



Gathering for the International Suicide Prevention Day

Jakar Higher Secondary School presents the latest news and events in Bumthang.

Announcements By English Literary Club

The elections are now underway. Students and teachers at JHSS showed their patriotism by casting their votes. Have you?

JHSS staff and students would like to say a fond farewell to teachers Karma (English) and Dechen Pelden (Business). They are both moving on to Brisbane, Australia. We wish them well.

On Saturday 25 August, JHSS students worked with the YVIA program (Youth Volunteer in Action) on another local cleaning campaign. Students went as far as Kikila and Garbang.



Pictured (from left): Mr. Evan, Tila Rupa Chhetri, Amandika Thapa, and Dorji Wangchuk

“I was really surprised when I found out that my story won the competition,” said Dorji Wangchuk.

Meet the Published Authors By English Literary Club

The Jakar family has three internationally published writers in their midst.

Dorji Wangchuk (XC) wrote “**Tree God**,” a fable about environmental protection, and submitted it to the Houston Literary Committee in America. His story will be published on 27 October in the collection **I Write Stories for Kids by Kids Vol. 9**. It will be sold in countries throughout the world.

Tila Rupa Chhetri (XI Science) and Amandika Thapa (IXC) both have poems that will be published in **Sewing the Seeds of Peace**, another American book. This one is scheduled for publication at the end of this month.

Tila’s poem “**Looking for Peace**” and Amandika’s poem “**A Conversation with Peace**” were both selected from hundreds of poems submitted from all around the world.

These three students represent some of the best writing at JHSS, but they aren’t alone. Next month, four students will publish their writing in an American magazine, and a collection of writing from over fifty students will be released right here in Bhutan.

Reading Week 2018

By Shrishtika Adhikari (XD) and Tshering Yangden (XD)

This year, JHSS honored Reading Week with daily reading sessions, guest speakers, and an inter-class poster contest. Here, Coordinator Kinley Wangmo answers student questions about the event.

How was this year's reading week?

I'm not really happy with the morning reading sessions. I don't believe that was taken seriously. However, the posters were well above my expectations. Overall, this was a good reading week.

What are your overall thoughts of the posters?

I am very satisfied with everything. I was impressed by their creativity more than anything. Every class worked hard.

Elaborate on this year's theme: "Find your own story?"

Everyone has a story that is perfect for them. It's up to you to find it. For the competition, we wanted classes to find the book they like and design posters based on that book.

Do you think this kind of reading program will really help the students?

Yes. Students were made to read every morning, so I think they enjoyed it.

What is one book that you want to recommend to the students?

The Circle of Karma by Kuenzang Choden, a Bhutanese writer. It is about developmental activities in 1960s Bhutan. The book is very informative and talks about our own country.

Classes Turn the MPH into a Giant Magazine

By English Literary Club



Every class competed in the Reading Week "wall magazine" contest, creating at least two posters that encourage others to read their favorite books. This year, Grade IX classes created posters with a horror theme, Grade X was inspired by romance, Grade XI entered the world of fantasy and adventure, and Grade XII enthusiastically embraced the true stories of non-fiction.

The winners for each genre were:

Horror: IXB

Romance: XD

Fantasy: XI Commerce B

Non-Fiction: XII Science

Judges had a lot of variety to choose from. Posters included everything from yetis to boy wizards to killer nuns to doomed lovers to real-life heroes. In the end, every wall of the MPH was covered in characters both fictional and real. Students truly showed their passion for reading.

Scouts Walk Through Nature

By Lhakpa Tshering (XI Science), Dorji Wangchuk (XI Arts B), Tshering Landup (XI Arts B) and Phuntsho Galey Namgay (XC)



On 8 September, scouts at JHSS went on a very interesting evening trip. In order to study local organisms, students left the school at 5:00 in the morning and studied the plant and animal species in the surrounding area.

"It's great to know and see the species that I have never seen before," said student Leki Wangdi (XI Science).

While the expedition lasted just one morning, the students saw a wealth of different lifeforms.

"I felt excited to see new creatures and proud that they have been preserved from extinction," said Kuenga Dorji (XI Science).



JHSS Gets Poetic

By English Literary Club

On 8 September, JHSS held its Inter-House Poetry Competition. Students dressed up and performed their favorite poems. The top two winners are:

First Place: Karma Tshering Lhaden (XII Science)

Second Place: Jamyang Choden (IX Arts)

Taking all scores into account, the winning house was Namgyel, followed closely by Dorji.

Welcome to the School Museum

By English Literacy Students



Last year, JHSS unveiled its history museum, a collection of local artifacts and objects. This September, the new and expanded museum is even more comprehensive than before. Here is an interview with Phub Dorji, the coordinator of the project.

Why do we have a museum?

This museum is a very important project for our school. Classes XI and XII have a chapter about sources, so the museum falls under a "primary source." The other reason for this project is to help preserve things of the past.

Who helped with the museum?

Currently, we received assistance from XII Arts A and B, XI Arts A and B, and especially the Alumni Association of JHSS, who generously donated a total of Nu. 28,000 for the purpose of buying artifacts.

What is the most interesting artifact?

I think the most interesting are the xylographic blocks used for printing scriptures. Each block is worth Nu. 450 to 500.

Why are museums important?

A museum is an important tool to preserve the things of the past and to help the younger generation know about them. Museums make history a living subject. The past has so much to offer that we won't be able to learn in this one present.



For more information on the school museum, please contact Phub Dorji.

Student Athletes Make the School Proud

By English Literary Club

On 5 September, the student athletes at Jakar Higher Secondary School took the long bus ride to Chumey Central School to compete in the Regional School Sports Meet. The three-day event saw the best of the best perform in a variety of sports, including football, volleyball, basketball, table tennis, badminton, and chess.

Schools from three regions (Trongsa, Zhemgang, and Bumthang) competed. While Zhemgang Central School was the overall winner, JHSS excelled in several competitions.



The team photo for JHSS 2018 athletes



“I’m proud of how well some of our students performed,” said school sports instructor Chimi Dorji. “We had some very close games.”

Here Are the Winners!

By English Literary Club

JHSS would like to congratulate our three winning athletes, who will each compete for our school this winter at the National School Sports Meet in Punakha. They are:

- Jigme Nidup** (XI Science), badminton boys singles
- Tshewang Choki** (XII Arts B), badminton girls singles
- Rita Gurung** (XI Commerce X), chess girls

JHSS fell just short in five more competitions. Our runners up are:

- Boys football**
- Boys volleyball**
- Badminton boys doubles**
- Badminton girls doubles**
- Table tennis boys doubles**

Congratulations to all our competing students! You all performed well, and we wish our three winners good luck in the national competition.



JHSS Boys Football



Here are the House Points so far. These include the scores from over a dozen events at JHSS, including debates, drama performances, and sports games.

Every newsletter is a team effort. This issue, the major participants are:

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