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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

Greetings GIANT Family,

Message of Faithfulness:

As we continue to journey through Lent, we are reminded of the importance of faithfulness - remaining steadfast in prayer, kindness and reflection. This sacred season calls us to renew our hearts and grow closer to God, just as spring brings new life and renewal to the world around us.

May this time of preparation inspire us all to embrace growth, hope and the beauty of God's love. Let us continue to support one another in faith as we move toward Easter's joyful promise.

Peace and Blessings,💚
XLS Administration

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

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XLS Calendar at a Glance

March	Event
1st	THIRD TERM Fees Due
9th	**COMMONWEALTH DAY** - See class teachers for more info. on country your class selected.
12th	**Staff Meeting** - *REGULAR 3:00 p.m. DISMISSAL* ***(NO CLUBS/AFTERCARE)***
17th	**INTER-HOUSE SPORTS DAY** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. - **No School for KC/KG** ***(Old Sports Ctr.)*** *Jeans, House shirts, Sneakers*
18th	**PROGRESS REPORTS:** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
24th	**KINDERGARTEN SPORTS DAY:** 10:00 a.m. - NOON (Parents/Guardians your presence (house colors) is appreciated.
26th	**Easter Break** begins 3:00 p.m. dismissal
6TH, 13TH, & 20TH	**NO MEAT** will be served on ***FRIDAYS*** until school reopens after Easter Break. ***Reminder*** - *No birthday celebrations at school during this period*.
April 13th	School Re-opens 8:15a.m. ***(Full Day of Classes)***

Please note these dates are subject to change.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

School Fee Payment Options
There are **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 *(Per Term)*	Total Annual School Fees
$1, 425.00	$3,922.50

Term 3 Fees are due: March 1, 2026
For those parents on the payment plan, please contact our administrative assistant Mrs. K. Hall at khall@cec.edu.bs to ensure your monthly payments are current.

Please note, if Term 2 fee payments are not paid, students will not be allowed into class as of March 2nd, 2026.

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

PAST DUE

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.

Check planners should you have questions, or concerns.

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

Attention Parents
Morning Cabana Routine

ALL students are **REQUIRED** to have a book to read each morning (label everything).

Students should arrive at school by 8:15 a.m. finish breakfast and in class by 8:30a.m. otherwise they will be marked as late. As a reminder, **fast food e.g. Starbucks, Wendys, McDonalds** is **PROHIBITED, inclusive of breakfast.**

PLEASE refrain from going to classrooms (as this creates an unwanted disruption to all).

PARKING - 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 (not the grass). This will help keep traffic flowing smoothly and ensure staff have access to their designated spaces.

POOL AREA - Parents are not allowed to drive to the pool area. This is strictly prohibited.

Students are also NOT allowed to leave the gate unaccompanied by a parent or guardian.

XLS UNIFORM

Please wear your uniform with pride! *P.E. uniforms* should be worn, only on days when Physical Education is scheduled.

As a reminder, boys hair should be **SCHOOL BOY** haircut (no Fad designs, or sponging), and girls (**NO WEAVE** OR EXTENSIONS), skirts/skorts should be at the knee. Absolutely, no makeup, jewelry or smart watches/cell phones are allowed.

See planners should you have any questions or concerns.

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. Please inform the office and class teacher, so that exams 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 (that includes ventolin).

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 for any further questions or concerns.

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 (no GATORADE please). The kitchen will only have water ***(No juice/CapriSun)*** on sale on Wednesdays.

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

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.***

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/

LEARN CHINESE

We are ***EXCITED*** to announce:

Please turn in registration forms with funds attached to your child's teacher by: Wednesday, March 25, 2026.

SAFETY ALERT

Parents and guardians, please remember valuables should not be left in your vehicle, even if you are only exiting for a few minutes.
The school is NOT responsible for loss or damages to your vehicle and its contents.