



# St Lawrence High School, Kolkata

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*St Lawrence High School* celebrated its feast day on **10<sup>th</sup> August 2015** with great enthusiasm and exuberance. This year's feast day celebration marked some very innovative and progressive steps taken by the school management towards development of the school campus for the students and staff members. This also includes shaking hands with St. Xavier's College and opening doors to the Commerce Section (evening). The feast day celebrations began at 9:00 a.m. in the morning with the Fr. Joe D'souza, Rector and chief guest welcoming the staff and students with a wonderful speech on the life of St. Lawrence. The Principal of the school Fr. Sebastian James, SJ, then spoke about an historical era when the school was known as St. John Chrysostom School and how it came to be known as St. Lawrence School as we know today. He inspired students to work hard and to follow their dreams into becoming *men for others*. The teaching staff of the school put up a classical dance and a wonderful play on the life of St. Lawrence. The performance and efforts of the teachers was highly commendable and was appreciated greatly by the students of the school. There was some great music played along with melodious singing by the teachers in the course of the programme. The vote of thanks was given by Fr. Joseph Toppo, SJ, Vice Principal of the school. After the feast day programme the boys were treated to ice-cream, while the staff members had a sumptuous breakfast.

The celebrations on the feast of St. Lawrence continued into the evening with the Community Fathers of St. Lawrence High School hosting a-get-together for their fellow Jesuit companions, religious and clergy. The celebrations began at 7:00 p.m. in the evening in the presence of the Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, of the Kolkata diocese, Archbishop Salvatore Lobo of the Baruipur Diocese, Fr. Jeyaraj Veluswamy, SJ, President of the Founder Body and the Provincial of Calcutta Jesuit Province, Fr. Dominic Savio, SJ, Rector of St. Xavier's College, Fr. Felix Raj, SJ, Principal of St. Xavier's College Kolkata, and a host of clergy, religious, sisters and brothers. His Grace Archbishop Thomas D'Souza blessed the newly renovated Britto Stoa, the statue of St. Lawrence installed at the entrance and the newly designed Staff Room which also includes an apple computer lab for the teachers to enable research and integration of new e-learning platforms. There was also a power point presentation shown to the audience highlighting the developments taking place in the school till date, which includes school playgrounds laid with new grass and lined with seasonal flowerbeds, installation of Led lamps across the campus, construction of a new apple student and teachers' lab and an astro-physics lab.

The highlight of the evening was the launching of the **Radius Mobile App** by His Grace Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, that has been developed for St. Lawrence High School, which enables students and parents of the Lawrencian fraternity to download the monthly calendar as mentioned in the school diary, assignments, notes, syllabus and remained informed on the activities and events happening in the school. The app shall be available on mobile platforms namely android, IOS and windows. The Archbishop congratulated the management of St. Lawrence High School for this innovative step that would facilitate communication with students and parents on a convenient platform.

After the launch of the Mobile app, celebrations began and a spirit of togetherness and happiness filled the air. The celebrations concluded with a sumptuous dinner for all who were present on this auspicious occasion.