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Newsletter

Educating Heart and Mind

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From Principal's Desk

Dear Parents and students,

We are at the beginning of yet another year. Some of you have excelled in your curricular and co-curricular activities. Some were not so lucky, unfortunately.

However, as we begin another beautiful year, let us have a mindset akin to the phoenix rising from the ashes. Embrace your challenges as catalysts for growth. Success isn't just about external achievement but also about adopting a positive and confident mindset. A positive outlook can be a driving force in reaching the pinnacle of one's endeavours by fostering resilience, determination, and confidence.

Dear children, we are living in a noisy world. We get distracted easily with our gadgets and social media platforms. The tortoise analogy teaches us a valuable lesson about maintaining a steady mindset amidst distractions. Like the tortoise that withdraws from all sides, individuals with a steady mindset consciously detach from negative influences and distractions. These intentional withdrawals will prevent energy scattering and help you focus on what matters.

Dear parents, you are dealing with the challenging era of Zoomers (children born between 2002 and 2012). I know you mean well, but you damage your children unwittingly by being aloof from what they are going through internally. It would be best if you gave your children quality time.

History proves that Helicopter, Karaoke, Dry Cleaner, and Volcano Parents have inadvertently delayed accountability in children. Please do not carry your children around as trophies to any extreme to make them succeed. Making your children your "buddy" is also not healthy. Please do not drop your children off at school expecting good grades as consumers do. On the other hand, let us be partners in education.

Education is not literacy or good grades but the formation of character and ethical attitudes towards one another, society, and the environment. That is the call of the hour let us join hands to give our children the best experience on this earth. God bless, and have a wonderful year ahead.



Affectionately,

Fr. Jilson Tom CSC, Principal, HCSA

NURSERY INAUGURATION 2024

Today, the 27th of January 2024, marked the day of yet another momentous occasion in a child's life where he or she lets go of his or her parent to hold the hand of another friend, philosopher, and guide. This is the first step of elementary education, where a student meets his or her 'Guru'. The ceremony, which happens to be the most anticipated attraction, was celebrated this time in a unique and maiden way by celebrating the traditional "haathe khori" ceremony, symbolising the commencement of learning. Emotions soared high as the parents watched their children dressed up in the school uniform for the first time.

In addition to the nursery inauguration, the inauguration of the digital library was held in a pompous way. The programme began auspiciously with the 'lighting the lamp' ceremony. As usual, the per-

formances of the little ones kept the audience glued to their seats, only to rise and applaud them.

We were honoured to have Mr. Justice T. Amarnath Goud, Judge High Court of Tripura, as the chief guest of the programme. Who was all praised for the magnificent arrangements. Our Principal, Rev. Father Jilson Tom, thanked the eminent guests present and pledged to strive for excellence and live up to the parents' expectations.



Debashree Sinha
FLN Co-ordinator



Farewell of ISC and ICSE candidate - 2024

Dare to live the life you have dreamed for yourself. Farewell doesn't mean goodbye forever; it is not the end; it means we will miss you till we meet again. Farewell has a sweet sound of reluctance; goodbye is short, a word with teeth sharp to bite through the string that ties the past to the future.

Holy Cross School, Agartala, arranged a farewell program for the ISC and ICSE candidates who are appearing on their boards in 2024. The program started with receiving the candidates applying Chandan on their foreheads. Tilak on the forehead improves our concentration power. The cooling power of Chandan stimulates our focus and alerts our minds. So, symbolically, we wanted our students to have more concentration during their exams.

The students performed a short and sweet programme. It start-

ed with a prayer dance, followed by a cultural dance performed by Class- --X students. Principal Father Jilson Tom gave an inspirational speech, asking them to give their best in the exam. Outgoing Class-XII and Class-X students performed a colourful program. Students were given their batch photograph as Memento, and a small refreshment was arranged for them.

Lastly, I would like to quote Charles Dickens – "The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again.

Arundhati Majumder



Sentimental notes from the outgoing SPL

Respected fathers, sisters, esteemed teachers, ever-helpful staff, and my cherished fellow students,

As I stand before you today, it is with a profound sense of gratitude and humility that I bid farewell to a chapter that has been a remarkable journey of growth and shared experiences. Serving as your SPL has been an honour and a privilege that I will forever hold close to my heart.

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to our esteemed Principal- Fr. Jilson Tom, respected Vice Principal- Fr. Aji Paul and our Headmistress- Sr. Sunita D' Souza, whose unwavering leadership has been a guiding light for our school. Your dedication to fostering a nurturing and intellectually challenging environment has shaped the foundation upon which our academic pursuits and personal growth have flourished.

To the dedicated teachers and staff, your tireless efforts have been the bedrock of our education. Your passion for imparting knowledge and moulding young minds has left an indelible mark on our academic journey. Thank you for being the pillars of wisdom and support that have shaped us into the individuals we are today.

As I pass the torch to the next generation of leaders, I do so with complete confidence in their abilities. Our school is fortunate to have a cadre of promising individuals who will undoubtedly carry forward the legacy of excellence, integrity, and camaraderie that defines us.

To my successors, remember that leadership is a privilege and a responsibility. Lead with compassion, inspire with vision, and uphold the values that make our school community unique.

In bidding farewell, I want to express my gratitude to each one of you—for the friendships, the laughter, and the countless memories we've created together, which will be cherished for life. Farewell, and may our paths cross again in the future.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Mariete Uchoi.

Former SPL



SPORTS DAY, 2024 - Morning Shift

Under the radiant morning sun of February 16th, 2024, the Morning Shift Annual Sports Day unfolded in a jubilant ambience with zest and frolicsome energy. Holy Cross School, Agartala, kept the spirit of sportsmanship and enthusiasm alive as it hosted its much-awaited Annual Sports Day with great zeal and excitement. To ignite the spark of willingness and joy among the younger students, the playground bloomed with vibrant flags, balloons, and colourful decorations for the Annual Sports Week.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Rev. Fr. George Jacob, CSC, Secretary of the Holy Cross Education Foundation, whose inspiring words kindled the flames of passion for sportsmanship and amity—the day commenced with the solemn hoisting of the school flag, symbolizing unity and pride, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the torch, a symbol of sportsman spirit, knowledge and life.

As the day progressed, the playground transformed into a stage for students' remarkable displays of skill and sportsmanship from Class 1 to 4. Each participant showcased their ability in various sporting events like the long jump, spoon race, frog race, relay race, etc., and the atmosphere was electric with cheers and encouragement. Deserv-

ing winners were adorned with certificates and gleaming medals, a testament to their dedication and perseverance.

The littlest ones from KG I and KG II had a blast with many exciting activities, like going through tunnels, aiming balls into baskets, and balancing bottles. Their contagious excitement made the day full of happiness and togetherness.

Behind the scenes, the tireless efforts of the morning shift teachers, under the guidance of the principal, vice-principal, headmistress, PRO, and coordinator, ensured this action-packed week was successful and memorable. Holy Cross School, Agartala, stands as a beacon of excellence, nurturing not only academically but also instilling values of sportsmanship and teamwork, thereby shaping future generations poised to excel both on and off the field.

Reshmi Ganguly

Teacher's Representative (M.S.)



Sport Meet – 2024 (Noon Shift)

"Sports Day" is one of the most exciting events and an event that is hard to miss. There is something about it because the word "SPORTS" itself generates enthusiasm.

This year, with a lot of holidays and uncertainties, we have accomplished our sports week to our heart's content. Personally, helping our brilliant sports captains, the incredible dedication and hard labour emitted from all the house captains, the managing skills of the respected teachers, volunteers and other non-teaching staff, meaningful suggestions and conversations with our most able SPL and the other cabinet members and of course, the fantastic performances, gifted to us, by all the participants fascinated me. The sportive spirit burnt with huge flames representing all our

life's colours. being one of the cabinet members, I feel honoured to be dedicated to my full potential in this beautiful event.

This same event will continue to exist, followed by the other events with new members, but that's a different story with a new author, which will take pretty long. So, till then, I will continue with my duties as a writer.



Kritika Indu (12B)

Literary Captain



ANNUAL SPORTS MEET - 2024 (NS)

"Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just an illusion," -Michael Jordan.

Sports Day plays a pivotal role in shaping well-rounded individuals. It teaches us discipline, teamwork, and resilience. February 17, 2024, dawned with vibrant energy as students, donned in colourful house jerseys, gathered on the field. The school ground buzzed with excitement of the students. The day unfolded with many activities, from traditional track and field events to unique team-building challenges. The air was filled with cheers and friendly competition as students showcased their athletic prowess and camaraderie.

The Chief Guest Fr. Simon Fernandes, CSC Chairman of HCEF hoisted the school flag. This was followed by March Past, performed by 8 Houses with Cabinet. Fr. Simon Fernandes, CSC, infused the spirit of sportsmanship among the students through his speech, teaching them how to demonstrate their skills, strive for excellence in all their endeavours, and make lasting memories.

Teachers and staff played pivotal roles as organisers and enthusiastic backbone, further fostering a sense of unity. The event was not merely about competition but a celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and healthy living.

The closing ceremony brought together students and faculty, creating a memorable tableau of shared accomplishments. Medals, Certificates and Trophies were awarded, acknowledging individual achievements and collective efforts. The echoes of laughter and the spirit of sportsmanship lingered, leaving a lasting impression on the school community.



Elizabeth Darlong
(Teachers Representative -NS)



A FEW TIPS FOR GOOD PARENTING

There is not just one right way to raise children. And there is no such thing as a perfect parent or child. The most important practice is to make a strong, happy family commitment. Fulfilling and commitment build trust in children and family. Focusing on the strengths of each member is the key to making a strong family. Parents must pay attention to children and positively motivate them. Children should be encouraged and rewarded for every small, good activity and gesture.

Here are a few tips to make our family happy and strong.

- 1) Show your love and tell your children you love them. You are special to me. "Give lots of hugs and kisses."
- 2) Listening to your children reminds them that you think about them and are interested in what they want to say.
- 3) Make your children feel safe, accessible, and comfortable.
- 4) Keep a regular schedule for lunch, dinner, play line etc. If you want to change your schedule, kindly inform them beforehand.
- 5) All sorts of punishment are very harmful and should be avoided.
- 6) To correct their mistakes, we must act patiently and affectionately with simple logic. Sometimes, we can also use anecdotes

to set examples to learn moral values.

7) Cultivating the quality of being a good parent is one of the hardest things to do. Set limits and rules and consistently enforce them on your children.

8) Togetherness gives a feeling of security and joy in the minds of children.

9) A humble request to all the parents is to organize get-togethers routinely. Daily, weekly, or even yearly family events and rituals. It creates a bond between family members. Dr. Neifert says rituals provide the "social glue that binds one generation to another."

10) The rule of prayer/meditation can't be ignored in any discussion or rule setting. Parents, children, and other family members must pray for at least a few minutes daily to make a family firm, healthy and happy.

May God bless our families!



Supriya Chakraborty, PRO



MARCH 2024

- 11: Unit Test I Begins
- 16: Unit Test I Ends
- 16: Class XII Bagless Day – Field Trip
- 21: ISC – Chemistry (Postponed exam)
- 22: Literary Competition - Creative Writing
- 23: Parent Teacher Meeting
- 28: ISC & ICSE – Last Day of Examination

APRIL 2024

- 6: Parents Day
- 27: Classes IX and X Parents Meet

MAY 2024

- 04: Parent Teacher Meeting
- 04: Class-XI - Registration form Distribution Online/Offline

- 10: Half-yearly – Minor exams begin
- 13: Half-yearly exams begin
- 27: Class XII Bagless Day - Career Preparation Seminar
- 31: No Tobacco Day

JUNE 2024

- 01: NEP Orientation – Classes VI-VII
- 01: First list of Selected candidates for Class XI
- 03: Interview and Admissions to Class XI
- 04: Interview and Admissions to Class XI
- 05: Interview and Admissions to Class XI / Green Day / World Environment Day
- 06: Summer Holiday Begins
- 20: Distribution of Answer Scripts
- 21: International Yoga Day
- 26: Class XI inauguration and Orientation
- 29: Parent Teacher Meeting

JAN-MAR 2024
PROGRAMME PHOTOS

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