

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR



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Dear loving parents and students

A little boy had to walk around two kilometres to his school, through the congested and bustling city. His mother had arranged for a servant to accompany the child - while going and coming back from school - to ensure the child's safety. For this, the servant was paid 30 rupees a day. But when the child reached Third Standard (Grade 3) of school, he rebelled and told his mother: "I'll walk myself to school! And if you give me 10 rupees a day, I will be extra careful. The rest of the money we can save and we all will be better off!"

After some time of pleading and begging, the little boy finally got his way. For the next three years, he walked himself - back and forth from school. Years later, at a family party, the boy bragged about his independence and boasted to his family about how he had taken care of himself as a little boy, travelling alone to school.

His mother, on hearing the story, laughed and said: "Did you really think you were alone? Every morning when you left for school, I left with you. I walked behind you all the way. Every evening when you got out of school, I was there. I set my eyes on you and protected you. I always kept myself hidden, but I was there and I followed you all the way home. I was always there for you, especially when you needed me!"

Similar is the case of a number of parents today. They accompany the children with lots of care, concern and love. But today the need of the hour is to let the children know that you are following them regularly and constantly on matters of study and usage of electronic gadgets. As parents, it is essential that you check regularly your children's study materials, living room and their friends as well. Implant in them the seeds of courage, calmness, truthfulness and generosity as they grow in age, and in the future they will bear the fruits of the same. This sixth newsletter contains all the reports of important events that have taken place in our school.

God Bless all

Thanks

Principal

21st JUNE: INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA:

Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' is derived from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.



Prime Minister in his address during the opening of the 69th session of the General Assembly, said: "Yoga is an invaluable gift from our ancient tradition. Yoga embodies unity of mind and body, thought and action ... a holistic approach [that] is valuable to our health and our well-being. Yoga is not just about exercise; it is a way to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and nature."

Two important global events have been promoted initially by India. The United Nations has declared days like International Day of Non-Violence and International Day of Yoga. These days we have seen the importance of Yoga around the world.

26th JUL: KARGIL VIJAY DIWAS:

It is an important day in the history of India. It is celebrated on July 26th every year to commemorate the victory of the Indian armed forces in the Kargil War of 1999. The

conflict took place in the Kargil district of Jammu and Kashmir, where Pakistani forces infiltrated into the Indian side, line of control (LOC). This war began in May 1999. The Indian government had started the operation 'Vijay' to evict the infiltrators and regain control of the areas. The Indian army backed by Indian Air Force initiated a few series of military operations to push back the infiltrators. The war lasted nearly two months. In these two months, there were a lot of brave lives lost from both sides. After a lot of conflict and fighting, the Indian jawans were able to regain all of the infiltrated areas. This is used to observe the great lives of soldiers that were lost. This is mostly celebrated to respect the lives of all the great soldiers who fought bravely and sacrificed their lives for the country. Each and everyone must respect these great people and always remember these people in all the days to come.

By: SwastikDey, VII A

14th JUL: TREE PLANTATION DAY:

M.L.King says that life's most persistent and urgent question is, "What are you doing for others". So planting trees is one of the many ways of doing good for others. If a tree has power, a forest has even much more. Each of us breathes nearly 16 times in a minute. This comes to approximately 23000 breaths in one day, and so we need nearly 15 trees to produce it. So to bring understanding and awareness in the mind of students, in the presence of Shri. Subhas Acharya SDM, Shri. Pradip Kumar SDWO and Tapan Ghosh range officer, we had a meaningful celebration of tree plantation with cultural dances and students' field visits and plantations.



22nd JUL: CHESS COMPETITION:

Students organising programs for students is another way of building up the quality of leadership. The students of class X desired to organise a Chess Competition according to the different houses. Each group had selected their candidates and we had fourteen groups that participated in this program. In the final round, Rajat, X-Yellow House and Debojit, VIII – VIII-Red House became the champions. It was very interesting to know the curiosity of the participants and this completion has inspired many other onlookers to learn this ancient game of our nation.

24th JUL : DRAWING COMPETITION:

Drawing is one of the earliest forms of expression of art and culture. Students of the present time are multitasked and we give opportunities in every field.

So it was an invitation from the Department of Education to have a calendar drawing competition for the students of class VI-IX on the national patriotic theme like – Danti March/ Rani Laxmibai in battle/Quit India Movement/1857 Revolt. Nearly forty students participated in this and, we had to select only three pictures and send them to the department. We appreciate the interest of our students to participate and to express their creative ideas through their drawings.

25th JUL : ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION:

Writing activates the neurons in our brain and gets it ready to overcome the rest of the tasks and helps young minds to be



productive. So as per the directive of the Board of Education, we conducted an essay writing competition on the topic. Role of student in Indian independence movement/ impact of art and culture. Many students participated in this program.

28th JUL : HEALTH EDUCATION FOR GIRLS:

Information and awareness bring much desired changes, if it is properly addressed in time. A renowned local lady doctor by the name of Mrs. Padmaja has graciously accepted to address our female students of Class VI – X on the topic of Personal Hygiene, Relationships, Good touch and Bad touch. It was an educative and informative session for girls and we believe that such interactions and information will help female students in the school and in their own families to be very cautious and be focussed. All the girls participated actively and gained much knowledge and experience.

04th AUG: FANCY DRESS PRESENTATION For KG – Cl V:

Children get interested and take trouble whenever they see new things are told. So as to create interest and to inculcate the spirit of patriotism and discipline, the teachers of the junior classes organised this presentation. Many students participated with lots of zeal and enthusiasm. Appreciation to their parents who had taken lots of trouble in preparing their ward. The winners were all given certificates.



05th AUG: DANCE & SPEECH PRESENTATION For CI VI – X:

Dance is an expression of feelings and emotions. So as to feel a sense of patriotism the students of class VI- X were given themes to express their thought and emotions in the form of speeches and dances. It was organised according to the four Houses. The captains had taken lots of trouble to get this organised. It was a wonderful performance and the same groups performed on Independence Day as well.

**07th AUG: SCHOOL BAND GROUP TRAINING:**

Practice makes one perfect, Though the band group instruments were in our possession, students were not able to perform efficiently. So with the assistance of Fr. Ajit, we managed to get a trainer from South and he trained two groups of our students effectively. The training program began on this day. The band group of boys and girls are animated by Sir. Nuna and Miss. Jessy. The interest and involvement of our students brought good results in their training period.

13th AUG: SUB-DIVISIONAL ART COMPETITION:

The local mathematical society from Panisagar organised a drawing competition for all classes. Two of our students namely - Debasish Das IV and Joy Roy VI participated and won the first position. Though many students participated from the block, our boys won the position and they were awarded a memento in the school assembly.

**14th AUG: CLEANLINESS DRIVE:**

Cleanliness is the reasonability of everyone and it is nothing but showing love and care for the place we live in. So all the senior class students have taken the initiative to clean the campus and give a tender touch to the plants. They removed the weeds picked the papers and cleaned the campus in preparation for Independence Day. It was a wonderful sight to see the interest and initiative of students.

15th AUG: 77th INDEPENDENCE DAY:

It was on August 15, 1947, We got freedom from the British Raj after being ruled by them for over two hundred long years. It was indeed a long suffering and struggle and many of our brethren fought and gave their precious life for our freedom. So with joy in heart and pride in mind, our students prepared for this day and celebrated the day with lots of joy and gaiety Shri. Swapan. Kr. Debbarma, SDO, DWS, Panisagar, was the chief guest, who hoisted the national flag and Fr. Alfred D'Souza, the financial administrator of our North Eastern Province was the guest of honour. Students performed march-past, mass drill and many colourful patriotic dances. It was also telecasted in the local channels.



21st AUG: PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:

Words of appreciation and deeds of recognition always pay back much. So all the students had taken part in the celebration but some students excelled in those competitions like – speech, drawing, fancy dress, patriotic singing and dances as well. So in a way of encouragement, those who did extra-ordinarily were awarded with certificate of excellence and for the group items some chocolates were given to them.

23rd AUG: WELCOME To Br. THOMAS:

Practical experience teaches much more to a person than any theoretical learning. It is a good time for this candidate of Holy Cross to experience life in a community as well as in the mission centre. Thomas who is preparing to be a future Holy Cross, was welcomed by the teachers and students in the assembly. In his address brother assured to be the light and salt in the coming days of his presence here.

**26th AUG: PEACE CLUB ANIMATION:**

Over twenty-five students of class VIII & IX participated in this program. Two animators from JUST- Agartala animated the session and gave out prizes for conducting a competition between the peace club members with the rest of the students in their classes.

27th AUG: CROSS COUNTRY MARATHON:

Netaji New Voice Club organised its 12th Panisagar Open Cross Country Marathon for those above 14 years of age. Over two hundred youngsters ran into this and some of our school students participated and won consolation prizes.

**05th SEP: TEACHERS DAY:**

As the calendar flips to the 5th of September, all the states come together to celebrate Teacher's Day, a day dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the invaluable contributions of educators. Teacher's Day serves as a reminder of the profound impact teachers have on our students, shaping them into responsible citizens and future leaders. So our students of class X had taken the trouble of organising this event through various expressions of culture and love. The day was meaningfully celebrated with the welcoming of our teachers by the school girls' band group and the Principal honouring them with shawls and gifts. In his speech, he mentioned that teachers are the blessings to the students and he gave the acronym for BLESSINGS – Be present, Let the day flow with grace, Expect joy and be positive, Serve with compassion, Speak only kind words, Impart only Love, Never forget; you are not alone, Give thanks for everything, See goodness in students. And the day came to an end with a common lunch for all staff and teachers.



07th SEP: KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI:

Lord Krishna, an incarnation of Lord Vishnu, was born and that is known as Krishna Janmashtami. He was born on the 8th day of Dark Fortnight in the month of Bhadon, approximately around 5200 years back. He was one of the most powerful Gods and was born to free the world from evil. It is celebrated at the mid-night since Krishna was born at night. People have a special way of celebrating this festival. Since Krishna was fond of eating Makhan people played a sport on Janmashtami known as Dahi Handi. In this sport, an earthen pot is tied up on a high point from the ground, which contains makhan inside and people make a human pyramid to break the pot. Several teams take part in this sport and they also try to stop the opponent party from reaching the top. A specific time is given and in order to win the teams must reach the top within the given time, people also celebrate it at home by decorating their homes and fasting throughout the day. It is known to be one of the most enjoyable festivals. And that is how the Hindus celebrate this beautiful festival and pray to Lord Krishna to bless us all.

Debika Singha - X

11th SEP: BLESSING OF A FOUNDATION:

Facilities are created for the benefit of students and the construction of a new office for the purpose of storing books and keeping its account efficiently began today with the laying of the foundation. The staff and students gathered in prayer and participated in the laying of the foundation. This building will be primarily used as a bookstore.

14th SEP : HOLY CROSS FEAST & PRINCIPAL'S DAY CELEBRATION

Festal celebrations bring joy and happiness in the hearts of all. So it was a twin celebration organized by the staff and students remembering God gratefully for the blessings that the school is blessed with. The cultural program was filled with fun and laughter with all the staff and students whose birthday falls in the month of September. Principal in his speech acknowledged and appreciated all students who had taken the trouble to make this day a memorable one. As our Prime Minister Modi also celebrates his birthday, students also pray for his efficient leadership.



19th SEP : GANESH CHATHURTI

This is a famous Hindu festival celebrated on the birthday of Lord Ganesha, who is the son of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. People pray to Lord Ganesha with great devotion and admiration. The festival lasts for eleven days during which various festivals take place. A special kind of sweet called Modak is prepared for the joyous occasion. In Hindu mythology, Lord Ganesh is "Pratham Pujya" and is worshipped first among all God. The celebration starts on Chaturthi and ends on the eleventh day which is on Anant Chaturthi. Lord Ganesha is the god of wisdom, knowledge, prosperity and happiness.



Adrita Chakma – IX B.

20th SEP : VACCINATION PROG:

The Health Department of North Tripura has facilitated this vaccination program for the students of class VI – X. Students who were interested received this for better health and prevention of any viral infections.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Academic Session: 2023-24
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION
29th Sep. - 19th Oct.

OCTOBER

02nd : Holiday: Gandhi Jayanti
 07th : Faculty Meet
 20th – 31st : Puja Holidays
 31st : Hostel Reopen

NOVEMBER

01st : School Reopen
 11th : PTM – Parent Teacher Meet -02 (KG – V)
 14th : Children's Day celebration
 15th : Holiday – Bhatridwitiya
 18th : PTM – Parent Teacher Meet – 02 (VI – X)

DECEMBER

02nd : PARENTS DAY CELEBRATION
 14 – 20 : Unit Test 02
 21 – 07 : Winter Holidays

JANUARY 2024

07th : Hostel Re-Open
 08th : School Re-Open
 13th : Faculty Meet
 15th : Holiday – Sankranti
 20th : Annual Sports – Finale
 26th : Holiday – Republic Day

28th SEP : FAREWELL & Bye Mm. Nanditha

The love of a teacher for the students counts much in a school ambience. Mm. Nanditha who worked in our school for the past eight years, now takes

leave from the school for personal reasons. She was a good teacher and mother to the first comer in our school that is for Kinder Garden kids. So the teaching faculty and the student fraternity in the school assembly gave a fitting farewell along with the gratuity gift from the management.

FAREWELL & Bye Miss. Lalkhawngaihi

Time of service is too short but Miss has taken trouble to teach Mizo for the last one year. The school management gratefully acknowledges her services in the school. As she departs from our school for the bigger responsibilities, we wish her Gods blessings for her future.



