

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL, PANISAGAR



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Dear Parents & Students

Greetings to you all!

Welcome to the New Year 2023. Perfection, Discipline, and Perseverance are the key to success. So I wish in this New Year, all our stakeholders to work hard to be successful in whatever you are engaged. Promise yourself to never give up and this year will be all yours... with lots of luck, I wish you all Happy New Year 2023. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education.

As humans, we are all created in the image and likeness of God. So the prophet Isaiah says (40/31) those who hope in the Lord God will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and be faint". I wish and pray that we all be blessed and remain blessed in the days to come.

As the saying goes, **'the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom'** – parents have to inculcate in the mind and heart of students the seed of faith and gratitude. Every breath we take is a blessing from God and He blesses everyone one with what is essential for our life. So this year, let us be a blessing for each other and grow in the goodwill of each other. This newsletter (No.4) of January 2023, contains a brief report of the events that had taken place in our school. Here you will also notice the program for the coming months for your perusal and follow up. Due to some unavoidable reason the earlier scheduled **"Parents Day Celebration" has been postponed.** Kindly note the changes.

Thanks

God Bless all

Principal



November is the month to remind us of all the positive things around us. From kindness day to Thanksgiving Day, so here are the important events that took place in our school at Panisagar.

01st Nov: Principal Meets the students:



Children often need reminders and reproaches as well to form their hearts and minds. So this program of meeting the students class-wise is to appreciate their good behaviours and remind them of the things that need to be changed in the school and at home. They all participated and listened as the classes included videos and PPT about study tips and good behaviours.

2nd Nov: All Souls' Day:

All Souls' Day is observed to honor the souls who have passed away. We pray for all the faithful departed souls who are believed to be in purgatory because they died with the guilt of lesser sins on their souls. We had the blessing of cemeteries in the nearby villages and Holy Mass offered for their intentions.



5th Nov: Talent Show KG - V:

The ability to sing is present in all but a few get a chance to express it loudly and boldly. Our students of KG – class V were given a chance to express their talents in singing and more of them did wonderfully well and gained the appreciation of all the higher class students.

8th Nov: Guru Nanak Birth Anniversary:

Guru Nanak Jayanti commemorates the birth anniversary of the Sikh founder. This year marks Guru Nanak's 552nd birth anniversary, and it is an important festival for the Sikh community. Students presented a talk during the assembly stating the important values of this religion.



9th NOV: UNICEF, School Safety Meet:



Miss. Anima Debbarma, consultant from UNICEF visited our school for meeting and inspection. She was welcomed by the students in the assembly and had a brief meeting with the representatives of various groups including the SMC members. After an hour long meeting she concluded with some appreciation and suggestions for the wellbeing of the students.

10th Nov: BSF Jawan Peace Yatra:

The BSF jawans from Agartala had made a peace yatra to Kolkata. On their way, they entered our school and encouraged our students with their courageous journey and commitment to the nation.



14th Nov: Children's Day:

Children's Day is also known as Bal Divas. On this day, people are made aware of children's rights, care, and education. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. On this day children were seen with lots of new and colourful dress. The school teachers became like students they entertained them all with interesting programs. The students were



made to recognize Kalam's contributions to education and students through cultural programs. Students all enjoyed the day and they were all given snacks as well.

15th – 19th Nov: Class Tests:

Regularity in preparation is a must in a student's life, so to check this we have periodic class tests for students. All students were quite serious about their class tests and performed well.

**23rd Nov: Career Guidance Seminar for Class X:**

ASHA Holy Cross, initiated this process for a career guidance program for the students. Mr. A. Arunachalam and his wife animated this carrier guidance program and students benefited much from it. This program was first of its kind being introduced in the school.

29th Nov: Demonstration on Fire Safety:

This is of paramount importance for children in school and in society. So the department of fire safety members were invited to give a demonstrative class on this topic. Five Firemen from the department of the Fire Brigade had come and explained to the students about the importance and significance of this. And they also demonstrated with live fire from the LPG, how to safeguard oneself and others.



December: the 12th and final month of the year heralds a number of significant events particularly Christmas, New Year. Here is the overview of our events in the school.

6th Dec: BR Ambedkar's death anniversary:

This day is observed to commemorate his unforgettable contribution to society and his achievements. Students prepared and presented a talk on the valuable contribution of Ambedkar to our country.



09th DEC: Visit of the Superior General:

The Congregation of Holy Cross is headed by the Superior General Bro. Paul Bednarczyk csc from Rome, Italy. He made his maiden visit to our school, and the staff and students welcomed him warmly with lots of cultural dance. In his address to the students, he invited them to be God-fearing people and Be grateful persons in the society.

14th DEC: BSF Jawans demonstration on Self Defence:

Day to day's increase in violence particularly against women and children, became the need of the hour to teach the school children about the method of self-defense. So as per the requirement of the government, a request was made to BSF to do a demonstrative class on the topic. Four of them from the local BSF camp visited and did a demonstrative explanation to the students in the assembly and the girl students learned much from this program.

**21st DEC: Pre-Selection Exam for class X:**

Our students of class X, who had been on study holidays, were informed about this selection test exam. All 81 students of both sections took part in this exam regularly. Though some of their performances were not up to the expectation, we wish them the best of luck in their further preparation for the final exams.

25 Dec: Christmas Day:

This day worldwide commemorate the birth anniversary of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Every culture that celebrates Christmas with their own festive ways to make this wonderful celebration more glamorous and meaningful. Christmas is all about Love, Peace and Joy. We had this celebration in three different levels for a weeklong – school, town area and village. Students participated happily and gained joy and

blessings; and then went for their winter holidays.

28th Dec: Sharing with the less privileged:

Our Candidates were here for their weeklong village experience, and with them we had visited the government run orphanage in Dharmanagar. We sang carols for them and distributed cakes as sign of our solidarity with these children.

With praise and gratitude to God, we concluded the year 2022.



2023

04th Jan: School Re-Open & New Faculty members Join: New beginning is always with joy and gratitude. Our students began this New Year with gratitude to God and joy in their hearts. As we begin this year we also have two new teachers who joined our school in the place of Mm. Barnali and Sir. Sayan who left for another job. Gratefully acknowledging their service, we welcomed our new teachers Miss. Pushpita and Sarmistha to our teaching faculty.



12th JAN: Birthday of Swami Vivekananda:

Swami Vivekananda was the chief disciple of 19th-century mystic and yogi Ramakrishna Paramhansa. Vivekananda is credited with contributing to a revival of modern Hinduism and inspiring nationalist consciousness during colonial rule. But he is best known for his famous 1893 speech where he introduced Hinduism to the Western world in Chicago. On the previous day of the assembly, the student leader presented a well-written speech about Swami Vivekananda. It was good learning for all the students.



13th: Birthday wish:

Life is God's gift to us and the celebration of it is an expression of gratitude. Bro. Antony Thamwar who joined our teaching faculty last year is a temporary professed member of our congregation. Our staff and students expressed their love and gratitude in ways of prayerful wishing and sharing of sweets.



14th Jan: Makar Sankranti:

It is the first Hindu festival that is celebrated with great pomp and enthusiasm across India. It is considered to be the festival of thanksgiving for the good harvest and an expression of gratitude to the Sun and Cattles who assist much for good harvest. So in our assembly, the presenter of the day made a speech and the girls staged a wonderful harvest dance.



16th Jan: New Teacher Join:

New Year bring new changes, because old gives birth to new. As we acknowledge the services of Mr. Sourin who served our school for the past seven years had left on another job, we have inducted Miss. Mousami Majumder who was our former student. Staff and students welcomed her and wished her best of luck.



21st Jan: Sports Day:

The school's annual sports meet with vigor, zeal, and enthusiasm was conducted from the 16th Jan and its finale was organized on 21st Jan. Shri. S.K. Shukla, Officiating DIG, BSF, SHQ, Panisagar was the Chief Guest and he distributed medals and certificates for the winners. The program began with colorful Dances, Mass Drills, and March-past. During the week, various competitions were conducted for over nine hundred students by forty teachers of the school. Though many had participated, nearly forty of them won the Sports Cups, and four hundred and fifty of them won the medals and certificates. The program came to an end with the encouraging words of DIG and the singing of the National Anthem.

23rd Jan: Picnic for the Hostellers:

Our boys and girls from the hostels had a long-standing request for a picnic day to Unakoti. Unakoti means one less than a crore and it is said that these many rock-cut carvings are available here and date back to 7 AD. As per Hindu mythology, when Lord Shiva was going to Kashi along with one crore gods and goddesses he made a night halt at this location. He asked all the gods and goddesses to wake up before sunrise and proceed for Kashi. All students enjoyed the day with lots of fun, games, and dance.

**23th Jan: Farewell for class X:**

"The two hardest things to say in life are hello for the first time and goodbye for the last." – Moira Rogers. The day came for the students of class X to say goodbye to their school friends. This is the 15th batch consisting of 81 of our students passing out from school. A meaningful farewell program was organized by the students of class IX, with songs and dances. With the note of gratitude and a gift of Bookcase Almira for school were presented by the outgoing students. The principal thanked them and reminded them to be a blessing to the family and society always. Finally, they were all given a memento and snack packet each.

**26th Jan: Republic Day:**

Republic Day, marks an important milestone in the history of this country. In the year 1950, on this day the Constitution of India came into effect replacing the Government of India Act (1935). It is the longest-written constitution in the world. Thus Indian Republic Day is directly connected to the Constitution of India which is the supreme law of this country. The constitution directs the core instituting the political code, structure, procedures, powers, and duties of government institutions and sets out fundamental rights, directive principles, and the duties of citizens. It ensures India as a secular, sovereign, socialist, democratic republic, assuring its citizens justice, equality and liberty, and fraternity.

So this day, we prayed for the country and its leaders to follow the spirit of our constitution and with the students of our locality and hostellers we had the flag hoisting and the Principal spoke about the importance of the and invited the students to be law-abiding citizens.



