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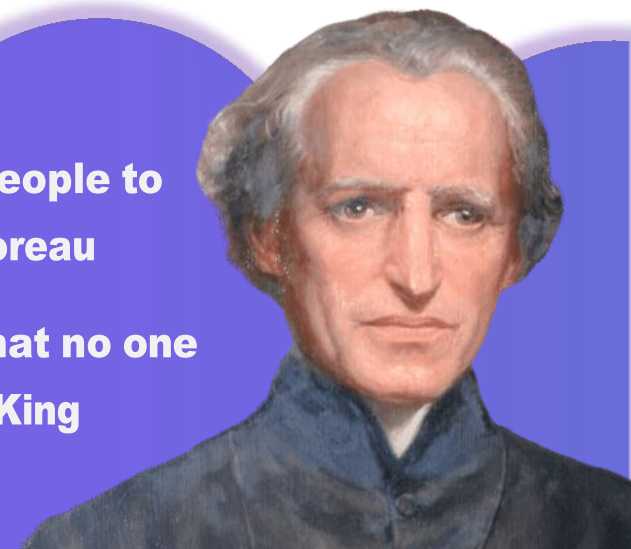
MONTHLY RECAP

July to September 2025



**“Education is the art of helping young people to
completeness.” – Blessed Fr. Basil Moreau**

**“The beautiful thing about learning is that no one
can take it away from you.” – B.B. King**





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Principal's Message

Dear Students, Parents, and Well-wishers,

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller

As I write to you for this edition of our school newsletter, I want to share something close to my heart: the incredible difference that strong relationships between parents, teachers, and students can make in a child's life. I have always believed that a child truly flourishes when home and school come together as a team. When we work hand in hand, children not only grow academically but also develop emotionally and socially.

Parents play a vital role by showing interest in their child's learning and maintaining open communication with teachers. Teachers, in turn, support students by understanding their needs, keeping them engaged, and providing personalized guidance. When students feel supported from both home and school, they gain confidence, motivation, and a sense of belonging.

Let us continue to strengthen these partnerships, because together, we can achieve so much more than we ever could alone.

I would also like to congratulate everyone who contributed to this edition of our newsletter, our talented students and hardworking teaching staff. May this edition inspire us all to keep learning, sharing, and growing together.

Finally, I extend my heartfelt wishes to everyone celebrating Durga Puja. May this festive season bring joy to every home, blessings of health and peace to every family, and a renewed sense of hope for the future.

Principal

Fr. Vicky L Gayang csc



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION OF OUR BELOVED PRINCIPAL

On 30th June 2025, the school family of Holy Cross, Tuikarmaw, came together to celebrate the birthday of our beloved Principal, Rev. Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, C.S.C. The celebration began with a graceful dance performance by our students, followed by a melodious song presented by the students of Holy Cross, Tuikarmaw, which filled the atmosphere with joy. The Headmistress, along with other senior teachers, felicitated Father Principal and conveyed their heartfelt wishes on this special day. The students also expressed their love and gratitude through their sweet singing and prayers, asking God to bless Father with laughter, peace, and happiness in all his endeavors.



In his address, Fr. Vicky expressed his sincere gratitude to everyone for making his birthday truly special with their warm wishes, performances, and thoughtful gestures.

-----Sir Debjyoti Patari

EMBRACING THE HOLY CROSS VISION AS A NEW TEACHER

As I embarked on my journey as a new teacher at Holy Cross South English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw, I had the honour of participating in the orientation programme organized by the HOLY CROSS EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION on 5th July, 2025 in Agartala, Tripura. This thoughtfully designed programme for newly appointed educators proved to be an enriching and inspiring experience. We were introduced to the life and vision of Blessed Basil Moreau, the esteemed founder of the Holy Cross Congregation, and gained valuable insights into the rich history and enduring mission of the Holy Cross institutions. A significant part of the orientation focused on effective classroom



management, student engagement, and the importance of emotional regulation for teachers. Particular emphasis on maintaining a positive teaching - learning environment.

One of the key learnings from the programme was the emphasis on the nine essential values that every teacher should embody: faithfulness, knowledge, zeal, vigilance, seriousness, gentleness, patience, prudence, and firmness.

These virtues not only shape us as educators but also influence the holistic development of our students. Blessed Basil Moreau believed that true education is the cultivation of the heart, a philosophy that deeply resonated with me throughout the programme. This orientation has strengthened my commitment to the noble vocation of teaching and reminded me of the profound responsibility we carry in shaping young minds with compassion, integrity, and purpose.

-----Madam Payel Sarkar

TEACHER-PARENT MEETING (CLASSES NURSERY TO VI)

The Teacher-Parent Meeting (TPM) for Classes Nursery to VI was successfully organized on **12th July 2025** in the respective classrooms of the students. A total of **407 parents/guardians** actively participated in the event, making it a truly fruitful and engaging session.



This was the first time the school adopted the format of conducting the meeting in each student's own classroom. The new approach proved to be highly effective, as it created a more personal and comfortable environment for interaction. Parents were able to freely share their concerns, suggestions, and ideas for the holistic development of their children. This initiative also strengthened the bond between teachers and parents, fostering a spirit of partnership in the educational journey of the students.

Thanks to all the teachers who took great initiative and dedication in animating the meeting, ensuring that each session was productive, interactive, and focused on the overall growth and well-being of the students. The school sincerely appreciates the cooperation of all parents and looks forward to continued collaboration for the benefit of the children.

TRAINING ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND ITS EFFECTS ON YOUTH

A training programme on ***"Substance Abuse and Its Effects on Youth"*** was organized on **14th July 2025**, conducted by NEDSS in collaboration with JUST. The session was facilitated by Mr. Roma Ranglong (District Consultant), with the support of the school animator, Mr. Gabriyel Reang.

The objective of the training was to raise awareness about the risks and consequences of substance abuse, promote prevention strategies and healthy coping and support for youth

mechanisms, and provide resources struggling with addiction.



The session began with self-introductions, followed by an informative discussion on the harmful effects of substance abuse on health, relationships, and society. Key areas covered included its impact on physical and mental health, family and social relationships, academic performance, crime, and public health.



To engage the participants, an ice-breaker game was conducted, which helped students interact and collaborate actively. The Peace Club members of Classes VI to IX enthusiastically shared their reflections at the end of the session, highlighting the importance of teamwork, awareness, and making healthy choices in life.

- *Sir Gabriyel Reang*

SEMINAR: HOLY CROSS INDIA EDUCATORS MEET 2025

From **17th to 19th July 2025**, the **Province of South India** organized the *Holy Cross India Educators' Meet 2025* at Peyton Institute for Families, Bangalore. The theme of the workshop was "*Empathy: The Heartbeat of Education.*"

Over the three days, the workshop covered a range of insightful topics, including *Emotional Intelligence in Educational Leadership*, *Preventing Harmful Educator Behaviours in Schools*, and *The Concept of Empathy*, exploring its origins and practical ways to cultivate it in our classrooms and communities.



Participants also had the enriching opportunity to go beyond the classroom through a study visit to Mysore and to engage in various collaborative activities.

I am deeply grateful to the school administration for giving me this golden opportunity to participate in such an inspiring and meaningful program. Throughout the sessions, I gained valuable insights into how empathy can transform teaching and learning. It was also a chance to enjoy new experiences, share ideas, and learn practical solutions to challenges faced by many schools across India.

The Educators' Meet was indeed a rewarding experience, offering a platform for professional growth and networking with fellow educators. I look forward to applying the knowledge and skills I have gained to my teaching practice for the benefit of our students.

----*Madam Juli Mog*

FAREWELL TO OUR RESPECTED SCHOOL MANAGER, FR. THOMAS PEREIRA, C.S.C.

On **18th July 2025**, the school community gathered in the school hall to bid a heartfelt farewell to our esteemed School Manager, Fr. Thomas Pereira, C.S.C., who has served the institution with remarkable dedication, wisdom, and care.

The programme began with the lighting of the lamp, followed by a warm welcome address from Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, C.S.C., the Principal, who highlighted Fr. Thomas's invaluable contributions to the growth and spirit of the school. He also shared his enriching experiences of working alongside Fr. Thomas, describing him as a joyful, enthusiastic, and compassionate leader with a special concern for the poor.



colour and warmth to the occasion.

In his farewell address, Fr. Thomas expressed deep gratitude and appreciation to the school community and offered his heartfelt blessings for its continued progress and success.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Sr. Ans Maria, SABS, who acknowledged the efforts of all involved and conveyed the community's sincere appreciation to Fr. Thomas. The ceremony came to a dignified close with the National Anthem, sung with pride by the school choir.



----*Cultural committee.*

SUBROTO CUP FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT 2025

The Subroto Cup Football Tournament 2025, organized by the Department of Youth Affairs and Sports, Tripura, provided a platform for young talents to showcase their skills in football at various levels of competition.



The students of Holy Cross South English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw actively participated in the Block Level Football Competition (Under-17 Boys) held as part of the tournament. Demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, our team emerged as the Champions of the Santirbazar Sub-division on 20th July 2025.

Following their victory at the block level, the team advanced to the District Level Competition, which took place on 24th July 2025 at BKI Synthetic Football Ground, Belonia. In a highly competitive match against Ebenezer School, our boys gave their best effort but unfortunately lost the game.

Despite the outcome, the experience proved to be a valuable learning opportunity for the players. It allowed them to compete with skilled teams, gain exposure to a higher level of football, and further develop their abilities on the field.



Participation in the Subroto Cup has instilled a greater sense of discipline, teamwork, and sportsmanship in our students. We look forward to more such opportunities in the future to nurture and promote young sporting talent.

- Sir Gabriyel Reang

DISASTER MANAGEMENT TRAINING SESSION

On 22nd July 2025, our school had the privilege of hosting a Disaster Management Training Session organized by the *Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM)* of South Tripura. The SDM deputed the Disaster Management Team to conduct this valuable and practical session for our students.

The training was highly informative and interactive, focusing on creating awareness and equipping students with essential knowledge and skills to respond effectively during emergencies.



Through demonstrations

and guidance, the team emphasized the importance of preparedness, safety measures, and quick response in times of crisis.



We express our sincere gratitude to the SDM South Tripura and the Disaster Management Team for their dedicated efforts in empowering our students with life-saving skills.

FIRST SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: A DAY OF LEARNING, TEAMWORK AND FUN



On 26th July 2025, our school observed its *First Saturday Activities* with great zeal and enthusiasm. The Sports Committee and Literary Committee jointly organized a series of co-curricular events, including inter-house basketball, spelling bee, drawing, and essay competitions. Students actively and wholeheartedly participated in all the activities.

The day was marked by excellent teamwork, enthusiastic cheering, and the active coordination of the teachers, who



ensured the smooth conduct of every event. Special thanks to the Sports and Literary Committees under the leadership of **Sir Sanju Reang** and **Sir Kaushik Reang** for their crucial role in organizing, moderating, and evaluating the competitions, making each session enriching and enjoyable.

The dedicated involvement of all the teachers as mentors and motivators added to the success of the day. Their encouraging presence inspired us to participate wholeheartedly, making the entire program both meaningful and memorable.

----MD Machum, Class X B

QUIZ COMPETITION AT BDO OFFICE, SANTIRBAZAR

On 7th August 2025, a quiz competition was organized at the BDO Office, Santirbazar, where our students — Pritam Debbarma, Elina Reang, Jevri Reang, and Junaki Reang — participated actively. The competition was held in two categories: Classes 6–8 and Classes 9–12. A written test of 20 marks determined the qualifying teams for the stage rounds. Though our juniors, Jevri and Junaki, could not qualify, they represented our school with courage and determination.

In the senior category, after the written test, our team was delighted to secure second position and qualify for the stage rounds. The quiz featured several interesting rounds, including questions based on current affairs and famous personalities. Despite the challenges, our team performed with confidence and consistency.

At the end of the event, our school proudly secured second place in the senior category.

Certificates were awarded, and our students were selected for the Sub-Divisional Level Mega Quiz Competition. The Mega Quiz Competition was held on 10th August, where our students once again showcased their talent and reached the final round, though they could not secure a position. Nevertheless, their performance brought pride and encouragement to the school.



— Elina Reang, Class XB

VAN MAHOTSAVA CELEBRATION

On **2nd August 2025**, Holy Cross South English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw, in collaboration with the Bogafa Forest Sub-Division, had the privilege of hosting the **76th Forest Sub-Division Level Van Mahotsava**. It was a matter of great honour for the school community as the Bokafa Block authorities chose our school as the venue for this significant celebration.



The occasion was graced by esteemed dignitaries — **Shri Manoj Kumar Saha, SDM** of Santirbazar, as the Chief Guest; **Shri Zinda Debbarma, TFS, DM, TFDPC, BC Manu**, as the Guest of Honour; and **Shri Nabarun Chandra Dey, SDFO Bagafa, Santirbazar**, along with other forest officials.



The programmed commenced with the lighting of the lamp, followed by vibrant cultural performances and inspiring speeches delivered by the Chief Guest, the Guest of Honour, and our Principal, Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, C.S.C. In his address, the Chief Guest, Shri Manoj Kumar Saha, held an interactive session with the students, encouraging

them to understand the importance of tree plantation and care for the environment.

The celebration concluded with the distribution of saplings to teachers and students, followed by a tree plantation drive on the school campus, leaving behind a message of responsibility towards nurturing nature for a greener tomorrow.

----*Sunam Chakma, Class 10 C*

WELCOMING FR. JEROME CHOREI, CSC AS THE NEW SCHOOL SECRETARY

On 4th August 2025, Holy Cross (South) English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw, extended a warm welcome to **Fr. Jerome Chorei, CSC**, as the new School Secretary. The occasion was graced by the presence of **Fr. Alfred D'Souza, CSC, the Province Administrator**, who joined the students, staff, and management in extending heartfelt greetings.

The assembly began with a prayer, followed by a short cultural presentation by the students. The Principal, on behalf of the entire school community, officially welcomed Fr. Jerome and warmly greeted him with flowers as a gesture of respect and joy. In his address, Fr. Alfred D'Souza encouraged the students to grow in knowledge, discipline, and values. He expressed confidence that Fr. Jerome's guidance will enrich the school community.



Fr. Jerome, in his message, thanked everyone for the warm welcome and shared his joy in joining our Holy Cross family. He assured his commitment to the growth and holistic development of the institution. The program concluded with a vote of thanks and the National Anthem.

----*Sir Mangal Sadhan Jamatia*

CELEBRATION OF 79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our school celebrated the **79th Independence Day of India** on **15th August 2025** with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit. The campus was beautifully adorned with tricolour flags, balloons, and posters, creating a vibrant atmosphere.



The **Chief Guest**, *Fr. Davis, C.S.C.*, Vice Principal of Holy Cross College, Agartala, hoisted the National Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. The celebration was graced by the presence of our **School Manager, Fr. Jerome Chorei, C.S.C.**, and **Special Guest, Sr. Celline, S.A.B.S.**

A colourful cultural programme was presented, featuring patriotic songs, house-wise March Past competition, speeches, dances, a drill display, and a skit on *Operation Sindoor*.

The Chief Guest delivered an inspiring speech, reminding us about the significance of freedom and our duties as responsible citizens. He also reminded everyone that true independence lies in being honest, hardworking and respectful towards others. Quoting Rabindranath Tagore's stirring words, "*Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake,*" he urged everyone to uphold these values in daily life.



He also distributed prizes to the winners of the March Past and Drill competitions, encouraging students to keep striving for excellence.



The programme concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks and the joyful distribution of sweets to all students and staff, leaving behind a spirit of unity and patriotism.

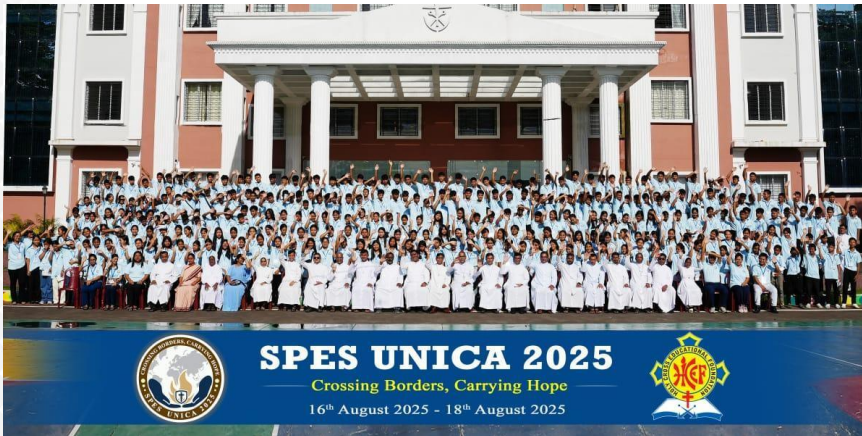
---Madam Bilaswari Reang

SPESUNICA 2025 – “Crossing Borders, Carrying Hope”

From August 16th to 19th, 2025, our school had the privilege of participating in *Spesunica* under the theme “**Crossing Borders, Carrying Hope.**” Our school was represented by 30 enthusiastic students, two teaching staff members, and Bro. Emilius Lyngdoh, CSC.



Our students actively engaged in all the scheduled activities and brought laurels to the school by securing **third place in the Chart Presentation competition** based on the theme and **second place in the Girls' Throw Ball event**.



Our students gained significant benefits from this enriching experience, helping them grow in **leadership skills, spiritual formation, and self-confidence**. It also provided a wonderful platform to **learn, share, and connect with peers from other Holy Cross institutions across Tripura**.

Overall, *Spesunica 2025* was an invaluable opportunity that left a lasting impact on our students, inspiring them to carry hope wherever they go.

VISIT OF COMMANDING OFFICER, 71 TRIPURA GIRLS (I) COY NCC UNIT

On 25th August 2025, Holy Cross (South) English Medium Higher Secondary School, Tuikarmaw, had the privilege of welcoming Lt. Col. G. R. Sharma, Commanding Officer of the 71 Tripura Girls (I) Coy NCC Unit.



During his visit, Lt. Col. Sharma held an important meeting with the students NCC Cadets, Principal and the Associate NCC Officer (ANO) of the school. The primary focus of the interaction was to strengthen the coordination between the NCC Unit and the school administration, review the functioning of NCC activities, and discuss key matters related to cadet training and documentation.

Several issues concerning the overall growth and development of the cadets were also deliberated upon. The visit proved to be highly fruitful, as the guidance and insights shared by the Commanding Officer provided clarity on both administrative and training aspects.



The visit not only reinforced the bond between the school and the NCC Unit but also ensured smoother functioning of NCC activities in the days to come, paving the way for the holistic development of the cadets.

----Miss Pinki Hazra

TEACHERS' DAY SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

On **30th August 2025**, our school organized special activities to celebrate Teachers' Day in advance. Exciting matches were held between teachers and students — a basketball match for the gents' teachers and a volleyball match for the ladies' teachers.

Both events turned out to be highly competitive and entertaining, with the teachers emerging victorious in both matches. The games were marked by enthusiastic participation, loud cheers, and great support from both teachers and students, creating a lively and joyful atmosphere.



TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

On 4th and 6th of September, Teacher's Day was celebrated in our school with great enthusiasm. The day was dedicated to all our teachers who play a crucial role in shaping Students lives and guiding them toward a brighter future. It was a moment to express our



gratitude for all the hard work, patience, and love our teachers show every day. The two Days celebration was marked with greeting and gifts for teachers, celebration in the classrooms, cultural Programmes, and fellowship meal for the teachers. Thanks to all our teachers for their dedication and love in their service to the humanity. We were also blessed with the presence of **Fr. Agi Paul CSC** and **Fr. Jerome Chorei CSC**, our school managers, who joined us in extending love and gratitude to our teachers on this meaningful occasion.



HOLY CROSS FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Holy Cross Feast Day was joyfully celebrated on the **15th of September 2025** during the school assembly. The occasion was marked by a short yet meaningful program beautifully organized by the students under the guidance of their teachers to extend greetings to our Holy Fathers and Brother.

Fr. Agi shared an inspiring feast day message, reflecting on the life of Fr. Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, and on the Feast of Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, the patroness of the congregation, to whom our founder entrusted the Holy Cross family with deep faith and devotion.

Fr. Vicky L. Gayang, CSC, the Principal of the school, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to all the teachers and students for their affection and support towards the Holy Cross Fathers and Holy Cross School, Tuikarmaw. He extended warm feast day wishes to the entire school community and thanked everyone for their thoughtful greetings and active participation in making the day special.



You did it! *Congratulations*

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Best bulletin board presentation by the Green House



Quiz competition - 2nd place in the senior category



Best Morning Assembly conducted by Class IV A



3rd Prize - Chart Presentation at SPES UNICA



SPES UNICA- 2nd Place in Throw Ball



NCC girls securing 1st in Ceremonial Parade competition



Special Activities



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