

Dear Parents/ Guardians and students

Schooling is our first contact with the outside world, a period of joy, healthy competition, adjustment, sharing and love. It is not the wide open spaces, classrooms, library, laboratories or the large fields that make the school. It is in the heart of the students and the staff that the true institution exists. According to behavioural analysts, the youth of future generation are going to be more prone to violence and deviant behaviour. This deteriorating trend is a matter of great concern to parents as well as teachers and educators. We are all aware through media, reports of incidents of abuse, self inflicted violence, violent outbursts, depression, and violence using the media and other forms of internet. Learning is not a process limited to schools and colleges only, nor does it end with the conclusion of one's school career, it is instead a life long process. Holy Cross is a community where children are first and education is the number one priority. In Holy Cross School it is our top priority to provide each student with a challenging curriculum appropriate to his/her academic level and to provide students with a safe and effective learning environment, full of rich experiences. Every child is provided a quality instructional experience as well as a balanced curriculum including the arts and technology. It is further characterised by shared vision and responsibility.



Dear students, it is my message to you that all the people of character live by their values. They are honest and are committed to truthfulness in thought, word and deed. True character encompasses the capacity for self discipline. Character creates self respect, which in turn leads to high self esteem. Maturity is reflected in all aspects of character - the decisions we make, the friends we choose and the responsibilities we accept. Always uphold the dignity of people. Be always ready to give preference to the other. Have something to live for. Bring out the best in you.

There is a spirit of cooperation and progress in our school and we look forward to sharing our enthusiasm with you. Our students have been involved in an extraordinary number of activities, from tree plantation to Quiz show, from yoga to Magic, we have it all here. Of course, we should not forget the tremendous amount of learning which has taken place during the year. Throughout all of these activities our students have demonstrated great character. This issue of Satgamaya bring you the news of major activities that were held in Holy Cross school since the last three months. With warm wishes and God's Blessings.

Fr. Bobby John CSC
Principal

FROM PRINCIPAL'S DESK



A brief narrative of Half yearly exams and Parent teacher meeting 2016

Half yearly exams began on 23rd of May for nursery to class-XII and ended on 14th May 2016. For classes I to XII exams were conducted in the Assembly Square and in the school hall and for nursery to KG II the exams were held in their respective classrooms. Exams were scheduled on alternate days and it concluded successfully. Answer scripts were evaluated from 16th to 21st May, by the respective teachers in the school campus.

On 18th June, the Parent Teacher meeting was held and half yearly exams answer scripts were shown to the parents. The parent teacher meeting commenced at 08.00 am and concluded by 12.30 pm. Parents seemed contented with their ward's performance. It was especially endearing to see parents attend the meeting in huge numbers with great enthusiasm.

Ms. Supriya Chakraborty
Teacher (M.S.)

Exhibition

A three day district level exhibition and project competition 2016 was held, under ISPIRE AWARD SCHEME at Umakanta Academy English Medium School, Agartala, from 22 to 24 August 2016. Out of 86 models the judges have selected nine. Two of our students Progyan Das of class IX-C stood 3rd and Nilanjana Paul of class-X, D stood 8th. They have both qualified for the state level competition to be held later.

Shantibrata Saha
Asst. Teacher (NS)



Class XI Inauguration

Class XI Inaugural function took place on 17th June 2016. We welcomed 153 students for ISC – 2018 into our school, to shape their bright future. This year we have maximum number of students in both the Science and Arts Stream. The programme started with the lighting of the lamp followed by a Prayer Dance by class VIII students. Words of welcome were given by our Principal Fr. Bobby John CSC to the new batch. Dr. Prafulla Jit Sinha, the Hon'ble Mayor of Agartala Municipal Corporation was the Chief Guest. Dr. Garret Campell CEO of Global Schoolroom from Ireland along with Fr. Rodney Barneo were the resource persons in the programme. They spoke to students on how to take steps to form their carriers. Toppers of ICSE & ISC – 2016 were awarded by certificates and mementos. The programme ended with a beautiful cultural Dance by our class XII students.

Mr. Sushanta Roy
Teacher (NS)



KNOWLEDGE KINDLED

"A Step towards Perfection"

"Compete with yourself rather than competing with others" Yes that's what has inspired me from the seminar on 'Global Change' by Fr. Rodney Borneo on 18th June. The seminar was indeed influencing and motivating for everyone of us and perhaps it helped us to have a fresh start before our ICSE Board Exams. Father explained how our life should be like a pencil whatever situation we step in, we leave our mark and continue to do our duty because the most important part of us is always what's inside. We will always experience a painful sharpening from time to time by facing all those hard circumstances but this will only help us to evolve as a better person. He taught us that to live and survive, change is needed. Just as an eagle, plucks out its beak which no longer helps it to catch preys we too have to learn to pluck our unpleasant memories, negative habits and fixed mindset to live a better life. We all need to understand that the power to change ourselves is in our hand and we might try our level best to do that. With all the influential videos father showed we were had really motivated. For many of us this seminar will always be a memorable one as it has taught us the true value of life and the ways to make it better with every coming day.

Sohini Kar
Class – X E



A NEW BEGINNING



International Yoga Day

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India and is now practiced in various forms all over the world. 21st June, the International Yoga Day was celebrated by the students of Holy Cross School with lot of zeal and enthusiasm. The students of class VIII presented the theme 'Yoga in our life' in a beautiful way. The students performed yoga postures and spoke about its importance in their lives. To mark the harmony which is spread through yoga, the students paid tribute to all the support staff of the school for their dedicated service by welcoming them on stage. On this day a group of N.C.C students under the guidance of Mam. Gauri participated in the Yoga workshop at Assam Rifles Ground.

Shantibrata Saha, Teacher (NS)



MOTIVATION

Forth Coming Events

- September**
- 05th Teachers' Day
- 15th Holy Cross Feast
- 19th Cl. XI Half Yearly Exam begins
- 30th NESNIM
- October**
- 1 – 2nd NESNIM
- 6 – 16th Puja Vacation
- 17th Classes resume after Puja Vacation
- 26th Result Day – Cl. XI
- 29th Registration for Nursery
- November**
- 05th Picnic for Cl. X and Cl. XII
- 12th Parent Teacher Meeting / Art Exhibition
- 14th Children's Day
- 17th Distribution of Admit Cards
- 21st Final Exam begins
- December**
- 03rd Last Day of Final Examination
- 05th Centralized Paper Evaluation begins
- 14th Exchange of Marks
- 19th Result Day & Distribution of Books (M.S)
- 19th Result Day & Distribution of Books (N.S)
- 20th Winter Holidays begin
- 21st

HEALTHY LIFE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

NURSERY ADMISSION (2017)

29th October 2016 : Distribution of Registration Forms & Prospectus

ADMISSION PROCEDURE :

- All Eligible candidates will be given form. (Eligibility – Child born between JUNE 2013 to JANUARY 2014)
- Original Birth Certificate to be produced to obtain Registration form along with photocopy of the same.
- Duly filled Registration form to be submitted on the same day (29th October, 2016) before 12.30 p.m.
- Equal number of boys and girls will be chosen for interview by picking up of lots starting at 01.00 p.m.
- Interview and admissions for selected students will be on 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th November 2016.
- Time of interview will be announced on 1st November, 2016.

Class -IV will be part of Morning Shift from Academic Year 2017

New set of Uniforms for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday will be introduced for all classes

- The school will provide uniforms to all the students in the coming year only.
- Students will receive their uniforms along with distribution of books.
- Students are expected to get their uniforms from the school only.

Empowering students, teachers and scholars to achieve a brighter future

On 22nd July, Holy Cross School organized a workshop on teacher training in Mathematics and science for the primary section following the ICSE curriculum. The workshop was conducted by a resource person – Mrs Neela Ghosh who is a Teacher Trainer at the Loreto House Teacher Training Department, Kolkata. She has many years of experience in teaching, as well as teacher training in Mathematics and Science. She is currently associated with Oxford University Press Resource Panel as an expert on Mathematics and Science.

On this day all the teachers of Morning Shift and attended the workshop to enhance their teaching methodologies which was conducted for two hours. The workshop stressed on the use of activity based methods in teaching. Maths is a very interesting and scoring subject and if it is taught in a fun-filled manner then the primary students will grasp it with more interest. The motto of the workshop was to make the class lively and to teach the subject in an interesting manner.

Mrs. Neela Ghosh taught the teachers different easy techniques of calculation and methodologies to apply in their classes. Her training was full of activities and the teachers also indulged themselves very actively. The teachers interacted and shared their opinions with the resource person and adopted different techniques to enrich themselves and to benefit their students. Mrs. Ghosh also taught us how to involve more students in the activities and how to nourish their creativities. All the teachers enjoyed the workshop and revived their methodologies which will empower and benefit the students and the faculties.

Ms. Manidipa Debnath
Teacher (M.S)

Vanmahotsav

Vanmahotsav is an annual tree planting festival in India. It has gained immense national importance and every year, millions of saplings are planted across India in observation of vanmahotsav week.

Holy cross school celebrated vanmahotsav colourfully on 8th July 2016 with music and dance performances.

The event started with the prayer dance followed by welcome speech by Fr. Sojan Augustine. Class VIII students performed tribal dance. Classes IX and X students sang a motivational song on preservation of environment. Function was then carried forward with nritya natika (skit) emphasizing on the importance of vanmahotsav. This ceremony was concluded with an inspirational song, chalo vrikshaya lagaye' speech by our honourable chief guests Shri Bishnu Karmakar and Dr. Sujit Roy. They admired all the programmes and personally requested everyone to plant at least one sapling in their life time.

This vanmahotsav celebration was brought to its conclusion when class Leaders, Chief guests, Teachers, Fr. Sojan, Sisters went to Holy Cross ground and each planted a sapling.

By Abha Marwah
Teacher (NS)



EFFECTIVE METHODOLOGIES

Bethany Foundation Day

"Intense love does not measure, it just gives". Mother Teresa.

On 16th of July 1921 the congregation of the little flowers of Bethany was founded by Late Msgr. RFC. Mascarenehas at Mangalore. Since then the Bethany sisters are carrying on their mission in different fields.

The Bethany sisters are here with Holy Cross almost since its inception, so every year we celebrate the foundation day of the Bethany sisters. But this year it was celebrated with a different galore. The students and teachers celebrated the day with great pomp and show with constant support from the administration.

The day started with a prayer service by the students followed by a prayer dance. Our vice principal Fr. Sojan Augustine delivered a speech thanking the sisters for rendering their service for the upliftment of the school for so many years and then he honoured the sisters with a bouquet, a shawl and a small gift as a token of our love, respect and gratitude for them. The students enacted a small skit to show the journey of the congregation from the beginning till date. The students showed their love and respect for the sisters through songs and dances.

Our headmistress Sr. Sajana Priya, in her speech thanked all the fathers, teachers and students for making the day so special.

Ms. Padmakali Chakraborty
Teacher (NS)



NURTURING NATURE



Magic Show

"The joy of life comes from our encounters with new experiences, and hence there is no greater joy than to have an endlessly changing horizon, for each day to have a new and different sun."

Holy cross has always been an institute of motivation and joyful experiences for children. It has always proved to be not only the best but also has maintained its position at the apex when it comes to educating and gifting children with blissful circumstances.

Keeping the flow recently on 22nd July 2016, our school organised a beautiful magic show. Mr. Shivaji of Shivaji's Indrajala, a renowned magician conducted the show. He entertained the children of both morning shift and noon shift with some spell bounding tricks. A lot of enthusiasm was also seen among teachers and non teaching staffs regarding this particular show. I hope the school administration will continue to maintain this trend of educating its children with such joyous occasions.

Mr. Dibakar Chakraborty
Teacher (MS)

SERVICE ACKNOWLEDGED

70th Independence Day

Holy Cross School celebrated the 70th Independence Day of India with great enthusiasm & patriotic fervor. The celebrations based on the theme 'Young Patriots' started in the first week of August in which inter house competitions in various categories were held among the students of eight houses. The competitions finally culminated on 4th & 5th August when students of various houses were judged by eminent experts in respective fields. The winning candidates were awarded with medals by Vice Principal Fr. Sojan and Headmistress Sr. Sajana.

On 15th August 2016, the Independence Day function started at 8.00 am in the school grounds, in the presence of a large crowd of staff, students and parents. Chief Guest Honorable Member of Parliament Sri Shankar Prasad Dutta hoisted the National Flag. Fr. Bobby John our Principal welcomed the gathering and introduced the guests of honour Sri Amitabha Kar, Retired ADGP, Tripura Police and other distinguished Guests. A rhythmic march past by the students of various houses, beautiful dance performances, patriotic songs, yoga demonstration made the celebrations more lively. The colorful celebrations ended with the distribution of sweets among the students.

MS. ROMI SAHA, Teacher (NS)

Independence Day was celebrated on 11th August for the Morning Shift students, with the theme – "Young Patriots."

The programme started with March Past by Class III students. Students from Nursery to Class III gave tribute and respect to the Nation and its freedom fighters by their songs and colourful dances showing that they are the true 'Young Patriots'.

The Principal Rev. Fr. Bobby John CSC graced the occasion and delivered a valuable Independence Day message.

After the Programme, the morning shift teachers along with the Headmistress, Sr. Tresa Monica BS visited Nirmala Shishu Bhawan (M.C. Sisters) and spent quality time with the disabled and the orphans. Gift and sweets were distributed to them.

Ms. Tani Darlong, Teacher (M.S.)



MAGICAL THOUGHTS

Quizaster – IV on 21-08-2016

In keeping up with the legacy set up in 2013, Quizaster 4 was organized on 21st August 2016. Sunday at Rabindra Satabarshi Bhavan Hall 1 from 1.30 pm. The Chief Guest was Dr. Prafullajit Sinha, Mayor AMC and Guest of Honour, Sri. S.S Chaturvedi, ADGP (TSR) Tripura Police, other dignitaries present were Shri. Manash Debbarma, Retd. Proff. MBB College and ex member & Chairman, TPSC and UPSC, Sri. V.K. Gupta, Associating Asset Manager, ONGC Tripura Asset, Mrs. V.K. Gupta, Sri. Atanu Bhadra, General Manager ONGC, Father Emmanuel, Principal of Holy Cross College, Mr. Shekhar Das, HOD, Gail.

Set on a futuristic theme and amidst a poignant background of Indian physicists, the quiz started with an intra video showing the making of Quizaster down the past year. Then the countdown began and excitement started for the students & ex-students of schools and colleges of Agartala who had come to participate. Exciting prizes awaited the audience in between the main rounds. The top four prizes were given away by the Principal, Rev. Fr. Bobby, Vice-principal, Rev. Fr. Sojan and Headmistress Sr. Sajana.

Our chief sponsors were the ONGC who have completed 60 years in India. The video showing their accomplishment was played many times so that people get to know of their work. The programme ended with the ONGC anthem followed by the national anthem.

Madam Tapashi Saha, Teacher (NS)



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