tripura from the year 1923 to 1947. He was popularly known as the modern architect. He was born on August 19, 1908 in Tripura. He was the son of Maharaja Birendra Kishor Manikya Bahadur Debbarman. He was a patron of arts and culture. He

supported various cultural activities and institutions fostering a rich cultural heritage. Maharaja Bir Bikram maintained good relations with the Bengali Hindu community in his kingdom, who held important ministerial and administrative positions in his kingdom. He was the first ruler who visited Europe and America in 1939. He was considered one of the pioneers of the land reforms. He died at a very young age of 39 in 1947.

By – Ayushi Sharma VI,B

Aug 19th: Block level – Girls Kabadi :

Girls' Kabadi team of our school in the district level, participated and four among them are selected to play in the district level.

Aug 20th: District level – Football under 19:

Students of our school football team under nineteen participated in the district-level football match and won the status to play in the state level.

AUG 28th: Debate Competition:

Health competitions will build a healthy community. So the students of class IX & X have decided to organise a debate competition on the topic of the **"Use and Abuse of Mobile"**. It was an encouraging event to see how they supported one another and their good spirit of argumentation. I do admire the broad knowledge and the expressions of the language on the stage.

Sep 06th : District selection for Volleyball:

Tripura district-level Volleyball and Basketball competitions were conducted and our students participated and played extremely well. However, could not make it to the final. But their active participation in the training camp is well appreciated and awarded with meritorious certificates.

**Sep 07th : Powering New Age Classroom:**

A digital solution that transforms the traditional teaching-learning process in the classroom has come in the form of a Smart Interactive Board. This facilitates the teaching with visuals and interactions with an elegant approach. So our faculty members were introduced to the use of interactive smart board teachings. They were all amazed at the available possibilities and on this board and how it can enhance their teaching method.

Sep 11th : Inspection for School Up gradation :

This has been a very long-standing dream of our parents and guardians to upgrade the school to a higher secondary level. After a serious study on this matter, the HCEF approved the proposal and in light of this, a team of inspectors from DEO made a field visit to the school. Now we are in the process of starting class XI in the coming academic year. We do seek prayers and blessings on this new venture.



Sep 13th : Holy Cross Feast & Principal's Day:

Holy Cross is God's work and not human work – says its founder Blessed Moreau. It was a day of joy and celebration to amuse one another and God for the gift of Holy Cross School. Students of all classes had prepared wonderful and colourful programmes to entertain the school fraternity. It has also coincided with the

birthday celebration of the Principal Fr. Kanikkai Jeyraj. So it was a double joy that all the staff and students wished one another and gave away greetings and gifts to the principal and all students received a packet of cakes to be cherished with the mode of celebration.

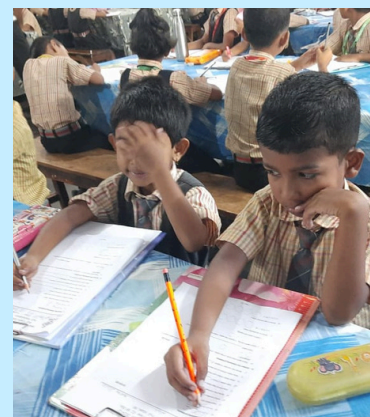
**Sep 24th : Birthday of HM Sr. Sandraline Shadap :**

Life is a gift from God and what we do with our life is our gift to God. It was a moment of grace and happiness in the midst of our student fraternity to celebrate the birthday of our headmistress in the assembly with songs and dances. On her birthday we express our gratitude and appreciation for her tireless dedication, guidance and leadership. Her

unwavering commitment to our school and students has created a nurturing environment that fosters growth, learning and success. May God Bless her ministry in the school and the mission to the society.

Sep 27 – Oct 08th : Half yearly Exams:

The secret of success is determined by your hard work and strong focus on your goal and this will be examined through periodical tests and exams. Now that we are in the mid of the academic year, time to take stock of the learnings before students leave for puja holidays. So the examination was conducted for all students and particularly the students of classes IX & X received their questions from the Board itself and for the other students from the Holy Cross Educational Foundation. It was well organised and all students participated with enthusiasm and good preparations.

**OUR STUDENTS' CORNER:****INVENTION OF ZERO:**

Very often people take for granted the power of a simple and single digit-ZERO. But have you ever wondered how our ancestors managed without it? The invention of Zero revolutionized mathematics, science and our understanding of the vast universe. In ancient India, around the 7th century, mathematicians and astronomers struggled to represent the concept of "nothing or empty". They used various symbols but none were as elegant and powerful as the zero we know today. The Indian mathematician Aryabhata was one of the first to use zero in his calculations. He realized that zero was not just a placeholder but a number in its own right with its own unique properties. In conclusion, the invention of zero is a reminder that even the smallest ideas can have a profound impact on human history.

By – Neetika Debnath, VI

GANESH CHATURTHI:

This is an annual festival and one of the most revered festivals in India. Also known as Vinayaka Chaturthi. The festival marks the birth of the Hindu God Ganesha., more specifically the festival signifies the arrival of Lord Ganesha with his mother Parvathi to earth from Mount Kailash. Celebrations begin in the month of the Hindu calendar in Bhadrapada. The festival is celebrated with grandeur and devotion all over India. The public celebrates this festival by the installation of clay idols of Ganesha. Elaborate stages are made and they are called pandal as a part of the celebration in temples and pandals often distribute offerings to the general public. Popular sweets include the Modak, which was believed to be the favourite sweet of Lord Ganesha. Children are very dear to Lord Ganesh and they call him Mitra Ganesh. This festival spreads happiness and joy and unites people. On the last day, the idols are immersed in water with prayers.



By: Swarnadrita Nath X, A

Our Annual Feast:

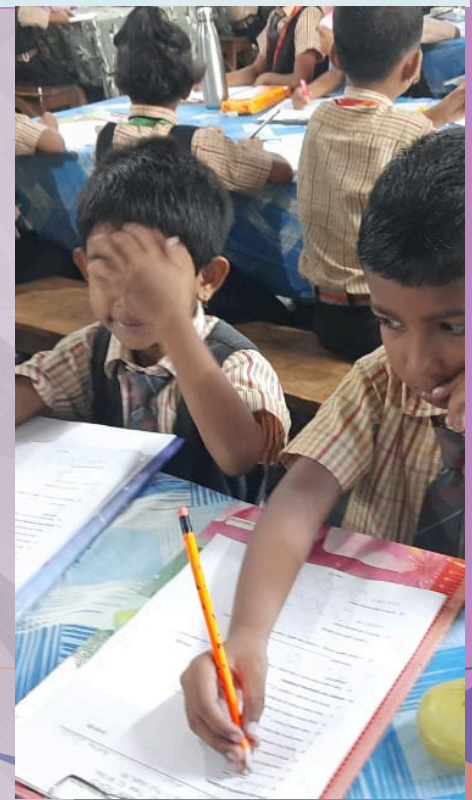
Every year on Sep 14th our school community comes together for an hour on this special occasion with a blend of tradition and festivity. Thanking and praising God for the founder of the congregation of Holy Cross Blessed Basil Moreau. This day is marked by vibrant celebrations that reflect the spirit of our institution. Our students enthusiastically participate in various cultural performances, showing their talents and dedication. The campus is adorned with beautiful decorations and the aroma of delicious treats fills the air. This day allows us to express gratitude to those who support us and to strengthen the bond within our school community. As we enjoy today's festivities, let's remember the values that make our school special and continue to strive for excellence together.

By: Pritam Chakraborty X A

Vishwakarma Puja:

This puja is celebrated every year on Sep 17th and it's a day to honour the divine architect – Lord Vishwakarma. He is the creator of the universe and the God of innovation, creativity and progress. Lord Vishwakarma is worshipped by artisans, craftsmen, engineers and architects, who seek his blessing for success and prosperity in their work Vishwakarma puja teaches us the importance of hard work, dedication and creativity. It reminds us that our skills and talents are gifts from God and we must use them to create something positive and useful. Vishwakarma puja is also a celebration of human innovations and progress. It inspires me to think out of the box, to experiment and to push the boundaries of what is possible. So let's take a moment to appreciate the creativity and innovation that surrounds us. Let's honour the divine architect within us and strive to create something that makes a difference.

By: Swarnadrita Nath XA



Saluting the shapers of Tomorrow:

We celebrate Teacher's day to honour the selfless dedication and unwavering commitment of our teachers. Our teachers are the pillars of our educational system, guiding us with patience, kindness and expertise. They are the mentors who inspire us to reach our full potential, the role models who instil values and morals, and the friends who support us through thick and thin. Our teachers have an average of 10-20 years of teaching experience. They are experts in their specialised subjects and have a deep understanding of the curriculum. They are passionate about education and committed to student success. They go above and beyond to support students learning and well-being. They are role models, mentors and friends to their students. Let us take a moment to appreciate and thank our teachers for all that they do ..HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY.



By- Akash Debnath VIII B

My School:

Our Holy Cross School Panisagar is the best and I am so proud that I am getting an opportunity to study in this school. Our school has a clean and green campus and it's also plastic-free. I am so glad that I have got a good Principal, Headmistress, Teachers, students and some friends. My classroom is the largest and I am proud that we got a big blackboard also. I am so glad that we have 34 good teachers, one laboratory, a library, a Hall, Televisions and the High-tech interactive smart board, and also a big computer lab. We also have rooms for practising dance and music.

By. Jimmy Halam, VIII B

PROGRAM FOR, OCT - JAN:**October:**

09 – 20th : Puja Holidays
20th : Hostels Re-open
21st : Regular Classes Resume

November:

01st : Holiday: Diwali festival
09th : Faculty Meet
14th : Children's day

December:

07th : Annual day celebration
14 – 20th : Unit Test – 02
21 – 14th : Winter Holidays

January – 2025 :

14th : Hostels Re-Open
15th : Regular classes resume
21st : Holiday : B' day of Nethaji
25th : Faculty Meet
26th : Republic day
27th : Sports week begin

