



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

In Truth and Charity

West Bay Street, Nassau, Bahamas

Home of the
GIANTS

XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

2026-2027



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THEME



One Faith, One Light, One Journey!

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



REFLECTION- PRAYER

October: **PRAYER**

Our theme for October is Prayer, fitting beautifully with the Church's celebration of October as the Month of the Holy Rosary. Through prayer, and especially through the Rosary, we draw closer to Jesus while looking to our Blessed Mother Mary as an example of faith, courage and complete trust in God.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As a Catholic school community, we remember in prayer those who are fighting breast cancer, celebrate survivors and prayerfully remember those who have gone before us. Like Mary, who remained faithful even in times of sorrow, may we stand beside those facing illness with compassion, encouragement and hope.

This month, may we teach our children that prayer is powerful. May every Hail Mary remind us to trust in God, pray for one another and bring His light to those who need it most.

Mary, our Mother, pray for us.

At Xavier's, we **GLOW** because God Lights Our Way!

Peace and Blessings, 
XLS Administration



CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

October	Event
2nd	Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament begins (\$2 Entry Fee, \$3 Bus) Consent Forms available in the office
	Cancer Awareness - Students to wear PINK bows, ties, hair accessories etc. - Donation: \$3
5th	XLS Prefect Installation
6th	Staff Meeting - Dismissal 2:00 p.m. (NO AFTERCARE OR CLUBS & CLASSES)
9th	Flag Day (Complete Uniform)- (Flag Colored Treats on Sale)
	Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament Game 2 - (\$2 Entry Fee, \$3 Bus) Consent Forms available in the office
	Cancer Awareness - PINK wristbands (Available in the school's office) Donation: \$3
16th	Cancer Awareness- PINK Socks Donation: \$3
	Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament Game 3 - (\$2 Entry Fee, \$3 Bus) Consent Forms available in the office
20th	Archbishop's Visit - Complete uniform (Including ties) - NO P.E. KITS
22nd	Progress Report Distribution (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)
23rd	Cancer Awareness - PINK Shirt & Jeans Donation: \$3
	Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament Game 4 - (\$2 Entry Fee, \$3 Bus) Consent Forms available in the office
26th	October Emerald Awards (8:45 a.m. - After morning assembly)
29th	Archdiocesan Basketball Tournament Game 5 - (\$2 Entry Fee, \$3 Bus) Consent Forms available in the office
30th- Nov. 2nd	Mid-Term Break

Please note these dates are subject to change.

XLS BASKETBALL TEAM

OCTOBER

DATE

TEAMS

2nd

XLS vs SFJ
(Girls)

XLS vs STC
(Boys)

9th

XLS vs STM
(Girls & Boys)

16th

XLS vs STC
(Girls)

XLS vs SFJ
(Boys)

23rd

XLS vs SFJ
(Girls)

XLS vs STC
(Boys)

29th

XLS vs STM
(Girls & Boys)

NOVEMBER

6th

XLS vs STC
(Girls)

XLS vs STC
(Boys)

12th

Playoffs

17th

Championship Game #1

19th

Championship Game #2

20th

Championship Game #3

Dress in **GREEN** and support the **TEAM** by coming out to the games each Friday!

Consent forms will be available in the office.
(P.E. Shirts & Jeans)

ALL games held at
Loyola Hall , Gladstone Road



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 that this is optional.

Students will revert to **regular school uniforms** on **October 26, 2026**, wearing P.E. uniforms only on days when Physical Education is scheduled.



CHARACTER DAY 2026



We're choosing **COURAGE**
to **INSPIRE CHANGE**!
Join us on October 14, 2026

A vibrant poster for Xavier's Lower School Character Day 2026. At the top left is the school's crest with the motto 'IN VERITATE ET CARITATE'. The main title 'XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL' is in large, bold, green letters with a yellow outline. Below it, the phrase 'Choose Courage. Inspire Change.' is written in a large, stylized font with 'Choose' in blue, 'Courage.' in orange, and 'Inspire Change.' in blue. To the right of the text is a white t-shirt with the same design. At the bottom, a red circular badge says '\$35 EACH'. Below the badge, a row of buttons lists the sizes available: 4T, YXS, YS, YM, YL, YXL, S, M, L, XL. A shopping cart icon is next to the sizes. A text box says 'Shirts can be purchased and ordered from Miss Cooper and/or Coach Davies in the school's office.' At the bottom, a calendar icon with a checkmark is next to the text 'TO BE WORN ON OCTOBER 14TH'. The background is decorated with yellow stars and green hearts.

Get them while
supplies last!
We are also
accepting orders!

ARCHBISHOP'S VISIT

His Grace, Archbishop Patrick C. Pinder, STD, CMG, KC*HS will visit our campus on **Tuesday, October 20, 2026**. A special assembly will be held to celebrate this momentous biennial visit.

We ask that you kindly have your child/children give a donation to the Educational Endowment Fund. **ALL** funds donated will be presented to the Archbishop at this special assembly.

Students should be dressed in **FULL** and **COMPLETE** uniform **(Including ties)**. **(No P.E. Kits)**

A gentle but important reminder: The Archbishop should be addressed as His/Your Grace, not My/Your Lord, My/Your Lordship or Sir.



EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND \$35,000

Catholic Schools have been serving the education needs of the Bahamian community for over 130 years. In order to continue to meet this vital need for the social development of our community, this fund seeks to provide a solid financial foundation for our Catholic Schools as we move into the future.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION
www.archdioceseofnassau.org



XAVIER'S LOWER SCHOOL

SUPPORTS

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

STEAK-OUT, MINI FAIR & RAFFLE



RAFFLE
TICKETS

RAFFLE
TICKETS

RAFFLE
TICKETS

RAFFLE BOOKS

\$20 EACH

10 CHANCES TO WIN PER BOOK!

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$2 EACH

Students and Families
LET'S SUPPORT!

Help us support Sacred Heart Church
by purchasing and selling raffle books
for their Steak-Out, Mini Fair & Raffle.

**Every book sold helps this
important parish event!**

SALES COMPETITION



The **STUDENT**
who sells the most
raffle books will
receive a
SPECIAL PRIZE!



The **CLASS**
that sells the most
raffle books will
receive a
SPECIAL PRIZE!

SOME OF THE RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:



**11"
IPAD AIR**



**HP
LAPTOP**



**10,000 BTU
DUCTLESS
AIR-CONDITIONING UNIT**



**GIFT
CARD
AND MANY MORE
GREAT PRIZES!**



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 7, 2026**



**12:00 NOON - 9:00 P.M.
DRAWING: 8:00 P.M.**

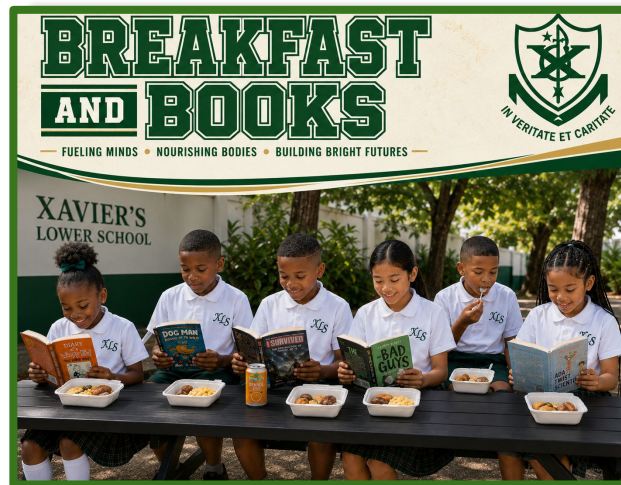


**SACRED HEART CHURCH GROUNDS
SHIRLEY STREET**

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 shown 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 drink only water. The kitchen will only have water **(No juice/Capri Sun)** on sale on Wednesdays. It should be noted Gatorade is not allowed.

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 23, 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 ANY STUDENT WHOSE ACCOUNT IS NOT UP TO DATE WILL BE SENT HOME AS MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

If you need assistance or would like to discuss payment options, please contact Miss D. Cooper directly at dcooper@cec.edu.bs or via the school's phone line.

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 TO jrussell@cec.edu.bs, amjohnson@cec.edu.bs or krystal.martin@cec.edu.bs moving forward.

If you have already made the payment, PLEASE email a copy of the receipt to the approved emails above.

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.**

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. 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 of or damage to your vehicle and its contents.