

The 29th Annual Report of Lourdes Public School and Junior College, Kottayam

Most hon'ble dignitaries and luminaries on the rostrum – His Eminence Cardinal Mar George Koovakkad, Very. Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil Manager of Lourdes school. Master koushik s vinod top singer fame, Mrs. Ansamma Joseph and Mrs. Anita Thomas, the Vice-Principals, Mr. Jose Kottarathara the schools' Trustee, PTA President, Mr. S. Gopakumar, Mrs. Sethu Parvathy and Mrs. Ashwathy. P M, the convenors of the programme, Master. Roan Mathew Tojo, Head Boy, Ms. Meroma Ann Ronu, Head Girl, Rev.Fathers ,Rev.Sisters,Trustees of Lourdes Forane Church, Staff Secretaries, PTA Executive members, Principals from various schools, School Alumni, other dignitaries, parents, teachers and dignified assembly of audience.

The grand podium is embellished by the majestic presence of many eminent personalities. Today is a red-letter day as well as a memorable day in the chronicle of the citadel of edification. Today we will witness alluring and amusing performances and the fruitification of the dormant, aesthetic powers of our children, the budding artists, the gems and the real pride of the garden of illumination.

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. Today with a deep sense of exhilaration and delectation I present the Annual Report of the school highlighting the events and achievements that has placed Lourdes among the top 100 schools of the country. Lourdes Public School that had its humble beginning in 1996 has now entered the 29th year of excellence.

At this exuberant moment, I thank each and every one, for your relentless support and encouragement; the dedication and untiring efforts of which have taken Lourdes Public School to towering heights of success and accomplishment. Lourdes has grown in strength and stature and is one of the First Best Schools in Kottayam District.

Vision, Mission, Motto

Duty, Dignity and Divinity is the motto of Lourdes Public School. In 2024, we have entered the 29th year of our glorious academic journey. From the humble beginning made in 1996, we have crossed many historic and momentous milestones. Today, our school is a dream destination for students, teachers and parents alike. As we approach the end of the

academic year and our 29 years of service towards providing quality education since inception in 1996, I take this opportunity to thank Almighty God for His abundant, ineffable blessings and guidance. I wish to begin celebrating our success with an expression of gratitude to our illustrious management, whose vision, wisdom and zeal inspired all stakeholders to work with passion and commitment. We remember with gratitude everyone who walked along with us every student, every teacher and every parent who contributed his or her best to build this edifice of excellence.

New Academic Year

The new academic year 2024-25 vivaciously started on 3rd June with much enthusiasm and lots of dreams. Classes for I - X and XII commenced on 3rd June. The students from classes 5-12 were taken to the Church for prayers and blessings of God Almighty. Very. Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, our school Manager blessed and inaugurated the new academic year.

LKG classes commenced on 5th June, 2024. The Kindergarteners were given a grand and colorful welcome.

June 5th being The World Environment Day was observed by planting a sapling by our School Manager & School Principal. UKG classes commenced on 10th June, Monday.

The Plus one orientation programme was held on Saturday, 8th June, 2024. It was led by Mr. Mathew Kanamala and Mrs. Reena James (Grace care, HOD), Social Work Dept. St. Josephs College, Moolamattom. For the plus one students' classes started on Monday, 10th June.

Farewell to Rev. Fr. Pious Joseph

After serving 7 years at Lourdes Public School & Junior College, Rev. Fr. Pious Joseph was given a befitting farewell on 27th May, 2024. He has taken up a new assignment as the Principal of Sacred Heart Public School & Junior College, Kilimala, which is owned by the Archdiocese of Changanassery. The management and staff thanked him profusely for his selfless and dedicated services to the school over these years.

New Principal

Rev. Fr. Thomas Parathanam was proudly welcomed to Lourdes on 28th May, 2024 as the new Principal. He completed 17 years at Sacred Heart Public school & Junior College, Kilimala as Bursar, Vice-Principal and

Principal. He took Sacred Heart Public School, Kilimala to its heights. May his visionary passion and potential generously support our endeavours.

Academic Excellence

Our students have re-phrased the history of Lourdes with exceptional and admirable results. Our School has produced quality results in class X and XII CBSE Board Examinations and we take pride in this.

In Class XII Board Examination there were 19 A1 Holders and 22 students secured above 90%.

Maria Joseph (Commerce), Vidya Anand (PCMC), and Aparna. R (PCMB) were the stream toppers.

In Class X Board Examination 14 students got all A+ and 29 students got above 90% marks. Nevin Mathew was the School topper.

Prathibha Sangamam

Prathibha Sangamam was held on 14th June, Friday. The Kottayam District Collector, Ms. Vigneswari was the Chief Guest. Mr. Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan MLA gave the keynote address. Very. Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, School Manager gave the Presidential Address and Rev. Fr. Thomas Parathanam welcomed the gathering.

Mr. Prem Prakash, Cine Artist, Mr. S. Gopakumar, PTA President and Mr. Justin, Trustee of Lourdes also offered felicitations. SSE and SSCE toppers and A1 holders of various subjects were honored in the Merit Eve.

Recognition and Awards

Educational world school ranking 2024, undeniably the most comprehensive schools' assessment survey in the subcontinent and perhaps worldwide recognized our school as one of the best schools among the 100 schools selected from India. Our school stands at the 1st position in All India co-educational school level and 1st position in Kerala. It was also ranked at the 1st position in Kottayam District while taking into consideration all the aspects.

Lourdean Arts Festival

Arts festival was held on July 4th & 5th. Various competitions were held group wise in Parish Hall and School Auditorium.

School PTA

The Schools' PTA plays a significant role in building up an effective co-operation and partnership between home and the school. Our PTA general body meeting was convened on 27th July, 2024. Mr. Linto John led an awareness class for the parents of KG to XII class. Mr. S Gopakumar was elected as the PTA President.

The Elections to the School Parliament

The school parliament election was held on 25th June. Students who contested for captaincy spoke on 'My Superhero' and 'Inner-net vs Internet'. Roan Mathew Tojo of class XI C and Meroma Ann Ronu of class IX B were elected as School Captain and School Vice Captain respectively.

The Investiture Ceremony

The investiture ceremony was held on 23rd July, Tuesday. Mr. K C Joseph (Former Minister for Rural Development and planning) was our Chief Guest. School Captain, Vice-Captain, House leaders and Sports Leaders took their oaths and charges on that day.

Reading Week

To inculcate reading habits among students, reading week was observed in the month of June from 18th to 22nd. Various competitions like Story Reading, Book Mark making and Poster making Competitions were held.

The 19th Lourdean Trophy

The 19th All Kerala Basketball Tournament was held at Bishop Charles Lavigne Memorial Indoor Stadium from 6th August to 9th August, 2024.

The Opening Ceremony was held on Tuesday, 6th August in the Indoor Stadium. Very. Rev. Dr. Philip Nelpuraparambil, Manager, gave the Presidential address. Sri. K. Karthik IPS, inaugurated the function. The closing ceremony was headed by Mr. V. Sreejith, CI of Kottayam. He gave away the prizes to the winners at the end of the ceremony. A photography contest was also held for media and the award winners will be felicitated at this function.

The winners of the 19th Lourdean Trophy are

Junior Team- Lourdes Public School & Junior College, Kottayam

Girls Team- LF, Koratty

Boys Team- Shantal Jyothi, Muttam

Runners Up

Junior Team- Don Bosco, Puthuppally

Boys Team – Lourdes, Kottayam

Girls Team- Providence, Calicut

In Sahodaya and SJB Basketball Tournament our school bagged the runner up trophy. And in CBSE Cluster 11, basketball competition held at Kollam, our school secured the runner up trophy.

Sahodaya Shuttle Badminton Tournament

Our students participated in the sahodaya shuttle badminton tournament and bagged the overall. Special congratulations and accord to Nihal Krishna and Ahana Krishna.

Lourdean Expo, the school level Arts and Science Exhibition

Lourdean expo_was held on 27th September, Friday. All the students exhibited their creative and innovative talents on a competitive basis. Colours Day was held on the same day for classes 1-4 and it was a feast to our eyes and a real celebration.

Onam Celebrations

Onam celebrations were held on 13th September, for classes 1-12. House wise Competitions, Onakazcha, Onapattu and Tug of war were held on that day. After the competitions, the students assembled in the school ground to witness a Naadanpaattu programme by the Flowers Channel fame, Mr. Jilson and team. The day was enjoyed by the Lourdeans with music and dance.

Teachers Day

Teachers day was celebrated on 5th September. Students handled the classes for the day. The teachers were welcomed by the school band to the venue and were honoured with flowers & gifts. Cultural programme was also organised to celebrate the day.

Awareness Seminar

An awareness seminar was conducted for class IX students in the AC Parish hall on 4th, October regarding Narcotics & Drug Abuse. Mr. Shahal Hameed IPS (District Police Chief) spoke on the occasion.

Sahodaya Sargasangamam

Sahodaya Sargasangamam 2024-25 was held on October 17th, 18th & 19th at Labour India Gurukulam Public School, Marangattupilly. 154 students participated from our school. 120 schools participated in the Youth festival. The off-stage Digital Painting & Power Point competitions were held at Lourdes on October 9th. We secured a total of 792 points. Our school emerged overall second, first runner up at Sargasangamam. We reminisce the hard work of our vibrant students and the co-operation of our parents in this regard. We could bag several prizes in different categories. Lourdes bagged Category 3 – Overall Winner Trophy.

CBSE State Kalotsav 2024

CBSE State Kalotsav was held at Ahalya Campus, Palakkad. Our winners participated in the state kalotssav and secured prizes and A Grade, brought laurels to our school.

Study Tour for classes IX and XI

On 11th November, classes IX and XI were taken on a study tour to Mysore and Coorg. They returned on 14th November. It was a pleasant journey.

Childrens Day

Childrens Day was celebrated on November 14th. A rally of LKG to class IV students was held in the school campus. Children dressed as Bharat Mata, Chacha Nehru, Soldiers and Indira Gandhi. They spoke on the importance of Childrens day celebration.

The Annual Sports Day

The Annual Sports Day was held on 22nd November at Nehru Stadium. Sports day was inaugurated by Sri. Anish V. Korah, DYSP Crime Branch. A spectacular marchpast and band display were really attractions of the day. It helped to encourage healthy competition and true sportsman spirit in our students.

Jyothis Kids fest

Jyothis Kids Fest was held at Sacred Heart Public School, Kottayam on 23rd November, Saturday. It fetched us an overall third position. Many of our talented kiddies won prizes and made lourdeans proud. At various competitions conducted by many private and non-private organizations in our school and outside our school, Lourdeans and our Kindergarteners won many prizes and brought laurels to our school.

Conclusion

We now conclude our Annual Report

Words are inadequate to express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you and to all those who contributed their might to the making of this glorious institution. Since inception we have been blessed with visionary leaders whose imagination, insight and courage called forth the best in teachers and students alike and united them around a shared sense of purpose. Our thanks are due in no small measure to them.

We are always extremely grateful to Archbishop Mar Joseph Powathil, who had been the founding patron and inspiration of this institution from its inception. I reminisce the invigorating support of our Archbishop Mar Thomas Tharayil. We are thankful to Archbishop Mar Joseph Perumthottam, for his constant guidance and care and concern.

I fondly remember the great and selfless work rendered by the former Managers and Principals. The school is also fortunate to have a team of committed and competent teachers. Their passion for teaching and love for the school has played a vital role in our achievements. I also thank our non-teaching staff who work relentlessly for the smooth functioning of the school. We are privileged to partner with enthusiastic and co-operative parents whose trust, understanding and unstinted support been a great source of motivation to us. It is of course our students who make all our efforts truly meaningful and rewarding by their significant effort to do their best to become knowledgeable, skilled and responsible citizens. We are proud of each one of them.

This annual report is much more than a statement of the school's activities and achievements in the current academic year. It is a reflection of the school ethos, an expression of the conviction and faith with which we pursue our goals and the very spirit with which we work at present. We work as a team to maintain and enhance the glorious tradition of this great institution. I wish to conclude this presentation with a prayer to God, thanking Him for his benevolence and grace; seeking His continued blessings and guidance to make our tomorrow more rewarding and fulfilling.

Thanking God Almighty for all His choicest blessings.

May God Bless Us All!