



SUCCESS THROUGH HARD WORK

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION AT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL

On September 5, 2024, Holy Cross School campus was abuzz with excitement as the Teachers' Day celebration unfolded. Holy Cross Management and Old Boys Association (OBA), in collaboration with Dharan Hospital Salem, organized a general health check-up for all teaching and non-teaching staff, ensuring their well-being was prioritized.

The event was marked by heartfelt acknowledgements and honours. The School Management, along with the OBA and PTA honoured the **Silver Jubilarians** Mr. Michael Gnanaraj, Mrs. Pascal, Mr. Arul Raj, and Mr. Muthu for their remarkable 25 years of service. Additionally, the **retired** staff members Mr. Mariadas, Mr. Natarajan, Mr. Elangovan, and Mr. Paulraj were honoured by OBA Trust (Guruji Fund) for their dedicated contributions. The celebration also included a special acknowledgement of the **newly wedded couple**, Mr. Remo Paul and Mrs. Jasmine, adding a personal touch to the festivities.

A vibrant cultural show organized by the student council added colour and joy to the day. The performances were a testament to the students' appreciation and love for their teachers. Prizes were awarded to teachers who had excelled in various games conducted the previous month, adding a competitive yet fun element to the celebration. One of the highlights of the day was a cricket match organized for the male teachers, which brought laughter and camaraderie among the staff. The day concluded with a grand lunch, leaving everyone with fond memories and a sense of togetherness.

The Teachers' Day celebration at Holy Cross School was a beautiful blend of gratitude, joy, and community spirit, making it a memorable event for all involved.



SEEDS - EMBRACE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TREES

Promotional Committee was established in the school in this academic year 2024–25. The main purposes of the committee are:

- ◆ To promote the activities of the school to the parents, PTA, OBA, other well-wishers and the public in general.
- ◆ To encourage and bring to the limelight the hidden talents and potentials of the students.
- ◆ To shoot and release theme-based short films and documentaries.

The Committee was involved in various promotional activities of all the events taking place in school in the months of June and July, 2024.

In the month of August, the committee took initiation to shoot a short film in title “SEEDS” on the theme, “Embrace the significance of Trees”. A group of students were involved in the making led by **Master. Justin.L.K of 11 B**, who wrote the script, cinematographed and edited the short film. The film mainly focuses on how the students are taught the significance of trees and how they inculcate it in their lives, and this legacy of planting and nurturing plants and trees continues in Holy Cross year after year and generation after generation.

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BE CLEAN, BE HEALTHY: THE IMPORTANCE OF CLEANLINESS AND HYGIENE - INTERACT CLUB

On September 4, 2024, our school's Interact Club organized an in-campus rally to emphasize the concept of "Be Clean, Be Healthy." This initiative aimed to educate students from standards 6 to 8 on the various ways to maintain a healthy lifestyle. The club members highlighted the importance of personal hygiene, clean eating, environmental cleanliness, and mental health, stressing how these aspects contribute to overall well-being.

Personal Hygiene :

Personal hygiene is the cornerstone of good health. The Interact Club members explained that maintaining personal cleanliness helps prevent the spread of diseases and infections. Simple practices such as washing hands regularly, brushing teeth twice a day, and taking regular baths can significantly reduce the risk of illness. They also emphasized the importance of wearing clean clothes and keeping nails trimmed and clean.

Clean Eating :

The students were taught about the benefits of consuming a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean proteins. Avoiding junk food and sugary drinks was also highlighted as essential for maintaining good health. The club members explained that clean eating not only supports physical health but also enhances mental clarity and energy levels.

Environmental Cleanliness :

Environmental cleanliness was another focal point of the rally. The Interact Club members stressed the importance of keeping our surroundings clean to prevent pollution and promote a healthy environment. They encouraged students to dispose of waste properly, participate in recycling programs, and avoid littering. By maintaining a clean environment, we can reduce the spread of harmful bacteria and viruses, making our school a safer place for everyone.

Mental Health :

Lastly, the importance of mental health was underscored. The club members discussed how maintaining a clean and organized environment can positively impact mental well-being. They encouraged students to practice mindfulness, engage in physical activities, and seek help when feeling overwhelmed. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and taking care of our minds can lead to a happier and more productive life.

The **"Be Clean, Be Healthy"** rally organized by our school's Interact Club was a resounding success. It provided valuable insights into the importance of cleanliness and hygiene in promoting overall health and well-being. By focusing on personal hygiene, clean eating, environmental cleanliness, and mental health, the students of standards 6 to 8 learned essential practices that will help them lead healthier lives. The rally not only educated but also inspired students to take proactive steps towards maintaining their health and the health of their community.





HOLY MASS - EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

On September 14, 2024, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross with a holy mass, honouring the legacy of Fr. Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, whose motto, “The Cross is Our Only Hope,” continues to inspire us. The mass, celebrated by Fr. Cruz Arulraj priest from Dharmapuri Diocese and Fr. Susairaj Congregation of MMI (Germany), featured a deeply meaningful sermon on “Faith,” emphasizing its role as a guiding light and source of strength during challenging times. The sermon resonated with all the teachers present, highlighting faith as a grounding force and beacon of hope. Our school choir’s performance added to the solemnity of the occasion. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt tribute to Fr. Cruz Arulraj and Fr. Susairaj by our brothers of Holy Cross, followed by a joyful cake-cutting ceremony.



PUDIYA THALIMURAI - VEETUKU ORU VINGYANI

On August 28, 2024, the “Veetuku Oru Vingyani” initiative by the New Generation was inaugurated at Sri Shanmugha Educational Institutions in Tiruchengode, Sankagiri, Salem District. This event aims to foster scientific curiosity and innovation among the youth by providing a dedicated space for students and aspiring scientists to explore various scientific disciplines, engage in research activities, and collaborate on innovative projects. The initiative is expected to play a significant role in nurturing the next generation of scientists and researchers from the region. Students were encouraged to make the most of the facilities and opportunities provided by “Veetuku Oru Vingyani” to enhance their knowledge and contribute to the scientific community. Notably, Master Mithun and Master Hemant of Holy Cross Matric Higher Secondary School won the first prize in the junior category, showcasing their hard work and dedication. Congratulations to them on their success!



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