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From the Principal's Desk

A Time of Gratitude and Growth

As the new year unfolds, Loyola School is once again abuzz with energy and purpose. After the joyful Christmas holidays, students have returned with renewed enthusiasm, ready to embrace the academic challenges and opportunities ahead.

The senior students of Grades 10 and 12 have stepped into a crucial phase of their journey, with model examinations in full swing. Board practical exams are also progressing steadily, reinforcing the importance of diligence and commitment. The exam fever has set in, and the seriousness among students is evident as they strive for excellence.

Meanwhile, our junior students have had the opportunity to learn beyond the four walls of the classroom through engaging field trips. These experiential learning experiences have proven to be invaluable, allowing them to explore,

discover, and grow in a hands-on manner. Every child benefits immensely from such exposure, making learning more meaningful and impactful.

This period has also been a time of deep reflection and heartfelt emotions. The farewell assembly for Grades 10 and 12 was truly touching, marking the end of a significant chapter in their school lives. The blessing ceremony for the outgoing twelfth graders was an especially poignant moment, reminding us all of the bonds formed and the memories cherished. It was a time of gratitude — for friendships, for growth, and for the guidance received over the years.

Through all these moments—academic rigour, field trips, heartfelt farewells, and joyous celebrations—we are reminded of the core values that shape our students: an attitude of gratitude, compassion, love for work, focus on success, a search for meaning, and team spirit. These are the building blocks that will help them attain greater heights in life.

One of the highlights of this year was the KG Grandparents' Day celebration. It was heartwarming to see so many grandparents grace the occasion, participating actively and sharing their wisdom with the young ones. Their speeches were inspiring, reminding us all of the invaluable lessons we can learn from their experiences. The event was a beautiful tribute to the love and support provided by the grandparents.

Adding to the vibrancy of our school calendar was the KG Sports Meet, a delightful occasion that emphasized the importance of training young minds in both sports and the arts from an early age. Watching our tiny tots participate with enthusiasm and determination reaffirmed our belief that holistic development is key to nurturing well-rounded individuals.

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As we move forward, let us continue to cultivate these virtues and create an environment where every student flourishes, learns, and grows into the best version of themselves. Loyola School remains committed to this journey of excellence and holistic education.

Fr Salvin Augustine, SJ



KG SPORTS MEET 2025



The energy was palpable, the smiles were radiant, and the spirit of sportsmanship shone brightly at Loyola Kindergarten's Annual Sports Meet held on 31 January 2025. From the vibrant march past to the adorable Zumba dance, the day was a celebration of athleticism, enthusiasm, and the sheer joy of participation.

The tiny tots of LKG captivated the audience with their synchronized movements in the Mass PT display, proving that coordination and teamwork can be learned at any age. The UKG students set the stage on fire with their lively Zumba performance, getting everyone tapping their feet and clapping along. It was heartwarming to witness the children's excitement as they competed in various sports events, giving their all and cheering each other on.

We were honoured by the presence of our esteemed Manager, Fr Sunny Kunnappallil SJ, whose inspiring inaugural speech set the tone for the day. The insightful address by our Director and Principal, Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, further emphasized the importance of sports in the holistic development of children. We were also delighted to have the CBSE Principal Sr Jiji Thomas and Register Mr Joy M. Varghese present and lending their support to the children.

The eloquent welcome speech by Gregory Mathew Vaidyan (UKG B) and the heartfelt vote of thanks by Edwin Paul Samson (UKG A) showcased the confidence and poise of our young speakers. The event was seamlessly emceed by the charming Prithiv Deepak of UKG F. who kept the audience engaged and entertained throughout.

A special thank you to our dedicated PT teachers, Mr Umesh U., Rajesh T. G. and Anu G.S., and the programme coordinator Ms Justicia Jerome, for their unwavering support, which was instrumental in making the sports day a huge success.

The Annual Sports Meet was not just a day of competition; it was a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students, teachers, and the non-teaching staff. It was a day where friendships were forged, talents were discovered, and memories were made. The parents' enthusiastic support and cheers added to the festive atmosphere, making the event memorable for everyone involved.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the resounding success of Loyola Kindergarten's Annual Sports Meet 2025. We look forward to nurturing these young athletes and witnessing their continued growth and development in the years to come.

Ms Veena V.











PRIZE WINNERS







Farewell to Loyola

As I stand before you to bid farewell to Loyola, I find myself pretty lost amidst many memories, gratitude, and a serene sense of belonging. My journey with this school is not just about the thirteen years I spent here but about a legacy that is deeply rooted within my family and, now, within me.

Loyola has been a part of my life since before I even understood its significance. My grandmother, Mrs. Merl Murray spent 50 years of her life teaching English at Loyola and influenced countless students, who have huge respect for her. My father, uncle, and cousin walked these corridors with the red crest on their chests long before I did, and my brother will continue to carry our legacy after I depart. At the age of four

I walked into the campus for the very first time not realizing that it would soon be my second home.

I vividly remember the colourful paradise I saw that day, lovingly maintained by Abdul Uncle, the extremely huge P. T. ground that was so huge it seemed like a desert to me, the lush green lawn that had the auditorium right beside it, the basketball courts and the park had a merry ground which seemed very terrifying and fun at the same time. My early days here were filled with moments of innocence and joy—like stealing a ball from the sports room with Govind in first grade, a memory so random that only I am capable of remembering.

I vividly remember my days in second grade where my class teacher was my own grandmother. Some fond memories of skipping lines at the porrata canteen and skipping through the crowd at canteen post school hours where guys used to rush to grab a snack before the buses left.

Online classes were often ignored with Valorant games and Discord calls with friends, blurring the lines between study and leisure. Those memories, although unconventional, were some fond ones I had during such an isolating phase. The people you meet at this place are so special and to all my young Loyolites reading this, I urge you to create more fun memories with your schoolmates because it will be all worth it one day, trust me on that.





One of my most cherished experiences at Loyola has been LA Fest. I attended my first LA Fest in tenth grade, where the excitement was uncontrollable, and the energy levels were off the charts. The promos and hype created by seniors like Akshaj and Abin left me in awe. I'll never forget the moment when Fr Roy Alex did his iconic speech during the closing ceremony which made our hearts peak to levels that we didn't know it could reach.

Fast forward to 2023. The school had changed completely. New buildings, renovations across the campus, new teachers, new people in the management and most significantly of all, the school was turning co-ed. It was hard to accept at first but it was easy enough to adapt to. I remember the debate sessions with Ashwin Madhav and Joel Joby about how our school will lose its bromance factor if girls join and things won't be the same. Obviously, things didn't remain exactly the same but no matter what Loyola will never stop cultivating that feeling of unity among its students regardless of their gender.

Among my fondest memories is the journey of LA Fest 2024, where I served as Media Co-Head. From the logo reveal to the promo shoots during summer break, every moment was very special to me. I vividly recall the day we finalized the render of the main promo and how delighted and relieved the media team felt.



Loyola has gifted me with a lot of memories that I can never forget and I am ever so very grateful for what this school has done for me. Meeting all of my teachers from the lower grades during the blessing ceremony made me realize that my time to leave the school and let new minds make their way in has come. I was filled with a bunch of emotions and I cried a lot. I realized I have to bid goodbye to the same place I have been coming to every single day for the past thirteen years and the people I have been seeing every single day all these years.

Thank you, Loyola, for everything.

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Joshua Reuben Sylvester, XII A1





The last dinner together



And the last huddle together, for a souvenir



In the New King James Version of the Bible, Isaiah 46:4 says, *Even to your old age, I am He, And even to grey hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver you.*

God has blessed them to be grandparents. The Loyola Grandparents Day was celebrated on 25 January 2025 and it was nothing short of being grand indeed. The session began with Principal Fr Salvin Augustine SJ, CBSE Vice Principal Ms Roshini Joseph, the Registrar Mr Joy Varghese and a grandparent representative for each class lighting the lamp. Our school has students who are grandchildren of retired Loyola teachers and proud grandparents who have their second generation studying here. Grandparents are precious gems and they sparkled when they were given the opportunity to flaunt their talents. They were old on the outside but definitely young inside. It was indeed a pleasure to hear Mrs Beena G. Nair singing melodiously and surprisingly it was her first stage appearance. Ms Grace Kuriakose stated clearly how grandparents are in a unique position to reinforce limits and lessons from parents while also listening, wiping away tears and showing their grandchild that they understand. Dr Mini Soman gracefully danced and it just showed how she kept herself healthy and happy and was leading a fulfilling life. Fr Salvin Augustine SJ himself reminisced about how his grandmother cooked delicious meals and his grandfather narrated bedtime stories. The toddlers from KG entertained their grandparents by singing and dancing. All of us most definitely must thank God for the love and blessings our grandparents lavished on us and the lessons they imparted which have shaped us into the person we are today.









FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

LOYOLA SUPER SINGERS CONTEST



7 FEB 2025

L-GLORIA DAY

(7 Feb 2025)

Release of
Students' Personal Magazine
(24 Feb 2025)

TIK-TIK LIFE MEGA QUIZ
(27 Feb 2025)