

St. Ceellin's School



OCTOBER 2024

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THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY

The Month of the Holy Rosary is a special time dedicated to praying "the Rosary". The Rosary is an important set of prayers for Catholics, but all Christians can use it. Rosary beads are often used for protection, and many people believe that having a rosary with them will keep evil and danger away.



Did you know?

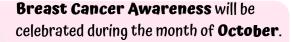
The word "Rosary" translates to "Crown of Roses." Roses can signify many sentiments, but historically, they are considered a timeless and beautiful flower. It is believed that each time the Holy Rosary is recited, a crown of roses is placed upon the heads of the Blessed Mother and Jesus, which will never disappear.

When is the Month of the Holy Rosary 2024?

The Month of the Holy Rosary 2024 begins on Saturday, October 1st, and ends on Monday, October 31st.

Exerpt taken from

https://www.twinkl.com/event/month-of-the-holy-rosary-usa-2024#



PINK WEDNESDAYS

We ask that all students participate by wearing a pink t-shirt, long jeans, and tennis shoes. The donation is \$2.00. The dress up is not mandatory. Students not participating should come dressed in full school uniform.

Dates to Remember

Dates are Subject to Change

October 2024

Blessing	of STC	School	Staff &	Students
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04 World Teachers' Day

04 Basketball season begins

08 Staff Meeting - 3 p.m. dismissal

10 Grade 6 - Grade Level Retreat14 HOLIDAY - National Hero's Day

16 Character Day

22 Archbishop Patrick Pinder Visits St. Cecilia's School

23 Distribution of Progress Report Cards (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.)

24 Father-Daughter Dinner-Dance (St. Joseph's Hall)

25 & 28 Mid-Term Break

29 School Reopens after Mid-term break (full day)

November 2024

1 Feast of	f All Sa	ints - N	lass
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02 Systemwide Scavenger Hunt

04 Founders'Day - 135th Anniversary of Catholic

Education in the Bahamas

05 Staff Meeting

10 Mental Health Day

14 Grade 5 - Grade Level Retreat

19 Writing Examination

20 Language Examination (World Children's Day)

21 Mathematics Examination

22 Feast of St. Cecilia (Mass) - (Birthday Celebration)

December 2024

01 First Day of Advent

02 First Day of Second Term

03 Grade 4 - Grade Level Retreat

08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception

10 Christmas Production (St. Joseph's Hall 6 p.m.)
(Noon Dismissal)

12 First Semester Report Card Distribution

Vacation begins (students will be dismissed @ 12 noon)

School Reopens-January 3rd, 2025



2024 – 2025 Faculty and Staff Listing



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St. Cecilia's School



ECO CLUB	Grades: K- 6 Wednesdays - 6B's Homeroom 3:15 - 3:50 p.m.		
K-KIDS	Thursdays 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.		
DRUMLINE	Lunchtime - Art Studio Thursdays - Snare Drummers Tuesdays - Tum-Tum Drummers		
SCHOOL'S CHOIR	Wednesdays - Music Room 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.		
ALTAR SERVERS	Saturdays - St. Cecilia's Church 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.		
GIRLS EMPOWERMENT	Thursdays - Computer Lab 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.		
BASKETBALL	Monday - Thursday 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.		
SUNFLOWERS	Tuesdays 3:05 - 3:50 p.m.		
BROWNIES	Tuesdays 3:05 - 3:50 p.m.		
BUDDING ARTIST	Grades: K-2 (first 25 students) Thursdays 3:05 - 4:00 p.m.		
	Grades: 2 - 6		

PREFECTS	Lunchtime Day -TBA	
TRACK AND FIELD	ТВА.	
SPELLING CLUB	ТВА.	
CHESS MATTERS	ТВА.	
BOYS-BEEING SUPER	ТВА.	
CHEERLEADING	Wednesdays - 1A Time - TBA	
GOLF	TBA.	
PERFORMING ARTS	ТВА.	
STREAM	ТВА.	



LEGION OF MARY



Thursdays - Church Hall 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.



SWAG Clubs

Parents, please take note of the clubs' schedule and make arrangements to pick up your child on time.



Message from the P.T.A. President

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome to a new school year from the Parent Teacher Association. We hope this year will bring new, fun opportunities for the St. Cecilias community. The PTA Board has some exciting plans in the works, and more information will be available soon. If this is your first year at St. Cecilias School, I would like to warmly welcome each of you. If you are a "seasoned" St. Cecilia's STRIKER, I know you are as excited as we are to start the school year again.

I encourage each one of you to become a part of our team. The number one reason for joining the PTA is to benefit all the children. In doing so, you help us achieve that goal. Here are some of the many advantages:

By becoming a member, you'll demonstrate to your child the importance of education.
By getting involved, you'll be part of the solution, helping to make positive change.
The PTA is a forum for exchanging ideas; attending the PTA Association meetings throughout the year allows members to make suggestions and provide input.

We could use some help with fundraising this year. As we continue from year to year, we like to add more events, activities, and enrichment. Yet, in doing so, we need more funds to allow for these programs. If you have any ideas or would like to help in any way, please contact me.

Thank you and have a great year!!!

Sincerely,

Welliya Cargill
PTA PRESIDENT

#PTA SWAG SQUAD

PTA Interest Group



- SCAN the QR code
- JOIN the PTA Interest Group
- SHARE your comments





POWERSCHOOL

Parent Portal



Head Office has notified us that PowerSchool will be activated sometime during the week of October 1st to October 6th. If you need assistance with your username and password, please send a reset request to vculmer@cec.edu.bs. Be sure to include your child's name and grade, as well as your name and relationship to the child. All new student accounts will be set up for the parents. Please ensure that the correct email information has been provided.



PowerSchool is a student information system that we use in the Catholic **Educational System to** share information between students, teachers, and parents.



Go Strikers!

Friday, 4th October, 2024

Archdiocesan Basketball Season Begins

The Archdiocesan Primary School Basketball Season will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, October 4, 2024, at Loyola Hall, Gladstone Road.

Please come out and support our team and our students.

The entrance fee and the bus fare are \$2.00 each. Playoff games will be \$3.00 and championship games will be \$4.00. Games will be held every Friday

Wear your Red PE Shirt & Long Jeans on Fridays if you are attending the game.

STRIKERS COMIN'

We Got SWAG!



In observance of the National Heroes holiday there will be no school on Monday, October 14, 2024.



Wednesday, 16th October, 2024 **Character Day**

Stay tune for further updates.







Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024

Archbishop Patrick Pinder
Visits St. Cecilia's School.
Please stay tuned for more information.



Wednesday, 23rd October, 2024

Open House - Progress Report Card Distribution

Open House will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. To enable all parents to discuss their child's progress, you are asked to spend no more than five (5) minutes with your child's teacher. Should you require additional time, you may schedule an appointment with the teacher.



Thursday, 24th October, 2024

Father-Daughter Dinner & Dance

Tickets on sale at STC Office beginning Monday, September 30th, 2024.



Friday, 25th - Monday 28th October, 2024

Mid-Term Break will be held from Friday, October 25, 2024, to Monday, October 28, 2024.

Classes will resume on Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 8:30 a.m.





Get Ready 'cause' STRIKERS COMIN'

CBOE BAHAMAS CATHOLIC BOARD OF EDUCATION BASKETBALL 2024 SCHEDULE

GAMES WILL BEGIN 4:00 P.M.







Go Strikers!

Wear your Red PE Shirt & Long Jeans on Fridays if you are attending the game.

Student spectators that are granted parental approval to travel to the game via the bus will receive a permission slip with all of

> Payments for bus transportation and the Gym should be made by Thursday of each week.

We Got SWAG!





Kindergarten - Grade 6

The Student of the Month Program at St. Cecilia's Catholic Primary School is designed to celebrate, highlight and promote individual achievement in

Academics, Character, Leadership and Citizenship.

September

Good Work Ethic/ Diligence

December

Good Character & Christian Attitude

October

School Spirit/Pride

January

Leadership// Responsibility

November

Academics

February

Classroom Participation

March

Citizenship

May

Class Attendance/ Punctuality

April

Discipline/

June

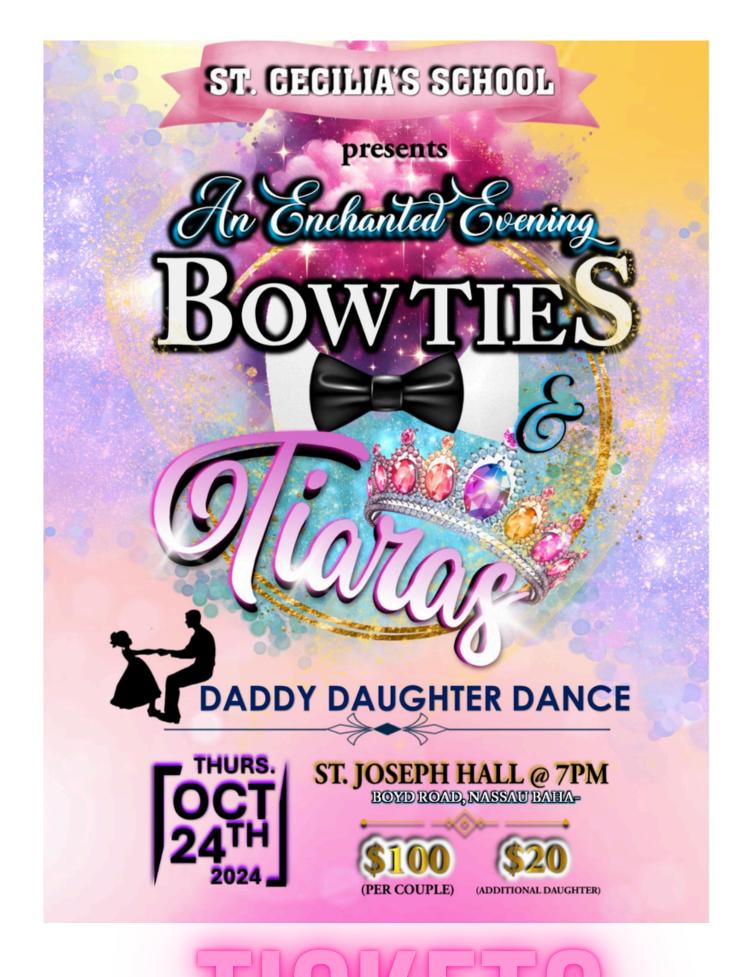
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ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL'S OFFICE BEGINNING TUESDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2024

Congratulations! x



Debate Topic:

"Touching Lives through Service as a Child in Kiwanis"

1st Place - Ciera Knowles 2nd Place - La'Cacia Williams 3rd Place - Sean Cargill Jr. Honourable Mention - Kendrick Sargeant

Congratulations to our amazing KKids— Ciera, Lacacia, Sean, and Kendrick!

We are so proud of your outstanding participation in the Kiwanis Club of Nassau Kids Debate. Your hard work, dedication, and teamwork have truly paid off, and we are thrilled to celebrate your fantastic achievements in winning 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place!

You have shown incredible talent and passion, and your success is an inspiration to us all. Keep shining bright and reaching for the stars!

Miss V. Culmer Principal

Photo Credit: Mrs. Bethel - Reading Specialist





St. Cecilia's Primary School

Raised Bed Pallet System and School Garden (Proposal-Initiative)



The objective of this project is to establish a climatesmart school garden that promotes learning through play, encourages student engagement with agriculture, and supports fundraising efforts at St. Cecilia's Primary School. This project aims to foster a sense of responsibility and environmental stewardship among students from kindergarten to grade 6.

Raised Bed Pallet System:

Description: Construct raised beds using cinder blocks, where each student or member of the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) can adopt a planting slot for the school year.

Purpose: This system will encourage hands-on learning about plant growth, care, and sustainability while boosting morale and interest in agriculture among students.

SCHOOL PROJECT

\$10



FUNDRAISER

Sow & Grow Cinder Block Drive

- Purchase A STC Block for \$10.
- You will get to design your block with your name, hand print, etc. Be creative!
- Fill your planting slot with soil and seed and watch it grow!
- Proceeds will go towards school projects

Help us make our dream a reality!

Bahamas Kids2Golf Pilot Program Launches @ St. Cecilia's School

Bahamas Kids2Golf Pilot Program spearheaded by Georgette Rolle-Harris LPGA Golf Pro and facilitated by Coach Antonia Richards (teacher at St. Cecilia's) will introduce children who have never been exposed to golf before and track their progress from start to finish.

Additionally, the club will provide opportunities for students to become a part of Junior Golf across the country where they can learn and play golf throughout the year.











Meet our Prefects



Saint Cecilia's School has a powerful new force that assists in the day-to-day management of the school. This new dimension to our school is the Prefects. This is the second year of our school having installed prefects. These prefects are refined and disciplined young people. Congratulations go out to all who were chosen to be prefects in the 2024/2025 academic year.

STC Literacy Day & CROC-tember 2024



Tomorrow IIIII











Prime Hydration drinks contain amino acids and electrolytes that are geared towards adults 18 years and older. Consuming this drink can cause kidney problems and high blood pressure on children. Parents please be aware!





School Fee Information

The fees for the 2024-2025 school year are as follows:

Term Fee - \$1,063.00 (per term) (June 30, December 1, March 1) Annual Fee - \$2,946.60 (Due by Sept 1) Monthly Fee - \$323.90 (10 months) (June 30 -March 30)



Please be reminded that students will not be allowed in school or receive their textbooks if payment has not been made. First Term Fees were due June 30, 2024.

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.

SECURITY



All visitors are asked to sign in at the Security Booth before proceeding to the office. No one is allowed to go directly to the classroom as it disrupts the class. It is not the security officer's duty to leave his booth to take items to your children or the office. We ask that you follow this procedure to ensure the safety and security of our children.

School fees can be paid through the new online portal - www.TuitionPay.io or online at Royal Bank of Canada or First Caribbean International Bank. After making the payment, please email all fee receipts to the following email addresses:

Mrs. Griffin - marie.griffin@cec.edu.bs Miss Culmer - vculmer@cec.edu.bs Miss Minnis - tminnis@cec.edu.bs

GRADE 6 2nd Term School Fees

A graduation fee of sixty dollars is added to the 2ndterm school fee for all 6th graders. This fee contributes toward some expenses associated with the Awards Ceremony, such as the venue, trophies, certificates, medals, and decorations.

Apart from the Awards Day, the Grade 6 teachers will organize several additional activities for the Grade 6 Activity Package at an extra cost. These activities may include a Grade 6 dinner, a class t-shirt, professional photos, and other student activities.

These additional activities aim to create lasting memories and a sense of achievement for our graduating students as they transition to the next phase of their educational journey. The cost of the Grade 6 Activity Package will be sent home by the end of the first term.

Participation in these activities is optional.





Thursday 10th October, 2024

DROP & PICK UP

We will use the three options every day.

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

- Enter through the northern gate.
 (Coconut Grove Ave.)
- 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.)

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.



Morning Drop Off

(If students are brought to school early)
Parents/guardians, please remain with
your child/children until 8:00 a.m. when
the security guard and office personnel
arrive.

Afternoon Pickup

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.

BIRTHDAYS... CUPCAKES ONLY!



Students will be allowed to bring cupcakes to school. All classroom teachers and the office have birthday forms, which parents should complete and return to the classroom teacher ahead of time. NO PARTY BAGS! NO MASCOTS! NO BALLOONS!

Sick Certificate 🤌



If a student is absent for a day or more, he/she should bring a note from his/her parent or a doctor's certificate stating why he/she was out of school. Students will not be allowed in classes without a note/certificate.

SMARTWATCHES HAVE <u>NO</u> PLACE IN OUR CLASSROOMS



Cell phones and smart watches are not allowed in school!







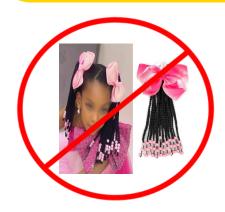
From theMusic DepartmentMr. A. Taylor

GRADES 3, 4, 5 & 6

As of Monday September 30th, 2024
All students must have in their
possession a
Music Manuscript and a
Descant Recorder.
Supplies can be purchased from any

bookstore.

Absolutely NO hair extensions.





Please adhere to the school rules.

- No extensions will be accepted. (That is inclusive of, but not limited to braids and locks)
- No hair colours (bleached or dyed hair is unacceptable)
- NO beads allowed.
- Schoolboy cut ONLY, no designs inclusive but not limited to arrows/roads.

If a student is identified as having any infraction, the parent/guardian will be called to pick up the child to correct the named violation.

Appropriate Attire on School Campus

Please be reminded that appropriate attire is required when on the school campus.

Security will not permit parents/guardians who are dressed inappropriately to enter the premises.

We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to this policy.

Judy's Kitchen



The breakfast and lunch program is outsourced to Mrs. Judy Nixon and her team. Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. for \$2.50. Grits and sausage/tuna/corned beef as well as pancakes are available. Lunch orders are taken during the homeroom period.

Breakfast

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

Break Snacks

Pre-order during homeroom

Grits and Sausage	\$2.50
Grits and Corned Beef	\$.2.50
Grits and Tuna	\$2.50
Pancakes	\$2.50
Sausage Biscuits Twin Packs	\$3.50

Fruits \$1.25

Drinks

Other Lunch Items Sold Daily

Hot Dog Sandwich	\$3.50
Corn Dog	\$3.50
Beef Pattie (Tue. & Thu.)	\$2.50
Twist	\$3.00

Water	\$1.00
Juice	\$1.25 or \$2.00
Hawaiian P	unch \$1.50
Malt	\$2.00
Vitamalt	\$2.50

After School Snack

Frozen Pops

\$1.25



- Monday Sandwich Day
- Tuesday Spaghetti Day
- Wednesday Chicken & Fries Day
- Thursday Pizza Day
- Friday Dinner Day

Tentative menu, items are subject to change.

OCTOBER - WEEK 1 (September30th - October 4th, 2024)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30 Grill Cheese or Tuna Sandwich & Chip	1 Spaghetti	2 Chicken & Fries	3 Pizza	4 Ground Beef White Rice Vegetable

OCTOBER WEEK 2 (OCT. 7th - 11th, 2024)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Grill Cheese or Hamburger Sandwich and Chip	8 Spaghetti	9 Chicken & Fries	10 Pizza	11 Curry Chicken White Rice Vegetables

OCTOBER WEEK 3 (OCT. 15th - 18th, 2024)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
14 HOLIDAY NATIONAL HEROES DAY	15 Spaghetti	16 Chicken & Fries	17 Pizza	18 BBQ Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Vegetables





- Monday Sandwich Day
- Tuesday Spaghetti Day
- Wednesday Chicken & Fries Day
- Thursday Pizza Day
- Friday Dinner Day

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	OCTOBER - WEEK 4 (OCT. 21st - 24th, 2024)					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
21 Grill Cheese or Ham & Cheese Sandwich & Chip	22 Spaghetti	23 Chicken & Fries	24 Pizza	25 MID-TERM BREAK		
0	CTOBER WEEK	5 (OCT. 29th - N	NOV. 1st, 2024)			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
28 MID-TERM 28 COL	29 Spaghetti	30 Chicken & Fries	31 Pizza	Nov. 1 TBA		

Lunch

Please be informed that we will NOT be allowed to warm food in the microwave due to safety reasons. We kindly encourage you to purchase a thermos for your child to keep their meals warm.

Fast Food is NOT permitted on campus for students.