



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

In Truth and Charity
West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

Home of the
GIANTS

**XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL
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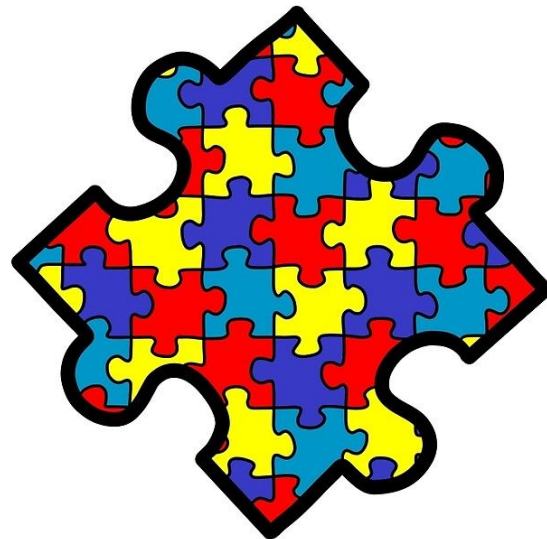
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THEME



'We are better Together!'

*Each of us is a unique piece of the **GIANT** puzzle.*



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION

Greetings GIANT Family,

Ash Wednesday & Lent: A Season of Reflection and Renewal

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period leading up to Easter. It is a time for self-reflection, repentance and spiritual renewal. During Lent, Christians focus on prayer, fasting and almsgiving to deepen their relationship with God and grow in goodness and grace. It's an opportunity to reflect on our lives and renew our commitment to kindness, compassion and love.

Message of Goodness:

As we journey through Lent, let us embrace the call to kindness and goodness, reaching out with compassion to those around us. Let this season be a reminder that small acts of goodness have the power to transform hearts and communities.

Peace and Blessings, 
XLS Administration



HELLO
March

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

XLS Calendar at a Glance

March	Event
3 rd	THIRD TERM FEES DUE
3 rd	PTA Meeting (Seton Hall/auditorium) 6:00 p.m.
4 th	Shrove Tuesday (No afternoon classes/clubs) NO AFTERCARE
5 th	ASH WEDNESDAY (2:45 pm DISMISSAL) No afternoon classes/clubs NO AFTERCARE
13 th	Staff Meeting - NO AFTERNOON CLASSES/CLUBS (unless told otherwise)
19 th	Progress Report Distribution (2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
21 st	World Down Syndrome Day (wear <u>colorful socks</u> with uniform) \$1 donation
25 th	Inter-house Sports Meet (Thomas A. Robinson Stadium)- Further details TBA
April	Event
4 th	Kindergarten Sports Day (School's grounds)
11 th	Easter Break begins at 3:00 p.m.
28 th	School reopens (8:15 a.m.)

Please note, these dates are subject to change.

SICKNESS PROTOCOLS

In order to keep the school a happy and safe working environment for students and staff we ask that sick children **remain at home**. This includes days when there may be examinations taking place. These can be made up at a later date when the child can perform to the best of his or her ability.

We ask that children with the following symptoms **remain at home**:

- **Fever**
- **Cough**
- **Vomiting and diarrhea**
- **Sore throat**
- **Body aches or chills.**
- **Headache not related to dehydration.**
- **Sinus congestion with thick mucus.**

A child who comes to school sick, or who develops symptoms of illness during the school day will be seated safely outside the classroom and a parent or guardian will be called to collect the child.

Additionally please be reminded that children must not come to school with medications in their bags.

If medication is required it **must be prescribed by the child's physician and have a pharmacy label with the name and the dosage written on it.**

This includes over the counter medications.

Feel free to email the School Nurse Elizabeth Hawkins at ehawkins@cec.edu.hs

GENERAL PTA MEETING

IMPORTANT NOTICE

PTA General Meeting will
be held
Monday 3rd March 2025
6:30 PM
School Auditorium.

Looking Forward to seeing you
all there!!



EARLY DIMISSAL/NO AFTERCARE

School will be dismissed at **2:45 p.m.** on **Wednesday, March 5, 2025** for **ALL students (KGN-G6)**.

There will be **NO AFTERCARE** or **CLUBS/ CLASSES** (excluding Track practice) on **Tuesday, March 4th , Wednesday, March 5th and Thursday, March 13, 2025.**

Parents are asked to collect their child(ren) **ON TIME** as there will be no adult supervision on the aforementioned days.

The school and by extension the Catholic Board of Education will not be held liable for any incident that may occur after dismissal.



SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

School Fee Payment Options

There are now **only 2 school fee payment options** available:

1. **Bank Transfer to one of the following accounts:**
 - a. For Deposit to the Account of **RCANB-Special Catholic School Acct (CIBC-Palmdale) - 1126917**
 - b. For Deposit to the Account of **RCANB-Catholic Education Centre (RBC-Palmdale) - 05745-2897445**

2. **Tuition Payment Portal:**
 - a. tuitionpay.io

Total School Fees <i>(Per Term)</i>	Total Annual School Fees
\$1,425.00	\$3,922.50

Term 3 School fees are DUE.

Please note that the second term school fees were due **December 1, 2024.**

Grade 6 Student Reminder: Second term fees should include graduation fee of \$130.00

For those parents on the payment plan please be sure to contact Mrs. K. Hall to ensure your monthly payments are current.

All students with unsettled balances will be sent home.

If you have already made the payment PLEASE send a copy of the proof of payment to both administrators via email: (dcooper@cec.edu.bs; kdodge@cec.edu.bs).

If you need to set up a meeting to discuss fee payment, please contact Miss D. Cooper by calling the school's office to make an appointment or sending an email to dcooper@cec.edu.bs

EXCESSIVE TARDINESS & ABSENCES

The **FIRST BELL** rings at **8:15 a.m.** Students present will then proceed to their classrooms. **Parents, you are asked to drop your child(ren) at the gate and leave.**

The **SECOND BELL** rings at **8:30 a.m.** Students arriving after this time are considered late and will need a **late slip to enter class.** We would like to discourage parents from traversing the campus once the 8:30 a.m. bell has gone. The late slip gives your child access to their classroom after 8:35 a.m. (parents should not be collecting late slips).

There are too many students arriving to school late. Therefore **detention will be reinstated for students who have been late more than 3 times in any given week. They will serve their detention the following Friday during the last period.**

Letters will be sent home to parents of students who exceeded the 10 days of tardiness and/absence without valid documentation for the reason of excessive tardiness or absence.



Grades 1 to 6 are dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**

Kindergarten is dismissed at **2:45 p.m.**

PICK UP & DROP OFF SERVICES



Please note, these services are **NOT** being offered by Xavier's Lower School. Therefore, we are **NOT** liable for anything that may occur.

Please make direct contact with the business owner for further details.

Supporting our own!

PICK UP & DROP OFF SERVICES



BEST DRIVE PRICE LIST

SCHOOL DROP OFF: \$10.00
SCHOOL PICK UP : \$10.00

ADDITIONAL \$5.00 FOR GREATER DISTANCES
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE VIA BANK TRANSFER TO SCOTIABAK
BRANCH#70045, ACC# 006016091
ACCOUNT NAME: AYNESA LIGHTBOURN
CASH PAYMENTS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED



BEST DRIVE ALSO OFFERS WEEKLY & MONTHLY PAYMENTS

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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**Like, Share and Follow our Facebook Page by clicking the link,
for all the latest news and events in the land of the GIANTS!**

<https://www.facebook.com/xls.giants>



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OUR WEBSITE

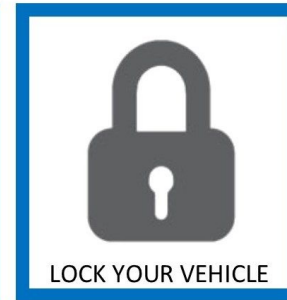
Please visit our school's website for the latest news and updates by clicking the link below.

<http://xavier.cec.edu.bs/>



**SAFETY
ALERT**

LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- ➔ Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- ➔ Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- ➔ Always lock your vehicle

Parents and guardians, please remember valuables should not be left in your vehicle even if you are only exiting for a second.

The school is NOT responsible for loss or damages to your vehicle and its contents.