



# St. Cecilia's School

## February 2023

## NEWSLETTER

**TORINNAE EVANS**

**STC's Student of the Year 2022-2023**



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**Torrinae Alexis Evans is a vibrant self-motivated sixth grader, who believes that knowledge is power.**

**As a proud Striker, Torrinae was a member of the Sunflowers, Brownies and Discovery Club. She is a past Vice President of K-Kids and now serves as the captain of the Strikers cheerleading squad.**

**Torrinae is passionate about helping others and giving back to the less fortunate. Love Thy Neighbour is Torrinae's project.**

**Last summer, Torrinae donated eight backpacks filled with books and school supplies to the children at the Nazareth Center. She also assists her elderly, blind neighbour by doing her household chores, cooking small meals and providing companionship.**

**Torrinae offers a listening ear to her peers and always encourages them to do their best. She is a natural born leader and always strives for excellence. She aspires to be a marine biologist and is a member of the Bahamas Debutante Foundation.**

### February 2023

- 2 56th Archdiocesan Spelling Competition
- 3 Grade 5 Retreat
- 4 Catholic Schools Fun Run/Walk
- 15 Staff Meeting
- 17 Grade 4 Retreat
- 20 Kindergarten Testing
- 21 Mardi Gras (Students may dress in green, purple and gold with long jeans and tennis shoes for \$2.00)
- 22 Ash Wednesday
- 23 Professional Development Day (No School)
- 24 & 27 Mid-term Break
- 28 Archbishop's Holiday



## Mid Term Break

### March 2023

- 1 Students return to school  
First day of 3rd Term. Fees are due.
- 3 Grade 3 Retreat
- 6 Class Photos ( Dress in full uniform)
- 10 Staff Meeting/Professional Development
- 17 Grade 2 Retreat
- 17 St. Patrick's Day Dress up in Green
- 24 Grade 1 Retreat
- 30 Progress Reports (Last day of school)
- 31 Easter vacation begins

Registration for Kindergarten is on going. Students for Kindergarten must be 4 years old by March 31, 2023.

**Kindergarten assessment will be held on Monday, February 20, 2023.**

School will be closed on Thursday, February 23 (Teachers Professional Day) to Monday, February 27, 2023 for the midterm break. School will also be closed on Tuesday, February 28 for the Archbishop's holiday.

**School will reopen on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 for a full day of school.**

### April 2023

- 2-7 **HOLY WEEK**
- 5 School offices and CEC close at 1:00 p.m.
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 10 Easter Monday
- 11 School Offices and CEC reopen
- 17 School Reopens
- 21 Inter house Sports
- TBA Archdiocesan Writing Exam



**Ash Wednesday** – Ash Wednesday will be observed on Wednesday, February 22, 2023. Ash Wednesday is celebrated on Wednesday seven weeks before Easter and the day after Mardi Gras which is also referred to as Fat Tuesday. This is a Christian observance which represents the first day of Lent and approximately six weeks of fasting and penance.



# Congratulations to our Spellers!!



Our very own Michaela Jules, a fifth grade student, won the The 56th Annual Archdiocesan Spelling Contest on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

Mahailia Knowles of grade 6 placed third and Sean Cargill Jr. a fourth grader, placed in the top ten.

Congratulations to the spelling team and their coaches, Miss A. Walkes, Miss K. Johnson and Miss G. Williams.

## Thank You for Supporting Catholic Schools Week



**St. Cecilia's School won the 50 inch television!**  
**Thank you for taking your children to church**  
**dressed in their STC uniforms and for posting the**  
**photos to the Catholic Schools Bahamas**  
**Facebook page.**  
**Your overwhelming support on the various**  
**themed days was tremendous.**

**We appreciate you!**

# School Fee

## Schedule

3rd Term Fees: March 1, 2023

Payment Plans end March 30, 2023



Fee slips were emailed from the Catholic Education Centre last week.

School fees can be paid online at Royal Bank of Canada or First Caribbean International Bank. If you do not have online banking with FCIBC or RBC then you can make a third party online transfer to FCIBC or RBC. Credit card and debit card payments can be made at the Catholic Education Centre, West Hill Street.

Kindly email all fee receipts to Ms. Russell and Ms. Sands at [jrussell@cec.edu.bs](mailto:jrussell@cec.edu.bs) and [asands@cec.edu.bs](mailto:asands@cec.edu.bs).

## Tuition Refund Policy

If a student leaves within 1-2 weeks from the start of the term, the parent is entitled to 75% refund.

If a student leaves within 3-4 weeks from the start of the term, the parent is entitled to 50 % refund.

If a student leaves after 4 weeks from the start of the term, the parent is not entitled to a refund.

**Registration, Capital Development Fund Fee, testing and special fees are non refundable and non transferable.**



Please be reminded that cell phones are not allowed in school. Phones confiscated from students will have to be collected by parents from the office.

## AFTER SCHOOL PICK UP

You are reminded to collect students no later than 3:15 p.m. Clubs are dismissed at 3: 45 p.m. Students should not be on campus after 4:00 p.m. as the security guard leaves at 3:30 p.m. and the office staff leaves at 4:00 p.m.

# Protocols

The following health protocols remain unchanged:

Children with the following symptoms must stay home:

Headache

Cough

Vomiting

Runny nose

Red and inflamed eyes

(Excessive sneezing)

Sore throat

Body aches or chills

Diarrhea

Sinus congestion

Fever

Medications that require administering during school, must be prescribed by a physician and have a pharmacy label on the bottle with the child's name and dosage.

If the medications are to suppress a cough or a fever, your child should remain home. Medications must not be sent to school in a child's bag. These must be handed into the office by an adult.

### ***The following protocols have changed:***

Wearing a mask in school is now optional. The school will support those who wish to continue to wear their masks.

Your child must continue to carry a mask in his or her bag in the event he or she becomes sick throughout the day.

**We ask parents to remind their children of the correct way to stifle a sneeze or a cough.**

We will do the same at school.





# DROP & PICK UP

We will use the three options every day until further notice. Teachers will park on the basketball court.

## OPTION 1 3rd Street Drive Up

1. Drive up to the stage.
2. Make a U-turn.
3. Let the children off by the office entrance.

## OPTION 2 4th Street Drive Through

1. Enter through the northern gate.  
(Coconut Grove Ave.)
  2. Stay to the right. Drive up to the white picket fence.
  3. Let the child/children off as quickly as possible.
  4. Leave through the Southern gate.  
(Palm Tree Ave.)
- GATE LOCKED AT 3:30 P.M.

## OPTION 3 3rd Street Walk Through

1. Park in the church yard.
2. Use rectory side entrance
3. Walk your child through the side gate.

**Thank you for your continued support!**



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### Bell Schedule

ARRIVAL		DISMISSAL	
1st Bell	8:15 a.m.	Kindergarten	2:45 p.m.
2nd Bell	8:30 a.m.	Grades 1 - 6	3:00 p.m.



## MS. NIXON'S KITCHEN

The breakfast and lunch program is outsourced to Ms. Judith Nixon and her team.

Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. at a cost of \$2.00. Grits and sausage/tuna as well as pancakes are available. Lunch orders are taken during the homeroom period.

# MS. NIXON'S KITCHEN

### Breakfast

*Served from 7:45 a.m.- 8:15 a.m.*

Grits and Sausage	2.00
Grits and Corned Beef	2.00
Grits and Tuna	2.00
Pancakes	2.00
Sausage Biscuits Twin Packs	3.00

### Drinks

Water	1.00
Jumex Juice	1.00
Capri Sun 100%	1.00
Juice Bowl	1.50
Hawaiian Punch	1.50
Apple Juice	2.00
Orange Juice	2.00

### Break Snacks

*Pre order during homeroom*

Fruit Bags	1.00
Apple, Banana or Orange	1.00
Water	1.00



### Other Lunch Items Sold Daily

Hot Dog Sandwich	3.00
Corn Dog	2.50
Beef Pattie (Tuesdays and Thursdays)	2.00

### After School Snack

Frozen Pops	1.00
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# February 2023 MENU

## WEEK 1 (February 6 – February 10, 2023)

6 Corned Beef With White Rice	7 Chicken and Fries	8 Spaghetti	9 Pizza	10 Tuna Sandwiches & Chips
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## WEEK 2 (February 13–February 17, 2023)

13 Fried Chicken With White Rice & Corn	14 Nuggets and Fries	15 Spaghetti	16 Pizza	17 Chili Dog with Chips
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## WEEK 3 (February 20 – February 24, 2023)

20 Grilled Cheese and Sausage Sandwich	21 Chicken and Fries	22 Pizza	23 School Closed	24 School Closed
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## WEEK 4 (February 27 – March 3, 2023)

27 School Closed	28 School Closed	1	2	3
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