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From Principal's Desk

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers, and Students,

In its early stages, the human mind is like a coarse grain of sand encased in a nurturing shell of broad opportunities and experiences. Over time, it transforms into a precious pearl of creative ideas, knowledge, and critical thinking that can revolutionize the world. I am extremely optimistic that Holy Cross School Agartala, with its 54 years of history, has been a nurturing environment for young minds. Our school has unlocked the storehouse of talent and creativity through academic and co-curricular activities. The display at Parent's Day 2024 was just a cue of what we can do when we synergise our energy and talents. The wheel of excellence and progress turns on the fulcrum of values and conventions, with quality education, infrastructure improvements, and innovative teaching methods as its spokes, all of which are a testament to our unwavering commitment to excellence.

Our unwavering commitment is to root students firmly in an enabling and constructive work ethic, allowing them to blossom meaningfully. In pursuing this goal, we have expanded our facilities, incorporating the latest educational technology. These four edifices of learning act as springboards for honing skills and nurturing the unique talents of our young learners, ensuring their holistic development and future success.

Over the years, our students have achieved outstanding results in board exams, received accolades for their exceptional teaching practices, and excelled in various co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Our ICSE and ISC students have been working diligently, and I'm proud to announce that they have passed with flying colours. You will see the details as you turn the pages. Their success is a testament to the nurturing environment and the commitment to their development that Holy Cross provides. Let's celebrate their hard work and dedication!

Dear Students, Parents, and Staff, our school thrives because of your support. Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. As we turn the pages of another quarter, we immerse ourselves in the vibrant hues of learning, laughter, and growth. We have weathered storms and basked in sunshine, demonstrating resilience and adaptability. Like skilled gardeners, our teachers have nurtured young minds, ensuring that each bud blossoms into a unique flower. Our students have explored new territories within textbooks and beyond, discovering their passions and talents. Let us cultivate a culture of curiosity, kindness, and collaboration. Together, we shall create a beautiful garden of knowledge where every student's potential blooms. Happy reading!

Warm regards,

Father Jilson Tom CSC, Principal, HCSA



EDUCATION DOWN THE AGES

On 12th April 2024, Holy Cross School Agartala celebrated its 48th Parent's Day on the theme Education Down the Ages. The theme emphasised the UNICEF theme, "Education for People, Planet, Progress, and Peace," reflecting the evolving nature of education and its humanistic aims.

Our Chief Guest, His Excellency Shri Indrasena Reddy Nallu, Governor of Tripura, graced the occasion along with other dignitaries. In his message, he urged the audience to take advantage of the New Education Policy 2020 provisions. He highlighted the child-centric approach when choosing their streams of interest.

Bishop Lumen Monteiro, CSC, DD, and Father George Jacob, CSC, who graced the occasion as guests of honour, accentuated the uniqueness of Holy Cross education and the journey Holy Cross from France to Agartala with its motto, "Education of Heart and Mind."

Shri Subrata Chowdhury is the Additional Secretary for Home and Transport, Department of Transport, Tripura. Sir, who represented the Holy Cross parents' family, highlighted the pioneering contributions of the Holy Cross School Agartala. Representing the transport department of Tripura, he invited us to partner with them to create awareness among young adults of road safety.

Our revered parents were honoured as it was a special day in

the school calendar set aside to appreciate them.

Following the formal inauguration, our guests were taken on a unique journey through the history of education. This journey, meticulously planned and executed, transported them to the ancient Gurukuls of India and then unfolded the evolution of the education system in chronological order. From the influence

of Buddhism, the Guptas, the Sultanate period, western education, and Shantiniketan, we traced the educational journey to the Raj Gharana of Tripura, culminating in our school. This journey showcased the rich heritage of education, our school's commitment to its continuous evolution, and the imminent talents of our staff and students.

More than 1,000 children participated in showing their parents how much they are ardently loved and appreciated, and the colourful musical evening ended with Holy Cross School Agartala raising the bar again. Kudos HCS!



BULLETIN BOARD PRESENTATIONS

Bulletin boards are part of every educational institution. In HCS Agartala, we have eight bulletin boards representing eight houses. Every month, the school allows us to work as a team based on a relevant theme. We brainstorm, work as a team, and divide responsibilities according to each member's Caliber. The teams come up with creative ideas for presentations. The one sound at public speaking presents a declamation on the chosen theme. The artists get busy designing the entire board while those good at crafts do their job.

We begin the process a week before the stipulated deadline by contacting fellow students from different classes to form the team for the month. When the team is ready, the first task is to collect articles based on the given topic. Practically, we must have everything set before the presentation day because we only have an hour to complete the task on the presentation day. Though we have many members on the team, only eight members from each house can get involved in the presentation.

The topic for February was "Don't judge life by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." Life is a continuous process of sowing seeds. These seeds represent our actions, intentions, and efforts. We set the stage for a fruitful future by planting positive seeds—kindness, compassion, hard work, and love. Planting seeds is an act of faith. We trust our efforts will yield something meaningful, even if we can't see it immediately. It reminds us to focus on the journey, not just the destination. The process of nurturing and tending to our seeds is where life happens.

The harvest symbolises the outcomes or results we eventually reap from our actions. It could be success, wealth, relationships, or personal growth. However, the harvest is not always immediate. Sometimes,

it takes time for the seeds to grow into something tangible. Patience is crucial. Often, we measure our lives by external markers of success—promotions, possessions, or achievements. But these are just the fruits of our labour. If we judge solely by the harvest, we might miss the beauty of the process—the growth, learning, and connections that happen along the way.

Consider the legacy we leave behind. What seeds are we planting for future generations? How will our actions impact others? A kind word, a helping hand, or a positive influence can shape lives long after we're gone. Instead of fixating on outcomes, let's embrace the act of planting seeds. We should be intentional about the seeds we sow. We trust that our efforts matter even if we don't see immediate results. Every small kindness, every positive choice—it all contributes to a more prosperous life. As students, let us appreciate the process, find fulfilment in planting seeds, and recognise that our impact extends beyond what we can measure. Let's sow good seeds and trust that they will bear fruit soon.

The bulletin board activity is one of the most meaningful, joyful, and enjoyable activities, and we can discover and learn many new things. We have worked hard for this month and will continue the same in the upcoming months.



Aarohi Majumder
XII-A



A LEADERSHIP SEMINAR I WILL CHERISH FOREVER

Leadership is an essential tool for achieving personal and professional goals. Holy Cross School continuously provides various opportunities for students to become influential citizens. One such opportunity for all the elected student's council members of 2024 was the two-day leadership seminar.

One profound lesson from the leader seminar program resonated with me. It showed me the significance of self-awareness in leadership. This program served as a mirror, reflecting my strengths and areas for improvement and guiding me towards a deeper understanding of myself as a leader.

The seminar was not just a two-day event but a transformative journey that has left an indelible mark on my leadership journey. It has ignited a fire, propelling me towards personal growth and transformation. The presentations of our respected principal, Father Jilson Tom, induced introspection, which helped me better understand myself and how I interact with others.

The program underscored the pivotal role of effective

communication in leadership. It's about speaking and genuinely connecting with others, fostering collaboration, and driving results. Additionally, it highlighted the need for adaptability and flexibility, crucial traits for navigating the ever-changing leadership landscape.

After the two days of interactive, fun-filled, hands-on, and informative seminar, I am confident that I can authentically discharge my duties as the sports captain and make decisions that align with values, thereby gaining the trust and respect of my team members.

I want to conclude by thanking the school administration for providing such a rich and transformative experience, which has equipped me with the skills to be a versatile leader capable of leading in any environment.



Souhini Roy
Sports Captain

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, AGARTALA

Congratulates TOP 10 RANK HOLDERS

ISC-2024

ICSE-2024

SCIENCE



1ST PRASANG DAS
91.5%



2ND KHANDOPARA I. REANG
86.25%



3RD ARGHA CHAKRABORTY
86%



4TH MAYUKH DEYTI DHAR
82.5%



5TH LAHARI DEBARMMA
82%



6TH KHAKCHAM KOLDI
81.75%



7TH URJA ROY CHOUDHURI
76.75%



8TH ARYAN RUPINI
76.25%



8TH TAPASMITA GHOSH
76.25%



9TH LISA UCHDI
75%



10TH ANIRBAN DASGUPTA
73.25%

ARTS



1ST SAMPURNA HALDER
91.25%



2ND LAGENDRA REANG
89.25%



3RD AKHA DEBARMMA
87.75%



4TH LAGNAJITA DAS
85.5%



4TH LINET HALAM
85.5%



5TH MOHANA SARKAR
85.25%



6TH SAYANKA BAISHYA
84.5%



7TH NITYA KRISHNA RAI
84%



8TH SIMLALCHIM HALAM
83%



9TH PAYEL REANG
82%



10TH RIDHI SARKAR
81%



1ST SHIKHAR MALLICK
98%



1ST SOMRAJ ROY
98%



2ND NELSON CHOWDHURY
97.8%



3RD JAYASURYA RAY
96.8%



3RD MAYANK SAHA
96.8%



4TH ANURAG NATH
96.4%



4TH ANURIMA CHAUDHURI
96.4%



4TH ATANTIKA B CHAUDHURI
96.4%



4TH KRITTIKA BANIK
96.4%



5TH ABHRAJIT SAHA
96.2%



6TH SOUHAADYA DASGUPTA
95.8%



6TH SUDEEKSHA DEBNATH
95.8%



7TH DHIMAN DATTA
95.6%



7TH DIBANTA ROY
95.6%



8TH ANUSHKA PAUL
95.4%



9TH SOUGATA PAL
95.2%



10TH ARINDAM SHIL
95%



10TH LAYSHA JAMATIA
95%



10TH NAIMA DEBARMMA
95%



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Mrs. Sunita Saini

The two most challenging things in life are saying hello for the first time and goodbye for the last. Mrs. Sunita Saini began her career at Holy Cross School in January 2006. After 13 years of dedicated service, she is bidding farewell to HCS as she returns to her hometown of Delhi due to her husband's transfer. Ma'am served as a Hindi teacher in HCS and is described by her students and colleagues as hardworking, committed, enthusiastic, and sincere. We wish Ma'am Sunita continued success in her personal and professional life.

Sr. Sunitha Mary D' Souza, Headmistress - Noon Shift

It was with a mix of emotions that we bid farewell to dear Sr. Sunitha Mary D' Souza, headmistress (noon shift), in May 2024. Over the past three years, Sr. Sunitha Mary D' Souza has been a beacon of inspiration in this institution. Her unwavering commitment to excellence and relentless efforts to foster both hearts and minds have impacted the lives she has touched. I am deeply grateful for the privilege of working closely with her and for the invaluable lessons I have learned, particularly [specific lessons]. We wish her continued success in her service to God and humanity.

Sr. Juliana BS (Pre-School Mistress)

During the time I spent with Sr. Juliana, she stood out for her wisdom, empathy, and love for the children at this institution. She always tried to instil discipline with a firm but loving attitude.

Mrs. Runu Burwa

Runu Ma'am has been with us for a very long time, and generations of students are thankful to her for the effort she has put into teaching them. We wish her all the very best for her next adventure! I have enjoyed working closely with her and am grateful for what I learned during our time together. I hope she may continue to serve God and humankind with the same zeal and passion in the coming days.



Arundhati Majumdar
Asst. Teacher



Devidatta Bose
Co-ordinator (NS)



MUSINGS FROM MORNING SHIFT

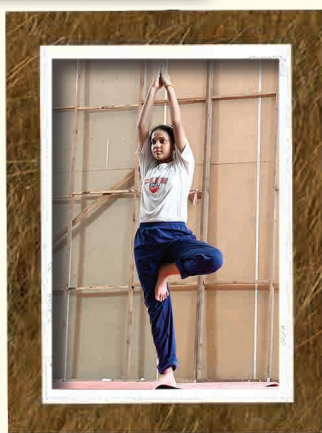
All work and no play make Jack dull, but when work and play are craftily amalgamated, Jack becomes a smart boy. With the same idea in mind, we at Holy Cross School have adopted the practice of including cognitive skill development activities in the routine curriculum.

Students were given the freedom to explore their imagination with colours. Activities like T-shirt painting, wall painting, tie and dye were some instances. Students were empowered to express their creative minds through activities like printing with leaves and making wall hangings and collages.

Health and hygiene were promoted via 'Yoga Day', hand washing techniques, and cough/sneezing etiquette.

Problem-solving skills were developed using activities like matching and stacking blocks of different sizes and colours and separating beads of different colours using their five senses to identify objects.

To conclude, we at Holy Cross School aim for a holistic approach to learning rather than depending on knowledge acquired through textbooks.



THE BEGINNING OF A NEW CHAPTER

Inauguration of Class XI-2024 & Felicitation of ISC and ICSE Class 2023.

Amidst celebration and festivity, the inauguration of the new class XI 2024 and felicitation of the rank holders of ISC and ICSE batches of 2023 was held on the 26th of June. It was a day where hope was reborn, dreams were reshaped, and a new journey unfolded.

The day, marking the inception of a dream, a step towards progress, commenced with a warm welcome speech by Respected Vice Principal Father Agi Paul, who emphasized the importance of this transitional phase in the student's academic careers. His words were a reassurance, instilling confidence in the students and their parents. The speech was followed by a small cultural programme which lifted the spirits of everyone present. Our honourable chief Guest, Respected Father George Jacob, Secretary of the Holy Cross Educational Foundation, delivered an inspiring speech and encouraged the students to make the most of the resources and

guidance available. This was followed by the felicitation of all the rank holders of ISC and ICSE students of 2023 who did remarkably well in their board exams and those who scored cent per cent marks in various subjects. It was a moment of immense pride, a testament to their hard work and dedication, to be cherished by everyone present. The day came to an end with an orientation session by our honourable chief guest, Father George.



Mandira Chakraborty
Asst. Teacher



UPcoming EVENTS

JULY 2024

- 01: Improvement Exams Begin
- 01: Class XI Orientation
- 05: Career Preparation Seminar 1 – Law Farm
- 11: Improvement Exams End
- 13: Career Preparation Seminar - Class XII
- 15: Bethany Foundation Day Program
- 18: Bulletin Board Preparation
- 30: Vanmahotsav - Special Assembly

AUGUST 2024

- 01: Independence Week Competitions Begin
- 09: Bulletin Board Preparation
- 12: Interhouse Literary and Cultural Competitions
- 13: Anticipated Independence Day Celebration (Pre-school)

- 14: Anticipated Independence Day Celebration (Morning Shift)
- 15: Independence Day Celebration
- 20: Unit II – Exams Begin
- 30: Last Day of Unit II – Exams

SEPTEMBER 2024

- 05: Teachers' Day
- 13: Holy Cross Feast – Special Assembly
- 14: Parent-Teacher Meeting (UT II)
- 17: Nursery Online Registration Opens
- 20: Bulletin Board Presentation
- 21: Staff Meeting and Syllabus Preparation for 2025
- 28: Picnic for Class IV, X & XII.

OCTOBER 2024

- 05: Managing Committee Meeting
- 09: Puja Holidays Begin
- 21: Classes Resume after Puja Holidays

APR-JUNE 2024 PROGRAMME PHOTOS

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