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It's Santa Time



Standing Tall



LOGO not TO GO



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♪ Jingle Bells...

9th December 2008. The usual Tuesday for all other schools. But for Loyola school, it was a special day. A day which all Loyolites await for, to see Santa Claus and enjoy their Christmas treat. A day in which every Loyolite freaks out. The only day when they wait patiently for the Assembly to get over.

On December 9th 2008, all the Loyolites jumped out of their school bus and ran towards the quadrangle. Though they were out of control, they settled down at the steps by 9:30 a.m. to enjoy the Assembly which was compared by Ajith John. And then the Christmas assembly was kicked off with the school song. General Captain Sharath Rominus began the

Assembly in style with the Welcome speech. The Chief Guest of the day was Fr. Joseph Pulickal S.J. He spoke to us and gave us a new vision on Christmas. A week after the recent terror attacks in Mumbai, school leader Arun Sudarsan spoke to us on the damage that the terror has caused and that we should contribute for the affected in this Christmas. The small kids of VI and VII gave us a song to remember. Then we were enlightened by a speech by Mr. Philipose Chacko. We had the tiny tots of Loyola from I to VII presenting us a tableau which showed the Loyolites, the nativity scene. During the tableau came the song '♪ Jingle Bells ♪'. And as this song ran, all the Loyolites jumped from their seats, not on hearing the song but on seeing a special person. Santa Claus had parked his "one horse open sleigh" in Loyola to brighten the hearts of every Loyolite present there. As Santa hopped his way to the quadrangle, all the children jumped onto him and the school council members had a tough time controlling them. Then Santa gave his Christmas message. Due to his heavy schedule of going to other parts of the world, Santa had to leave. In the last Diwali Assembly, history was made by a Loyolite, Arun Varghese who created his own

song which mesmerized the Loyola audience. History was once again recreated with Arun Varghese coming with his song which was composed and tuned by him and written by Arun and two of his friends, Syamprakash and Anand Zachariah. The song was once again a great success and LENS wishes Arun Varghese a bright future in the field of music. There were many other group songs from most of the senior classes and the melody was taken into the hearts of every Loyolite present at the function. The final touch for the program was given by the students of Std. XII A and XII B. The program was given a full stop by Abin Francis through his vote of thanks.

Though the Christmas for Loyola was officially over, it wasn't so for the boys. No one studied for the whole day and after freaking out, the curtains were drawn for the day which was literally filled with treats. After relishing the delicacies, the children ran to the football ground to play their favourite sport. And so, since all good things must come to an end, the day got over with all the Loyolites bidding adieu to another term with smiles on their faces and joy in their hearts.

FROM THE EDITOR



After a gap of 3 months, LENS is back with the students of 9th std in the cockpit. The revival of LENS would not have been possible without the able support and help of Fr. Joseph Edassery S.J. and Fr. Toby Joseph S.J.

LENS promises to showcase all that happens on and around the campus and the editorial board has made sure that the promise isn't broken in this issue.

We hope that what we scribble on this page will inspire future Loyolites to continue our venture which will remain incomplete unless this tradition goes on. LENS wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Discuses, Javelins, Shot-puts

Rewind: August 2008

A city called Beijing witnessed the great talents of sportspersons like Asafa Powell, Usain Bolt, and Rafael Nadal in one stage The Beijing Olympics 2008.

Fast Forward: November 2008

A city called Trivandrum witnessed another great sporting event. We are talking about the 47th Annual Athletic Meet of Loyola School 2008, popularly known as the Sports Day.

On November 8th, the Loyola football ground stands were filled with sports fans, Loyolites and parents alike. After all the events were over, the Loyolites saw the lighter side of the Athletic meet, the Tug of War between the ex-Loyolites a.k.a. Vice Principal's team and the Loyolites a.k.a. Principal's team. The ex-Loyolites outplayed the Loyolites and carried away their well deserved "Eatthakkola" - the bunch of bananas, the award for the winning team of the Tug of War. JJ house were the overall Runners-Up and AP House were the overall champions with Bijo J Thomas bagging the Best Athlete award.

HOOPS and SCOOPS

Year 2008. A year of many innovations, majority of them brought by Mr. Sunil Kumar. For the first time in the history of Loyola there was a grand inauguration for a sports event and the 33rd edition of the Loyola junior basketball tournament had it all.

The tournament started with something which Loyola had never witnessed before, a march past including the home team as well as the visiting teams. There was dance presentation by the dancers of Loyola.

The tournament was kicked off in style by the Loyola team winning the first match defeating the St. Johns team in a thrilling encounter. The 2nd match for the home team saw Loyola showing a mixture of skill and concentration to crush the Don Bosco team by scoring 40 points to 10 and winning by a difference of 30 points to get into the semi-finals. The semi finals had Loyola defeating Marthoma School by 20 points. The stands erupted with pride seeing the Loyola team getting into the finals.

The Loyola team hadn't won the tournament for a long time and this year's final game gifted them a good opportunity.

But as fate would have it, the tables were turned and the Loyola team just couldn't have the last laugh. The final scores were thus:- St. Josephs: 72, Loyola: 28. though Loyola lost, the tournament was something to cherish as the curtains came down on the 33rd edition of the Loyola Junior Basketball Tournament.

Little Kind Hearts

Majority of the youth of today have no time or patience to care for the elderly. Some are accommodated eyeing the revenue they can bring in, by way of pension or to baby-sit for their grand children. The rest are dumped into the old age homes at an age when they need love and affection the most. It is in this backdrop that the boys of Loyola took up the initiative to contribute to HelpAge India, which is an organization doing remarkable and praiseworthy service for the deserted elderly.

The school has succeeded in amassing a whopping sum of Rs.2,75,000/-, the highest figure this year by any school in Kerala and the second highest in 27 years in the history of Help Age India in Kerala. The boys of Ms. Grace Kuriakose (IV A) have contributed the highest towards this noble cause. Let us hope that such noble gestures, will rekindle the spirit of humanism in each one of us...

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Can't say no to 'Logo'

A few years ago in a common assembly, the Principal, Fr. Varghese Anikuzhy S.J. raised a topic. "There will be a change in the school uniform. On the right hand top corner of the shirt pocket, there should be the school logo". Lot of eyebrows were raised on this issue, but the Principal's mind was fixed. He even provided facilities for the students to buy the logo from the School Store. But very few students had the logo stitched to their shirt

Year 2008. The Loyola School gates opened to see Fr. Toby S.J., who took over this issue. Those without a logo were either fined or not allowed to enter the class. And within 4 months 99% of Loyolites have the logo on the shirt. But still 1% of the Loyolites refuse to obey. Our LENS correspondent caught one of the boys stapling the logo on to the shirt. We hope that these Loyolites realize that they can't always keep hiding and that they will be caught some day.

