



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

In Truth and Charity

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

Home of the
GIANTS

XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2026-2027



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THEME



One Faith, One Light, One Journey!'

*In Veritate et Caritate
(In Truth and Love)*



REFLECTION- RESPECT

September Reflection - **RESPECT**

As we begin a new school year, our September theme, Respect, reminds us that each person is created in the image and likeness of God and is therefore deserving of dignity, kindness and love.

As a Catholic school community, we are called to follow the example of Jesus in the way we speak to and treat others, care for our school and respect the rules and expectations that guide us. When we choose to be respectful, we allow the light of Christ to shine through us.

As we journey together in "One Faith, One Light, One Journey!", may we grow in faith and strive each day to treat others as Christ would.

At Xavier's, we **GLOW** because God lights our way!

Peace and Blessings, 
XLS Administration



OUR NEW GIANT GEMS

WELCOME
OUR NEW
GIANT GEMS

Miss S. Rahming
KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANT

Miss K. Johnson
GRADE 1

Mr. C.L. Hanna
GRADE 5

Mrs. D. Mackey
GRADE 6

Miss G. Kelson
MATHEMATICS SPECIALIST

Mr. R. Wilson
MUSIC

Mrs. D. Giffens
RELIGIOUS COORDINATOR

Mrs. C. Mackey
CUSTODIAN



APPROVED HAIRCUTS FOR BOYS



Hair should NOT be higher/longer than one (1) inch and should be neatly groomed at ALL times.

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September	Event
7th	International Literacy Day
10th	GLOW in support of Mental Health (Suicide Prevention) (Wear yellow or orange ribbons, ties and socks)-NO COST
15th	Class Parent Meeting (6:00 p.m.) Assemble in Seton Hall (Mandatory Attendance-See Contract)
21st	Club Fair (2:00 - 3:00 p.m.) Seton Hall
28th	September Emerald Awards & After School Clubs Begin



Please note these dates are subject to change.

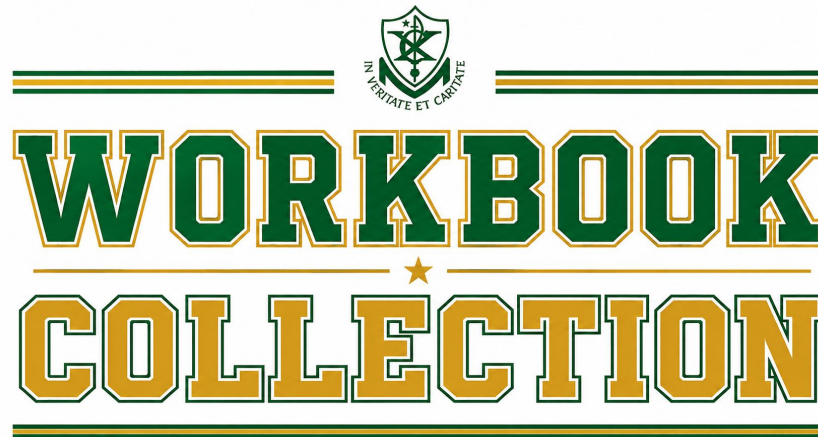
STUDENT WORKBOOK COLLECTION

Workbooks will be available for collection from your child's classroom on Friday, **September 4, 2026, from 2:00–3:00 p.m.**

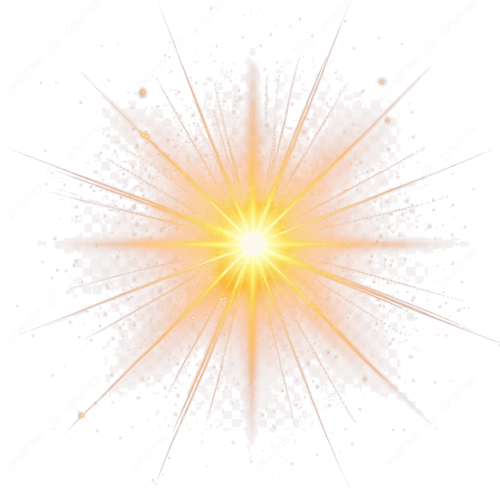
Please note that only students whose school fees are paid in full or whose payment plan balances are up to date will receive their workbooks.

Parents/guardians will be required to sign a Book Receipt Acknowledgement Form confirming that they have received all workbooks listed on the form.

We kindly ask parents to collect books during the designated collection time.



SUPPORT STUDENTS' MENTAL HEALTH

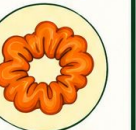


**XAVIER'S
LOWER SCHOOL**
— IN VERITATE ET CARITATE —

GLOW
for
STUDENTS'
MENTAL HEALTH
—  SUICIDE PREVENTION  —

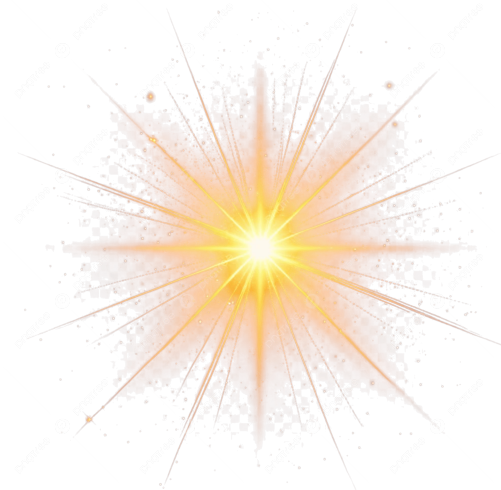
♥ **SEPTEMBER 10, 2026** ♥

Students can show their support by wearing
YELLOW or **ORANGE**:

				
SOCKS	HAIR ACCESSORIES	TIES	RIBBONS	OTHER SMALL ACCESSORIES

♥ Show you care. Help others.
Together, we glow! ♥

FREE OF CHARGE



XLS UNIFORM 2026-2027

GIRLS:

KINDERGARTEN (K) TO GRADE THREE (3)

Option of:

- Xavier's **plaid skort** with white cotton Peter Pan collared blouse with XLS (Kelly Green) monogrammed on left breast pocket/collar and Kelly Green cross necktie.

OR

- Xavier's **plaid jumper** with white cotton Peter Pan collared blouse with XLS (Kelly Green) monogrammed on left collar and Kelly Green cross necktie.

GRADES FOUR (4) TO SIX (6)

- Pleated Xavier's **plaid skirt** with white cotton Peter Pan collared blouse with XLS (Kelly Green) monogrammed on left breast pocket and Kelly Green cross necktie.

All girls wear flat black shoes (with no decorations) and white knee length socks. Girls may wear rounded gold, silver or pearl knobs and a watch (no smart watches). **No other jewelry will be accepted.**

Only green, black, white, or the school plaid hair accessories are allowed. No hair pieces/extensions, or beads are to be worn.

Skort hemlines should be **AT** the knee and Skirt hemlines must be TWO inches **BELOW** the knee. No make-up or nail polish whatsoever may be worn.

XLS UNIFORM 2026-2027

BOYS:

KINDERGARTEN (K) TO GRADE (3)

- Short dark gray trousers with belt loops and white cotton collared buttoned down shirt with XLS (Kelly green) monogrammed on the left pocket.

GRADES FOUR (4) TO SIX (6)

- Long gray trousers (no denim type pants) with belt loops and white cotton collared buttoned down shirt with XLS (Kelly green) monogrammed on the left pocket.

All boys wear black shoes (not sneakers), gray socks, black belt and a plaid uniform tie.

Boys must wear the cuff of their pants below their ankles and it must be no less than seven inches wide or fourteen inches around.

Long hair/faddish hairstyles are **not** allowed. Hair must be short enough so that the entire collar of the shirt can be seen and should be a **school boy hair cut**.

No braided hair, parts, ponytails or other “fashionable” haircuts are allowed. Boys may wear a watch only (no smart watches); **no other jewelry is accepted and earrings are forbidden**.

XLS UNIFORM 2026-2027



Girls' skort
Can be worn in KGN to Gr 3



Kindergarten to Grade 3
Note that girls may wear the skort



Grades 4 - 6
NO EXCEPTIONS

XLS UNIFORM 2026-2027

Students should wear **complete uniform** during the first week of school. (**August 28th - September 4, 2026**). (P.E. Uniforms should be worn on P.E. Days)

However, in an effort to bring relief to students from the heat, students will be permitted to wear **P.E. uniforms** daily from (**September 7 - October 22, 2026**).
It should be noted, this is optional.

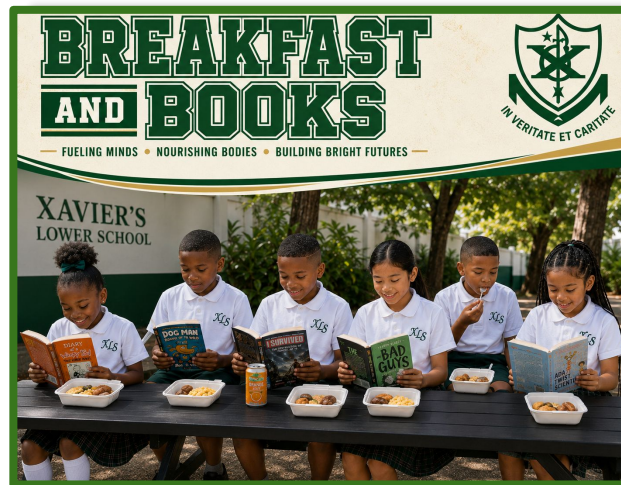
Students will revert to **regular school uniforms** on **October 27, 2026**, wearing P.E. uniforms only on days when Physical Education is scheduled.



MORNING CABANA ROUTINE

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

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



Parents and students are not allowed to drop bags off to classroom doors. 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 is **PROHIBITED**.

BREAKFAST & LUNCH AT XLS

To promote healthy eating habits and maintain a safe school environment, parents are kindly asked to observe the following guidelines:

- **Students may either bring breakfast and lunch from home or purchase meals from the school's café.**
- **Fast food breakfasts and lunches from outside establishments are not permitted on campus.**
- **Morning Break:** Students may have **fruit, vegetables and water only.**
- **Lunch Time:** All other snacks should be reserved for lunchtime.
- **The school does not warm or heat food.** Parents are encouraged to pack meals in a quality insulated thermos or thermal food container to help keep food warm until lunchtime.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to encourage healthy eating habits and a positive learning environment for all students.



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/Capri Sun**) on sale on Wednesdays.

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



SWIMMING/ P.E. CLASSES

Please note Swimming will begin the **week of September 7, 2026** and end on **October 22, 2026**.

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

Students should come prepared for class with:

- A towel and change of underwear
- Crocs/slippers
- Goggles
- Swim cap (girls)

LABEL EVERYTHING

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.)***



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, 475.00	\$4,425.00

Please note that the first term school fees were due: **June 30, 2026.**

Term 2 fees are due: December 1, 2026 (An additional \$180.00 will be added to Grade 6 ONLY for Graduation fees.)

Term 3 Fees are due: March 1, 2027

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 by August 27th, 2026, students' names will NOT appear on any class list and therefore will not be allowed in to classes, until proof of payment is provided.

Please also note well that effective immediately a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied to any payments not made on the date(s) they are due.

PROOF OF PAYMENT SHOULD ONLY BE SENT TO dcooper@cec.edu.bs, kdodge@cec.edu.bs and khall@cec.edu.bs . NO proof of payment should be sent jrussell@cec.edu.bs, amjohnson@cec.edu.bs or krystal.martin@cec.edu.bs moving forward.

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).

PLEASE NOTE WELL THAT STUDENTS WHOSE FEES ARE NOT PAID WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY WORKBOOKS

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.



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

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2026



**DUE BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 7 -11,
2026**

TO BE SUBMITTED TO MRS. Y. ROLLE

The poster is a western-themed announcement for the Summer Reading Challenge. At the top, a banner reads 'XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL'. Below this is a shield with a cross and stars. The main title 'SUMMER READING CHALLENGE' is in large, bold letters. Below the title, a cowboy hat is shown next to the text 'Howdy, Buckaroos! It's summer reading time again!'. The poster is divided into two main sections: 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE' and 'BOOK REPORT REQUIREMENTS'. The 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE' section lists three steps: 1. Visit cec.edu.bs for the Summer Reading List. 2. Choose 2 books to read during the summer. 3. Earn your first Language Arts grade by completing the Summer Reading Challenge. The 'BOOK REPORT REQUIREMENTS' section states that one book report must be creatively displayed on chart paper and lists four requirements: Book Title, Review of the Book, Illustration, and Handwritten Content. Below these sections, an open book with a star on it is shown. To the right, a box labeled 'IMPORTANT DATE' states 'Book Report Due: 2nd Week of September'. At the bottom, the text 'SADDLE UP AND START READING!' is followed by 'Every book is a new adventure waiting to be discovered. Happy Reading!'. The poster is decorated with a cowboy boot, a cactus, and a horseshoe.

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. **Please note aftercare begins on Monday, August 31, 2026.**

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



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.