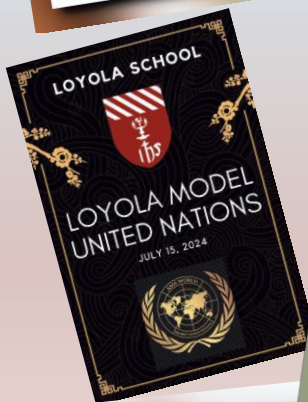




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From the Principal's Desk

Celebrating Ignatian Values and Achievements at **Loyola School**

July has been a remarkable month for Loyola School, as we embraced the spirit of Ignatian spirituality, joining Jesuit communities worldwide in celebrating Ignatian Month. Through daily video messages shared by 31 students, we reflected on the life and teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola, making each day of the month truly Ignatian. Our morning meditations, grounded in Ignatian themes, inspired our students to internalize these values, fostering personal growth and community spirit.

Ignatian spirituality encourages us to find God in all things, discern our true desires, and act with love and justice. By integrating these principles into our daily lives, we strive to develop leaders who are compassionate, reflective, and committed to serving others. This month, our students have had the opportunity to explore these ideals deeply, enriching their educational experience and personal development.

Amidst the rich Ignatian reflections, July was bustling with activities and monthly tests, demanding dedication and perseverance from our students and staff. A highlight of our month was the special rally and demonstration focused on the running Paris Olympics, where our school's solidarity and enthusiasm were truly impressive.

July was also a month of excitement and creativity, marked by the vibrant celebration of LA Fest. Renowned as the biggest school fest in Trivandrum, this year's event was a remarkable success, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our 12th grade students. This year 14 schools participated in the fest. With guidance from teachers and commendable training from senior Loyolites, the students organized, arranged, and executed the programme with exceptional skill and creativity. Their collaboration with immediate juniors showcased the power of teamwork and mentorship. In addition to LA Fest, our Junior School L-Talentum shone brightly as a celebration of literary and cultural talents. With excellent participation from students, the event highlighted the diverse abilities and enthusiasm of our younger Loyolites. The Colour Day organized for our KG students added a splash of vibrancy and joy, creating a truly colourful and memorable experience for everyone involved.

The first Loyola Film Festival was another highlight of the month, providing a unique and enriching opportunity for our students. With esteemed resource persons like Mr Sanjeev Sivan, Ms Deepti Sivan, and their son Sreyas, the festival offered two enjoyable days of world-class films and training in filmmaking. This event opened new horizons for students interested in acting and filmmaking, inspiring them to explore new creative paths.

We also hosted the Zone A CISCE Swimming Competition and the CBSE regional swimming competition in our newly inaugurated aquatic complex, marking the first major events since its opening in April. These competitions were a grand success, showcasing the talent and sportsmanship of our students and competitors from various schools.

Reflecting on this eventful month, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the dedication, creativity, and enthusiasm displayed by our students, teachers, and staff. These events have not only enriched our school community but also provided invaluable opportunities for personal and artistic growth. Let us continue to strive for greatness in all our endeavours, guided by the Ignatian values of love, service, and excellence.

In Memoriam



Br Mathew Puthiedom SJ (89)
who left for his heavenly reward on
29 July 2024



The LA Fest Experience



The Sands of time cannot be stopped. Years pass, whether we will them, or not. . . but we can remember. What has been lost may yet live in memories.

Christopher Paolini

LA Fest wasn't just a celebration of talent but also a fertile ground for learning and personal development, while cultivating a sense of unity, in symbiosis with sheer competition between the representatives of the contingents of member schools.

LA Fest 2k24, the interschool fest that our school recently attended, was an enchanting tapestry of creativity and camaraderie. Held amidst the vibrant atmosphere of Loyola School, the event was nothing short of a blooming garden where students from various schools showcased their diverse talents.

From the moment we entered the fest, it was clear that meticulous care had been taken to cultivate an environment brimming with excitement and anticipation. The organizers had sown the seeds of excellence, and the result was a flourishing array of activities and competitions that catered to a wide range of interests.

The talents showcased by students on stage were like a bouquet of the finest blooms, each one absolutely captivating. The dance performances in *Dance O' Mania* and by LOSB were particularly enthralling, with teams moving in perfect harmony, their movements as graceful as petals swaying in the breeze. The music performances in *Harmony* and by LXR resonated through the halls like the sweet fragrance of jasmine, leaving the audience spellbound. The inclusion of events like *L'Ebate* and *Enquesta*, helped in ameliorating the fact that talent and skill, though widely romanticized, are driven integrally in their roots by spontaneity, facts and reasonable thinking. On the other hand events like *LA Persona*, *LA Fresco* and *Block N' Tangles* helped the students in revealing their humorous sides, while promoting the fact that learning does include fun and games, and out of the box thinking are indeed stimulating to the cognitive development of a child.

Interactive sessions, gap fillers and audience questions added an educational fragrance to the fest, offering participants the opportunity to nurture their skills and grow in their respective fields. The fest wasn't just a celebration of talent but also a fertile ground for learning and personal development, while cultivating a sense of unity, in symbiosis with sheer competition between the representatives of the contingents of member schools.

Our school was elated as we were able to register victories in *L'Attire*, *Enquesta* and finally after a short impasse, lift up the iconic insignia of LA Fest, the Nataraja trophy in *L'Ebate*.

In the end, the entire audience was on cloud nine as we were able to groove to the harmonic beats of Sooraj Santosh's melodious hits, which helped us to truly enjoy ourselves.

Special mentions to the usher team, and especially the ushers assigned to STCS as they were with us throughout, accompanying us throughout the campus from event to event and to the general coordinators of LA Fest who ensured the lubricated functioning of the event.

In conclusion, LA Fest was a radiant success, a festival that truly blossomed with talent, enthusiasm, and the joy of shared experiences. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Loyola School for hosting such a magnificent event and eagerly look forward to participating in its future editions.

Joshua George Koshy
(Head Boy, St Thomas Central School)



My tryst with LA Fest



Every LA Fest draws students from various schools to participate in a wide array of activities. Reflecting on my experience, I appreciate the event for what it was, despite my initial reservations.

LA Fest is almost entirely organized by the 12th graders, with invaluable help from the 11th graders. The preparation phase was intense, involving meticulous planning and coordination. Initially, I resented the time LA Fest preparations took away from our classes, and I still do. The disruption to our academic schedule was significant, and as someone who usually stays away from school-related activities, I was sceptical about the whole thing. The sheer volume of tasks, from setting up venues to coordinating with external schools, seemed overwhelming and intrusive.

As the event drew closer, I found myself gradually getting more involved and invested. I discovered a new sense of camaraderie as my team and I worked on

L'Ebate. We spent countless hours refining scripts and practising our delivery. And I started to appreciate the dedication and effort everyone put into making LA Fest a success.

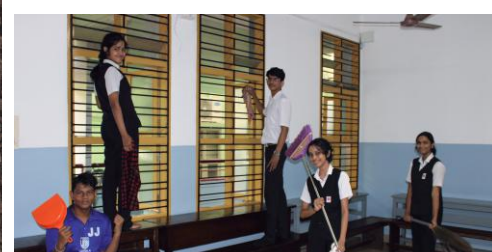
On the day before LA Fest, all the higher secondary students gathered to clean the campus and our respective venues. Seeing everyone take up their roles with such responsibility and accountability was inspiring. The cleaning day, with all the chaos that ensued, was just as memorable as the fest itself. Amidst the chaos, there was a sense of unity and purpose that made the whole experience worthwhile.

On the day of LA Fest, the school was abuzz with energy. The enthusiasm, responsibility, and nervousness all intertwined to create an atmosphere that was both exhilarating and overwhelming. I couldn't help but be swept up in the collective excitement.

One of the most rewarding aspects of the event was watching the 11th graders step up and take on their roles with unwavering dedication. Although they were only a year or two younger, I felt a bit like a proud parent watching over them. Their eagerness and hard work were inspiring, and it was gratifying to see them grow into their responsibilities.

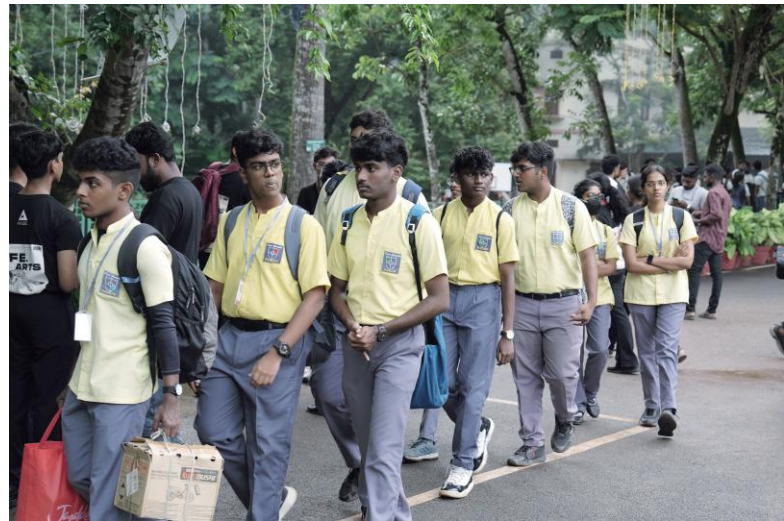
I still remember the cheers as the names of individual and team winners were announced. Creating a space for joy was the most rewarding experience of the festival. The sense of collective pride and the joy of creating an environment where everyone could have fun was something I hadn't anticipated. I am happy to have experienced it.

Vydehi Nair, XII B1



One of the most exemplary parts of LA Fest: Student volunteers cleaning every nook and cranny of the campus on the eve of event

ARRIVAL OF THE PARTICIPANTS



INAUGURATION



Harmony





DANCE O' MANIA







L'ATTIRE











PRIZE WINNERS

HARMONY

1. The School of the Good Shepherd
2. Trivandrum International School
3. Saraswathi Vidyalaya

ENQUESTA

1. Christ Nagar HSS
2. L'ecole Chempaka Silver Rocks
3. St Thomas Central School

BLOCK N' TANGLES

1. Sarvodaya Central Vidyalaya
2. Saraswathi Vidyalaya
3. Christ Nagar HSS

L' ATTIRE

1. The School of the Good Shepherd
2. St Thomas Central School
3. Sarvodaya Central Vidyalaya

LA PERSONA

1. Mr LA Fest: Saeed Jubir
2. Miss LA Fest: Diya Saji Varghese

DANCE O' MANIA

1. Sarvodaya Vidyalaya ISC
2. Christ Nagar HSS
3. Saraswathi Vidyalaya

L'EBATE

1. St Thomas Central School
- Best Debater: Manav R.

LA FRESCO

1. St Thomas Residential School
2. L'ecole Chempaka International
3. L'ecole Chempaka Silver Rocks









Bridging Schools and Building Friendships **LA FEST 2024**

Merlin Mini Halson, STRS



Starting off, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Loyola School on behalf of my school, St Thomas Residential, for organizing 'La Fest'. Participating in this prestigious competition is an experience that we will cherish for a long time.

From the moment we stepped out of the bus, we were escorted around by the ushers assigned to us. The teachers and Loyolites I interacted with were very friendly and understanding and explained the order of events patiently. The attention and detail in planning and execution of the fest was done well with attention to even the smallest of details.

The choice of events could have included photography and writing since both of these are two main events in other interschool competitions. Writing is a forte that should have been included since it is also a separate event by even the CISCE council.

From the harmonious songs to the rhythmic dances, each school did their best at showcasing their talent and asserting their power as a

school. Our school participated in four events with twelve participants and brought back home a Nataraja for the event 'La Fresco', making a name for St Thomas Residential School in its own way.

The variety of events was good but as mentioned earlier, the lack of writing and photography as events should be taken into consideration. The choices of food in the canteen

were fine but more varieties could

have been included. The judges and the school management deserve a special mention for their dedication and unbiased rulings. The campus and surroundings were all very well-maintained and the school had ample resources to satisfy every participant's needs.

Sooraj Santhosh's concert was truly a mind blowing experience, letting us enjoying the last hours of LA Fest, truly riding on the encore until the moment it ended. LA fest truly united schools and gave rise to blooming friendships among the many schools that were present.

LA Fest was truly beyond a saga, and we the Santhomites are beyond proud to have experienced it.



The AHA Experience



LA FEST has always been a festival that students across Trivandrum eagerly hold their breath for, and LA FEST 2k24 made that breath worth holding. The unforgettable day of the 6th of July has proven that the reputation that Loyola has been upholding for the past 23 years did not go to waste. The sheer amount of effort put into the becoming of this celebration of Life and Arts was evident from the faces of every Loyolite present on the campus.

The batch of 2024-25 has yet again proven that it is not without cause that Loyola has been branded for their hospitality. From the moment we were greeted by the ushers till we stepped out of the campus, we had hard-working students waiting on us hand and foot. Despite certain unprecedented hiccups, we are content with the way the coordinators as well as the teachers approached the situation with care and grace. Suffice it to say, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya will regard LA FEST as a platform with great potential for our students and will continue to partake in all the “AHA experiences”, or rather, “Romancham experiences” to come.

Thank you to the batch of 2024-25 for this incredible opportunity and good luck to the future batches to match the same level of determination, albeit with more careful planning.

Sherin Ann Mathew

Head Girl, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya ISC

Our LA Fest Experience



The prestigious ceremony was inaugurated by Shri. Arun Varghese, singer and Ex-Loyolite, who shared his experiences and memories at Loyola and set the mood for the upcoming celebrations by playing his musical compositions on the piano and engaging us with his soulful music. The lighting of the lamp was done by the Principals and representatives of each participating school. The School leader and the Principal addressed the gathering. This marked the end of the formal ceremony.

The stage was then taken over by the La Fest hosts, who presented a short skit to introduce the programmes. The first programme on stage was Harmony, followed by Enquesta, for which Christ Nagar ISC secured a strong First position. For lunch, we were served delicious biriyani and ice cream. After lunch, the third event on stage was Block and Tangles, a programme based on wit, humour and quick thinking, for which Christ Nagar secured the Third position. In between each programme, the La Fest hosts entertained the crowd by playing games and giving humorous dares to the audience. The La Fest ushers were helpful, kind, quick and reliant.

For the next event, L'Attire, Christ Nagar came forward with a beautiful presentation based on the provided theme. For La Persona, La Fresco and L'ebate we unfortunately did not get selected, though it was a close call. For Dance O' Mania, Christ Nagar presented a powerful and meaningful dance with the theme of 'War', which created history for CNS by securing Second position. The cheer team was active and energized throughout the programme, cheering the participants on and boosting their morale.

Overall, our efforts were paid off as Christ Nagar ISC emerged first Runners Up in the La Fest, coming home with several accolades and proud students!

Ardra Davidson
Christ Nagar HSS

In Memoriam



Nithin Thomas Alex

Nithin Thomas Alex was more than just a friend; he was a beacon of kindness and warmth in our lives. His genuine spirit and generous heart left an indelible mark on everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

Nithin had an incredible ability to make everyone feel valued and appreciated, always welcoming everyone with his smile. His empathy and compassion were boundless, always ready to be there for others without hesitation.

We feel an even deeper sense of sadness knowing it has been so long since we last saw him, as he had been in Munich for the past four years. Despite the distance, his presence was always felt.

On the field, he was a powerhouse defender; off the field, he was as soft and kind as a person could be. He was the friend you could always count on, the one who listened without judgment and offered comfort in times of need.

Nithin's passing at the young age of 27 has left us with a deep sense of sorrow. His presence was a source of comfort and reassurance, and his loss leaves a profound void in our hearts. This was too soon.

Nithin had been part of the Loyola family since Class 1, graduating with the batch of 2015. He leaves behind his loving parents and his brother, Jones. The memories of his kindness, his laughter, and his unwavering support will forever be cherished. We will hold onto the lessons he taught us about love, friendship, and the importance of being there for one another.

Rest in peace, Thommi. You will always be missed, brother, and never forgotten.



Unveiling Diplomacy at

LOYOLA MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Loyola MUN took place on July 15, 2024, with the General Assembly as the convening committee. The Model United Nations addressed the urgent and sensitive issue of the Israel-Hamas conflict. Thirty-five students participated in this global forum, representing over 25 countries. Additionally, a team of dedicated journalists acted as representatives of the International Press, reporting for various newspapers. The General Assembly was chaired by our alumni Mr. Soheth K. Robin and Mr. Abhiram J. The students' awareness of various international issues was put to the test as they balanced the dual responsibilities of representing their own nations and addressing global concerns. Delegates were tasked with formulating a resolution that would satisfy both parties affected by the Israel-Hamas conflict, a challenge that required significant intellectual effort. This prompted intense brainstorming sessions, during which representatives from different countries proposed a range of unique and innovative solutions. The diversity of ideas showed the delegates' creativity and their dedication to finding mutually agreeable solutions. It proved that, despite still being students, they have the potential to lead their nations in the right direction in the future.

During the moderated caucus, tensions rose significantly. The President of Iraq made a statement supporting the organisation Hamas while the delegate of Palestine officially recognised Hamas as a terrorist organisation. A press conference was held where the inquisitive representatives of the International Press put the delegates in challenging positions with their probing questions. By the end of the day, all member nations were able to join hands and formulate a unified solution, making significant strides towards global peace.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony. Master Evan Thomas won the Best Delegate award. Master Alan John received the High Commendation, Miss Nirupama Praveen, the Special Mention, and Master Adithya Narayan R., the Honorary Mention. I was honoured to receive the Best Reporter Award. Master Jessae Gejo was the Runner-up in that category.

We are much grateful to Ms Roshni Joseph for providing us with the invaluable opportunity to showcase our oratory and debating skills and for organizing an interactive session on MUNs which offered all students a comprehensive understanding of the Model United Nations. The Model United Nations was an enriching and transformative experience for all participating students. It offered a unique opportunity to engage with complex global issues, develop critical thinking and diplomatic skills. As we reflect on our contributions and the resolutions we crafted, it is clear that this experience has equipped us with valuable insights and skills that will serve us well in our future endeavours.







A KALEIDOSCOPE OF HUES KINDERGARTEN COLOURS DAY



Colours hold the power to evoke emotions and ignite creativity. This was proved beyond a shadow of a doubt during the Kindergarten Colours Day Celebration on 12 July 2024.

The air was filled with a palpable sense of excitement as each KG section was assigned a specific colour which transformed the kindergarten premises into a kaleidoscope of hues. Children and teachers alike embraced the festive spirit by dressing up in their designated colours.

The event was graced by the presence of Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, Fr Roy Alex SJ, and Mr Joy Varghese. The resourceful UKG student, Vaibhav, took on the role of compere for the day, guiding the audience through the colourful festivities.

The celebration commenced with a soulful prayer led by UKG student Evan Sherlekar A. S. that set the tone for the day's festivities, followed by the welcome speech by Sarang Ranjith of UKG.

The LKG students took the spotlight next, confidently sharing insights about their assigned class colours and showcasing their budding communication skills.

The highlight of the event was the vibrant colour dance performed by the LKG students. The UKG students then showcased their knowledge and creativity through a show-and-tell segment on their class colour.

The festivities continued with a lively group dance by the UKG students, spreading joy and energy throughout the gathering.

The event concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by Niyaaan Gautam from UKG, expressing gratitude to all who made the celebration a memorable one.

Kindergarten Colours Day recaptured the beauty and vibrancy of unity in diversity and left a lasting impression on all who attended the programme.

R. Rajitha











LOYOLITES *in the* LIMELIGHT



Dhaivik A. Krishna, VII B

Gold Medals in both the 2nd Asian and 3rd Indian Open International Chess Boxing Championships, and a Silver Medal in the Asian Chess Boxing Championship held in Kolkata.

Dhaivik has been selected to represent India at the World Chess Boxing Championship 2024 to be held in Armenia.



Gayatri B. N., XI A
First in both Singles and Doubles of
CISCE State Badminton Championship (U-19)
and selection to the National team



Darshan S. Anand, VIII C
Gold Medal in CISCE State Karate Championship &
Selection to the National team



Johanna Esther N., XII A

Silver Medal in both Quad Rink I and Quad Rink II at Kerala Regional CISCE U-19 Speed Skating Championship, and also selection for the national team.

Johanna was also a member of the senior team that won the Second Prize in Trivandrum District Roll Ball Championship.

In Loyola Model United Nations, she bagged the Best Journalist Award.

CHESS WIZARDS

AT CISCE ZONE A CHAMPIONSHIP

who got into the state team



Jithin Asok, XII A
First in U-19 Category



Amogh Pradeep, VI A
First in U-14 Category



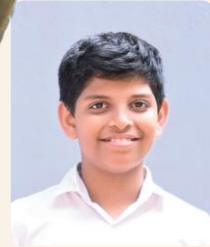
Neellesh Manub, VII A
Second in U-14 Category



Ishan S., VII A
Third in U-14 Category



Amrithavarshan Prasanth Pillai, VI C
Fourth in U-14 Category



Abhinav Krishna, VII C
Third in U-17 Category



Nikhil Ramakrishnan, XI B
Fifth in U-19 Category



Aarush S.S., 2A1, Ishan S., VII A, and Neellesh Manub, VII A
who participated in the Checkmate Challenge 2024 Chess Tournament and secured the Second position in U-18 category, First position in U-12 category, and the Best Player award in U-8 category



Arush S. Raghesh, II A1
Gold medal in 26th State Amateur Cadet and 5th State Interclub Taekwondo Championship 2024 held at YMCA Alappuzha



WINNERS IN CISCE ZONE A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP



Niranjan A. M., XI B
First in 50 m freestyle
First in 100 m freestyle
First in 50 m backstroke
First in 4×100 m medley relay
First in 4×100 m freestyle relay



Ishan Sooraj, IX B
First in 800 m freestyle
First in 100 m butterfly
First in 50 m butterfly
First in 4×100 m medley relay
First in 4×100 m freestyle relay



Akshat S. Nair XI B
First in 50 m breaststroke
First in 100 m breaststroke
First in 4×100 m medley relay
First in 4×100 m freestyle relay
First in 200 m individual medley



Leonn Tom, VI C
First in 50m freestyle
First in 50 m butterfly
First in 4×100 m freestyle relay
Second in 4×100 m medley relay
Second in 200 m freestyle



Pranav Vijaylal, XII B
First in 50 m freestyle
First in 50 m butterfly
First in 4×100m freestyle relay



Aadhinarayan V. S., IX A
First in 50 m backstroke
First in 50 m breaststroke
First in 4×100m freestyle relay



Abhinand Mahesh, IX A
 First in 50 m backstroke
 First in 50 m breaststroke
 First in 4×100 m freestyle relay



Austin Alex, X A
 First in 4×100 m freestyle relay
 Second in 50 m freestyle
 Third 100 m freestyle



Vishnu P. A., X C
 First in 4×100 m relay
 Second 100 m freestyle



Arjun Krishna Kumar, VIII C
 Second in 100 m freestyle
 Second in 4×100 m medley relay
 Second in 4×100m freestyle relay



Gowtham Krishna, VIII A
 Second in 4×100 m relay
 Second in 4×100 m medley relay



Sidharth A. M., VI C
 Second in 4×100 m relay
 Third in 200 m freestyle



Johann Geoji, VIII C
 Second in 4×100 m relay

Medallists in South Zone Sahodaya Swimming Championship



Glenn Tom, X A1

Gold Medal in 50 m freestyle & 100 m freestyle;
Silver Medal in 50 m butterfly stroke



Shannon John, XI D1

Silver Medal in 100 m backstroke and
200 m individual medley



Mathew Prince Antony, VII B1

Silver Medal in 50 m breaststroke,
50 m freestyle, and 4x50 meter relay



Aagney S. S., VII A

Third in 2000m Road Race at CISCE Kerala Region U-14 Roller Skating Championship and selection for the state team (Aagney was Third in CISCE Zone A U-14 Skating Championship and a member of the sub junior team that stood Third in Trivandrum District Roll Ball Championship



Gautham K. Nair, IX B

Third in Mariamma K. Simon Memorial Drawing and Painting competition (Senior) conducted by YMCA Trivandrum



Aarush S.S., II A1

Member of the team that won the Second Prize in Trivandrum District Roll Ball Championship (Mini). Also Best U-8 Player in Checkmate Challenge 2024 Chess Tournament



Hrishikesh Krishna & Mathew C. Chempakassery of Grade XI

Second Prize in Quiz Deffaires at LA Gestion organized by Alan Feldman Public School



Jonathan Edwards N., IX A

Second Prize in CISCE Zone A Under 17 Skating Championship and selection to the State team. Jonathan was also the First Runner-up in the versification competition conducted by Indian National Young Academy of Sciences & Crucible: A Science Exploratorium, IISER



Madhav Praveen, Gaurav Unnikrishnan, Jonathan Edwards, and Advait Manjush Kurup members of the team that won the First Prize in Trivandrum District Roll Ball Championship. Madhav Praveen also won the State-level Consolation Prize in Mathrubhumi Sammanavidya Competition



Vibhav Singh, VII A1 and Advik Sharma, IV A

awarded by Kerala Hindi Prachar Sabha for securing the 1st & 2nd rank, respectively, in the Hindi Sugama Exam 2023





CISCE ZONE A Football Champions (Under 17)



Aiswar A.
Best Goalkeeper: CISCE Zone A Football Championship (U-19)



CISCE ZONE A Football Champions (Under 14)



Aamay Shyamal
Best Player: CISCE Zone A Football Championship (U-14)

Winners in various extramural competitions specially honoured on the Feast Day of St Ignatius





TWO AQUATIC CHAMPIONSHIPS IN JULY



Loyola School was privileged to host two aquatic championships in July, both held in the recently-inaugurated Loyola Aquatic Complex. The different committees for organizing these events worked in unison like a well-oiled machine and ensured that the conduct of the championships far exceeded all expectations.

The first of these, CISCE Zone A Swimming Championship 2024 was held on 9 July, 2024, with Mr. Sparjan Kumar IPS, Trivandrum City Police Commissioner, as the chief guest. The other dignitaries who graced the occasion were Mr S. Rajeev, Chairman Technical Committee, Swimming Federation of India, Fr. Rector Sunny Kunnapallil SJ and the two Principals, Frs Salvin Augustine SJ and Roy Alex SJ.

All the 56 events of CISCE Zone A Swimming Championship 2024 were finished as per schedule.

Trivandrum International School emerged as the champions and St Thomas as the runners-up while Loyola School secured the third place. It is a matter of pride that nine Loyolites were selected for the state team. They are: Leonn Tom (VI C), Arjun Krishnakumar (VIII C), Vishnu P. A. (X C), Austin Alex(X A), Pranav Vijaylal (XII A), Aadhinarayan V. S. (IX A), Akshat S. Nair (XI B), Niranjan A. M. (XI B), and Ishan Soorj (IX B). Their photographs are given elsewhere in LENS, under the head 'Loyolites in the Limelight'.

The second of the major events, South Zone Sahodaya Swimming Competition, was held on 27 July 2024, with Mr Alex Antony, Junior Warrant Officer, IAF, as the chief guest. Mr Varghese Samuel, Vice President of CBSE South Zone Sahodaya, addressed the gathering with his presidential remarks. Fr Roy Alex SJ delivered the welcome address and Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, the felicitation. The inaugural ceremony concluded with the vote of thanks by Ms Sindu S., Treasurer of South Zone Sahodaya Complex.

462 swimmers from 42 schools participated in the championship in which St Thomas School, All Saints' School and Arya Central School secured the first, second, and third position, respectively.

Fr Roshy Mathew CMI, President of CBSE South Zone Sahodaya Complex, was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. The event concluded with the singing of the national anthem.



Mr. Sparjan Kumar IPS, Thiruvananthapuram City Police Commissioner and Chief Guest for the inauguration of CISCE Zone A Swimming Championship 2024 being led to the venue, below



CISCE ZONE A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP, 9 JULY



CISCE ZONE A SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIP, 9 JULY



SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA SWIMMING COMPETITION, 27 JULY



SOUTH ZONE SAHODAYA SWIMMING COMPETITION, 27 JULY



DETAILS OF PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

PTA EXECUTIVE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2024-25					
CLASS	DIV	S. No	PARENT NAME	STUDENT NAME	PHONE NUMBER
LKG	A	1	Remya	Aadhivev Krishnan G R	9495386937
	B	2	Poornima K	Achyuth Karthi P S	9746899501
	C	3	Ratheesh S	Hrithik S R	9497713175
	D	4	Vijay Sankar	Bharat Sankar	9388715137
	E	5	Jeskleen Justin	Janosh Riccardo Jeskleen	8281174080
UKG	A	6	Devu P S	Vaibhav Nair	9895384444
	B	7	Smita J S	Atharv C Krishna	9113674494
	C	8	Ansu Mathew	Ethan Dixon	9746162988
	D	9	Deepa Suresh	Nirmay R	8891129948
	E	10	Poornima D Sreenagesh	Ishaan Krishnan K P	8547234318
	F	11	G Harish	H Harshath Atharvan	9894658404
I	A	12	Giginy Jayason	Ryan Aldrin Lopez	9495151447
	B	13	Rajesh Kumar Devarajan	Shivanand Karthikeyan	9809750105
	C	14	Namitha Francis	Antony Chacko Thommen	9526029704
	D	15	Soumya S	Advait A Naik	9447360522
	A1	16	Athira R	Surya Dev	9061930788
II	A	17	Joethik Stephen	Abner Jeolin	9447584858
	B	18	Aiswarya Subramanian	Aditya Alfred	8754348248
	C	19	Pradeep Kumar	Ishaan Pradeep	9980796468
	D	20	Amalu Navas	Aadam Izyaan Najeeb	9895502290
	A1	21	Sreekala J R	Arush S Raghesh	9895689337
III	A	22	Gayathri Shankar	Laxman Shankar	9995513951
	B	23	Deepthi Valsan	Madhav Sudeep	8328384220
	C	24	Sankar A	Mukund Sankar	9986206266
	D	25	Soni Bright L	Nevin Soni Bright	9947100500
	A1	26	Santhi Ramankutty Nambiar	Aayush S Sunil	9496196103
IV	A	27	Arun V Raju	Adhiradh K Arun	8129257788
	B	28	Gayathri V S	Aaryan M Nair	7406992992
	C	29	Deepthi Viju	Daksh Easwar Viju	9497615161
	D	30	Dr Chithra Revi	Arjun Dinesh	8547350237
	A1	31	Jisa Mary Abraham	Edwin Lijo	7358187906
V	A	32	O M Sajichandra Chood	Abhiram Chandrachood A S	9526691864
	B	33	Merlin George	Evan Philip Mathew	9496146114
	C	34	John B Johnson	Avniel Franco John	9495337196
	D	35	Anuja Shajahan	Ayaan Backer	8891570009
	A1	36	Sarath P A	Ben S	9995895873

PTA EXECUTIVE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2024-25

CLASS	DIV	S. No	PARENT NAME	STUDENT NAME	PHONE NUMBER
VI	A	37	Jagan Sebastian George	Jibran G Jagan	8921030757
	B	38	Edna Renjith	Shaun Renjith	9946238001
	C	39	Abhilash Krishnan	Siddharth Abhilash	8301088552
	D	40	Elizabeth Joy	Rishon Antony Clement	8281645911
	A1	41	Reshma Vijay	Advaith Arun	8129889966
	B1	42	Smitha Joseph	Alex Tony	9846135803
VII	A	43	Dr Sabarinath	Anandapadmanabhan	9446200919
	B	44	Sridevi K S	Karthik Nandakumar	9995012389
	C	45	Deepa Pradeep	Govind P Suthan	9447388212
	D	46	Dr Sree Lekshmi	Daksh R Nair	9513337717
	A1	47	Binoy Kathot	Advaith Kathot	9895767652
	B1	48	B Brahmaji	B Anirud	9440429207
VIII	A	49	Juby Jacob	Rishith V	9744227500
	B	50	Suchandan Shyamal	Aamay Shyamal	8593831329
	C	51	Sindhu Chendurpandian	Sobhan Indra Kumar	9567168905
	A1	52	Rajana V R	Sreeranj S R	8078785402
	B1	53	Indu Mathew	Daniel Mathew Jacob	9496732019
IX	A	54	Ramola Joy	Jonathan Edwards	9847007547
	B	55	Krishna Kumar Jayachandran	Abhimanyu Krishna	8553032161
	C	56	John Abraham	David Abraham John	9496889610
	A1	57	Prasanth G	Pranav P	9539016876
	B1	58	Jomesh M N	Maithrey Narayan M J	8129069760
X	A	59	Tintu Sudeep Culas	Abhinav Sudeep Cilas	9847007547
	B	60	Mathew Varghese	Philip Mathew	9447040986
	C	61	Santhosh Raj Antony	Gary Antony	9188037350
	A1	62	Veena Jayaprakash	Gaurav Jayaprakash	8871562305
	B1	63	Bejoy Dickson	Athul B Dickson	9447770237
XI	A	64	Rakhi Ravikumar	Vaiga Rajmohan	9656590575
	B	65	Dr Anju Deepak	Amogh Deepak	9495921515
	A1	66	Sreedeeep A L	Megka S Nair	9895558105
	B1	67	Vaisakh M S	Vismay Vaisakh	9895826103
	C1	68	Shakthi Vel	Maneesh Sakthivel	9003040436
	D1	69	Lekshmi Hari	Abhinav Hari	9496943971
	E1	70	Mikky Michael	Rithu Maria Mikky	9446980877
	F1	71	Sivakumar K	Akshath S	9846025084

PTA EXECUTIVE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES 2024-25					
CLASS	DIV	S. No	PARENT NAME	STUDENT NAME	PHONE NUMBER
XII	A	72	Naijan Augustine	Alex Antony Naijan	9446594478
	B	73	Gejo K Mathew	Jessae Gejo Kunnel	7356595170
	A1	74	Sreeja A	Achuth Krishnan A	7012300233
	B1	75	Sreekumar P	Pavitra Udayan	9446023182
	C1	76	Manilamurali	Muralika Sajeev	9895450650
	D1	77	Renju Sivasankaran	Diya Renju	9400364596
	E1	78	Rosh Kumar B S	Malavika Rosh	7907681387
	F1	79	Alagar Rajan	Sree Prithvingraj	9249596921

FIRST PTA EXECUTIVE MEETING



NEW OFFICE BEARERS



Dr Anju Deepak
President



Mr Sankar Aniyar
Vice President

Our Visit to Marion Play Home



We, the twelfth graders, visited Marion Play Home in Thiruvananthapuram on 11 July. The primary purpose of the visit was to spend time with the differently-abled children and understand the unique challenges they face. The visit aimed to observe the environment, interact with the staff and children, and gain insights into the programmes and activities conducted at the play home.

Upon arrival, we were greeted by the staff of Marion Play Home. The facility is designed with child-friendly decor, including a spacious auditorium and several dormitories. The atmosphere was positive and welcoming, reflecting the care given to the children.

We hope to raise awareness about their invaluable work and encourage others to support such noble initiatives. The visit reinforced our belief in the importance of compassion and community support in shaping a better world for these children.

We interacted with several staff members, including the Principal of the school. Their dedication and compassion towards the children were evident. Marion Play Home offered a plethora of entertainment including dance, song and mimicry. We too displayed our talents, creating a sense of community and mutual respect. The trip ended in a memorable experience as we took to the stage, joining the differently-abled children in an enthusiastic dance session, fostering a spirit of compassion and camaraderie.

Our visit to Marion Play Home was enlightening and inspiring. The dedication of the staff and the joyful spirit of the children left a lasting impression on us. Marion Play Home stands as a beacon of hope, offering underprivileged children a chance at a better future. We hope to raise awareness about their invaluable work and encourage others to support such noble initiatives. The visit reinforced our belief in the importance of compassion and community support in shaping a better world for these children.

Rehaan Rollands, XII A

Photo Courtesy: Joshua Reuben Sylvester, XII A1







Rev. Dr Sabu P. Thomas SJ, Principal, Loyola College of Social Sciences, inaugurating L-Talentum 2024



L'Talentum, the vibrant festival of arts, showcased the incredible talents of our young stars, highlighting their inspiring spirit of healthy competition. This meticulously organized three-day event held from 10 to 12 July was conducted across four venues.

Fr Sabu P. Thomas SJ (Principal, Loyola College) and Fr Sunny Thomas Kunnappallil SJ (Manager and Rector) added a memorable touch to the events with their presence as the chief guests for the opening and closing ceremonies. Our little ones exhibited their talents so well that the judges found it difficult to zero in on the winners. Much of the credit goes to the parents and mentors who had trained the participants. The support extended by the school management, parents, teachers and the members of the non-teaching staff contributed to making the event a grand success.

Aysha K. P.

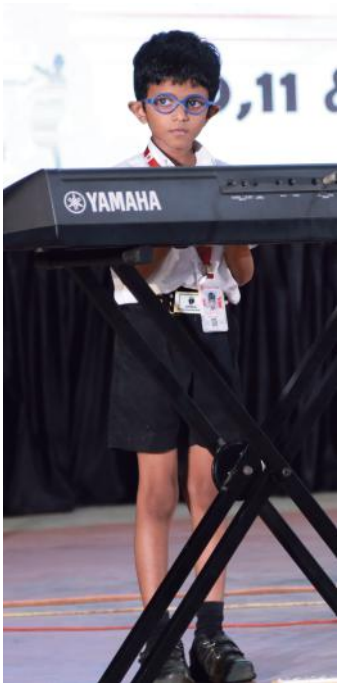
L-TALENTUM 2024

FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL







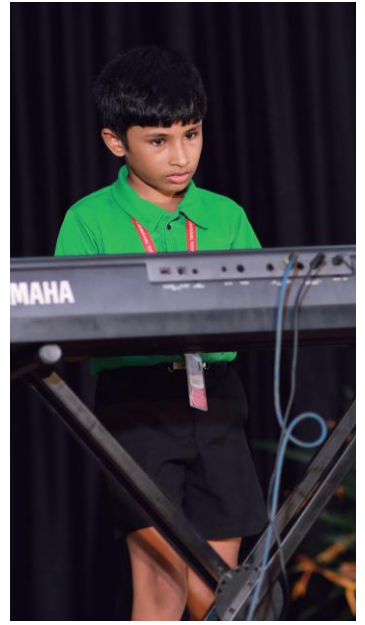




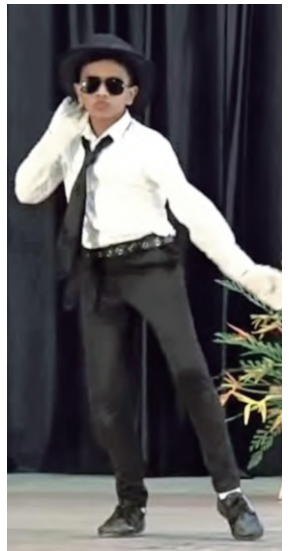
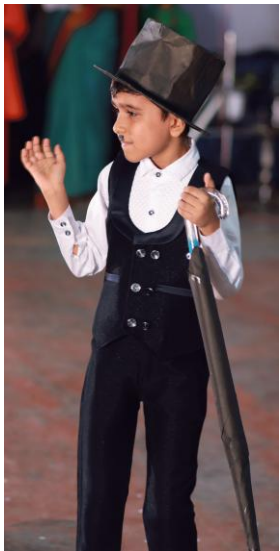












Classwise **KALAPRATHIBHAS**



Shehzad Izyan S. T.
(GRADE I)



Vihaan Vijesh
(GRADE II)



Vaibhav K. Iyer
(GRADE III)



N. P. Adidev
(GRADE IV)



Neerad R.
(GRADE V)

PRIZE WINNERS IN

L-TALENTUM 2024 FOR JUNIOR BOYS

GRADE I

ENGLISH RECITATION

- I. Shehzad Izyan S.T.
- II. Kavin Prabu
- III. Reuban Dan

MALAYALAM RECITATION

- I. Shehzad Izyan S.T.
- II. Saaketh S. Sajith
- III. Advait P.

ENGLISH SOLO SONG

- I. Kiran Parambi
- II. Abram Rohan
- III. Reuban Dan

MALAYALAM SOLO SONG

- I. Neal Mathew
- II. Dhruv P. Nair
- III. Devaamsh A. Ganpath

HINDI SOLO SONG

- I. K. V. Devanathan
- II. Antony Chacko Thommen
- III. Sreenandhan S.

FANCY DRESS

- I. Michael Robinson
- II. Kavin Prabu
- II. Nahush P.
- III. Antony Chacko Thommen
Reuben Dan (1A1)

ENGLISH HANDWRITING

- I. Gautham A.
- II. Abram Arun
Niranjan J. Nair
Adam Aslam Sherif
- III. Shaun Sam Jose
Sreeram S.R.
Brahmananth S.A.

MALAYALAM HANDWRITING

- I. Aadisankar Jyoti
- II. Aadidev Vijay
- III. Nivin R.Panicker
Hrishikesh S. Nair

DRAWING

- I. Jonathan Devaraj Swamy
- II. Johan Renoy
Athul Krishna P. M.
- III. Derick Savio D.
Adhvik Krishnan

GRADE II

ENGLISH RECITATION

- I. Vihaan Vijesh
- II. Ishaan Pradeep
- III. Aarush S. S.

MALAYALAM RECITATION

- I. Vihaan Vijesh
- II. Aarush S. S.
Achuth Krishna
- III. Keshav Unnikrishnan
Ryan Reejoy

HINDI RECITATION

- I. Ishaan Pradeep
- II. Siddharth Anoop
- III. Ayaan Dev
Aarush S. S

ENGLISH SOLO SONG

- I. Johan Alex Nithin
- II. Ishaan Pradeep
- III. Johan Thomas Tharian

MALAYALAM SOLO SONG

- I. Abhinav Vishnu
- II. Hrishikesh G. S.
- III. Jaedon Sam

HINDI SOLO SONG

- I. Vihaan Vijesh
- II. Mikhail Zach Abhi
- III. Johan Alex Nithin

ENGLISH HANDWRITING

- I. Johan Alex Nithin
- II. Nikesh S
Johan Thomas
- III. Adithyan T.S.
Satvik V Nair
Taroon Pritvee S.

MALAYALAM HANDWRITING

- I. Jaedon Sam
- II. Joel A .John
- III. Dhyan Sreeraj
Ishaan Subramoni

HINDI HANDWRITING

- I. Keshav Nair
- II. Johan Thomas
Vedang S Nair
- III. Ridwan Zain
Devesh V.

DRAWING

- I. Aaben Shabu
- II. Rex Lopez
Ishaan R Nair
- III. Ryan Joseph Prince
Karthikeya Buragadda
Thejus Praveen

FANCY DRESS

- I. Ethan Justin
- II. Vihaan Vijesh
Sridarshan Leevan
- III. Siddharth Anoop
Maheswar M. S.
Juluri Raj Kumar Adwait

GRADE III

ENGLISH RECITATION

- I. Niran Raj
- II. Kashinath R. S.
Ishaan R. S.
- III. Ryan Anish Philipose

MALAYALAM RECITATION

- I. Badrinath K.
- II. Navaneeth Krishnan H.
- III. Ishaan R. S

HINDI RECITATION

- I. Dhanwin A. Aswin
- II. Nakul A.
- III. Aarav Srivastava

ENGLISH SOLO SONG

- I. Ayaan Ashish Varghese
- II. Samar Shahid
Kashinadh V.S.
- III. Ishaan R. S.

MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC

- I. Badrinath K.
- II. Vaibhav K. Iyer
- III. Amey Shankar Anish

HINDI SOLO SONG

- I. Vaibhav K. Iyer
- II. Ankith Narayan
- III. Neeraj Anish

ELOCUTION ENGLISH

- I. Rehaan Najeeb
- II. Mukund Sreehari
- III. Ishaan R. S.

ELOCUTION MALAYALAM

- I. Abilin Mosses
- II. Pranav S Nair
- III. Ankith Narayan

SOLO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC KEYBOARD

- I. Rithunandan
- II. Ankith Narayan
Neeraj Arun
- III. Samar Shahid

STRING/WIND

- I. Amey Shankar Anish

SOLO DANCE

- I. Vaibhav K. Iyer
- II. Dhanwin A. Aswin
- III. Laxman Sankar

FANCY DRESS

- I. Gagan Prateesh
- II. Pranav S. Nair
- III. Gitansh Cukku
Niran Raj

DRAWING

- I. Ishaan R. S.
- II. Akshay Krishna
Nevin Soni Bright
- III. Ramanujan Aravind
Akshith K.R.
Juvan Satyaki

ENGLISH HANDWRITING

- I. Nilav Nair
- II. Khalifa Muhammad
Alok R.S.
Nevin Soni Bright
- III. Dhyan Krishna
Niranjan Krishna
Ishaan R.S.

MALAYALAM HANDWRITING

- I. Aden Tom Denny
- II. Ishaan R. S.
- III. Abhishek Krishna
Rohan Binu

HINDI HANDWRITING

- I. Badrinath K.
- II. Rishikesh K. R.
- III. Ishaan R. S.
- III. Ankith Narayan
Alfie Leo Jomon

GRADE IV

ENGLISH RECITATION

- I. Maadhav A.
- II. Satvik R.
- III. Aryan Jitendra
James Alex Medayil

MALAYALAM RECITATION

- I. N. P. Adidev
- II. Madhav A.
- III. Savio John

HINDI RECITATION

- I. Aadvik Sharma
- II. Aryan Jitendra
- III. Dhyan Muralikrishnan

ENGLISH SOLO SONG

- I. Jio Varkey George
- II. James Alex Medayil
- III. Noel Manoj

MALAYALAM LIGHT MUSIC

- I. Joshua George Daniel
- II. James Alex Medayil
- III. N. P. Adidev

HINDI SOLO SONG

- I. N. P. Adidev
- II. Srihari P. R.
- III. Indraneil Pradeep

ENGLISH DECLAMATION

- I. Indraneil Pradeep
- II. Satvik R.
- III. Niranjan J. N.

HINDI ELOCUTION

- I. Aadvik Sharma
- II. Aryan Jitendra
- III. Arnab Kumar

SOLO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

KEYBOARD

- I. Satvik R.
- II. Srihari P. R.
- III. Evan Ritz Geobin

STRINGS / WIND

- I. Srihari V S
- II. Daniel Jisson
- III. Dev Krishna Pramod

PERCUSSION

- I. Shankara Kumara N.
- II. Manav Jithin
- III. Madhav Balachandran

SOLO DANCE

- I. Adithya Rakesh
- II. Dhayan Savio
- III. Aryan Jitendra

CLASSICAL MUSIC

- I. Bhadresh Murukan
- II. Madhav Raviraj
- III. Nandakishore N.

FANCY DRESS

- I. Aarnav A.
Aarnav Kumar
Dhayan Savio Roy
- II. Abhinav Anildeep Nair
Ivaan S. Alex
- III. Lizaro D' Cruz
Ron Rohith Daniel

ENGLISH ESSAY WRITING

- I. Johan Sujith Jacob
- II. Nandan Krishnaswamy
- III. Dev M. Nair

MALAYALAM ESSAY WRITING

Consolation Prize: N. P. Adidev

DRAWING

- I. Daksh Easwar Viju
- II. Muhammed Yusuf
Maadhav A.
- III. Farhan Shali Hassan
Srihari P. R.
Dev M. Nair

ENGLISH ELOCUTION

- I. James Alex Medayil
- II. Satvik R.
- III. Ayaan S.

MALAYALAM ELOCUTION

- I. N. P. Adidev
- II. Nathaniel George
- III. Savio John

ENGLISH HANDWRITING

- I. Johan Sujith
- II. Savio John
Nandakishore N.
Thomas Mathew
Ayaan S.
Satvik R.
- III. Devadarsh L. Raj
Advik R. S.
Vivek S. Nair
Nandan Krishnaswamy
Athiksh J.

MALAYALAM HANDWRITING

- I. Savio John
- II. Nandakishore N.
- III. Ayaan S.
A. Dhruva Madhav Das

HINDI HANDWRITING

- I. N. P. Adidev
- II. Thomas Mathew
Arnav Kumar
- III. Pranav M.
Abhinav Ganesh

GRADE V

ENGLISH RECITATION

- I. Ben S.
- II. Sreemadhav R. V.
- III. Joshua K. Denny

MALAYALAM RECITATION

- I. Neerad R.
- II. Jovan Renato Jeskleen
- III. Amith Jakson

HINDI RECITATION

- I. Harigovind S. P.
- II. Jovan Renato Jeskleen
- III. Sreemadhav R. V.

ENGLISH SOLO SONG

- I. Cyril Job
- II. Neerad R.
- III. Amith Jakson

LIGHT MUSIC

- I. Neerad R.
- II. Cyril Job
- III. Kailas K. S.

HINDI SOLO SONG

- I. Aiden Sajo Joseph
- II. Eathan Mathew Rijo
- III. Abel Dan Shiju
Rayan Vimal

ENGLISH DECLAMATION

- I. Evan Philip Mathew
- II. Roshan Parambi Arun
- III. Sreemadhav R. V.

ENGLISH ELOCUTION

- I. Joshua K. Denny
- II. Evan Philip Mathew
Johann Joseph Koshy
- III. Ben S.

MALAYALAM ELOCUTION

- I. Jovan Renato Jeskleen
- II. Abin George Sunil
- III. Jeron Joseph Dino

HINDI ELOCUTION

- I. Omaansh Raghuvanshi
- II. Gautam Renjith
- III. Vardan

FANCY DRESS

- I. Vihaan S. Vivek
- II. Riyan H.
- III. Ishan A. Ananth

DANCE

- I. Aiden Sajo Joseph
- II. Vihaan S. Vivek
- III. Albie Jacob

SOLO INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

KEYBOARD

- I. Roshan Parambi Arun
- II. Abel Varghese Vivek
- III. Gautham S. K.

STRINGS / WIND

- I. Bharath Sunand
- II. Madhesh M.
- III. Arnav Abhishek

PERCUSSION

- I. Gautam Renjith
- II. Vihaan Praveen

CLASSICAL MUSIC

- I. Neerad R.
- II. Krishnadev R. Dinesh
- III. Kailas K. S.

ENGLISH HANDWRITING

- I. Viwin Arun
- II. Johann Joseph Koshy
Sreemadhav R. V.
- III. Winstin Datsen Tharakan
Andrew Benson
Vardan
Deveshwar Aravind

MALAYALAM HANDWRITING

- I. Madhav Anoop
- II. Muhammed Zayan Mahad
- III. John Binesh

HINDI HANDWRITING

- I. Arjun A.
- II. Abel Sebastian Yesudas
Vardan
- III. Sreemadhav R. V.
Prabith Krishna

DRAWING

- I. Deva Nandan A. V.
- II. Riyan H.
Omaansh Raghuvanshi
- III. Abel Varghese Vivek
Gautam Renjith
Vasisht V. Sathya

ENGLISH ESSAY WRITING

- I. Aaron Anuroop
- II. Sreemadhav R. V.
- III. Gautam Renjith

ENGLISH STORY WRITING

- I. Dhanwin Prasanth
- II. Abel Sebastian Yesudas
- III. Joseph Joe Joseph
Navaneeth Ram R.

MALAYALAM ESSAY WRITING

Consolation prize: Bishel Shaji

Congratulations



Loyola in Support of **PARIS OLYMPICS**



In support of the Olympic Games Paris 2024, Loyola School, known for fostering the true spirit of sports and games, hosted a significant event on Friday, 26 July 2024, to emphasize the importance of sports among the youth.

The event was graced by the chief guest, Shri Kadakampally Surendran, MLA, who was warmly received by the Principals of the ICSE and CBSE sections Fr. Salvin Augustine and Fr. Roy Alex respectively, along with Fr. Sunny Kunnappalil SJ, the Rector and Manager, and the school band.

A vibrant procession marked the start of the event, featuring the Olympic banner with the theme "Games Wide Open," the school band, NCC cadets, and students who excel in swimming, football, basketball, badminton, and skating, among other sports. Non-participating students lined the procession route to offer a warm welcome.

Master John Sabu Abraham, the school Leader welcomed the dignitaries formally. The Chief Guest Shri Surendran expressed his pride that seven athletes from Kerala are part of the Indian Squad, which comprises 17 men and 11 women. He commended Loyola School for its dedication to promoting sports and physical activities.

Students from the AP, SS, GG, and JJ Houses, dressed in their house colours, performed symbolic mass drills representing various sports in the school quadrangle.

Fr. Roy Alex SJ, in his speech, highlighted the participation of approximately 10,500 athletes from 208 countries in 329 medal events at the Olympics. He encouraged students to prioritize physical fitness, develop team spirit, and hone their organizational skills through active participation in sports.

The Olympic Games Paris 2024 theme song, "Parade," was played for the attendees. The school Sports Secretary, Edward Sheen of XI A, concluded the event by thanking the dignitaries and all participants in the parade.

Joy Varghese









LOYOLA FILM FESTIVAL



July has been a hectic month at Loyola School with a wide variety of programmes. One of them was the two-day film festival for students, conceived and organised by two celebrity parents, film director Mr Sanjeev Sivan and film producer Mrs Deepti Sivan, and their son Shreyas. The film festival was inaugurated by Prof. V. Karthikeyan Nair who is at present a member of the Governing Body of SCERT and Curriculum Subcommittee and member of the Executive Council of KCHR.

The films screened on the first day, 19 July, were carefully chosen to suit the taste of different age groups. They were *Little Magician, The Autograph, Apples and Oranges, Mooch, Wishing Star, Melody's New Nest, Chinese Whispers, Man of the Match, The Waterfall, Insiders, and I Say, Bhallaji!*

The most useful part of the festival was the workshop on filmmaking the second day. At the very outset, Mr Sanjeev Sivan explained how the film industry goes on changing and showed us the 25-minute documentary *25 girls and their story* which he had shot and directed himself. After enlightening us on many important aspects of filmmaking, he gave all of us an assignment. We were formed into different groups, each one with a teacher mentor. We had to discuss our story in the group and then go out of the auditorium and shoot our film anywhere on the campus. It was for this purpose that we were allowed to bring our mobile phone to school that day. The only instruction was that each film we shot must have a moral value. After sometime, some groups came back to the auditorium after shooting their film and they started to edit their videos. Those who could not finish the work were given the email address of Mr Shreyas Sivan to which the finished work could be sent later.

The programme was very valuable because it gave us more knowledge about filmmaking which includes story making, shooting, and editing. It was a wonderful event and was loved by all who attended it.

Dhanvanth Rejith, VII C





Another generous act of giving back to school



Representatives of the Class of 1971, Gp Capt Ayyappan Radhakrishnan (Retd), Gp Capt Paul Jacob (Retd) and Col V. J. Binu (Retd) handing over to Fr Salvin Augustine a cheque for Rs.1,00,000 towards building fund. It may be remembered that two of these war veterans, Gp Capt Ayyappan Radhakrishnan and Gp Capt Paul Jacob (Retd) had actually flown the fighter aircraft now preserved on our campus.

Triumphs and Aspirations: **CISCE Zone A Basketball Championship**

CISCE Zone A Basketball Championship was hosted by Loyola School and held in the Indoor Stadium on 17 and 18 July. It featured matches for boys and girls in three age groups. Teams from many ICSE and ISC Schools in Trivandrum and Kollam participated in it.

The Championship was inaugurated by Fr Salvin Augustine SJ who scored a layup to mark the beginning of the event.

On the 17th, matches for boys in the U-14 and U-17 categories were held. In the U-14 category, St Vincent's School, Kollam, emerged as the champions, overcoming the defending champions Loyola School, in a thrilling match. In the U-17 category, Loyola clinched the title while St Vincent's team lifted the trophy for the runner-up.

The following day, the championship continued with matches for girls and the U-19 boys category. In the U-17 girls category, L'ecole Chempaka Serene Valley won a close semi-final against Maria Agnes School but lost to St. Thomas Residential School in the finals. In the U-14 girls category, St Thomas Residential School emerged the champions overcoming TRINS in the finals.

The last match of the tournament was the finals between L'ecole Chempaka and Loyola School in the U-19 category. The match began with Loyola scoring the first basket, but L'ecole quickly

caught up. The game remained closely contested until the fourth quarter at the end of which L'ecole triumphed with a final score of 36-33.

In the closing ceremony, principals Frs Salvin Augustine SJ and Roy Alex SJ gave away the prizes to the champions and runners-up.

Special recognition goes to our Physical Education Department for ensuring the smooth conduct of the tournament. Additionally, a heartfelt commendation is extended to Mr. Rajesh who skilfully coached all three of Loyola's teams, contributing significantly to their commendable performances throughout the championship.

As this edition of the CISCE Zone A Basketball Championship concluded, I couldn't help but dream of a future where Loyola School triumphs in all three categories. I envision a day when we not only dominate the boys' divisions but also cultivate and train a talented girls' team that competes with distinction. With continued dedication, support, and exceptional coaching, I believe Loyola can achieve this goal.

Jonathan Edwards N., IX A





Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola: A Day of Reflection and Celebration



On 30 July 2024, Loyola School came together to celebrate the feast of the great visionary and patron saint, St Ignatius of Loyola. The programme was meticulously planned not only to pay tribute to the founder of the Society of Jesus but also to engage the entire school community in a celebration of our shared values.

The day began with a formal programme that set a reflective and reverent tone. The ceremony commenced with a heartfelt invocation by the school choir. School leader Master John Sabu Abraham warmly welcomed the gathering to the special day.

The day was graced by the Rector and Manager Fr. Sunny Thomas Kunnappallil SJ, Chief Guest Fr Anush D’Cunha SJ (Dean of Studies at Vidyaniketan, Jesuit Juniorate, Trivandrum), and the two Principals, Frs Salvin Augustine SJ and Roy Alex SJ.

Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ delivered the presidential address, sharing his thoughts about the enduring relevance of Ignatian principles in today’s world. This was followed by chief guest’s message by Fr Anush SJ. He highlighted the importance of practising *Magis*, the relentless pursuit of excellence, in our lives. He reminded the students to always work in service for others and for the greater glory of God, which is the hallmark of Ignatian education.

Following the formal programme, the atmosphere transformed into one of celebration and artistic expression. The stage came alive with the enchanting lamp dance performed by the tiny tots of classes I to IV. Their graceful movements, synchronized to the gentle rhythm of the music, illuminated the venue with an atmosphere of joy and innocence. Next was a video presentation that included documentaries on the life of St Ignatius. The presentation was a blend of historical insights and contemporary reflections.

Ms. Anila Elsa Thomas, a faculty member of the school, delivered a speech about the life and teachings of St Ignatius. The speech focussed on the core values of discernment and service, giving a comprehensive view of St Ignatius’s enduring legacy.

The celebration continued with a poignant play that explored the themes of kindness and compassion. The student actors brought their characters to life and reminded the audience that every act of kindness has God in it. Our budding musicians took to the stage next with a soulful group performance. The harmonious blend of instruments created an enchanting auditory experience, making it the highlight of the day. After this, the dancers of classes VIII and IX surprised the audience with a spectacular display of energy and creativity in the form of a contemporary dance.

The teachers' rendition of the beloved hymn, 'Make me a channel of your peace' underscored the event's theme of compassion and submission to God. The programme came to an end with touching video tribute to the Jesuit Fathers of Loyola School and College. The visual journey through various moments of interaction with the students underlined the invaluable contributions of the Fathers to the school community, deeply resonating with the audience. The programme came to an end with words of gratitude and appreciation by Asst. School Leader Master Ananthkrishnan L.

Perhaps the most colourful part of the programme was the separate celebration for the kindergarteners in the CBSE auditorium, most colourful because the tiny tots of Loyola Thumba too joined it not just as spectators but as performers as well. It began with the prayer by Josiah Abraham of UKG C followed by the welcome address by Anirudh Nikhil of UKG A and the lighting of the lamp by the two Principals. The floral tribute to the saint by student representatives, speeches by Prarthana Sudheesh (LKG), Atharv Kumar (UKG B), Agnithya Narayan (LKG), solo song by Rohaan N. of Pre-KG, group dance by LKG kids, and Juan Lijo appearing onstage dressed as Saint Ignatius were among the items of this segment. Both the Principals addressed the little ones. Joseph Antony of UKG F proposed the vote of thanks and the celebration ended with the national anthem.

The most exciting part of the celebration was the football and cricket matches between grades XI and XII in both of which the seniors proved that experience counts.

The day dedicated to St Ignatius was a profound experience that united our school community in reflection and celebration. The formal programme and the cultural events that followed were a testament to our commitment to following Ignatian values in every aspect of our life. As we look forward to future years, we carry with us the inspiration of St Ignatius, guiding us on our journey of learning and growth.

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St Ignatius of Loyola Founder of the Society of Jesus

