



# School Report



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*The new session 2023-24 started on 5th April 2023 with so many A's. Amazing, astonishing, awesome, academic, astounding and more!*

#### **APRIL :-**

*Our honorable Principal Sr. Kamala Paul addressed the assembly and implanted in them virtues of goodness, sincerity, hard work, etc.*

*Future belongs to those who keep learning new skills and combine them in creative ways.*

In-house sessions were conducted throughout the year to keep teachers updated and upgraded. The month of April saw the following sessions:

- Primary teachers had an opportunity to attend a seminar on 15th April 2023. The Guest speaker of the day was respected Sr. Usha Kiran.
- A seminar was conducted for all three wings, namely Pre-primary, Primary and High school teachers on 29th March, 31st March, 4th April 2023 respectively.

Elections were held for the selection of the school Head Boy and Head Girl on 19th April, 2023 for the Student Council 2023-24. Investiture of the Students' Council for the session 2023-24 took place on 28th April 2023.

Our school served as the center for the JEE MAINS exams conducted on 30th April, 2023.

*"There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew."*

*-Marshall McLuhan*

World Earth Day was celebrated in our campus on 21 and 26th April with the objective of encouraging the children to create an environment of decency, quality and mutual respect for all other human beings and all other living creatures.

**No one knows what he can until he tries.**

Various Academic competitions were conducted throughout the year not only to groom the students but also to give them the platform to present their talents. The month of April saw competitions like Poster Making Competition and English Elocution which were held on 15th April 2023. English and Hindi Speech Competitions were held on 29th April 2023. Good participation was observed.

#### **MAY :-**

World Labor Day was celebrated on 1 May 2023.

Our school successfully functioned as the center for NEET Exams on 5th May 2023.

Students of the Primary section were awarded certificates for academic distinction on 9th May 2023.



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Students of classes VIII-XII were given a room to air their voice at the English Speech Competition held on 10th May 2023.

Capacity Building Programs by COE were organized for the teachers on 11th and 12th May 2023.

***Be like a tree. Stay grounded. Connect with your roots. Turn over a new leaf. Bend before you break. Enjoy your unique natural beauty. Keep growing.***

A camp to Patna Tarumitra Ashram was organized by the school for students of classes VI to XII from 14th May to 19th May 2023. 60 students participated in the camp and were privileged to visit Rajgir, Gaya and Nalanda during the trip.

## **JUNE :-**

Robotics Lab was introduced to students on 16th and 17th June 2023. Demo classes were given to the students on the given dates.

## **JULY :-**

Students of classes X and XII were felicitated for their outstanding performance in the CBSE board exams on 15th July 2023. The Area Regional Manager, Railway, Mr. Ayush Kumar, IRTS did the honors as the Chief Guest of the day.

## **AUGUST :-**

Painting and Essay Writing competitions were conducted on 4th August 2023 in the school for students of classes IX to XII.

Independence Day was celebrated in the school campus with lot of vigor and enthusiasm in the presence of our valued Chief Guest Mr. Deepak Kr. Gupta, one of our Alumnus and the Proprietor of Hans Regency and Veena Regency. The day was adorned with colorful presentation by our students.

Robotics Lab was introduced to the students of classes III to V on 18th August 2023.

Inter School Football tournament was conducted by Sail Bokaro on 19th August 2023 on the grounds of the Trainees Hostel, in which our school proudly bagged the winner's trophy against the match with Ayyappa Public School in the finals.

The Vicariate Volleyball and Kho-Kho Tournament were conducted on 26th August 2023. Sr. Shani, Superior of the Holy Cross Convent, Bokaro was the Chief Guest of the day.

## **SEPTEMBER :-**

A grand celebration was put up in the honor of teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day by the Management and the Students' Council on 5th August 2023.

Two of our learned teachers Mrs. Shalini Sinha and Mr. B. N. Thakur were bestowed with awards for their exemplary service in the field of teaching. Mr. B. N. Thakur received the Guru Vashistha Award by Dr. Radhakrishna Sahodaya School Complex and Mrs. Shalini Sinha was awarded by Rotary Club, Chas.

Sr. Joseline E. Pauvath, the first Indian Provincial of Holy Cross Congregation currently the Manager of Holy Cross School, Balidih. The school had the honor to celebrate the diamond jubilee of her religious life on 10th September 2023.

Holy Cross Feast was celebrated on 12th and 13th September 2023. All were blessed with the purity and grace of the Cross for joy and serenity in life.

**A healthy mind stays in a healthy body..**

Students were given deworming tablets on 22nd September, 2023, to stay healthy.



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## **OCTOBER :-**

The Primary wing of the school, exhibited their craftsmanship in an Art and Craft Exhibition held on 14th October 2023.

The students of the Primary wing were taken for a delightful picnic. Children spent their day in merry making.

**Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.**

The Interact Club of the school involves itself in various charitable acts throughout the year. A stall was put-up by the Interact club on 20th October 2023 to sell candles, made by poor children who are nurtured by Sr. Britto at Banhhapa, Hazaribag.

To mark the Golden Jubilee year the month of October was set aside for various programs which were conducted by the Management. The Ex-Principals, Managers and other sisters who had been serving in various capacities in one of the oldest schools belonging to the Holy Cross Congregation over the last 50 years were present on the grand occasion to lend their solidarity and support. A good number of our Alumni were also present at the Meet organized on 28th October 2023.

## **NOVEMBER :-**

The Cross-Country race for the students, 'Run for Peace' was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

To observe the Vigilance awareness Week 2023 a special assembly was conducted for students with the theme, "Say no to Corruption: Commit to the Nation' on 2nd November 2023.

In continuation of the Golden Jubilee celebrations of our school, Inter Holy Cross Meet was held on 3rd and 4th November 2023. 18 Holy Cross schools of Jharkhand participated in the competition. Academic competitions like English and Hindi Speech, Hindi Extempore and games and sports events like Athletics, Volleyball and Kho-Kho were conducted on the school grounds.

RT. REV. Felix Toppo, Arch Bishop, Ranchi Diocese, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest on 3 November 2023. His Grace also served a Holy Mass for all the parishioners of Balidih Parish.

Dr. Bibhuti Karunamay was the Chief Guest for the events on 4th November 2023.

With the objective of empowering teachers, Capacity Building programs by COE, were conducted in the school campus on 10th and 11th November 2023.

The students of class XII were taken for a picnic to Patratu Dam on 25th November 2023. The children enjoyed the delightful picnic in the presence of our honorable Principal, Sr. Kamala Paul and senior teachers who accompanied them.

In honor of the National Constitution Day that falls on 26th November, special assembly was conducted for both, Primary and High school students on 28th and 30th November 2023 making students understand that Constitution is not a mere lawyers document, it is a vehicle of life, and the spirit of the age.



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## DECEMBER :-

Great friends, good food and laughter: the Best combo..Pool Lunch was organized for students of classes i to XII on 2nd December 2023. Beautiful moments of sharing smiles and savoring meals were captured. No one has ever become poor by giving. It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving that matters.

School Fete was organized on 10th November 2023, where the children work with love and enthusiasm and earn for charity. They learn to become selfless givers.

In keeping with the tenets of CBSE Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav was celebrated in the school campus on 12th and 13th of December respectively with a spectacular program to mark the importance of the theme.

An Orientation Program was organized for the students of class XII on 15th December 2023. These children got an opportunity to have a hearty talk with our honorable Principal, Sr. Kamala Paul who guided and motivated them with her inspiring words.

Students need proper guidance to plan their career so as to have a secure future. There are ample opportunities around the globe but to make the right choice according to the skills they possess, they need proper support. Hence, Career Guidance program was conducted on 18th December 2023 for the students of class X. The Resource Person was Mr. Mukul Issac.

The Holy Cross sisters believe in serving the society rather than self, as the motto of the congregation says, '*The Need of the time is the will of God*', so it was proposed by the Management that the celebrations of the year like the School Feast and Christmas, done by the Staff club in honor of the Management will be very simple. Instead of spending in the merry making this year, the sisters proposed to spend the amount to help the victims of the Manipur violence.

## Happiness gets doubled when shared..

On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee year, Principals and mentors of the schools of the Bokaro district, under the aegis of Dr. Radhakrishna Sahodaya school complex were invited and felicitated on 20th December 2023 as a gesture to share the joy of the jubilee year.

Three Mathematics wizards of our school Akash Dutta XII/A, Ayaan Israil IX/B and Rishav Kumar Bhashkar VI/C who are meritorious students, notched up commendable positions in the Aryabhata Mathematics Competitions held at DPS, Bokaro.

## JANUARY :-

After having numerous spectacular events during the year, sadly the curtain had to go down on the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The Swan song of the Golden Jubilee was organized on 8th January 2024 on the occasion of which the teaching, administrative and the support staff were



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felicitated by the Management for their contribution during the current and the last 50 years as well.

The staff in their turn felicitated the Principal Sr. Kamala Paul for her dynamic leadership during the eventful year.

The batch of 1995 who were unable to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations in December marked their presence in a gathering on 13th January 2024. Mr. Prashant Kumar, IAS, Secretary, Jharkhand Staff Service Commission, was the organizer of the event.

On the day of the Jawahar Navodaya class VI entrance exam the DEO Mr. Jagranath Lohara paid a surprise visit to our school. His being the first visit to our institution, our Principal Sr. Kamala Paul greeted him warmly. Sir was duly felicitated.

One of our NCSC Projects under the leadership of Vedika Raj Singh class VIII/C namely Green Hydrogen: Fueling the Future, was selected for the National level on 16th January 2024. The project was guided by Mrs. Nicky Smita.

Republic Day was celebrated with pomp and show in the school premises. Two of our very senior teachers Mr. A.K. Sah and Mr. A.K. Chaudhary hoisted the National flag with our Respected Principal Sr. Kamala Paul. Colorful programs were presented with the theme of unity in diversity.

## **FEBRUARY :-**

HCL Tech Bee- Early Career Program, dropped in on 8th February 2023 to meet the students of classes XI and XII. They gave a talk to the children on how they can start a tech job right after class XII.

The Students' Council for the session 2024-25 was formed on 12th February 2024.

Prizes were distributed for extraordinary performance in the school Fete, on 12th February 2024.

## **Hard work pays off.**

Students who are diligent and laborious should be awarded for their dedication and sincerity. In tune with this the school sets aside scholarships for this honorable purpose. Cash prizes were distributed on 12th February 2024, to the students who scored creditable marks in various subjects.

A Science project by Amrit Raj of class X/D under the guidance of Mrs. Nicky Smita was selected by the Inspire Awards MANAK Team, Department of Science and Technology, Govt of India, for the next level on 15th February 2024. The project has received a cash prize of rupees 10000/-.

## **MARCH :-**

Annual Exams were conducted for the school.

## **APRIL :-**

The outgoing batch of class XII was given a hearty farewell on 3rd April, 2024. Subham Mukherjee of XII/A and Geetanjali Kumari of XII/E were felicitated as the Best Boy and the Best Girl.

A tearful farewell was given to retiring teachers and office staff on 5th April, 2024. Their dedicated and selfless service to Holy Cross School was acknowledged.

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