



St. Cecilia's School



Striker News Update

**SEPTEMBER
2025**

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back, students, staff and families! We are excited to begin a new school year filled with learning, friendships, and opportunities to shine!

Our School's theme this year is **"On the Road to 70 Years - Learning and Growing Together"**. We will continue to help each other, cheer for each other, and celebrate every win - big or small. As a Striker "SWAG" family, let us prepare ourselves to celebrate seven decades of excellence and service. Make this year the best one yet!



TIPS FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

1. **Get at least 8 hours of sleep each night.**
2. **Pack a healthy snack and a bottle of water daily.**
3. **Read for 20 minutes at home every day.**
4. **Ask questions, be curious, and help others.**

Important Dates to Remember

Dates are Subject to Change

September 2025

- 1 School Reopens for the 2025-26 School Year (Half Day)
- 2 Full Days of Classes
- 9 Back to School Mass - 9:00 a.m.
- 11 Class Parent Meeting K-6
- 16 1st PTA Meeting @ St. Joseph's Hall (tentative)
- 26 Croc-Tember (Crocs Day \$2)

October 2025

- 3 World Teachers Day (Observed)
- 7 Staff Meeting Early Dismissal 2 p.m.
- 8 Character Day
- 13 **National Heroes Day - Holiday**
- 21 Progress Report Distribution
- 23 Father-Daughter Dance (7 p.m)
- 24-27 Mid-Term Break

November 2025

- 4 **Founders' Day - Assembly 3C**
(Celebrating 136 years of Catholic Education)
- 13 Staff Meeting - Dismissal 2 p.m.
- 18 Writing Examination
- 19 Language Examination
- 20 Mathematics Examination
- 30 1st Sunday of Advent



MEET THE
SWAG
CAST



Miss Vanta Culmer
Principal



Miss Teresine Minnis
Vice Principal



STC STARS



KB – Mrs. Lueretha Brown
KB's Aide – Mrs. Deborah Rolle
KS – Miss Tyrese Sturup
KS's Aide – Miss Renathia Lockhart
1A – Mrs. Savanna Allen



1G – Mrs. Shernell Gardiner
Grade 1 Aide – MissTequilla Pratt
2E – Mrs. Rudell Edwards
3C – Mrs. Janis Curry
3P – Ms. Demetria Pratt



4M – Mrs. Shantel Miller
4T – Mrs. Taniqua Thompson
5AW – Miss Arona Walkes
6B – Mrs. Denise Bolton
6W – Miss Gillian Williams



Art – Mrs. Candice Kelly
Computer – Mrs. Antonia Richards
Music – Mr. Ashton Taylor
Corrective Reading – Mrs. Takara Bethel
Religion – Mrs. Colajean Butler





STC STARS



Guidance Counsellor -
Miss Shantique Durham
Administrative Assistant -
Mrs. Marie Griffin



Custodian - Mr. Andrew McKenzie
Custodian - Ms. Judyann Johnson
Custodian - Ms. Janet Taylor
Custodian - Mrs. Sheriker Tinker-Brown

New CAST



Miss Valishta Moss
Grade 2M

Mrs. Alexis Ferguson
Grade 5F

Miss Taja Hudson
Spanish

Miss Rochelle Henfield
Physical Education

STAFF LISTING



2025-2026 STAFF LISTING

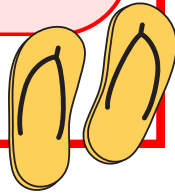


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Summer Reading!

CHALLENGE

Please turn in your Summer Reading Challenge Projects to Mrs. Bethel.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS



NURSE
To Meet You

SCHOOL NURSE

Latoya Boodle
Registered Nurse

Monday
Day at St. Cecilia's



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

ALL Medical Forms must be turned in before a child can begin school.

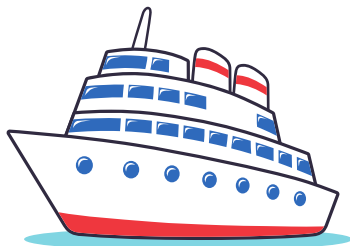


NURSE
To Meet You



Administering MEDICATION

- Only THE SCHOOL NURSE or ADMINSTRATOR are permitted to administer medication.
- The medication must brought to the office with a letter from the parents granting permission.
- The medication must also be in its original container or package with the child's name on the bottle – dosage and when next due. All ventolin rescue inhalers must be accompanied by an aerochamber for children (Pre K to Grade 1).
- Teachers are not allowed to administer medication.



All Aboard!

Can you read around 80 – 150 pages during the months of September and October for enjoyment?

Join us in our
SWAG Reading Challenge!



OPTION 1

Create a video on a social media platform sharing pictures of the books you've read and also the different places you read these books. Share the titles, authors/illustrators of the books read.



OPTION 2

Choose different genres (including Bahamian stories) to read and create a poster board, scrapbook OR pop-up book.



OPTION 3

Oh the places you can read!

Read your stories in the most silly/unexpected places and share your pictures of your reading journey. These pictures can be in the form of a scrap book, on a large hat, digital platform, a cereal box or a T-Shirt, etc.



Enter this exciting challenge!
Speak with Mrs. Bethel in the Reading Room for assistance.
The final project is due October 22, 2025.

PRIZES & SURPRIZES

CLASS

MEETINGS



Thursday

September 11, 2025

St. Cecilia's School Campus

6 pm

COME AND MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER!

CLASSROOM REMINDERS



- Bring school supplies every day.



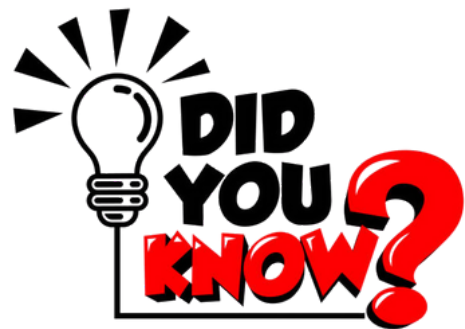
- Check student planners daily for homework.



- Wear school uniform with pride.



- Be on time – every day counts!



- St. Cecilia's School was founded in 1956.
- Father Arthur Chapman, the first pastor of St. Cecilia's Church, built an eight-room concrete structure as the school evolved from catechetical classes.
- The first teachers were Florita Greene and Miss Bethel.

On the Road to 70...





POWER SCHOOL



provides access
to your child's current
grades and attendance
via internet.
It will help you to
monitor
your child's progress
at home or work.



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**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**

**Please contact
the school's
office to sign
up.**



School FEES



were due on June 30th, 2025

School fees can be paid through the 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:

SCHOOL'S OFFICE

Mrs. Griffin - marie.griffin@cec.edu.bs

Miss Culmer - vculmer@cec.edu.bs

Miss Minnis - tminnis@cec.edu.bs

HEAD OFFICE

Judith Russell - jrussell@cec.edu.bs

Andrea Johnson - amjohnson@cec.edu.bs



PAYMENT PLAN

Please ensure that your plan is up-to-date.

Please Note:

Students whose **school fees are NOT paid** will **NOT be able to resume classes** on September 1st, 2025. Additionally, **NO books will be distributed to students with an outstanding balance.**

Payment Plans are for ten (10) months and must be negotiated in May, prior to the new school year. The school facilitates Payment Plan contracts. The plan runs from June of the current year to March of the following year.

GRADE 6

2nd Term School Fees

A graduation fee of sixty dollars is added to the 2nd-term 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.

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.



**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.



Cell Phones, Smart Watches or any Electronic Device are NOT ALLOWED in school!

If students are caught with them, they will be confiscated and returned to their parents at the end of the school year.

CROC TEMBER

FRIDAY
26TH SEPTEMBER, 2025



Wear your
CROCS
for **\$2**

**Students will be allowed to wear
CROCS with their uniforms.**



Save the Date

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Daddy-Daughter! Dance

\$100 (per couple)

\$25 (additional daughter)



Uniforms

All students are required to attend school in complete uniform unless otherwise notified.

KGN - Grade 3 BOYS

Short Navy Blue Pants
Navy Blue Neck Tie
White Shirt with
Crest on Left Pocket
Navy Blue Socks
Black Shoes



KGN - Grade 3 GIRLS

Pink Jumper
White Peter Pan Blouse
Pink Neck Tie
White Socks
Black Shoes

Grades 4-6 BOYS

Long Navy Blue Pants
White Shirt with
Crest on the Left Pocket
Navy Blue Neck Tie
Blue Socks
(no ankle socks)
Black Shoes



Grades 4-6 GIRLS

Pink Skirt
White Peter Pan Blouse with
Crest on the Left Pocket
Pink Neck Tie
White Knee High Socks
(no lace or ankle socks)
Black Shoes (no heels)

PE Uniform

Red PE Kit
White Tennis Shoes
White Ankle Socks

Check the office for the
availability of sizes of PE
uniforms
or contact
Mr. Felix Musgrove at
424-0462



ABSOLUTELY NO HAIR EXTENTIONS

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.

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.*

Please note:

This is a Catholic Board of Education policy.

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

JEWELRY: What is allowed?

GIRLS

- Watch
- One pair of knob earrings (no hoops)

BOYS

- Watch



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.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Parents Attire on School Campus

As we continue to create a positive and respectful learning environment for our students, please be reminded of our school's dress code policy regarding attire worn on campus.

We believe that appropriate dress plays a significant role in maintaining a focused and respectful atmosphere. Therefore, we kindly ask that all parents adhere to our dress code guidelines when entering the school campus. Inappropriate attire, including but not limited to clothing with offensive graphics or language, excessively revealing outfits, and items that do not align with our school values, will result in you not being allowed to enter the campus.

We appreciate your support. Together, we can ensure that our school remains a place where everyone feels comfortable and focused.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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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

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 to the front entrance gate and then to the pavilion (grades 2-6).
Kindergarten and grade 1 are accompanied to their respective classes.



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Bell Schedule

ARRIVAL

1st Bell 8:15 a.m.

2nd Bell 8:30 a.m.

DISMISSAL

Kindergarten

2:45 p.m.

Grades 1 - 6

3:00 p.m.



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.

Judy's Kitchen



The breakfast and lunch program is outsourced to Mrs. Judith Nixon and her team. Breakfast is served from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. for \$2.50. Grits, 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.

Grits and Sausage	\$2.50
Grits and Corned Beef	\$2.50
Grits and Tuna	\$2.50
Pancakes	\$2.50

Mondays- Hearty Breakfast Special

Available while supplies last

Hash Browns, Eggs & Bacon \$3.00

Thursdays- French Toast Special

Available while supplies last

Other Lunch Items Sold Daily

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

After School Snacks

Available from 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Break Snacks

Pre-order during homeroom



Fruits	\$1.25
Celery & Carrot Sticks	\$1.50

Drinks



Water	\$1.00
Juice	\$2.00
Bottled Iced Tea	\$2.50
Malt	\$2.50

We will NOT be allowed to warm food in the microwave for safety reasons. We encourage you to consider purchasing a thermos for your child to keep their meals warm.

Fast Food is NOT permitted on campus for students.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

SEPTEMBER 2025

Judy's Kitchen

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

*Tentative menu,
items are subject to change.*

WEEK 1 (September 1st - 5th, 2025)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Half Day No Lunch will be served	2 Spaghetti	3 Chicken & Fries	4 Pizza	5 Corned Beef White Rice Vegetables

WEEK 2 (September 8th - 12th, 2025)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8 Grill Cheese or Beef Hot Dog Chip	9 Spaghetti	10 Chicken & Fries	11 Pizza	12 Curry Chicken White Rice Vegetables

WEEK 3 (September 15th - 19th, 2025)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 Grill Cheese or Ham Sandwich and Chip	16 Spaghetti	17 Chicken & Fries	18 Pizza	19 BBQ Ribs Macaroni Vegetables

WEEK 4/5 (September 22nd - 30th, 2025)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22 Grill Cheese or Tuna	23 / 30 Spaghetti	24 Chicken & Fries	25 Pizza	26 Mashed Potatoes Meatballs Vegetables
29 Grill Cheese Hamburger				