



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

In Truth and Charity

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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

February Reflection: Love in Action

As we journey through this month often associated with love, we are reminded that love, in its truest form, is far more than sentiment or affection. As Catholics, we are called to a deeper understanding of love — one rooted in sacrifice, patience, kindness and service.

St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 13 that love is patient and kind, not jealous or boastful, not quick to anger and never failing. This kind of love is not always easy. It asks us to forgive when we would rather hold on to hurt. It calls us to show compassion when it is inconvenient. It challenges us to see Christ in one another — especially in moments of disagreement or difficulty.

In our school community, love is lived out daily: in the teacher who patiently guides a struggling student, in the child who includes a classmate at recess, in parents who partner faithfully with us and in staff who serve quietly behind the scenes. Each act, no matter how small, reflects God's love.

May we continue to model Christ's love in our words, our decisions, and our actions. Let us strive to build a community where love is not just spoken, but practiced — generously, consistently, and joyfully.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14

Peace and Blessings, 

XLS Administration

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



XLS Calendar at a Glance

February	Event
5th	Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training Official Visit & Campus Tour- FULL and CORRECT UNIFORM INCLUDING (NO P.E. KITS, Grey SWEATERS and JACKETS ONLY)
12th	Staff Meeting - REGULAR 3:00 p.m. DISMISSAL - NO CLUBS-NO AFTERCARE
13h	Kindergarten Placement Exam - No school for Kindergarten students
16th	For the Love of Reading-Post Valentine's Read & Paint (See Flyer)
19th-23rd	Mid-Term Break
24th	School Re-opens (Full Day of Classes)

Please note these dates are subject to change.

FOR THE LOVE OF READING

We are **EXCITED** to announce:




XLS' LIBRARY COMMITTEE PRESENTS

FOR THE LOVE OF READING

READ & PAINT

DRESS UP

BOOK SALE

FEBRUARY 16, 2026

READ & PAINT Includes canvas, easel, paintbrushes, paint palette, shared reading experience, dress up & keepsake smock	\$25 PER STUDENT
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STUDENTS CAN BRING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR BOOKS & TREATS!

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 near the classroom door 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 LaToya Boodle at latoya.boodle@cec.edu.bs

MORNING CABANA ROUTINE

As we continue to promote Literacy Development at Xavier's Lower School, **ALL** students are **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 also helping to increase fluency and reading comprehension.



Students should be done with breakfast by 8:25 a.m. and in class, otherwise they will be marked late. As a reminder, fast food e.g. McDonalds is **PROHIBITED, inclusive of breakfast.** (This should be eaten **BEFORE** coming on campus in the mornings.)

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.



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

As of **October 28, 2025**, students should have been dressed in regular school uniforms, wearing *P.E. uniforms* only on days when Physical Education is scheduled. As a reminder, boys hair should be SCHOOL BOY haircut (no Fad designs), and girls (NO WEAVE OR EXTENSIONS).

WEARING
PROPER UNIFORM
IS IMPORTANT

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:**

- For Deposit to the Account of **RCANB-Special Catholic School Acct (CIBC-Palmdale) - 1126917**
- For Deposit to the Account of **RCANB-Catholic Education Centre (RBC-Palmdale) - 05745-2897445**

1. **Tuition Payment Portal:**

- tuitionpay.io

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

Term 2 fees are due: December 1, 2025 (Grade 6 students *ONLY* pay an additional **\$180** which will automatically be added to the school fee invoice).

Term 3 Fees are due: March 1, 2026

For those parents on the payment plan, please 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 Term 2 fee payments are not paid students should not come to school. They will be sopped at the gate and sent home.

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).

**PAST
DUE**

AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

Please note that school is dismissed at **3:00 p.m.**
(2:45 p.m. KINDERGARTEN ONLY)

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

You are encouraged to collect your child ON TIME.

Effective immediately, any student remaining **after 3:15 p.m.** *(who is NOT a part of an after school club/class/program)* will **automatically** be sent to aftercare to ensure proper supervision and safety.

The fee for aftercare is **\$5.00**. *Parents will be expected to pay this fee for students remaining after 3:30 p.m.*



UPDATED

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 are not permitted to go directly to the classrooms or linger on the porches.

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

Warning letters have been issued for students who have exceeded 5 lates.



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>



ON



OUR WEBSITE

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

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





LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



HIDE YOUR VALUABLES



LOCK YOUR VEHICLE



TAKE IT WITH YOU

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.