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From the Principal's Desk...

The inauguration of B. Sreenivas Memorial Cricket Pitch and the 40th year batch gathering of the 1982 batch were impressive events. I thank the batch for collecting over Rs. 400000 for B. Sreenivas Memorial Cricket Pitch. I am impressed by the loyalty of Loyolites to their batchmates. Sreeni's parents, wife, and other members of family came from Pune, Hyderabad, and Chennai. I hope more alumni will organise batch gatherings.

Finally more students are attending offline classes. Annual exams will be only in the offline mode. Many children lost two years of education. They forgot how to write. Reading habits have disappeared. Only Google. It will be a Herculean task for teachers to rectify the situation. Those children who are addicted to computer games and social media are going to find it tough to come back to normal school life.

Loyola school is planning summer camps for children. Cricket, football, basketball, skating, and robotics are some of the items on the list. The next edition of LENS will contain a more detailed plan.

Fr P.T. Joseph, S.J.

BOWLED OVER BY SREENI'S BIG HEART

Rakesh S. Chandran

In loving memory of late Mr. B. Sreenivas ('Sreeni') and appreciation of the beloved teachers, management, and beautiful campus of Loyola that shaped the '1982 Loyolites', a cricket pitch funded by the batch was inaugurated on February 19, 2022. The year 2022 also marked the 40th anniversary of 1982 Loyolites. Batchmates, family and friends of Sreeni, alumni and PTA officers, teachers and students, and a few distinguished guests gathered on the campus to

celebrate the life of Sreeni and the 40th anniversary.

The day's celebrations were kicked off at 9:30 am by a reunion of childhood friends over a cup of coffee. Shortly thereafter, Sreeni's family and friends, and other guests trickled in to join his batchmates to form a handsome crowd under the shade of a colourful shamiana. The formal function started at 10:30 when Rakesh S. Chandran welcomed the crowd while providing them an opportunity to observe a minute of silence to pay homage to their departed friend. Rakesh and several of his batchmates shared wonderful memories



Rakesh S. Chandran welcoming the gathering. Seen behind him are Sreeni's parents and the Principal

of Sreeni which brought chuckles of laughter as well as tears amongst the audience. Later, the LOBA president, Mr. Ranjit thanked the 1982 batch for this initiative followed by the principal Fr. P.T. Joseph, S.J., who shared a few remarks and also expressed his gratitude for the effort.

The pitch was inaugurated jointly by the principal and Mr. B.S. Sastry I.P.S. (Retd. DGP), father of Mr. Sreenivas, who together unveiled a granite plaque placed next to the pitch. A cricket bat autographed by former Indian captain Rahul Dravid and a jersey autographed by the



Sreeni's friends and relatives in front of the memorial plaque

2011 World Cup Champions 'Team India' were handed over to the principal by Sreeni's friend Mr. Ravi Kallayil, Founder and CEO of Plaeto Shoes (plaeto.in). As a token of appreciation, Ravi was conferred the title of *Honorary 1982 Loyolite* by the principal who handed him a certificate. Mr. Sastry expressed his gratitude to the 1982 batch for their symbolic formal gesture that immortalized his son, concluding the formal ceremony.

Mr. Sastry tested the brand new pitch by bowling to Rakesh who gently drove the cricket ball to the net. A few sumptuous snacks and lemonade were served following the ceremony. Batchmates practised some more cricket on the new pitch and later boarded a school bus to take a trip down the memory lane to have lunch together.



Reminiscences of Sreeni's father, B.S. Sastry IPS Retd. DGP)



Like son, like father! Sreeni's father in action on the memorial pitch, bowling to Rakesh Chandran



Friends who made *Sreenivas Memorial Cricket Pitch* a reality and were present on the occasion of its inauguration: L to R: Anil S.I., Ravi Kallayil (*Honorary 1982-Loyolite*), Shaji P.C., Subath K.L., Rakesh S. Chandran, Balakrishnan P.V., C. K. Kumar, S. Dharmarajan, Madhukar M. Rao, Raghunath R., Ramkumar V., Sreekumar K., Ajith R. Panicker

Upon returning to the campus they spent some time at the principal's office to discuss life in Loyola 40+ years ago and how it compares with current student life. Students start learning to program computers in 5th grade now using a language called 'Python' remarked the principal. Later they walked outside to the emblem next to the stairs to pose for a group photo. "There used to be Fr. C.P. Varkey's pet python over there," remarked Rakesh pointing to the stairwell. "Out goes the old python and in comes a new Python" remarked Ajith R., noting the changing times we all live in today!

George M. Philip, Radhakrishnan S., Ravi P.V., and Ram Mohan P. helped Rakesh, who came up with the idea, to jump-start the effort. Fr. P.T. Joseph, S.J., despite his gazillion responsibilities, stood alongside in every step of the way to see through the project successfully, for which the batch is profoundly grateful. Donors included Alex Jacob Kadavil, Ameer A., Antony Abraham, Ashok P., George M. Philip, George Thomas, Jaideep Joseph, Krishnan S., Madhukar M. Rao, Manoj Ravindran, Mathew Tharakan, Prakash Idiculla, Pravin Thampi, Radhakrishnan S., Ram Mohan P., Rakesh S. Chandran, Raghunath R., Ravi P.V., Sabine S., Samuel John, Sandeep Roy, Sanjay Rajan, Shaji P.C., Sreekumar K., Subath K.L., and Sunil George. Special thanks to Manoj Ravindran and Jaideep Joseph for their generous last-minute contributions to reach the target. A total of Rs. 401,333 was raised collectively by the 1982 batch.



After a gruelling cricket match between the Loyolites of two generations, the first one of the sort this year



All ready to board a Loyola bus for a trip down the memory lane..

THE PANELLISTS



SHEKHAR KRISHNAMURTHY
Head, Retail Banking Strategy
at Emirates NBD



SRINIVAS CHIDAMBARAM
CEO, Jacob Ballas Capital



SUNDARESWARAN S.
Co-foundr/Managing Partner
Alta Capital



VIDYASAGAR SHENOJ
Head of Product, FinTech



ANISH MATHEW
CEO & CIO, Sundaram Asset
Management, Singapore
(Moderator)



GAUTHAM SHIV SANKAR, XI E
(Co-moderator)



ANOOP S., XI F
(Reporter)

LOBA was back on 15 January with another *EXPLORE* session on the world of finance. It was a great pleasure to be able to attend the session.

The Panel for the session comprised Shekhar Krishnamurthy of 1981 batch, Srinivas Chidambaram of 1981 batch, Sundareswaran S. of 1994 batch, Vidyasagar Shenoj of 1998 batch and Anish Mathew of 1981 batch. One of my peers was fortunate to be the co-moderator of this session. I was surprised to learn that the all the senior Loyolites on the panel had done engineering before they switched over to the world of finance. As usual, all of them were zealous in enlightening us on banking in general, investment banking, alternative investing, and Fintech the last of which sounded quite new to most of us. On the whole, we were able to understand what they had been speaking because we could relate it to what we have been studying in Accountancy. Still, Fintech bowled us over. I am sure that the session helped a good number of Loyolites in deciding what career to pursue.

We are grateful to the panellists for investing their time and energy in educating us. And we look forward to more such informative sessions.

Anoop S., XI F

THE PANELLISTS



JOSEPH MARKOS



BASANT BALAJI



NIKHIL NARENDRAN



GOVIND G. NAIR



SURYAKANTH KRISHNA PRASAD, XI F
(Co-moderator)



HAFIZ AHMED RAFFI, XII C
(Reporter)

Loyola Old Boys Association (LOBA) organised an interactive session on Careers in Law on 12 February 2022. It was the final one in the series of sessions that 'explore' various career paths that are open to students. The panellists comprised highly acclaimed professionals like Joseph Markos, a Senior Advocate practising at the Kerala High Court and the Supreme Court as well with over 37 years of experience, Basant Balaji, Judge at the High Court of Kerala, and Nikhil Narendran a legal subject matter expert in technology, media and telecommunication who was selected as part of 40 under-40 lawyers in Asia by the Asia Business Law Journal in 2020. The session was moderated by another great Loyolite, Govind G. Nair, who is currently an Advocate at the High Court of Kerala. The co-moderator was Suryakanth Krishna Prasad of XI F who aspires to be a lawyer.

The panel addressed a wide range of queries covering topics such as why they chose the career, what a normal working day looked like for them, and the prospects of a career in law. They also addressed the various types of Law Colleges and the admission procedures, highlighting the different examinations such as CLAT and what those examinations tested. They also talked about the factors that affect remuneration as well as the importance of putting in the hours if one wants a fulfilling career in the field. They handled the Q&A session with finesse.

The session concluded with the panellists talking about how their experiences at Loyola set them up for success in their careers with all the panellists talking about how the public speaking opportunities provided to them by the school were invaluable in their success. The session was exciting, extremely informative and a fitting finale to the first series of *LOBA EXPLORE* programme.

As a twelfth grader at Loyola, I cannot put into words how useful these sessions have been for all of us at this crucial phase of our education. We are deeply grateful to LOBA for providing us with insights into a large number of career options available and for teaching us how to make informed decisions.

Hafiz Ahmed Raffi, XII C

ON THE WINNING SPREE

INTERNATIONAL ACCOLADES



ADITHYA KISHOR, XI B

INTERNATIONAL GOLD MEDALS:

1. South East Asian Mathematics Olympiad X
2. Hong Kong International Science Olympiad (Heats)
3. Thailand International Mathematical Olympiad (Heats)

NATIONAL-LEVEL ACCOLADES

- 1st in NAEST, IIT Kanpur
- 1st Runner-up, IIT Kanpur TOSC

INTERSCHOOL PRIZES GIVEN ELSEWHERE



SEBASTIAN K. THOMAS, III C
INTERNATIONAL FIRST IN
GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD



DHRUPAD NARAYAN S., III C
INTERNATIONAL FIRST IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



AKUL MANOJ, IV C
INTERNATIONAL FIRST IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



AAGNEY S.S., IV A
INTERNATIONAL SECOND IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



FARZAN HANEZ, IV B
INTERNATIONAL THIRD IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



GOVIND P. SUTHAN, IV A
INTERNATIONAL THIRD IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

NATIONAL RECOGNITION



RON PAUL DEEPAK, III C
INTERNATIONAL FOURTH IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



ABEL T. RINOSH, IX A
INTERNATIONAL SIXTH IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



ARJAV V. KUMAR, III C
INTERNATIONAL EIGHTH IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD



MATHEW THOMAS, VIII A
INTERNATIONAL NINTH IN
ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

ROLL BALL WIZARDS ON A ROLL



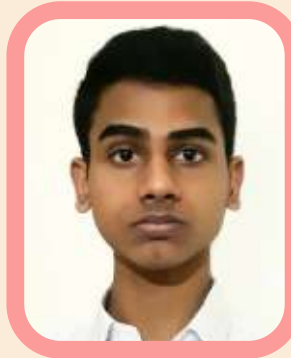
GAURAV UNNIKRISHNAN (VI B) & JONATHAN EDWARDS N. (VI D)
represented Kerala State at the South India Sub-Junior
Roll Ball Championship at Pondicherry on
9 Feb. 2022 and won the
GOLD MEDAL

Winners in Cre8 Arts & Design Fest



Adithya Kishor, XI B

1st in Quiz
1st in Debate
1st in Standup
1st in Story Wall
3rd in Photography
1st in Future Project



1st in Debate
1st in Quiz

Rohan Deepu Oommen, XI D



Best Speaker (Debate)

Ayan A. Haq, XI F



1st in Future Project
2nd in Photography

Abin S. Manoj, XI B



1st in Trivia
1st in Animation

Fulton Sheen, XI B



1st in Future Project
1st in 50-Word Story
3rd in Story Wall

Joel Jomy, XI B



1st in Fusion X

Alvin Noble, XI F

Winners in Cre8 Arts & Design Fest hosted by L'école Chempaka

1st in Future Project



Tijin Tony, XI B

1st in Future Project



Abhay A. G., XI D

1st in Quiz



Suryakanth Krishna Prasad, XI F

1st in Encore



Dhruv V. Nair, XI E

2nd in Trivia



Jithin Rajesh, XI B

2nd in Quiz



S. Vishwa Kalyan Reddy, XI B

2nd in Quiz



Goutham S. Nair, XI D

2nd in Quiz



Shiv Madhav S. S., XI D

2nd in Make a Beat



Nithin Babu, XI A

Winners in Cre8 Arts & Design Fest hosted by L'école Chempaka




SCHOOL TOPPERS IN INTERNATIONAL GENERAL KNOWLEDGE OLYMPIAD

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD I			
	SATVIK R.	SHRIANSH SIVADEEP PRASAD	AADVIK SHARMA

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD II			
	ARRON JOSEPH RAJESH	SREEMADHAV R. V.	BHAGAT S. ARUN

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD III			
	SEBASTIAN K. THOMAS (INTERNATIONAL FIRST)	ARJAV V. KUMAR	REYANSH ROHAN




	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	THIRD
STD IV				
	JOHANN DAN JOJEEN	FARZAN HANEEZ	AAGNEY S. S.	AKUL MANOJ

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD V			
	ADITH NAIR A. R.	NIVET RIJU	AAGNEY ABHILASH

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD VI			
	JONATHAN EDWARDS N.	DWIJITH A. R.	JOEL MATHEW RINOSH

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD VII			
	MAHASVIN M.	ANISH BANDYOPADHYAY	MADHAV PRAVEEN KUMAR


	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD VIII			
	ABHINAV HARI	KARTHIK H. J.	MATHEW THOMAS

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD IX			
	MANAV R.	JEREMEI VIVEK SAM	AMAN SAFEER

	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
STD X			
	ANANTHAPADMANABHAN NAIR S.	HANAN MUHAMMAD S.	ADITYAMONI

SCHOOL TOPPERS IN INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

STD I

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
ASHWIN JAY, I E	SAVIO JOHN, I E	AADVIK SHARMA, I A

STD II

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
HARI GOVIND S.P., II D	ARRON JOSEPH RAJESH	SREEMADHAV R.V., II D

STD III

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
DHRUPADNARAYAN S., III D INTERNATIONAL RANK: 1	RON PAUL DEEPAK, III B INTERNATIONAL RANK: 4	ARJAV V. KUMAR, III C INTERNATIONAL RANK: 8

STD IV

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	THIRD
			
AKUL MANOJ, IV C INTERNATIONAL RANK: 1	AAGNEY S. S., IV A INTERNATIONAL RANK: 2	FARZAN HANEZ, IV B INTERNATIONAL RANK: 3	GOVIND P. SUTHAN, IV A INTERNATIONAL RANK: 3




STD V

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
DANIEL JOHN NEELANKAVIL, V C	AKSHAY BALAGOPAL, V A	KRISTO SAJIN, V C



STD VI

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
ADVAITH VIVEK, VI B	JONATHAN EDWARDS N., VI D	AARON ABRAHAM, VI C

STD VII

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
ISHAAN SAY, VII B	VAIBHAV A. NAIR, VII D	PRANAV R.L., VII A


STD VIII

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
MATHEW THOMAS, VIII B INTERNATIONAL RANK: 9	DEVANAND M.S., VIII A	DEVADATH B. NAMPOOTHIRI, VIII A

STD IX

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
ABEL T. RINDOSH, IX A INTERNATIONAL RANK: 6	JEREMEI VIVEK SAM, IX A	KESAV A. NAIR, IX B

STD X

FIRST	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
			
JOEL JOBBY JACOB, X A	ADITYA M. NAIR, X B	JOHN JULIOUS THEKKANATH, X B	PADMESH M.K., X C

STD XI

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
VISHWA KALYAN REDDY, XI B	ADITHYA KISHOR, XI B	DEV RAKESH THAMPAN, XI C

STD XII

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD
		
SREEGANESHA A., XII	AKSHAY JOSEPH AKASH, XII	ABHAY KRISHNAN, XII A

Remembrance of Things Past...



Our days in school were very plebian and down to earth. Unlike today, there were no jazzy festivals to exhibit our talents or girls watching us from the galleries. We had mundane and not very exciting Youth Festivals, generally shorn of all frills. We did not have an auditorium. By today's standards, a large class room that could, when a push came to a shove, accomodate 200 students was the so-called auditorium. Those who could not find space to push in had to hang on to the window bars from the outside or be a performer himself or an odd-job man running errands for the organisers and thus be able to find a spot between the side wing props on the stage. The photograph is from a one-act play during one such a Youth Festival. This must have been in 1967 or '68. All three actors are from my batch (1969). They are, from left to right:

Vijaykumar who retired a few years back as a Brigadier in the Army and now lives in Bangalore.
Sonny Joseph, an REC-Trichy graduate and a successful engineer in the Middle East, now living in Kochi, and
Abraham Verghese, a Management Consultant in Australia. All either 70 or past 70 now.

Happy memories.

Wg Cdr Nalini Ranjan Kanthy (Retd)



TINY TOTS IN WONDERLAND



Traditionally, the start of an academic year brings with it a fair share of homesickness, nervousness, and social anxiety for preschoolers. But this year, after

the prolonged saga of online classes they have been attending, physical classes were a breath of fresh air for them. There was a marked difference in how enthusiastically they embraced the offline mode of learning.

The children's park made them ecstatic, and for a while, they were confused about whether to go first for a swing ride, or the slide, or the merry-go-round. Sheer joy was writ large on their faces when they were taken to the activity room which we had set up for them. It was pretty obvious that they took to their new on-campus life like a duck to water. The ease with which they transitioned to the world of reality and interacted with their peers and teachers so enthusiastically is perhaps the result of the fact that they had already been familiar with one another virtually, for fairly long.

The tearless start augurs well.

Ms R. Rajitha



World Radio Day



World Radio Day is celebrated on 13 February every year to recognise radio as a medium for educating people, providing information and promoting freedom of expression across cultures. World Radio Day was proclaimed in 2011 by the Member States of UNESCO and adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2012 as an International Day. This day came into being because UNESCO's member states recognised that radio is a powerful medium for celebrating humanity in all its diversity and constitutes a platform for democratic discourse.

At the global level, radio remains the most widely consumed medium. Having a radio by their side, common people can enjoy music and stay informed about the local as well as international news. Radio is the perfect source of portable information and is accessible at home, in the office, or in the car. Even when electricity or connectivity is not reliable, radio can be listened to anytime, anywhere.

I thought radio was just FM station, playing music while we are on travel. Later, during the start of the pandemic season, when we were at my grandparents' place, I came to know that radio was part of their life. On that occasion my parents also spent their free time listening to the radio.

Radio now offers a variety of content through different devices and formats such as podcasts and multimedia websites. Campus radio stations, which are run by students, have helped to develop inclusive atmosphere in the school, allow students to express their views and build their confidence.

People see the radio as one of the most trustworthy news sources. It is a trust that should be celebrated; the main objective of World Radio Day 2022 is to promote radio as one of the world's most trusted media.

Vinayak Krishna, VIII B

INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY



International Mother Language Day is observed annually on 21 February. It has been commemorated since 2000. Its intention is *to promote the preservation and protection of all languages used by peoples of the world*. The theme this year is *using technology for multilingual learning*. This was an initiative proposed by Bangladesh and marks the anniversary of the Bengali Anniversary Movement, when people of Bangladesh (then East Pakistan) fought for acknowledgement of Bangla language.

Mother language is the language a child hears first and speaks for most of his life. It is highly influenced by parents and endemic speakers. Most of you reading this article now have Malayalam as your mother language. However it is a common stereotype nowadays, especially among millennials and centennials, that English is superior to Malayalam.

Many stereotypes like this have caused language attrition in many parts of the world. Language attrition is the process of losing ones mother language. This process is generally caused by both isolation from speakers of the mother language and the acquisition and more frequent use of the second language. It has been happening to many languages for many decades. In the first few generations of language attrition they recall some of the mother language but after many generations, it will be lost fully. This process has caused the death of many languages and is deteriorating many others around the world.

Mother language is one of the things that shapes a person's feelings and thoughts. It is the words from this language which a person expresses first. Therefore it is very important to preserve and protect our mother language.

Bhavin Sankar, VIII A





NATIONAL SCIENCE DAY



Science provides solutions for everyday problems and unravels the mysteries of the universe. Whenever one problem is solved another two will rear up. So the need for science will never end. National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated to highlight the significance of science.

On 28 February 1928, Sir C.V. Raman discovered a phenomenon of scattering of photons which was later known as 'Raman Effect' after his name. After two years, in 1930, he got the Nobel Prize for this remarkable discovery. This was the first Nobel Prize for India in the field of science. To commemorate Sir C.V. Raman's famous discovery, National Science Day is celebrated in India each year on 28 February. It was done with a view to honour not just the achievements of the Nobel laureate, but also of other scientists for their achievements.

The theme of NSD -2022 is *Integrated Approach in Science and Technology for Sustainable Future*.

NSD's primary objective is to ignite an interest in science, inspire people, especially students, to do new experiments, and make them aware of the latest developments in science and technology. Students of institutes all over the country demonstrate different science projects, and the national and state-level science institutions display their latest research. The celebration also includes public speeches, radio and TV talk shows, exhibitions of science movies, science exhibitions based on different themes and concepts, events for watching the night sky, quiz competitions, debates, and many more such activities.

It is very important to promote interest in science and technology in students' minds right from childhood. NSD is definitely the best way to foster such an interest as well as appreciate the contributions of many Indian scientists.

Manuel Manoj, VIII C

In Memoriam



S. Manikantan

who passed away on 27 Nov.11-2021. He was active participant in sports at Loyola, and a member of the Kerala State Mini Basketball team. He is survived by his wife Sudha, son Shankar and daughter Srilakshmi. May his soul rest in peace.