



YOUTH FESTIVAL 2010: REVELRY WITHOUT RIVALRY

Life in Loyola is a jubilation for all the Loyolites. The festivity in Loyola and the vibrant enthusiasm of the Loyolites reach its peak during the four colourful days of competition, jubilation and celebration - 'Youth Festival'.

Youth Festival 2010 was no different in terms of the emulation and excitement associated with it. The chief guest for the opening ceremony was Ms. Preetha Kannan, a renowned playback singer who mesmerized the audience with her melodious voice - an apt beginning for the cultural extravaganza held from 26th July to 29th July.



The talented Loyolites gave their best to earn valuable points for their respective houses and bagged the Overall Championship. The English and Malayalam dramas brought to the limelight the best of the scriptwriters and the renowned actors of Loyola School. The literary thunderbolt - 'Mind O'er Matter' showed to the audience what the English language can do to the contestants and what they can do to the *lingua franca*. In 'Groom 'em Young', the quest for the

'Best of the Best' the contestants had to deal with intriguing situations, eccentric props and a whole lot of other unexpected circumstances. In the end, Master Shyamkrishnan R (XI A) was crowned 'Master Loyola' 2010.

The closing ceremony was graced by the presence of popular cine artist Mr. Santhosh Kumar. The Sputnik Spacemen bagged the Overall Championship with 312 points winning the Rev Fr Joseph Edamaram S J memorial trophy. The Gemini Giants were the runners up with 300 points winning the Rev Fr Kuncheria S J memorial trophy. Youth Festival 2010 was not about creating a divide between the winners and the losers, but aimed at strengthening our camaraderie and discovering the Loyola spirit in each one of us.



From the Editor

From Lafest to Youth Festival to Onam - It's jubilation at its best in Loyola School. Indeed, life in Loyola is a fiesta for all Loyolites. We would like to congratulate all the participants and the winners of the Youth Festival.

In the 'Your Attention Please' column, we have taken up an issue of grave importance for all Loyolites - the 'dormancy' of the English speaking squads. The slightest positive response from your part will be a great achievement for all of us.

We value your suggestions and feedback. They can be sent to loyolalens@gmail.com. Check out the online versions at www.lens.loyolites.com.

THE VICTORY RUN

"The victory run-that's what I call it" - this is how Fr. Toby Joseph S.J. described Loyola School emerging victorious in all the four inter-school fests that it had participated this year. Loyola School bagged the overall championship at San Revo, hosted by St Thomas Residential School; Rendezvous, hosted by St Thomas Higher Secondary School; Sameeksha, hosted by Bharathiya Vidhya Bhavan; and the Science and Literary Fest hosted by the Trivandrum International School. At Rendezvous, Loyolites bagged 1st prizes - in 'Move 2 de Beats', 'Conquer the Floor', 'Melodioso' and 'Model Mania'. In Sameeksha, we got 1st prizes for 'Junkyard Overhaul' and 'Guts and glory'. In San Revo, we emerged winners in group dance, group song, Skime and personality contest. In the Science and Literary fest Loyolites made a clean sweep in the Young Scientist and Numerically Yours competitions for different age groups. Apart from this Loyolites have also put up spectacular performances in other competitions like SCT quiz and Frank Anthony Debate. The Loyolites have thus reassured that they are a notch above the other schools - be it in academics or in extra curricular activities. Cheer Loyola's sons !!!



YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

Loyola School has always been supportive of the formation of clubs within the school and over the years many clubs like the Eco club, Hindi club, Social Science club etc. have done commendable work. Four years back, Loyola School was witness to the birth of the 'Spoken English Squad', which was to play a pivotal role in improving the standards of English speaking in Loyola School. However it is very disappointing to notice that these squads are the least active among the lot.

When the LENS team set out to investigate the functioning of these squads, we were surprised to find that the members of the club themselves do not communicate in English. In a survey conducted in the senior classes, only 40% were aware about the existence of such a squad while virtually no one knew who the members were (Even the members were unaware that they are members of the squad!).

"The lower classes look up to the seniors and such negative trends have to be overcome by the combined efforts of such clubs and senior classes" says a senior teacher. The election of the members to the English speaking squad is taken very lightly and this reflects very well in the future working of the squad. The English speaking squads can play a prime role in improving the standard of speaking English and it is high time we seriously look into the working of the squad. The squads have to lead others by setting an example rather than being a discouraging factor by their dormancy. The LENS team would like to make it clear that we are pointing out the unused potential of the squad in raising the standards of English speaking to the benchmarks set by our seniors. So friends please wake up. It's time to act.

