



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

In Truth and Charity

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Home of the
GIANTS

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OCTOBER

NEWSLETTER

2025-2026



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THEME



*'Guided by Faith, Inspired by Excellence: Our
Legacy Continues...!'*

*Giant Strong: In Veritate et Caritate
(In Truth and Love)*



RELIGIOUS REFLECTION-PEACE

Religious Reflection: October, Month of the Holy Rosary

The Church honors October as the month of the Holy Rosary celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the Blessed Mother, Mary. In a special way, we will be praying the Angelus, which recalls Mary's yes to God. Her obedience and trust show us the power of self-control and self-discipline. Mary did not let fear or doubt lead her decisions; instead, she remained faithful and allowed God's will to guide her life.

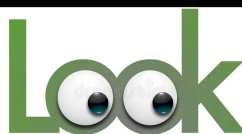
As we pause each day to pray the Angelus, may we learn from Mary's example. Self-control helps us to think before we act, and self-discipline helps us to stay committed to what is good and right. When practiced together, these virtues allow us to follow God more closely in our studies, our actions, and our relationships.

Through Mary's example, may we continue to be ***"Guided by Faith, Inspired by Excellence: Our Legacy Continues...! Giant Strong: In Veritate et Caritate (In Truth and Love)."***

Peace and Blessings, ♥
XLS Administration



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



XLS Calendar at a Glance

October	Event
3rd	Archdiocesan Basketball Season Begins (Loyola Hall 4:15 p.m.)
3rd, 10th, 17th	Cancer Awareness Dress-Up (See page 9 for further details)
6th	September Emerald Awards & Prefect Installation (8:45 a.m.)
6th	PTA Meeting (6:00 p.m. Seton Hall)
7th	Staff Meeting (2:00 p.m. dismissal-No Aftercare/Clubs)
13th	National Heroes Day- PUBLIC HOLIDAY
14th	Flag Day (wear Bahamian colors)
15th	Character Day (shirts on sale)
23rd	Progress Report Distribution (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
24th -27th	Mid-Term Break (NO SCHOOL)
28th	School Reopens (8:15 a.m.)
31st	Fun-Day

Please note these dates are subject to change.

MORNING CABANA ROUTINE

As we continue to promote Literacy Development here at Xavier's Lower School, **ALL** students will now be **REQUIRED** to have a book to read each morning under the front cabanas after being dropped off.

Research conducted has revealed that early morning reading is beneficial for focus and organization, while helping to increase fluency and reading comprehension.



Students should be done with breakfast by 8:30 a.m. and in class, otherwise they will be marked late. As a reminder, fast food e.g. McDonalds is **PROHIBITED**.

Please note that all parking spaces on campus are reserved for teachers and staff. If you need to park, kindly use the open area beyond the traffic cones. This will help keep traffic flowing smoothly and ensure staff have access to their designated spaces. Parents are not allowed to park or drop students off by the pool area. This is strictly prohibited.

GLAT RESULTS

GLAT for Grades 3 & 6 (2024-2025 AY) are available for collection from the school's office.

They can be collected between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.



XLS BASKETBALL TEAM



Change into
GREEN and
support the **TEAM**
by coming out to
the games each
Friday!
Consent forms will
be available in the
office.
(PE. Shirts & Jeans)



OCTOBER	
DATE	TEAMS
3rd	XLS vs SFJ (Girls) XLS vs STC (Boys)
10th	XLS vs STM (Girls & Boys)
17th	XLS vs STC (Girls) XLS vs SFJ (Boys)
31st	XLS vs SFJ (Girls) XLS vs STC (Boys)
NOVEMBER	
7th	XLS vs STM (Girls & Boys)
14th	XLS vs STC (Girls) XLS vs SFJ (Boys)
21st	Playoffs
25th	Championship Game #1
27th	Championship Game #2
28th	Championship Game #3 (If necessary)



Games begin
at 4:15 p.m.
Loyola Hall.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS FRIDAYS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025 - Pink Shirt, Jeans (No holes), Tennis (No crocs, no slippers) *(min. \$2 donation)*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025 - Pink Socks and P.E. Kits *(min. \$2 donation)*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025 - Pink Accessories (Hair, Ties, Ribbons etc. with P.E. Kits = Be Creative!) *(min. \$2 donation)*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025 - MID-TERM BREAK

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025 - **PINK 'O' WEEN FUN DAY**



FLAG DAY

Dress in Flag Colors \$1

- Black
- Gold (Yellow)
- Aquamarine (Blue)

Coloring
Competition
begins TODAY!
\$1

Prize:
**CRUSH CANCER FUN DAY
PACKAGE**



Essay Competition

Begins: October 6th

Due: October 10th

Grades 4-6 ONLY

Registration: FREE

Prize:

**CRUSH CANCER FUN DAY
PACKAGE**

Topic:

**“What it means to be
Bahamian”**

Write about what being Bahamian means to you. Describe the values, traditions, and culture that make you proud of your country. Share ways you can show pride in being Bahamian in your daily life.

FUN DAY

PINK-O-WEEN

- **CRUSH CANCER PACKAGE- \$25**
- **KEEP HOPE ALIVE- \$20**
- **BELIEVE IN A CURE -15**

DARE TO WEAR PINK!

OCTOBER 31, 2025

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



WATER WEDNESDAYS

In an effort to develop healthy habits, we are continuing our campus initiative called **Water Wednesdays**.

On Wednesdays, students will be encouraged to only drink water. The kitchen will only have water (**No juice**) on sale on Wednesdays.

We thank you in advance for your support of this initiative as we endeavor to shape and mold healthy, hydrated children.

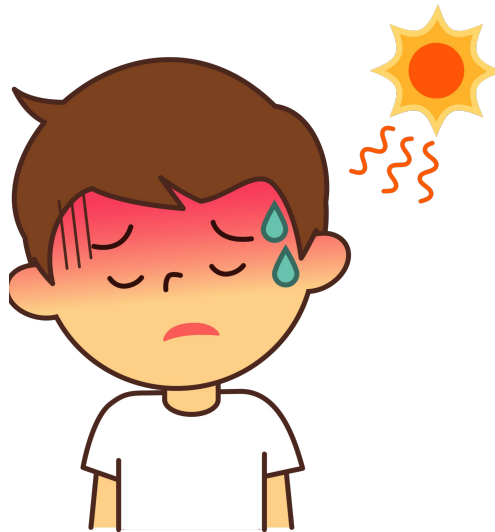


XLS UNIFORM REPRIEVE FROM HEAT

Students should wear **complete uniform** during the first week of school.
(September 1 - 5, 2025).

However, in an effort to bring relief to students from the heat, students will be permitted to wear **P.E. uniforms** daily from
(September 8 - October 23, 2025).
It should be noted, this is optional.

Students will revert to **regular school uniforms** on **October 28, 2025**, wearing P.E. uniforms only on days when Physical Education is scheduled.



SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

School Fee Payment Options

There are now only 2 school fee payment options available:

PAST DUE

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 (Per Term)	Total Annual School Fees
\$1, 425.00	\$3,922.50

Please note that the first term school fees were due: **June 1, 2025.**

Term 2 fees are due: December 1, 2025 (Grade 6 students ONLY an additional \$130 will automatically be added to the school fee payment)

Term 3 Fees are due: March 1, 2026

For those parents on the payment plan, please be sure to contact Mrs. K. Hall khall@cec.edu.bs to ensure your monthly payments are current to avoid any interruptions in your child's learning.

Please note, if fee payments are not current, students will be sent home and progress reports will not be distributed until accounts are settled.

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

SWIMMING/P.E.

Please note Swimming began the **week of September 15, 2025** and ends on **October 23, 2025**.

All students **(Kindergarten-Grade 6)** should be dressed appropriately in their house color (red, yellow, or blue) or completely black all-in-one swimsuits (girls) or swim pants (boys). ***(There should be no large logos or designs on the swimwear.)***

Students should come prepared for class with:

- A towel
- Crocs/slippers
- Goggles
- Swim cap (girls)
- Underwear



Failure to come fully prepared or properly dressed may result in students not being allowed to participate in class, which will adversely affect their P.E. grade.

If for any reason, students are unable to participate in P. E./Swimming classes a signed letter, outlining the reason, by a parent/guardian will be required for the student to be excused. ***(Health related issues should be accompanied by a note from a physician.)*** **REMEMBER TO LABEL EVERYTHING!**

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Please note that school is dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**

The school's office closes promptly at 4:00 p.m.

Any student remaining **after 3:30 p.m.** (*who is NOT a part of an after school club/class*) will **automatically** be sent to aftercare to ensure proper supervision and safety.

The fee for which is **\$5.00.**



BELL SCHEDULE

The **FIRST BELL** rings at **8:15 a.m.** Students present will line up, and then be escorted by teachers to their classrooms. Parents please do not go directly to the classrooms or linger on the porches.

The **SECOND BELL** rings at **8:30 a.m.** Students arriving after this time are considered late and they **MUST** receive a **late slip**. This late slip will give the student access to their classroom after 8:30 a.m.



Kindergarten will be dismissed at **2:45 p.m.**
Grades 1 to 6 will all be dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**

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

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

