



Holy Cross Hr. Sec. School, Itanagar
Annual Report of the School
Academic Year 2019 – 2020



“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn ...and change.”

Carl Rogers

The Motto of the School: **“Let Your Light Shine”**

The Objective of the School: “To impart sound moral, intellectual and physical education to the students and help them become mature, self-reliant, spiritually oriented persons capable of taking initiative and leadership in the society”.

The annual report showcases the achievements and progress of our school undoubtedly but also makes us think deeply about our shortcomings. We have always been committed to creating an environment in the school which helps the young minds to blossom and provide a platform for individual thinking and holistic development of the child’s personality.

Holy Cross Higher Secondary School is owned by the Society ‘Sisters of the Cross’ at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The school is affiliated to CBSE Board. It has around 743 students with classes up to 12 in the Academic Year 2019-2020. The school has 24 teaching staff and five non-teaching staff. We set standards and goals for ourselves and strive to achieve them – be it in the area of academics, sports, discipline, leadership and more.

Academics

Excellence in academics is the hallmark of any good institution and class X Results of the School prove without any doubt that our students have made us proud. The school has sent out eight batches of AISSE students with a very good result.

The 8th batch of Class X, were 38 in number and all of them came out with flying colours. Examination is conducted in four modules for the students of class LKG to Class XII. Class VIII and Class V wrote their APSBE (Arunachal Pradesh State Board Examination) for the first time this year in the month of February. They were 97 in number and all of them passed the Examinations.

This year the first batch of Class XII and 9th batch of Class X wrote their CBSE Examination. We implore the God Almighty to bless our school with good results.

Sports

Sports competitions inculcate the spirit of positive challenges & sportsmanship among the students and prepare them for the life ahead. Sports, Games and Physical Fitness occupy a place of importance in our curriculum. The Annual Sports Day of the school was held from 28th November to 30th November 2019. The students took active participation in all the individual, group and track events. Five of our students were awarded cash prizes and certificates for their excellent performance in the mini Marathon race organised by Ayurveda Research Centre, Itanagar.

School Houses

The students of the school are divided into four different houses Each House is managed by Teachers and Students as a House Captain & House Vice-Captain. The House on duty performs its duty of conducting the day-to-day activities, competitions in a systematic and disciplined manner. Children are taught to work in a team through all these activities.

Co-Curricular Activities

Various Co-Curricular Activities are held throughout the academic year to develop a child physically, morally, socially and mentally and to hone skills in co-scholastic areas. Inter-house competitions and activities are held in which the students participate and display their caliber. Individual talents are identified and enhanced. Equal importance is given to music, dance, drama, art and craft, language, yoga, physical education, sports etc. during the month of October NABARD organise an essay writing competition for the students of Capital Complex on the theme "Integrity- a Way of life". Our students won second, third and three consolation prizes. It was a glorious moment for them to receive cash prizes and trophies from the hands of Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister Shri Chowna Mein at Ashoka Hotel. The students do participate in various competitive examinations conducted by the Board and private sectors such as Olympiad, All India Math and Science Examination, Arya Bhata Ganit Challenge, Pre- Board International Scholarship examination, etc.

Students' Seminars & Workshops

To ensure that our students are well equipped with knowledge to face any challenge, we have focused sessions on special topics including Disaster Management, Basic Life Support, Health and Hygiene for Girls etc. in the Month of June an orientation programme on "Life Skills" was conducted for classes VII – X. A session on "Good touch and Bad touch" was conducted for all the students from LKG to Class XII by the Arunachal Women Helpline. The students do participate actively in all the programmes that the Regional Science Centre, Itanagar organised for them. Participation in the 1st Innovation Festival and a weeklong session on Crystallography are to be mentioned.

Teachers In-service Training & Workshops

In keeping with the school's policy of continuous up gradation of knowledge and skills, our teachers attended various workshops and seminars organized by the school and CBSE Board so as to improve their academic transaction skills and to update their capabilities. In the month of September, the teachers were given a session on POCSO Act, by Fr. Amal Gnanapragasam from NEDSS, Guwahati. In October, they were given an animation programme on "Personality Development" by Fr. Shaju Joseph SJ from Kolkota.

Swachch Bharath Abhiyan

The school joins the nation in celebrating the 150th birth Anniversary of the Father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi. Essay writing, drawing, painting and speech competitions were held throughout the year to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. It is also a reminder to all of us to enhance a healthier and safer environment. Responding to the call of our honourable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, our school observed a 15 days long Cleanliness Drive for Swachh Bharat on the theme, "Swachhta Pakhwada'. The drive came to an end by a massive cleaning from the school campus to Mithun gate. Students are encouraged to maintain a plastic free campus.

Celebrations

The school solemnly celebrates the School Annual day, Children's day, Teachers' day, Holy Cross Feast day and Thanksgiving day and observes all the celebrations of National importance. Just like other years, this year too, the school took part in the Independence Day parade at IG Park. Having won trophies for parade and cultural troop for the past 6 consecutive years, this year we didn't get any. The loss of the trophy made children practise vigorously for the Republic Day celebration. As expected, our school won the trophy for best cultural troupe this year too. Each year, Holy Cross Higher Secondary School holds the Annual Prize Distribution Ceremony to honour those of its students who have made the school proud with their brilliant efforts not only in the academic field but also in the co-curricular areas. This year the 19th Annual Day cum Science & Art Exhibition was held on 18th January 2020.

Outing & Study Tour

During puja holidays the students of Classes X, XI & XII were taken to Shillong & Guwahati for a short trip.

A New Initiative

In view of providing rigorous coaching for Class IX – XII, The Management in consultation with the parents decided to introduce EUREKA CLASS. Hence the coaching session began on 9th December 2019. We had accommodated 4 coaching teachers for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics. Three of them continue their service in this academic year too.

Change of Persons In Responsibilities

On 15th June, the school bid farewell to Sr. Rita Baghwar. She was replaced by Sr. Suchita Barla .On 20th July the school once again bid a tearful farewell to Sr. Sherly Chacko the former Principal of the school after a year of her service in Holy Cross, Itanagar. We gratefully acknowledge the selfless and tireless services done by the sisters. Sr. Flora the present one was given a warm welcome on 29th of July. Changes in responsibilities do not affect the smooth functioning of the school.

Lock Down and Online Session

The outbreak of Covid-19, which is declared as a global pandemic, has brought our lives to stand still. The school Annual Examination was cancelled due to social distancing and lockdown. Teachers and sisters shared the responsibility of getting the result prepared considering the previous performance of students.

The Annual Result was distributed through whatsapp by the first week of April 2020. New Admissions and Readmissions were taken from the first week of May 2020. The parents were not allowed to enter the school campus; they were instructed to use Gateway payment to do the admission. The students are registered for Online classes. We use NLP (Next Learning Platform app) provided by Next Education to continue the teaching Learning Process. Virtual Training sessions were conducted for sisters and teachers to use the app effectively. And so the Scholastic Year 2020-2021 began on 3rd June 2020. Virtual sessions on Stress Management and Fitness were made available for students.

Conclusion

“If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people” says a Chinese proverb.

Many milestones have been achieved and many still have to be reached. We at Holy Cross will continue our unceasing efforts to mould the young minds into well balanced personalities with confidence and zeal befitting the standards of this portal of education. Parents are the strong pillars of our school. They do stand by the institute in all its ups and downs.


This report is a sincere attempt to showcase our progress in terms of achievements and activities during the academic year. On this memorable occasion as we recount our success with pride and happiness, we wish to dedicate all our achievements to the committed effort of a committed team called Holy Cross Higher Secondary School which includes the management, teaching and non-teaching staff, students, parents and well wishers. We humbly salute our visionary leaders of the past and the great ones of the present and seek divine grace and blessings to guide us in all our endeavours. A special note of thanks to Rev. Sr Annie Varghese the Provincial Superior for her constant love and encouragement towards the school. We thank the Provincial team for the timely guidance and direction.

Thank You.

30/06/2020

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