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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The Courage to Begin Again

Dear Students

October invites us to pause, reflect and begin anew. At the heart of this month stands **Mahatma Gandhi**, the Father of our Nation and one of the greatest gifts India has given to the world. His life was a powerful testimony to truth, simplicity, discipline, courage and perseverance. Gandhi did not achieve greatness through power or wealth, but through the strength of his convictions and his commitment to what he believed was right.

For us, especially as students, Gandhi's life carries a beautiful message: **greatness is built through small choices made consistently**. Success does not happen overnight. It grows through discipline, hard work, patience and the courage to keep going when things become difficult.

September at Loyola was filled with energy and excitement. We celebrated sports, science, arts, creativity and many other talents. These experiences have enriched us and given us wonderful memories. But every celebration must eventually give way to responsibility. As we enter October, it is time to bring our attention back to our classrooms, our books and our academic goals.

There is a simple story about two seeds lying beneath the soil. One seed was afraid to grow. It feared the rain, the heat and the storms, and decided to remain safely underground. The other seed was also afraid, but it chose to push through the soil. It faced the rain and the wind, continued to grow and eventually became a strong tree. The first seed remained safe, but it never discovered what it could become.

Dear students, sometimes a difficult chapter, a challenging subject or a disappointing result may make us want to give up. But remember: **you cannot discover your potential without the courage to grow**. One page read today, one problem solved, one concept understood and one mistake corrected can make a difference.

Do not wait for examinations to begin studying. Do not wait for motivation to arrive. Begin today. Develop the discipline to study regularly, listen attentively, read widely and make the best use of your time. Your phone, games and distractions may offer immediate enjoyment, but your education is shaping the person you will become tomorrow.

As we remember Gandhi this month, let us not merely remember his name; let us learn from his life. Let us practise truthfulness in our work, discipline in our habits, respect in our relationships and perseverance in our studies.

September gave us many moments to celebrate. **Let October give us a reason to grow.**

Principal
Fr Roy Alex SJ



TEACHERS' DAY *Celebration*

A Day of Gratitude, Appreciation and Joy

Teachers' Day was celebrated at Loyola School, Kozhikode, on 8 September 2026 with great enthusiasm, warmth, and gratitude. The celebration provided a beautiful opportunity for the entire school community to acknowledge the dedication, commitment, and selfless service of our teachers.

One of the highlights of the day was the unique opportunity given to our students to step into the shoes of their teachers. Students took on various responsibilities and began the day by leading the morning meditation and giving instructions to their fellow students. They also conducted classes and engaged in teaching and other responsibilities, experiencing firsthand the preparation, patience, responsibility, and dedication required of a teacher. It was truly a meaningful experience of learning by doing.

The morning assembly was filled with colour, creativity, and affection. Students expressed their heartfelt appreciation and love for their teachers through beautiful words, colourful greeting cards, and thoughtful gestures. They presented a variety of wonderful programmes that reflected their gratitude and admiration for their teachers. The joy and enthusiasm of the students made the celebration particularly memorable.

The celebration continued with a special gathering of all the teachers at Arnos Hall, in the presence of our School Manager, Fr. Pious Vachaparambil SJ. The Teachers' Day cake was cut as a symbol of the joy and togetherness of the Loyola family. The Manager and the Principal also presented Teachers' Day gifts to the teachers as a token of appreciation for their dedicated service and commitment to the school.

A special word of gratitude goes to the PTA Council members for their thoughtful and beautiful gift to the teachers. Their gesture was a touching expression of appreciation and partnership. Our sincere thanks also go to Ashik Sir and his team for their valuable support in making the celebration special.

We also express our heartfelt gratitude to our dear parents for their warm presence, thoughtful gestures, and memorable gift. Their love, affection, and continued support made the occasion even more meaningful and unforgettable.

Teachers' Day 2026 was indeed a wonderful day filled with appreciation, affection, laughter, and cherished memories. More than a celebration, it was a reminder of the beautiful bond shared by teachers, students, parents, and the entire Loyola community.

A day to celebrate teachers.

A day to appreciate their dedication.

A day to cherish the beautiful Loyola



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Music Composer and Vocalist:
Ms Cicily Anil

Videography: **Mr Shiyas**

Orchestra: **Mr. Sudhin, Daamini Digital**



Serah Alice Abraham
VI - B

A DAY TO CELEBRATE THOSE WHO INSPIRE US

Teachers' Day is one of the most special days in our school calendar. In India, it is celebrated on 5 September to honour Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a great teacher, philosopher and former President of India. What makes this day truly special for me is that it gives us an opportunity to pause and think about the teachers who guide, encourage and inspire us every day.

Every teacher has a different way of teaching. Some may be strict, while others may be gentle and cheerful. But behind every lesson, every correction and every word of advice, there is care and concern for our future. Teachers are like our second mothers because they patiently guide us, correct us when we go wrong and encourage us to become better human beings.

This year, my school, Loyola School, celebrated Teachers' Day in a very special way. Our day began like any other school day, but there was something different—we, the high school students, became teachers and took classes for the younger students. It was exciting and also made me realise how much patience and effort our teachers put into teaching us every day!

The afternoon was filled with fun and laughter. Our friends sang songs, danced and performed a hilarious skit that made everyone burst into laughter. It was wonderful to see our teachers enjoying themselves and smiling freely.

One of the most touching moments was when each teacher received a beautiful plant pot, a special prize with their photograph and a heartfelt thank-you note. During the presentation, the MC shared why each teacher was loved and appreciated by the students. Listening to those words made me realise how much our teachers mean to us.

Another interesting part of the celebration was the special Teachers' Day interview on Loyola Radio. Hearing a teacher share her experiences and give advice to students who dream of becoming teachers was truly inspiring. It made me think about how meaningful the teaching profession is.

As the day came to an end, I noticed many of our teachers leaving school with their hands full of cards made by us. Seeing their happy faces made me feel that our small efforts had brought them great joy.

For me, Teachers' Day was not just a celebration. It was a day of gratitude—a reminder that behind every successful student is a teacher who believed, guided and cared. It was truly a beautiful and memorable day for all of us, and I will always cherish the wonderful memories of celebrating our teachers.

NURTURING YOUNG MINDS, INSPIRING RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS



As part of his official visitation to the Kerala Province, Fr. Dr. S. M. John Kennedy SJ, Conference Secretary for School Education, visited Loyola School, Kozhikode. His presence was a valuable opportunity for our students and the school community to interact with and learn from him.

Fr. Kennedy addressed the students and engaged them in a meaningful interaction. Through a beautiful and thought-provoking story, he highlighted our shared responsibility to care for Mother Earth and encouraged the students to become responsible and compassionate stewards of our environment.

He expressed his appreciation for the way the morning assembly was conducted and was particularly impressed by the thoughtful and insightful questions raised by the students. His words of appreciation were a source of encouragement to both the students and teachers.

The visit was a meaningful and enriching experience, leaving our students inspired to think deeply, ask meaningful questions, and recognise their responsibility towards the world around them.



OPEN HOUSE

The Open House was held on 6 September 2026 at Loyola School, Kozhikode, with the objective of strengthening the partnership between the school and parents and providing an opportunity to discuss the academic progress, talents, behaviour, and overall development of the students.

The programme was conducted smoothly and received an encouraging response from the parents. Nearly 95% of the parents attended the Open House and met the respective teachers. The interactions were warm, constructive, and focused on the holistic development of the students. Teachers shared the strengths and achievements of the students, discussed areas requiring improvement, and offered practical suggestions to parents for providing appropriate support at home.

Parents were also given an opportunity to share their concerns, suggestions, and observations. The interactions helped teachers and parents develop a better understanding of the individual needs of the students and strengthened mutual trust and cooperation.

Overall, the Open House was very successful and meaningful. The excellent participation of parents and the positive interaction between teachers and parents reflected a strong sense of partnership in nurturing the students and supporting their academic, personal, and social growth.



LOY NOVA

Where Science, Arts and Artificial Intelligence Came Alive



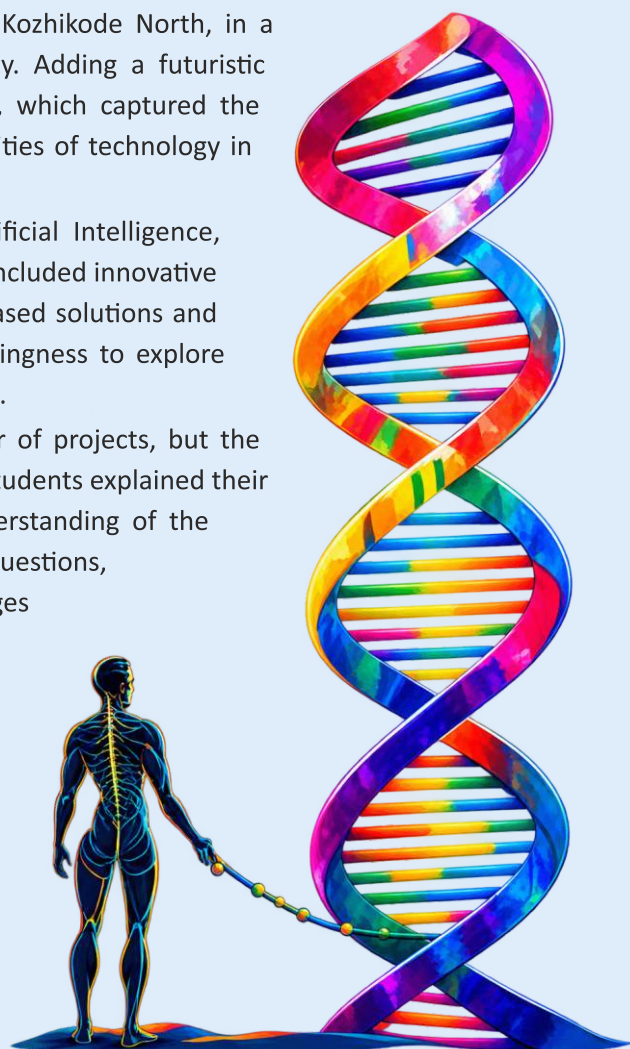
LOY NOVA – the Science, Arts and AI Exhibition at Loyola School, Kozhikode, provided a vibrant platform for students to transform their ideas, curiosity and imagination into innovative projects and meaningful learning experiences. The exhibition brought together science, creativity, technology and artificial intelligence, reflecting the spirit of inquiry and innovation nurtured among the students.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Adv. K. Jayanth, MLA, Kozhikode North, in a ceremony that combined education, technology and creativity. Adding a futuristic dimension to the inauguration was MAEVE, the robotic host, which captured the attention of the gathering and symbolised the exciting possibilities of technology in education.

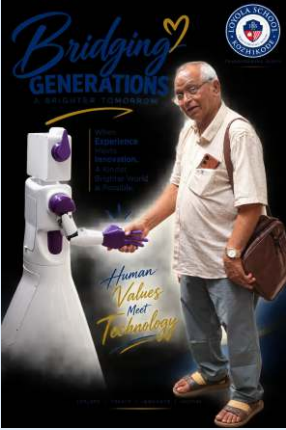
The exhibition featured 250 projects in Science and Artificial Intelligence, presented by students across different categories. The projects included innovative models, scientific experiments, technological applications, AI-based solutions and creative explorations. Each project reflected the students' willingness to explore beyond textbooks and apply their knowledge to real-life situations.

What stood out at LOY NOVA was not merely the number of projects, but the enthusiasm, confidence and curiosity of the young innovators. Students explained their projects with remarkable clarity, demonstrating a strong understanding of the concepts behind their work. They confidently responded to questions, discussed their observations and shared the ideas and challenges that inspired their projects.

The exhibition became a celebration of curiosity, creativity and innovation, giving students an opportunity to think independently, experiment fearlessly and communicate their learning effectively. LOY NOVA truly reflected Loyola's commitment to fostering scientific temper, technological awareness, creative thinking and a spirit of innovation among its students.







LOY NOVA

Science & Art Exhibition



Ayham Munas C.A.
VI - C

I had a really amazing and wonderful experience at the Loy Nova, Science & Art Exhibition held in our school.

The exhibition had many wonderful projects and experiments like Scratch games, Oobleck, Voting Machine and many more. The most exciting part was that the exhibition was inaugurated by a robot!

Our AI teachers, Ashwin Sir and Shidhana Ma'am, guided us and made amazing creations like drones, robot, VR and home

robot. All students from Class 1st to 6th presented their projects beautifully. There were group projects as well as single projects. There was also an Arts exhibition which was very colourful and attractive. There were still models, working models and charts.

My friend Alan and I presented a project on AI Smart Parking System. The idea behind our project was to show how Artificial Intelligence (AI) can be used to make parking easier and more organized. The system can help identify available parking spaces and guide vehicles to suitable parking areas. I am very proud to share that we won 2nd prize for our AI project and I also participated in the Physics Chart category, where I presented a chart on Centripetal Force and Centrifugal Force. I explained the concepts with simple examples from everyday life, such as a car taking a turn and objects moving in circular motion. I was very happy to receive 1st Prize in the Physics Chart category.

Participating in the Science Expo was a memorable experience. Winning 2nd Prize for our AI Smart Parking System and 1st Prize for my Physics Chart made me very proud and motivated me to learn more about science and technology.

I am grateful to my parents, my AI mentor Shidhana Ma'am, my teachers, my friend Alan, and everyone who supported and encouraged us throughout the project.



LOY TOTS FIESTA 2026

Where Little Stars Shone Bright



Loy Tots Fiesta, the Arts Festival of the Kindergarten students of Loyola School, Kozhikode, held on 19 September 2026, transformed the school campus into a vibrant world of colour, creativity, music and movement. It was a celebration of childhood itself—a day when imagination found expression and little talents blossomed with confidence and joy.

The festival began in a simple yet wonderfully creative manner. Fr. Pious Vachaparambil, the Manager of Loyola School, inaugurated the celebration by blowing hydrogen balloons carrying the LOY TOTS FIESTA flags. As the colourful balloons rose into the air, they symbolically announced the beginning of a day filled with dreams, enthusiasm and youthful energy.

The various competitions were conducted across different stages, providing the young participants with opportunities to express themselves in a variety of artistic forms. The campus soon came alive with music, dance, rhythm and colour. The little ones stepped onto the stages with remarkable enthusiasm, overcoming hesitation and displaying an exceptional range of talents. Their performances reflected not only their preparation but also their spontaneity, innocence and sheer joy.

From graceful movements to energetic dances, from confident stage appearances to creative expressions, every performance carried the unique charm of childhood. For the young participants, the festival was more than a competition. It was an opportunity to discover themselves, overcome stage fear, experience teamwork and celebrate the joy of performing before an audience.

The presence of parents added another beautiful dimension to the celebration. Their enthusiastic participation and encouragement gave the children an added sense of confidence as they performed and cheered for one another.

The Grand Closing Ceremony brought the day's celebrations to a meaningful conclusion.



The chief guest, Devika Niravu, State Vanamithra Award Winner, brought with her a message that extended beyond the world of arts and into the realm of care for creation. A passionate advocate of planting and nurturing trees, Devika has herself planted 726 plants in different places and continues to ensure that they are cared for and protected. Her presence offered the young children an inspiring example of how small acts of care can grow into a meaningful contribution to the world.

The Prize Distribution Ceremony that followed celebrated the achievements of the young participants. Each prize became a moment of pride and each smiling face reflected the excitement of having participated in a festival created especially for them.

LOY TOTS FIESTA was therefore not merely an arts competition. It was a celebration of talent, confidence, creativity, friendship and the boundless imagination of childhood. The little stars of Loyola stepped onto the stage, expressed themselves freely and discovered that they, too, could shine.

As the balloons carrying the LOY TOTS FIESTA flags rose at the beginning of the day, they seemed to capture the spirit of the entire celebration—little dreams rising high, little voices finding expression and little hearts discovering the joy of being seen and celebrated.

LOY TOTS FIESTA 2026 will remain a colourful chapter in the story of our youngest Loyolites—a day when childhood took centre stage and shone brilliantly.



RANGOTSAV '26

A Celebration of Culture, Talent and Team Spirit

The campus of Loyola School, Kozhikode, came alive with music, rhythm, colour and youthful energy as the school hosted Rangotsav '26 – the Zone-F Cultural Fest on 26 September 2026. The vibrant celebration brought together 450 students from 16 schools, transforming the campus into a lively platform for artistic expression, creativity and healthy competition.

The festival was inaugurated by Kumari Nidha Ishna, the renowned young singer, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. Her presence added a special charm to the inaugural ceremony and inspired the participating students to celebrate their talents with confidence and enthusiasm.

The various competitions unfolded across the campus according to the planned schedule. Students from the participating schools competed in a range of cultural events, showcasing their skills in music and other performing arts. The campus resonated with melodious voices, energetic performances and the vibrant spirit of young artists. Each stage became a space where talent met discipline, creativity met confidence and competition became an opportunity for learning and growth.

Loyola School, Kozhikode, emerged as the First Runner-up in Category 4 with 41 points and secured the Second Runner-up position in Category 5. These achievements reflected the dedication, preparation and artistic excellence of the participating Loyola students.

The entire programme progressed smoothly as planned, with the different events conducted according to the scheduled arrangements. The coordination of the various teams, the systematic conduct of competitions and the active participation of students contributed to the successful completion of the festival.

More than a cultural competition, Rangotsav '26 became a celebration of the spirit of young people—their creativity, confidence, discipline and willingness to step onto the stage and express themselves. It also provided students from different schools an opportunity to meet, compete, appreciate one another's talents and experience the joy of belonging to a larger cultural community.

With 450 young talents, 16 participating schools and a campus filled with music and enthusiasm, Rangotsav '26 became a memorable chapter in Loyola's cultural journey.





WHEN I FOUND MYSELF IN THE DANCE



Anusha Praveen
VI - C

My day began with a heart full of excitement and a little nervousness as I got ready to participate in Rangolsav 2026–27, the Zonal Cultural Programme. The moment I entered the venue, I could feel the energy and excitement in the air. The colourful costumes, cheerful faces and lively atmosphere made the whole place come alive.

The programme featured various categories such as Bharatanatyam, folk dance, theme dance and group dance, with students from Classes VI to X taking part. Each performance was unique and reflected the hard work, dedication and passion of the young dancers. Watching them perform was truly inspiring.

When my turn finally came, I felt a sudden rush of nervousness. But the moment the music began, all my fears seemed to disappear. I forgot everything around me and simply immersed myself in the dance. I enjoyed every moment on the stage. Standing there and performing in front of everyone was a truly priceless experience.

Rangolsav was not merely a competition for me. It was a celebration of talent, creativity and friendship. It gave me an opportunity to learn from others, overcome my nervousness and create beautiful memories. Watching so many talented performers also made me appreciate the beauty and power of dance even more.

As the day came to an end, I felt proud, grateful and happy to have been a part of such a wonderful event. Rangolsav filled my day with colours, music, excitement and unforgettable moments. I will always treasure this experience and carry these beautiful memories with me.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who supported and encouraged us and helped make this programme so special. Rangolsav 2026–27 will always remain a colourful and precious chapter in my memories.



Muhammad Nabeel
VI - A

A SYMPHONY OF SPEED, SPIRIT & TRIUMPHS

Loyola School Celebrates Annual Sports Meet 2026

Our school, Loyola School, held its exciting Annual Sports Meet from 30th September to 1st October 2026. The school grounds looked beautiful with colourful flags, bright banners, and tents for the different houses. Everyone - students, teachers, and parents - was full of energy and cheer. The sports meet started with grand March Past. Students marched in perfect lines to the beat of school band. It was wonderful to watch. After that, our Principle, Fr. Roy Alex, gave a speech wonderful speech. He told us that taking part in sports is more important than winning because it teaches us teamwork and discipline. Then, our school Manager, Fr. Pious Vachaparambil SJ, lit the sports torch to start the games. After that the students from the smaller classes performed a joyful Zumba dance with great energy. Soon, the sports events began! The ground was filled with loud cheering as students ran in the 100-meter, 200m, 400m and 800m races. 4x100m relay races were the most exciting because the runners were very fast. Apart from running, students also took part in the shot-put and high jump. At end of the second day, we had the Prize Distribution Ceremony. Students received shiny medals and certificates for their hard work. The biggest cheers went to Arnos House, who became the Overall Champions of the sports meet! Britto House also played very well and won the Runner-Up trophy. We all went home tired but very happy. The sports meet was lot of fun.



A CELEBRATION OF SPORTSMANSHIP AND TEAM SPIRIT



The 18th Annual Sports Day of Loyola School, Kozhikode was celebrated with great enthusiasm, energy and sporting spirit. The programme brought together students, teachers and the school community in a vibrant celebration of fitness, discipline, teamwork and healthy competition.

The event commenced with the March Past, which was a colourful and disciplined display of coordination and confidence. Students representing the different Houses marched smartly to the rhythm of the band, reflecting the discipline and team spirit that lie at the heart of sports.

The Mass Drill presented by Classes I, II and III added a special charm to the opening proceedings. With colourful formations, synchronized movements and enthusiastic participation, the young students presented a visually captivating performance that filled the ground with energy and excitement.

The presence of Fr. Pious Vachaparambil, Manager of the School, as the Chief Guest added significance to the occasion. The Sports Day then moved into a series of exciting track and field events, with students participating enthusiastically in running races and various sporting competitions. Their determination, speed and competitive spirit made every event engaging and memorable.

The sporting arena witnessed moments of triumph as well as perseverance. Students cheered for their Houses and classmates, creating an atmosphere of healthy competition and camaraderie. The events provided every participant with an opportunity to demonstrate not only physical ability but also discipline, courage, teamwork and respect for opponents.

The day concluded as a vibrant celebration of the Olympic spirit—faster, higher and stronger—reminding everyone that true victory lies not merely in winning medals, but in giving one's best, accepting challenges and growing through participation.





My experience at a **COASTAL CLEANING CAMP**



Afsheen Meharooof
VI - A

I had a wonderful and meaningful experience when I took part in a coastal cleaning camp as a Guide. The camp taught me the importance of keeping our beaches clean and protecting the environment. As we arrived at the shore, I noticed how beautiful the sea looked, but I also understood that litter can spoil this natural beauty and harm marine life.

During the camp, we worked together to collect waste scattered along the beach. We picked up items such as plastic wrappers, bottles, and other rubbish, taking care to handle the waste safely and place it in the proper bags. Working as a team made the task easier and more enjoyable. I felt proud to contribute to a cleaner coastline and to be part of a group working for a good cause.

Being a Guide also reminded me that leadership is not only about giving instructions; it is about setting a good example, helping others, and taking responsibility. The camp showed me that even small actions can make a big difference when people work together. It also made me think about how careless disposal of plastic and other waste can affect sea animals and the wider environment.

One of the most memorable parts of the camp was seeing how much waste we were able to collect together. Although the work was tiring at times, it was satisfying to see the beach becoming cleaner as we continued. The



experience also gave me an opportunity to interact with other Guides and volunteers. We encouraged one another and learned that cooperation and a positive attitude can make even a difficult task enjoyable.

The camp also made me realise that keeping our environment clean should not be limited to special events. It should become a part of our everyday lives. We can all help by throwing waste into bins, reducing the use of plastic, reusing useful items, and reminding others to care for nature. As a Guide, I feel that I have an extra responsibility to spread this message and inspire others through my actions.

I returned from the camp with a stronger sense of responsibility towards nature. I learned that we should avoid single-use plastics whenever possible, use dustbins, and encourage others not to litter. The coastal cleaning camp was more than just a cleaning activity; it was a lesson in teamwork, service, and environmental awareness. I will always remember this experience and do my best to keep my surroundings clean.



TODAY'S CHOICES, BRIGHTER TOMORROWS

Orientation Programme for Classes IX & X

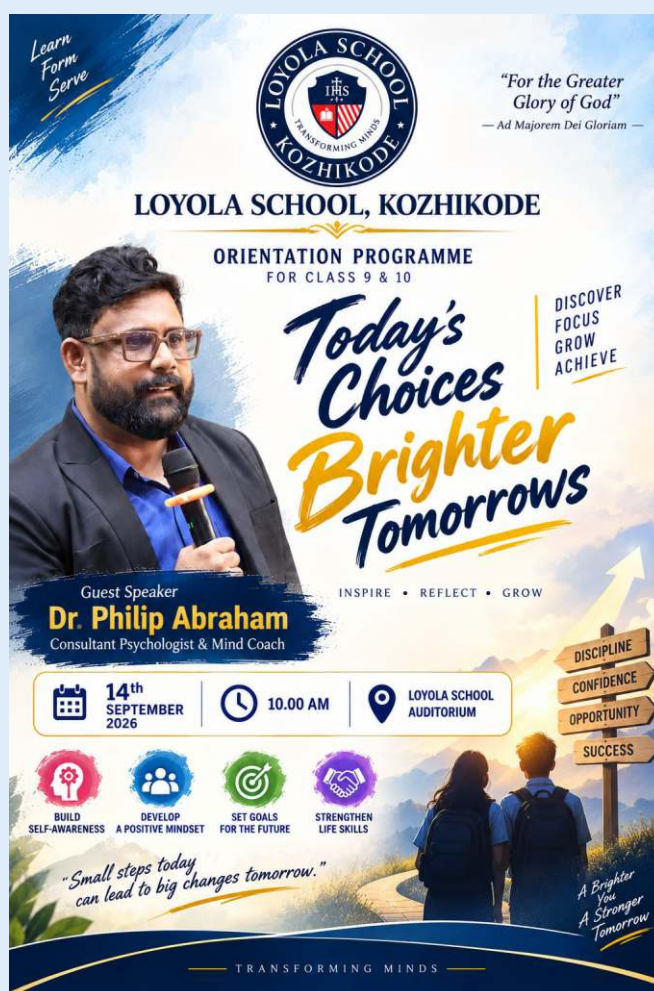
Loyola School, Kozhikode conducted a special Orientation and Motivation Programme for the students of Classes IX and X on 14 September 2026 at the school auditorium. The programme was designed to inspire students to approach their studies with greater focus, confidence and a clear sense of purpose.

The session was led by Dr. Philip Abraham, Consultant Psychologist and Mind Coach, who engaged the students through an inspiring and thought-provoking interaction. The programme focused on helping students understand the importance of the choices they make today and how these choices shape their future.

Through meaningful reflections and practical insights, the students were encouraged to develop self-awareness, a positive mindset, goal-setting skills and stronger life skills. Particular emphasis was given to developing discipline, maintaining concentration and cultivating a consistent approach to academic preparation.

The session also motivated students to overcome distractions, believe in their abilities and make conscious efforts to improve their academic performance. The message was clear: success is built through small, consistent steps, disciplined effort and a willingness to learn and grow.

The programme served as a timely reminder to the students of Classes IX and X that their present academic journey is an important foundation for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. It encouraged them to study well, set meaningful goals and move confidently towards a brighter future.





Niyathi Viradiya
VI - B

GRANDPARENTS

Our Second Parents, Our Forever Blessing

My grandparents are truly my second parents. They are my protectors, my guides and, most of all, a constant source of love and happiness. In our family, there is a beautiful unwritten rule: whenever my parents scold me, my grandparents are quick to take my side—and sometimes they even end up scolding my parents!

I call my grandparents Dada, Dadi, Nana and Nani. They are wonderful storytellers who fill our evenings with fascinating stories from their childhood and life experiences. They pamper me with love, prepare my favourite dishes and protect me whenever I get into a little trouble with my parents. I especially love the delicious smell of Grandma's cooking and the fun games we play together.

People often say that parents are our first teachers, but I believe grandparents are our teachers too. They teach us important lessons about kindness, patience, respect and the value of family.

Their stories teach us about life, while their actions teach us how to love and care for others.

Our parents give us life, but our grandparents add sweetness, warmth and beautiful memories to that life. Their love is a precious blessing that we should never take for granted.

So, my dear friends, let us always love, respect, support and cherish our grandparents. Let us make them feel special, just as they have always made us feel loved, protected and special.



