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From the Principal's Desk...

*Loyola School
Thiruvananthapuram*



15 Jan. 2021

On 20th December 2020, the PTA's Christmas charity drive reached 85 families on the coastal belt.

The online Christmas celebration on 24th December was a resounding success mainly because the parents of the Junior School boys did a marvellous job in getting their wards ready for their graceful dances and colourful skit, and the school choir made it all the more melodious.

The lab practicals for the twelfth graders started on 4th January 2021 and they are going on smoothly.

One of the most appreciated programmes this month was the fourth session of LOBA's career guidance initiative that featured stalwarts who explored the challenges and possibilities of career options like IPS, Armed Forces and DRDO. This online programme was also made accessible to the students of sister institutions like AKJM School Kanjirapally, St. Joseph's ICSE School Calicut, and St Michael's School, Kannur.

Infrastructure development goes on as usual and we have added one more basketball court adjacent to the main playground.

Let us all hope and pray that difficult times will be over and that we will be able to resume normal classes soon.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.



Adithya Kishor, X B

The Takeaway from LOBA's Fourth Exploration

The session was excellent because the panellists are all insiders who have scaled heights in their career and are capable of speaking from personal experience, rather than bookish knowledge, about the IPS, the Armed Forces and the wonderful research environment in the DRDO.

Movies about spies, military achievements, and police officers never cease to amaze us. Even though they might be far from truth, they create in us a feeling of love for our country.

Even though films glorify these career streams, in real life, people in general are not quite excited about them because they are toilsome. But after LOBA's fourth career guidance session on 9 Jan 2021,

such a popular perception changed. It would be right to call this session a great eye-opener.

The careers that appeared on the poster looked like a potpourri, but the panellists proved how exciting and inter-related they are.

What excited me was that these careers offer a wide spectrum of activities ranging from the high profile exploits of IPS Officers and Armed Forces Officers down to

The Panellists



ATUL DINKAR RANE

Loyola 1980 Batch.

Outstanding Scientist, Director Joint Cipher Bureau, DRDO. He was involved in the Brahmos Programme. He is the recipient of the DRDO award for Professional Excellence.



ANUP JOHN, IPS

1997 Loyola Batch.

2004 IPS Batch.

Deputy Inspector General of Police, Anti-Terrorist Squad, Kerala. He has Law Degrees from the National Law School, Bangalore and Harvard Law School. He has also served in NIA.



**AIR MARSHAL B. SURESH
(PVSM AVSM VM)**

Loyola 1975 Batch.

Commissioned in the IAF in 1981, he retired from service in 2020 as Air Officer C-in-C of HQ Western Air Command. As a fighter pilot, he has flown the entire range of fighters in IAFI. He has a Masters in Global Security from Cranfield University.



Moderator

WG. CDR NALINI RANJAN KANTHY (Retd)

1969 Loyola Batch.

Formerly Head Operations MENA at VFS



Co-Moderator

BHAVIK B. R. NAIR, XII D

the low profile but no less thrilling feats of investigative agencies like the CBI all of which make use of cutting-edge technology.

The session was excellent because the panellists are all insiders who have scaled heights in their career and are capable of speaking from personal experience, rather than bookish knowledge, about the IPS, the Armed Force and the wonderful research environment in the DRDO.

I would like to thank LOBA for giving us such a magnificent opportunity to interact with these great people, and also for co-opting one from among us as the co-moderator.



Lighting up hearts



Yet another milestone was set by the PTA and the staff of the Loyola Family in these troubled times by initiating our Christmas Charity Drive on 20th December 2020. A helping hand was extended to a few families in Trivandrum during the Christmas season. We were able to extend some support to 85 families which included aged people and cancer patients. Families from the coastal belt of Trivandrum, Valiathura, Poonthura, Paruthiyoor, Ozhanam Karunya Bhavan Old Age Home in Azhakulam

were provided food kits each worth Rs. 1300, and clothes. Financial assistance was also given. The small token of love from the Loyola family was well appreciated by the recipients. We could bring some cheer to them and in return we came away with a heart content with their blessings.

We would like to thank our Principal, Fr. P.T Joseph S. J., Vice Principals Fr. Jose Pulinthanath S. J. and Fr. Roy Alex S. J., our PTA president Mr. Rakesh, and the staff members of the Loyola family for organizing such an event. This surely is a worthy example to be followed.

Lisha Vijayan



Christmas

with a difference



Joe Babith, IX A

COVID-19 has messed up our lives and these are the times when we are constrained to follow a lifestyle quite different from the one we have been accustomed to for many years.

To be sure, the transition to online classes and celebrations was exciting at first, but as the year is about to end we feel that the excitement is being replaced by a nostalgic longing to be back on the campus.

Yes, the year is about to end, and we have had our online celebrations of Christmas.

Without a doubt it was a grand

Chief Guest: Dr Shashi Tharoor

success in every respect. The school did make an excellent effort in bringing the celebrations into our homes and cheer to our lives. The tiny tots of UKG and primary classes entertained us with their wonderful dance moves and a nicely done skit. It filled our hearts with joy. The carols by the teachers and the school choir have been enchanting. We also received words of wisdom from the Chief Guest and the Principal. Our honourable MP and the Chief Guest Dr. Shashi Tharoor's reminiscences of his Jesuit schooling



and appeal to be of help to the needy with our acts of kindness have been quite inspiring. The gist of the Principal's message was that though these are difficult times, we should overcome fear by having hope and courage. The welcome address, the vote of thanks and the compering have been admirable. On the whole, the online celebrations have been a resounding success and the credit goes to the concerted efforts of the

people behind it. The online celebrations being so sweet, we can imagine how sweeter they would have been had they been of the tradition sort on the campus. Let us hope for the best and welcome the New Year with courage and look forward to next year's celebrations and a gala time in our auditorium, watching the special programmes onstage, talking, and sharing jokes and gifts with the ones who mean a lot to us.



NATIVITY OF JESUS

UKG D



The UKG D family bordering the scenes from 'The Nativity of Jesus'



Christmas Message: *Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.* (Principal)



Welcome Address:
Geevarghese Nebu
(School Leader)



Compere:
Navaneeth V. Sankar
(Asst. School Leader)



Vote of thanks:
Shekhar Vinayak
(Asst. School Leader)

The following pages related to the celebrations are based on the screenshots of the programme. Click anywhere inside the new LENS logo given below if you are interested in watching the one-hour youtube video of the event.



UKG C

CAROL OF LOVE & LIGHT



CAST

Ryan Issac Nibin
Dhruva Madhavdas
Jio Varki George
Deva Narayan Gireesh
Srihari V.S.
Aashish B.S.
Aadhav Adarsh
Aryan Soorej R.
Hariharan S.D
Muhammed Rayan
Aaron Renjudas
Abhinav Anildeep Nair
Adhav D. Nair
Adinath P.V.
Harigovind H.
Ishaan Zaid
Jon Michael Naveen
Madhav Balachandran
Niranjana J.N.
Rishikesh R. Nair
Savio John
Srihari P.R.

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER A MUSICAL BY UKG A





Yuletide Dance

(Std: I & II) featuring

*Jahaan Manuel Thomas
Jovan Renato Jeskleen
Evan Philip Mathew
Arron Joseph Rajesh
Alshin Aneesh
Dan Sebastian
Amith Jakson
Anto Jomin
Cyril Job
Aashin S.*





CAROLS BY TEACHERS & SCHOOL CHOIR



DANCING TO THE TUNE OF THE BELLS (UKG B)



Letter to Santa (Std: VII)





Principal Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J. addressing the first gathering of the students in Loyola Indoor Stadium this academic year

The return of Loyola's sons

On 4 January 2021, the gates of Loyola reopened to the students of Std XII after nine unbearably long months. Being around our friends, teachers, uncles and aunties gave us a sense of happiness and made us realise what we had been missing all these days.

On reaching school, we gathered in the auditorium where our teachers accorded us a warm welcome. Their smiling eyes showed their happiness in being with us.

The assembly began with Padmam ma'am leading us in prayer, followed by Aswathy ma'am's welcome address with its accent on introducing our new Principal as it was in a sense his first day of school, with the students physically around, even though he has been with us virtually since June 2020.



Chemistry and Biology practicals in progress



In his address, Father Principal told us how happy he was to see us around. He briefed us on the safety protocols to be followed to attend our practical classes safely. The formal gathering ended with the vote of thanks by Master Vignesh H.P. and then the students headed to the labs for the day's work.

At the end of the day, we all felt a sense of satisfaction to finally be back to the place we consider our Heaven on Earth.



Maanas Kamnani, XII C

NASA's Accolade to a Senior Loyolite



*Dr Renjith Kumar
Photo courtesy: NASA*

For more details, you may read the full story in the English edition of *Mathrubhumi* dated 3 Jan 2021.

Dr Renjith Kumar, who did his schooling at Trivandrum Loyola, is in the limelight for becoming the first Keralite and second Indian to win the NASA Distinguished Public Service medal. He was accorded this honour for his three-decade-long association with NASA and his invaluable contributions to redesigning NASA International Space Station and the highly successful Mars missions. This acclaimed alumnus must be familiar to all the present Loyolites as he was introduced in the 2020 October issue of LENS. The awards were given away by NASA's Deputy Administrator Dr Jim Morhard in a virtual ceremony.



Padmaesh M.K., IX C

RING OUT THE OLD RING IN THE NEW

It is a new year, a new decade, and a new opportunity for all of us. Some of you might wonder what the difference is. It is true that 2020 had been a difficult time for all of us and we missed the joy of learning things sitting together in our classrooms and the



excitement on the playgrounds and the gala times inside the indoor stadium. It is again true that the pandemic has not subsided yet. But the health workers and the police continue to be the frontline warriors against the invasive virus and conditions are bound to improve. That lab practicals for the twelfth graders have already started

shows that Loyola will limp back to normalcy in a short while. Let us think of 2021 as a new opportunity because online classes united us during the hard times and we have learned how to make the best use of technology. So, when all normal classes resume, we will be able to supplement them with other online resources and do still better in our academics. Perhaps many of us have been wasting a lot of time with SMS of all sorts. Till the pandemic ends, let us make a better use of another kind of SMS – Sanitizer, Mask and Social Distancing – and hope that all of us will be able to converge on our colourful campus very soon.

MALAYALAM STORYTELLING ENGLISH STORYTELLING



1. Gagan A.



2. Johan Joseph Koshy



3. Roshan Parambi Arun



1. Sreemadhav R. V.



2. Arron Joseph Rajesh



3. Sidharth S. Nair



Career Guidance Session 5:
Engineering & Technology



MEET OUR PANELLISTS

Session 5 : Engineering & Technology



Ajayan P. M.
(1977 Batch)

Expertise: Nanotechnology
Pioneer: Carbon Nanotubes
Professor – Rice University, USA



Deepu John
(1986 Batch)

Expertise: Chip Design &
Wireless Communication
Sr. Director – Qualcomm, USA



Krishnachandran B.
(1996 Batch)

Expertise: Spatial Data Science and
Architecture
IIHS, Bangalore & SPA Design, Delhi



Renji Kumar
(1977 Batch)

Expertise: Aerospace &
NASA Missions
CEO Emeritus – AMA



Vipin Varkey
(1993 Batch)

Expertise: eCommerce &
Retail Supply Chain
Vice President – Walmart, USA



Tojo Eapen
(1992 Batch)

Moderator
Expertise: Human Resources Mgmt
Partner – Stanton Chase, India

The session is on January 16, 2021 at 6:45 PM IST on Zoom Webinar platform.

Register here <http://tiny.cc/16JanLOBA>

Note: You may send in questions for the panelists to exploreloba@gmail.com

Session 6
24 Jan 2021

IT, Data Science, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence



MEET OUR PANELLISTS

Session 6 : IT, Data Science, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence



Abhijith Asok (2010)

Alumnus of Harvard University
Data Scientist - Microsoft AI
Resides in Boston, USA



Basant Rajan (1984)

Ph.D. – TIFR
CEO – Coriolis Technologies
Resides in Pune, India



Issac Mathew (1990)

IIM – Calcutta, IIT – Madras
Associate Director – BCG Gamma
Resides in Bangalore, India



Krishnamohan P. (2010)

M.S. – Rutgers University, USA
ML Engineer at SafeXai
Resides in Utah, USA



Shajan Dasan (1988)

ML Engineer, Twitter
Ex – Zynga, Microsoft
Resides in Seattle, USA



Abhilash Jayapal (1997)

Moderator
Founder at Terrific Minds
Director at OrthoFX
Resides in Trivandrum, India



Vaisayan B. (2020)

Student Moderator
Engineering Aspirant
XI C
Loyola School, Trivandrum

The session is on January 24, 2021 at 6:45 PM IST on Zoom Webinar platform.

Register here <http://tiny.cc/24JanLOBA>

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In Memoriam

It breaks our heart that he was taken away by the Almighty so unexpectedly. Words are so feeble and futile to express our sorrow. He was more than just a friend. A loving, wise and generous soul. He was always enthusiastic about everything in life and a wonderful influence on us. His love for helping others was a great example to many. Let us all feel honoured and special for knowing the amazing person that Fias was. He will always live in our memories but will be missed every day.

Thank you Fias for all the lovely memories.

(Your friends)



Fias Iqbal
(2013 CBSE Batch)
succumbed to cardiac
arrest on 6 January 2021

