



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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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 Getting Ready:

As we continue stepping through April, we are reminded of the strength of our Xavier's community. This month offers chances to learn, connect, and celebrate together, and we look forward to your continued partnership.

Peace and Blessings, 
XLS Administration



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



XLS Calendar at a Glance

April	Event
13th	School Re-opened at 8:15a.m. (Full Day of Classes)
20th	BOOKS on the GROUND kicks off Library week (Wear your cowboy attire and get ready to hit the ground) \$3.00 Dress Up Fee
24th	NUMERACY DAY - wear your numeracy day t-shirt with jeans (no holes), and sneakers. Lots of prizes and surprises.
27th	March & April Emerald Awards
29th	Archdiocesan Writing Exams
30th	Day1: Archdiocesan Track Meet (Field Event Athletes ONLY)
May	Event
<u>May 1st</u>	Day2: Archdiocesan Track Meet (Gr1-6 students ONLY to Sports Centre) KINDERGARTENERS ARE TO REMAIN AT HOME UNLESS PARTICIPATING OR ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT OVER THE AGE 18. . Dress Code: P.E. Kits and Tennis
5th	Archdiocesan Mathematics Examinaion
7th	<u>Gr6</u> Language Arts Examination
7th	STAFF MEETING; NO AFTERCARE (3:00 P.M. dismissal)
<u>May 11-15/18</u>	GLAT (Gr3 & 6)
May 12th	General Election (NO SCHOOL)

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

Term 3 Fees are PAST 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 3 fee payments are not paid, students will not be allowed to sit exams.

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).

PLEASE NOTE A NOTICE WAS SENT ADVISING OF A FEE INCREASE OF \$50. 00 FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR (2026-2027)



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

DROP-OFF ROUTINE

DRIVE THRU - In order for the flow of traffic to work, please have your student ready to exit your vehicle once you enter the school's driveway. If you need to complete breakfast, or fix hair and clothes, please do so before entering the drive thru lane.

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.

Please note that anyone arriving on campus are required to **SIGN IN** and show **IDENTIFICATION** to the security officer for verification. **DISREGARD FOR THIS POLICY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

Students are **NOT** allowed to leave the gate **UNACCOMPANIED** by a parent or guardian. Please collect your child from the gate.

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

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL BE HANDLED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SCHOOL.

THESE POLICIES ARE IN PLACE FOR THE SAFETY AND WELL BEING OF ALL STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS VISITING OUR CAMPUS.



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., finished breakfast and in class by 8:30a.m. otherwise they will be marked as late. As a reminder, fast food e.g. Dominoes, Marcos, Starbucks, Burger King, Wendys, McDonalds is **PROHIBITED**, inclusive of breakfast.

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

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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.

WEARING A
PROPER UNIFORM
IS IMPORTANT

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.

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>



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/>



BOOKS ON THE GROUND



Xavier's Lower School

presents

LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 20TH -22ND, 2026

MONDAY APRIL 20TH, 2026

BOOKS ON THE GROUND

(COWBOY THEME LIKE BOOTS ON THE GROUND)

A GIANT B&B

"BOOKS & BREAKFAST"

BOOK FAIR

On this day, students may come to school dressed in full cowboy or cowgirl attire at a cost of \$3.00.

Parents you are invited to come and read with your child and enjoy a complimentary light breakfast as you read and dine, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Books will be on Sale.

More information regarding donations will be provided by classroom teacher.



LEARN CHINESE

HAPPENING EVERY MONDAY RM-1RD



The poster features a festive background with red and yellow lanterns, colorful fireworks, and two cartoon pandas. One panda is on the left holding a red tassel, and the other is on the right. In the center, the text 'CHINESE LANGUAGE CLUB COMING...' is displayed. Below this, a yellow speech bubble contains the text 'APPLY NOW! FREE REGISTRATION \$10/class'. Two books are shown: 'Easy Steps to Chinese for Kids' (Level 4a) and 'HSK 1'. At the bottom, a green chalkboard contains class information, and a stack of books is on the right.

CHINESE LANGUAGE CLUB COMING...

APPLY NOW!
FREE
REGISTRATION
\$10/class

CLASS INFORMATION

Class Time
Mon / Wed 3:10 PM-3:50PM

Class Location
Xavier Lower School

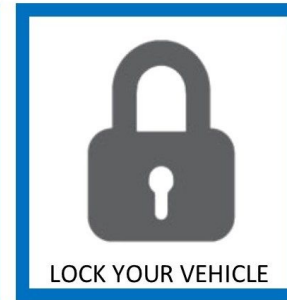
Class Length 40 mins/ Class
Recommend age K4-Grade 2/ Grade 3-Grade 6

Class Date April 15th- May 27

For more details Call:816-3569 Email: lgaoguastave@gmail.com

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