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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

NEVER GIVE UP: EVERY SETBACK IS A NEW BEGINNING

Dear Students

The first terminal examinations are just around the corner. For many students, this is a time of preparation, expectation, and perhaps even anxiety. Some may wonder if they have studied enough. Others may fear failure or compare themselves with their friends. At such a moment, the life of **St. Ignatius of Loyola** offers a powerful lesson that can inspire every one of us.

As a young man, Ignatius dreamed of becoming a famous soldier. During the Battle of Pamplona, when many around him wanted to surrender, he chose courage over fear. Though the battle ended with a cannonball shattering his leg, it did not shatter his spirit. The injury that seemed to destroy his dreams became the turning point of his life.

Confined to bed for months, Ignatius had every reason to lose hope. Instead, he chose to reflect, to pray, and to discover a greater purpose. He exchanged the sword for service, ambition for compassion, and the pursuit of personal glory for a life dedicated to God and the service of humanity. What appeared to be his greatest defeat became his greatest victory.

This is the message that St. Ignatius leaves for each one of us: **Never give up**. Success does not belong only to those who never fail; it belongs to those who rise every time they fall. Every challenge carries within it the seed of a new beginning.

As you prepare for your examinations, remember that an exam is not merely a test of memory but an opportunity to grow in discipline, perseverance, and confidence. Study sincerely, manage your time wisely, and give your very best. Do not be discouraged by difficult subjects or past mistakes. Every page you read, every problem you solve, and every effort you make brings you one step closer to excellence.

St. Ignatius also gifted the world with the inspiring ideal of **Magis**—the call to strive for "the more," not by competing with others, but by becoming the very best version of ourselves. Magis invites us to work with dedication, act with integrity, and never settle for mediocrity.

As a Jesuit school, we are called to embrace this spirit every day. Let us approach our examinations not with fear but with faith; not with anxiety but with determination; not merely aiming for marks but striving to become men and women of character, competence, and compassion.

As we enter this examination season, let us move forward with confidence, remembering the enduring message of St. Ignatius:

Never give up. Trust in God. Give your best. And always strive for the Magis.

Principal
Fr Roy Alex SJ



ONE WORLD, ONE SPIRIT, ONE GAME

LOYOLA MINI WORLD CUP 2026

A CELEBRATION OF UNITY THROUGH FOOTBALL

The Loyola **Mini World Cup 2026**, held on **14th July**, was a spectacular celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and the inspiring message that **"The World is One."**

Students were divided into **eight international teams** representing **Brazil, Argentina, Portugal, France, England, the Netherlands, Spain, and Germany**, with teachers serving as Team Managers. The event began with a colourful inaugural ceremony and march past, where students proudly showcased their team jerseys, reflecting the spirit of global unity.

The tournament featured exciting matches, with **Spain** defeating **Germany** in a thrilling final to lift the Loyola Mini World Cup—remarkably mirroring the excitement of the actual World Cup final played a few days later. The enthusiastic participation of parents added to the celebration, as the **Argentina Parents' Team** emerged victorious in a friendly match against Brazil.

A vibrant **Fans' Show** during the lunch break saw students proudly wearing the jerseys of their favourite countries, while **Penalty Shoot-Out Competitions** for girls and teachers brought even more excitement to the day.

More than a sporting event, the Loyola Mini World Cup became a joyful celebration of **Unity in Diversity**, bringing together students, teachers, and parents in the true spirit of friendship and global harmony.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants! Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the **Sports Department**, the **PTA**, our teachers, parents, and students whose enthusiasm and teamwork made this memorable event a grand success.

Together, we played. Together, we celebrated. Together, we proved that the world is one.









THE TIME WHEN LOYOLA BECAME A MINI FIFA ARENA



Tarun Manoj
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There are moments in school life that stay with us long after the final bell rings. Our recently concluded football tournament was one such unforgettable experience. For a couple of days, Loyola School transformed into a mini-FIFA arena.

One of the main reasons why this tournament became so exciting and interesting was that everybody participated in it very eagerly. The students formed teams, showed wonderful teamwork, commitment and sportsmanship. The enthusiasm of our parents who played on the field proved that there are no age barriers to the game once passion seizes you

Moreover, our teachers and girls took an active part in the challenge of performing penalty kicks. Every goal provoked an enthusiastic applause and every save - astonished exclamations and cheers of the crowd. We weren't playing in order to score the goals; we were simply having fun, supporting each other and spending time with friends.

The atmosphere of the whole tournament was absolutely electrifying. No corner of our school was silent since everywhere you could hear the whistling, clapping, yelling, applauding. We had cheerleaders, supporters and even players. It didn't matter what your age and position was since the atmosphere enveloped all of us.

The FIFA fever didn't stop at the football ground. Large LED screens across the campus showcased the tournament highlights, allowing students and staff to relive spectacular goals, brilliant saves, and joyful celebrations. Watching our own classmates, teachers, and parents on the big screen gave us the same thrill that football fans experience while watching international tournaments.

Apart from the competition and excitement, the tournament has brought us many useful lessons. We learned that success is achieved through teamwork, discipline, trust and perseverance. The victory was celebrated humbly while the defeat was taken bravely. All participants, be it in the field or in the crowd, were contributing to the atmosphere.

As the final whistle echoed across the ground, it marked more than the end of a tournament. It celebrated unity, friendship, and the joy of coming together as one Loyola family. The trophies will find their place on shelves, but the memories, laughter, and unforgettable FIFA-like atmosphere will remain in our hearts for years to come.

Undoubtedly, Loyola school was experiencing the spirit of football during these memorable days.



A RAINY DAY TO REMEMBER



The kindergarten students celebrated a fun-filled Splash Day on July 21, 2026. The children eagerly waited for the rain, as they had been looking forward to this special day.

When the rain began to fall, the children wore the raincoats that had been kept ready in their classrooms. A few children who did not have raincoats used umbrellas. Accompanied by the Principal, teachers, and non-teaching staff, they stepped outside to enjoy the rain.

The children danced, jumped, splashed in the puddles, and enjoyed the cool raindrops with great excitement. Their smiling faces and joyful laughter made the day truly special. It was a memorable experience filled with fun and happiness for everyone.

Even now, whenever it rains, the children happily ask, "Can we have another Splash Day?" Their excitement reminds us of the simple joys of childhood and the happiness of playing in the rain



18 - CISCE D ZONE TAEKWONDO CHAMPIONSHIP... Loyola School Overall Champions



LOYFIESTA 2026

A SYMPHONY OF TALENT AND CREATIVITY



Loyfiesta 2026 was a spectacular celebration of art, culture, and youthful enthusiasm, held on 23rd and 24th July. The festival brought together students from all the four houses in a spirited display of talent, creativity, and teamwork. Their enthusiastic participation transformed the campus into a vibrant arena of music, dance, literature, and artistic expression.

The festival was inaugurated by the eminent poet and lyricist Padma Shri Kaithapuram Damodaran Namboothiri. A special tribute was presented in his honour, making the inauguration a memorable and inspiring occasion. The off-stage competitions, conducted during class hours, enabled students to display their creative writing, artistic, and literary talents, while the on-stage competitions provided them with a wonderful platform to showcase their talents before an enthusiastic audience.

Seven venues hosted an exciting range of competitions, including Classical Dance, Western Dance, English Light Music, Malayalam Light Music, and various literary and cultural events. The performances reflected remarkable creativity, confidence, and dedication, making the festival an unforgettable experience for both participants and spectators.

The valedictory ceremony was graced by renowned playback singer Ms. Rithika Sudheer, who distributed prizes to the winners. The Individual Championship and Overall Championship trophies were also presented, recognising exceptional talent and the collective spirit displayed throughout the festival.

Loyfiesta 2026 was more than a competition—it was a celebration of passion, perseverance, and artistic excellence. The festival reflected the true spirit of Loyola by inspiring students to explore their potential, express themselves confidently, and create memories that will be cherished for years to come.



LOYFIESTA 2026



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“Go forth and set the world on fire.”

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: A LEGACY OF FAITH, LEADERSHIP AND MAGIS

Every year, the Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola is celebrated with great joy in Jesuit institutions across the world. It is not merely a celebration of the life of a saint but a reminder of a vision that continues to shape generations through faith, education, and service.

Born in Spain in 1491, Ignatius was a courageous soldier who dreamed of glory on the battlefield. However, a serious injury during a battle changed the course of his life forever. While recovering, he read the life of Jesus Christ and the stories of the saints. These inspired him to seek a higher purpose. He realized that true success lies not in worldly fame but in loving God and serving humanity.

Driven by this profound transformation, Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) in 1540, along with his companions, including Saint Francis Xavier and Saint Peter Faber. Their mission was simple yet powerful—to serve God through education, missionary work, and care for people. Today, Jesuit institutions around the world continue this mission by nurturing young minds and forming individuals who are intellectually competent, morally responsible, and socially committed.

Jesuit education is built upon timeless values. It encourages us to find God in all things, practise Cura Personalis—care for the whole person—and live by the motto Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam (AMDG), meaning “For the Greater Glory of God.” These values inspire students and educators alike to use their talents for the service of others and the betterment of society.

One of the most distinctive features of Jesuit institutions is their commitment to developing leaders. Teachers are entrusted with meaningful leadership roles, encouraged to take initiative, introduce creative ideas, and guide students with confidence. This atmosphere of trust and collaboration empowers educators to grow professionally while inspiring students to become responsible, compassionate, and courageous leaders of tomorrow.

At the heart of Jesuit spirituality is the ideal of Magis, a Latin word meaning “more.” Magis is not about doing more work; it is about becoming more—striving for excellence, choosing what is right, and giving our very best in everything we do. It challenges us to constantly improve ourselves, not for personal recognition, but for the greater glory of God and the good of others.



Ms Rochelle Rozario



As members of the Loyola family, we are privileged to be part of this rich tradition. The values of Saint Ignatius continue to guide us in our classrooms, our relationships, and our daily lives. They encourage us to grow in faith, pursue excellence with humility, lead with integrity, and serve with compassion.

On this Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, let us express our heartfelt gratitude to the Jesuit Fathers for their unwavering commitment to education, leadership, and the formation of young minds. Their dedication continues to inspire generations to dream big, act justly, and live purposefully.

May the life and teachings of Saint Ignatius inspire each one of us to embrace the spirit of Magis, to become men and women for others, and to strive always for the greater glory of God.

Happy Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola!





WALKING THE IGNATIAN WAY



Ishani KV

Every year on 31st July, we celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola with joy and gratitude. For us, this is not merely the feast of a great saint or the founder of the Jesuits. It is a day to reflect on who we are as Loyolites and who we are called to become.

Being a student of Loyola is a privilege. Every morning, as we walk through the gates of our school, we are invited into a tradition that is much larger than ourselves—a tradition that encourages us to seek truth, strive for excellence, care for others, and discover God's presence in our everyday lives.

Often, we think success is measured by marks, medals, trophies, or applause. St. Ignatius gently reminds us that true success is something deeper. It is becoming the best version of ourselves, using our gifts not only for personal achievement but also for the good of others. Every classroom, every playground, every competition, every friendship, and every challenge becomes an opportunity to grow in character and in faith.

One of the greatest gifts of Ignatian spirituality is the habit of reflection. At the end of each day, we are invited to pause and ask ourselves:

Did I learn something today? Did I help someone today? Did I become a little kinder, more honest, more responsible than I was yesterday? These simple questions help us become better students, better friends, and better human beings.

Our school motto and the values we learn every day remind us that education is not only about filling our minds with knowledge but also about forming our hearts with compassion. St. Ignatius dreamed of creating "Men and Women for Others"—people who use their talents to serve, to heal, to lead with humility, and to bring hope wherever they go. That dream continues in every Loyola classroom today.

The Ignatian ideal of Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam—"For the Greater Glory of God"—invites us to give our best in everything we do. Whether we are preparing for an examination, participating in sports, performing on stage, helping a classmate, or showing kindness to someone who feels left out, every small action can become an offering to God when it is done with sincerity and love.

Today, we also express our heartfelt gratitude to our Jesuit Fathers, Sisters, teachers, and every member of the Loyola family. Through your dedication, encouragement, and example, you continue the mission of St. Ignatius by helping us grow not only in knowledge but also in wisdom, integrity, and compassion. Thank you for believing in us, guiding us, and inspiring us to dream beyond ourselves.

As we celebrate this beautiful feast, let us renew our commitment to live as true Loyolites. May we become young people who are thoughtful in our decisions, courageous in doing what is right, generous in serving others, and faithful in everything we do.

May the life and vision of St. Ignatius inspire each one of us to make every day meaningful and every action worthwhile.

Let us always remember the words that guide our Loyola family:

"Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam" — "For the Greater Glory of God."



IGNITING THE EDUCATORS OF TOMORROW EMPOWERING NEW TEACHERS

The Teachers' Training Programme 2026, organized by JEA Kerala, was held on 10th and 11th July 2026 at Loyola Educational Society (LES), Trivandrum, under the inspiring theme "Igniting the Educators of Tomorrow – Empowering New Teachers." The two-day programme was designed to equip newly appointed teachers with the knowledge, skills, values, and vision needed to excel as educators in Jesuit institutions.

Ms Keerthy Dinesh

The programme commenced with an inaugural session, followed by an Ice-breaking and Orientation session conducted by Mr. Joby, which encouraged interaction and collaboration among the participants. One of the key sessions, "Jesuit Legacy in Education," was led by Fr. Dr. Saji SJ, Associate Professor, Loyola College (Autonomous). He introduced teachers to the rich heritage and educational philosophy of Jesuit institutions. The concept of Magis, meaning striving for the greater good or always seeking excellence, was emphasized as the guiding principle for every educator. Participants were encouraged to go beyond academic success and help students grow intellectually, morally, emotionally, and spiritually.

The afternoon session on Jesuit Leadership in Education, conducted by Fr. Dr. Salvin Augustine, SJ, Principal, Loyola School, Trivandrum, highlighted the importance of leading with integrity, compassion, and service. Teachers were reminded that true leadership is rooted in servant leadership, where educators inspire others through humility, responsibility, and dedication. The session also introduced the principle of Cura Personalis—the Jesuit value of caring for the whole person. It stressed that every learner is unique and deserves individual attention, encouragement, and support.

Another enriching session, "Exploring the Adolescent Mind: Guiding and Empowering Teens," was handled by Fr. Dr. Sanil Majkuneil, SJ, Faculty, Loyola College, Trivandrum. The session focused on understanding the emotional, psychological, and social needs of adolescents. Participants learned practical ways to build trust, communicate effectively, and create a safe and supportive classroom environment where every child feels valued.

The second day began with an inspiring Interaction with the Provincial, Fr. Henry Pattarumadathil, SJ, Provincial, Kerala Jesuit Province, who encouraged teachers to view teaching as a vocation rather than merely a profession. He emphasized the Jesuit mission of forming "Men and Women for Others," inspiring teachers to nurture students who are compassionate, socially responsible, and committed to serving society.

The session "From Rote to Roots: Active Learning in 21st Century Classrooms" was conducted by Dr. Jo Paul, Principal, Benchmark International School, Trivandrum. He introduced innovative and student-centred teaching strategies that promote critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, and meaningful learning experiences. The programme also included recreational activities, group discussions, and opportunities for networking, making the learning process both engaging and enjoyable.



A significant takeaway from the programme was the practice of Reflection and Discernment, which are central to Jesuit education. Throughout the sessions, the resource persons encouraged teachers to reflect on their daily experiences, evaluate their actions, and make thoughtful decisions that benefit their students and the school community. These practices help educators continually improve both professionally and personally.

The success of the Teachers' Training Programme was made possible through the dedicated initiative and visionary leadership of Fr. Roy Alex, SJ, Principal of Loyola School. His commitment to empowering newly appointed teachers and strengthening Jesuit education was evident in the meticulous planning and execution of the programme. Throughout the two days, Fr. Roy Alex extended his unwavering support, encouragement, and guidance, ensuring that every session was meaningful and well-coordinated. His warm hospitality, personal involvement, and constant presence created a welcoming atmosphere that inspired participants and reflected the true spirit of Jesuit leadership and service.

The programme concluded with a Programme Evaluation and Valedictory Session, where participants reflected on their learning journey and shared their experiences. Overall, the training was enriching and inspiring. It reinforced the importance of Magis, Cura Personalis, Reflection, Discernment, and the commitment to forming Men and Women for Others. The programme strengthened the participants' understanding of Jesuit educational values and prepared them to become compassionate, competent, and visionary educators dedicated to transforming young lives through excellence in education.

STOP SULKING, START LIVING

Life has more positives than we often realise. Too frequently, we take our blessings for granted while treating every negative moment as if it were the end of the world.

My point is simple- we sometimes focus so intensely on the downsides that we forget to acknowledge and value the positives that give our lives meaning.

For instance, when your mother serves you your least favorite meal, your first reaction may be to complain about how much you dislike it. But in the middle of all those complaints, did you ever stop to consider the effort she put into preparing that meal? Did you think about the countless people out on the streets, wishing they had any food at all?

We must realise that life is just like a human being — not too good, yet not too bad. It's a combination of both. If we end up focusing and sulking too much on our negatives, we end up ruining our true potential.

Ultimately, it comes down to a simple question. Who do you wish to become?

Do you want to be someone who enjoys life, or someone who spends their days sulking over every disadvantage?

The choice is all yours to make.



Ishani KV



Congratulations



Dakshith Gopinath, 1A, Faber Sub juniors



Nainthen Joji, 3B, Arrupe Juniors



Saatvi Ranjith, 5B, Arrupe Junior



Aman P Nair, 8B, Britto Seniors



Aadi Nandan TM , 9B, Britto Super Seniors



Uthara Nidhish T ,10B, Arrupe Super Seniors



Emmanuel Paul Jobby, 5B, Faber Junior



Insha Ziya P, 8B, Faber Senior



Overall Champions.... Britto House



Runners Up- Arrupe House