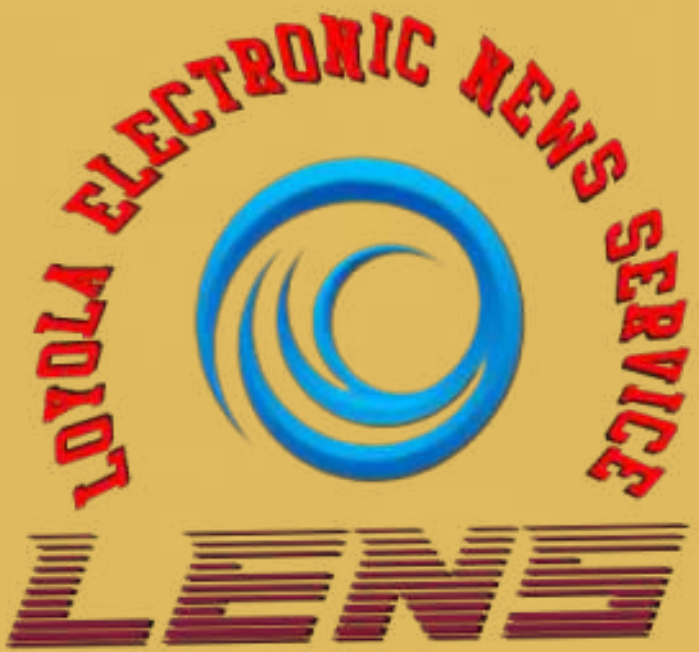




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FAREWELL TO THE RETIREES

ONLINE SCHOOL DAY CELEBRATIONS

26 FEBRUARY 2021



Lighting the lamp: Staff Secretary G. Ramachandran, Fr Manager Sunny Kunnappallil S.J., PTA President Rakesh Kumar, Principal Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J., CBSE Principal Mrs Brinda A. Nair



Chief Guest: Honourable Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation, Miss Arya Rajendran

Special Guest: Chief Secretary of Kerala State, Dr Vishwas Mehta IAS



Guest Performance: Mr Job Kurian (Vocal) & Mr Rony George (Guitar)

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Honourable Chief Guest and the Mayor of Trivandrum Corporation Miss Arya Rajendran, respected Special Guest of the Day the Chief Secretary of Kerala State Dr Vishwas Mehtha IAS, dear Guest Performer Mr Job Kurian, Rev. Fr Manager Sunny Kunnapallil S.J., Vice Principals Fr Jose Pulinthanath S.J. and Fr Roy Alex S. J., CBSE Principal Mrs Brinda A. Nair, PTA President Mr Rakesh Kumar, the Staff Secretary Mr Ramachandran, parents, students, staff members,

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the 60th Annual Day celebration of Loyola School. We began this academic year confined to our homes and resorted to live online classes. Constraints on physical activities caused some children to experience stress. Adapting to the online classes was a challenge for many children, parents and teachers. Many of the usual cocurricular and extracurricular activities had to be curtailed. This was a year of great changes in the world and also in Loyola School. Fr Devassy Paul, S.J. the outgoing Principal handed over the charge to me on 1st June 2020.

The pandemic forced us to innovate. Live online classes began with a few hiccups but with the cooperation of teachers, students and parents we achieved success.

We had our first online meeting of the PTA Executive on 3rd July 2020 and elections were conducted. Mr. Rakesh Kumar and Dr. Anju Deepak were elected as the PTA President and Vice President, respectively. I am indebted to the PTA for the immense support as we navigated through the unknown territory of online teaching. I am glad that the School management, teachers and the PTA could work as partners. I thank the parents for providing technical support to teachers.

As a result of online teaching and learning, our teachers, students and parents have become experts in Information Technology. This has challenged the school to drastically

change the computer class syllabus for the next year and choose different textbooks. We all experienced Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality and Artificial Reality in various ways during our online teaching.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2020-'21

1. Academic Results

In the March 2020 exams, our school secured excellent results in ICSE, ISC & CBSE Stds X & XII.

For the ICSE exams we had 100% Distinctions with the class average of 93.43%. Master Prathith Chivukula was the school topper and Trivandrum district topper securing 99.20% marks.



For the ISC exams we had 67 Distinctions and 7 First classes, with the class average of 87.08%. Master Ebel Jaison was the school topper with 97.75% marks.



For the Std X exams of the CBSE board, we had 32 Distinctions and 10 First classes, with class average of 80.03 %. Master Abhiram Shankar S. Nair was the school topper with 95% marks.



1. ABHIRAM SHANKAR S NAIR

For the CBSE Std XII exams we had 39 Distinctions and 23 First classes, with the class average of 80.50%. Master Madhav Madhusoodanan was the school topper with 96.60% marks.



1. MADHAV MADHUSOODANAN 96.60 %

2. As students were not coming to school, we began publishing our online news journal LENS every month. Teachers, parents, students and Alumni contributed articles for LENS and made it a success.

3. We conducted online Open Houses, online Class Assemblies and online

Family Day for the Junior School.

4. The first semester exams were fully online. The first model exams for Std X and XII were a hybrid of online and offline modes. The School supplied the answer scripts. Question papers were sent through Microsoft Teams and online invigilation was done and also parents were expected to do physical invigilation. I would say most of our students kept their honour and did not cheat. The second model exams are going on now for Std X & XII.

5. At last, the students of Std XII could come to school in January. That was a great relief for them.

6. We conducted election of school leaders and the house captains to keep up the tradition and continuity.

7. We started Commerce stream for Class XI.

8. From UKG to Std VI, the number of divisions was increased from 3 to 4 and the students were redistributed in order to bring the class strength down to 36 and thereby ensure better individual attention.

9. We introduced Environmental Studies in Class XI as an optional subject.

10. A new Biotechnology Lab has been built.

11. A new AI and Robotics Lab is being set up and it will be ready for use shortly.

12. LKG will be introduced the next academic year, for the first time in the history of Loyola School.

13. Online classes for Senior School

are held from 8.30 am to 11.40 am.

14. Online classes for Junior School are being held from 6.15 pm to 8.30 pm. This enables the parents to help and supervise their children.

15. Artificial Intelligence classes for the students of Std V to VIII, newly introduced in collaboration with UST Global, are being conducted regularly.

sessions were conducted as a panel discussion where the experts joined from different countries and also from all over India.

22. A live session was held on 'Art Appreciation' by Dr Methil Devika.

23. Children's Day on 14th November 2020 was conducted by the teachers for our students.



16. Online classes for Arts, Music, Counselling and Physical Education are being conducted on Saturdays only.

17. Independence Day celebrations were held on 15th August 2020, presided over by the Principal.

18. Onam celebrations were held online

19. Teachers' Day on 5th September 2020 was conducted by our students.

20. Both Senior and Junior School had their Youth Festivals held online.

21. LOBA started a career guidance and mentoring programme and six

24. An online session on family farming, entitled *Evergreen Life*, was conducted by Mr Pramod Madhavan and Dr K. Vasuki, IAS.

25. Christmas celebrations were held on 24th December 2020 and the chief guest was Dr Shashi Tharoor, MP.

26. A talk on 'Psychological Support for Adolescents during COVID-19 Pandemic' by Dr Unnikrishnan R. Nair, a Psychiatrist, was held in response to requests from parents.

27. Recently, we revamped our School website.

28. This was a year of compassion. As a result of the pandemic, many parents experienced financial hardship. The PTA, LOBA and the School offered scholarships for those who applied for it.

- *Loaf of Love* initiative by the school in cooperation with the PTA and LOBA was a huge success with the active participation of the parents and the teachers.
- *Christmas Charity Drive* was organized by the PTA and the school.
- I was really touched by the parents of Std II C who contributed money to the tune of Rs.2 lakhs for the medical treat of a child who was accidentally electrocuted.
- The school offered counselling for all those who were addicted to computer games or those who were stressed out.

Thank you parents for your compassion and support for the needy.

LOBA

* The Loyola Old Boys Association (LOBA) continued with its flagship Programme – The Loyola Welfare Initiative (LWI) this year too. Among the activities this year included renewal of the health insurance scheme for the current and former staff of the school and the pension fund disbursement for retired non-teaching staff of the school.

* For the year till date, 12 staff members have availed the health insurance scheme amounting to a total claim of more than Rs. 6 Lakh.

*LOBA also continues with the pension scheme for the retired non-teaching staff of the school at the rate of Rs.5,000/- per month for nine beneficiaries.

* Other causes LOBA supported this year outside the school community included funding an NGO-360 Degree for their 'Last Straw' programme, financial help to a cancer patient, support to the Tribal Health Initiative (THI) an NGO run by old boy Dr Regi Mathew which supports and helps tribals in a small hamlet called Sittilangi in rural Tamil Nadu and a fund collection effort for an academy for youngsters with autism based in Bangalore.

* To alleviate the economic suffering due to lockdown and loss of livelihood due to fishing restrictions in coastal hamlets and communities, LOBA under the aegis of the Jesuit Alumni Association of Kerala, with help from the school, arranged for delivery of kits of groceries and other essentials worth Rs 800 each to the affected families. With help from LOBA and Loyola school, the kits totalling Rs 2 Lakh were distributed in the surrounding areas of Anjuthengu a coastal hamlet north of Trivandrum.

* Phase 2 of the essential kit distribution called Loaf of Love was conducted by LOBA in collaboration with the PTA on Oct 11th, 2020 in 6 economically backward areas in and around Trivandrum district. Over 1200 kits amounting to over Rs 9 Lakh were distributed.

* The 46th AGM of LOBA was held on September 27, 2020. In view of the COVID pandemic, it was held virtually on the Zoom webinar platform. There were 120 participants for the event.

* The AGM saw the election of the new Office Bearers and Executive Committee. While Dr Ram Mohan and Mr Manu Govind continued as President and Secretary, Mr Vimal Mohan of the 2005 batch was elected as the Treasurer for the year.

* LOBA launched the Career Guidance and Mentoring programme for Loyola school students and a few other selected Jesuit schools. Under the EXPLORE by LOBA Banner, 6 sessions have been conducted so far with an average participation of 400 participants per session. The sessions were on the following topics:

- ➔ Music, Movies, Fashion Design and Entertainment
- ➔ Medicine, Dentistry & Healthcare
- ➔ Advertising, Communication, Journalism, PR & Digital Media
- ➔ Indian Police Service, Defence Research and Armed Forces
- ➔ Engineering and Technology
- ➔ IT, Data Science, Machine Learning & Artificial Intelligence

* The pandemic has caused economic hardship for a huge swathe of society. The school and

students have also been impacted. Reacting to a request from Loyola school to fund the second term and third term fees for eligible students, LOBA conducted a quick fund collection drive for scholarship funds. Amount of approximately Rupees One Lakh was transferred to school authorities for this purpose in the second term of the year.

* Based on a similar request from our neighbouring school, the Bethlehem school, LOBA provided Rs 40K for the second term fees for some of the deserving needy students there.

* LOBA has formed an Editorial Group to support the school in publication of the upcoming Diamond Jubilee Souvenir. The Editorial group will vet and create content and advice the school committee for the Souvenir.

* A Pulse Survey was conducted by LOBA between Dec 18th and Dec 31st, 2020, to gauge the mood of LOBA members, and to get insights into their expectation from LOBA. More than 1300 responses were received.

It is sixty years since Loyola School was founded. The pandemic has not enabled us to plan properly for a celebration. But I hope during the 2021-2022 academic year, we can have a few events to mark this event.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S. J.
Principal















Std I & II

You Raise Me Up



Std III

A tribute to the legends



Smt. Sugathakumari



Shri. S. P. Balasubramaniam



Std IV

I miss my school





CLASS IVA

Ashish A. Nair
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Std V

A Prayer to Thee



Participants

JJ House

1. Adithya H.R.
2. Arfan S. Shah
3. Bhagaldas
4. Sidharth Sivakumar
5. Sreevardhan

SS House

1. Abinash Panda
2. Abhinand Mahesh
3. Ananthakrishnan Nair
4. Devarsh D.
5. Karthik Pillai
6. Manav R. Rejith

GG House

1. Aman Sha
2. Arjun Krishna
3. Atley Binoy
4. Gaurav Unnikrishnan
5. Joel Jacob Philip
6. Madhav Manu
7. Varth V. Vinod

AP House

1. Abhay Rakesh
2. Dev N.R.
3. Jonathan Edwards N.
4. Rishikesh R.
5. Sreeharshan

Std VI Skit: Corona and the lives of *The haves & the have-nots*



Std VII Dance Drama



Soorya

Adhil

Jovan

Aditya

Niketh

Albie

Devadath

Amith

Thomas

Vishal

Ananda

Hariniranjana

Adwaith

Ebin

Nikhil

Vimarsh

Sean

Reuben

Joshvin

Jake

Aashish

Harikesh

Madhav

Daksh

Sreehari

Abhiraj

in

Silhouette





**SUMPTUOUS FEAST FOR THE EARS
OFFERED BY THE MEMBERS OF
LOYOLA MUSIC CLUB**

**Bhagath Sunand (Violin)
Abhiram S. Nithin (Vocal)
Madhav Mohan Pillai (Vocal)
Abhinand M. Nair (Keyboard)
Vishwa Kalyan Ready (Keyboard)**

Std VIII

Little things matter



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Varad Vinayak
Varghese Ignes
Abhiram P. N.
Emil Johnson
Jabez Sajith Simpson

Std IX



Refraction



School Anthem (File Photo)



Comperes: Aaryan V. Krishna, Hafiz Ahmed Raffi, and Vaisayan Bhattacharya

Click on the LENS logo below to watch the entire programme on youtube.



In Memoriam



PREM K. NAIR
(Loyola ISC Class of 1968)

Prem graduated from Loyola in 1968. He was very pleasant, soft-spoken, genial and always smiling. His height and big body structure were deceptive. The 'Gentle Giant', as one of his friends chose to call him, was a very popular General Secretary of the school. He had a large circle of friends from his school days. His parents could not have named him better. He was not in the best of health during the last few years of his life and passed away on 23rd February 2021 at Trivandrum. It broke our hearts when we heard this news.

The pandemic kept me at Trivandrum for most part of 2020. I used to call him off and on and had a long chat with him towards the end of October 2020 before I left the city. I wanted to meet him but his health did not permit that meeting. We

said goodbye with a promise to meet during my next visit. Unfortunately that will not happen.

Ironically, the caller tune on his mobile is a Hindi song from the movie of yester-years that goes thus: "Kar Chale Hum Fida Jaan-o-tan Sathiyon Ab Tumhare Havaale Vatan Sahtiyon." Translated into English it means: "Thus did we set off friends having sacrificed life and limbs, the freedom now, of this land, is but within your hands." It moved me to tears. Be at peace Friend wherever you are. Our prayers and remembrances are with you. We will miss you Prem, your smile will remain in our hearts forever. The Loyola Family offers its heartfelt condolence to his wife Anita and his children Vijay and Rahul.

Wg Cdr Nalini Ranjan Kanthy (Retd)
(Loyola ISC Batch of 1969)



Sreenivas Baljepali of the 1982 ICSE batch was serving as Business Head - Insurance Services with Bajaj. Prior to that he was with TATA AIA Life Insurance.

He was the cutest, smartest, wittiest, non judgement, honest, sincerely caring human being most of us knew. Not an iota of rancor or bitterness in him, ever. He had a sharp brain and a sharper tongue and never hesitated to use it. He was such a bright yet unassuming person with a great sense of humour. There were instances when one could not stop laughing at some of his jokes. Yet, every once in a while he shared pearls of wisdom with us even as teens... such as "what your mind does not realize today, your heart will tomorrow."

He was an ace bowler and part of the school cricket.

He endured unfathomable pain in his life when his daughter died prematurely. But he kept smiling on the outside. He was admitted to hospital more than a week ago with liver issues and could not walk. Though he was recovering a couple of days back there was a sudden decline and he passed away on 6 March 2021.

He is survived by his wife and daughter. They are settled in Pune. His father B S Sastry served as DGP (Prison) in Kerala.
Be at Peace friend.

Sandep Roy (1982 ICSE),
on behalf of his friends and wellwishers.



GAMING, AR, VR, Visual Storytelling

The Panellists



Sarah Galloway (Guest Panellist) specializes in making films about the hidden wonders of everyday life. She began her career as an assistant editor on Hoop Dreams. For 20 years, she created documentaries and media projects for the American Museum of Natural History. *Bike Riddim* is her first independent film and it won the Asbury Park Press Award in 2018. Her *Virgin Blacktop* won the best skateboard documentary award at the Paris Surf + Skateboard Film Festival.



Shajan Dasan (1988 Batch; Captain of the Basketball Team) ML Engineer, Twitter, Ex-CTO, Zynga, Microsoft; US National Powerlifting Coach



George Varghese (1984 Batch; Captain of the Basketball team) Co-founder & CEO of ET Marlabs. He was formerly with Infosys and he is also the co-founder of Waldorf School, Bangalore.



Thomas K. Vaidhyan (1984 Batch) CEO, Aten Inc; MD, Aten India; Specialist in Serious Games, Virtual Immersive Worlds, AI/ML for Personalized Learning.

GAMETHON '21 AWARDEES



Adithya Kishor, X B
The Global Favourite Award for his game: VEDHASE



Vishwa Kalyan Reddy, X A
Jury Favourite Award for his game: CORRUPTED



Aditya M. Pillai, VII A
Jury Favourite Award for JUNGLE SURVIVAL

Most of us regularly play games on our mobile phones or computers or playstations etc., without ever realising that we are part of a billion dollar industry and in the session held on 27 March 2021, the panellists made us aware of how we can capitalize on such a growing market and turn our passions or hobbies into highly rewarding careers. From recommending courses using which we could jump-start our way into the gaming industry to giving us a glimpse of what the future of gaming, AR, VR and MR looks like, the panellists made sure to provide ample information about the industry and career opportunities for the attendees to make informed decisions regarding their own careers. The panellists also stressed that one does not need to be a skilled programmer or someone who dreams in code to be successful in this industry and more and more jobs require good creative abilities and communication skills. As a part of this session, LOBA had also offered the students of Loyola School a chance to exhibit their creative and designing skills by organizing a competition for students to present their game ideas. The results of this competition were also announced during the session.

I would like to thank LOBA for organising the session and the panellists and everybody who worked behind the scene for taking time out of their busy lives to introduce us to the rapidly growing industry of Games, VR, AR and MR.



Nandu S. Pillai, XII B

Fare thee well, Mesdames

PUSHPA M.P.



BRINDA A. NAIR



SABITA NAYAR



Bidding adieu to our beloved ones who have been in the journey of our life is not easy. Although surging with emotions, it is with a great sense of honour that these spectacular individuals who have etched their marks in our hearts will always be remembered and cherished. Cheerful in her demeanour, Brinda Ma'am has proven to be an enduring support to the Loyola Family. Charismatic in her looks and manners, she does carry the aura of a



disciplined educator and brings about positive changes all around her. It was in 2006 that she became a part of the teaching faculty of this institution. Ever since then she had been doing every bit for the good of her students and the school. A teacher of English, she was very particular about how students were trained to read out loud. Apart from this, she was also keen on how the boys were trained to do the necessary chores like keeping the classrooms neat and equipping them with the basic life skills such as taking care of things on their own. A very efficient individual who balanced both her classes and the administrative work with great enthusiasm.

An epitome of a sincere and dedicated teacher, Sabita Ma'am was very meticulous that she made sure

that everything was done perfectly and on time. Though not loud in her ways and manners, she was an individual who could impact her students with her modest and unpretentious ways. Her heart is generous and compassionate.

It is definitely the energy and vibe of Pushpa Ma'am which is reflected on the Sports achievements of our students. She maintains discipline among the boys with just one blow from her whistle.

It is with great deference that we look upto these three gems who have devoted their lives for the future of our institution and the students. We pray that each one of them is blessed with happiness.

Roshni Francis

...And Welcome to



Fr Jose Pittappillil, SJ
Asst Finance Officer