



St. Cecilia's School



Striker News Update

**NOVEMBER
2025**

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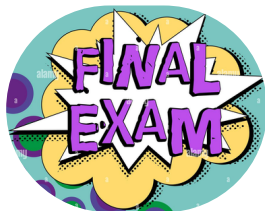


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*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Gratitude
can transform
common days into
thanksgivings,
turn routine jobs
into *joy,*
and change ordinary
opportunities into
blessings.



End of Term Exams

Exams are fast approaching. They will take place this month. Please ensure that your child has a quiet place to study.

- 18 Writing Examination
- 20 Language Examination
- 21 Mathematics Examination



Dates to Remember

Dates are Subject to Change

November 2025

- 01 **Feast of All Saints**
- 02 **Founders' Day Fellowship Mass**
St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral 8:30 a.m.
- 04 **Founders' Day - 135th Anniversary of Catholic Education in the Bahamas**
All Saints Mass: Grade 3 - 9 a.m. St. Cecilia's Church
- 10 **Mental Health Day**
- 10 **FLAG Day Assembly - 2E (Dress-Up Bahamian Flag Colors)**
- 12 **Wear Blue to support kids with diabetes \$2**
- 13 **Staff Meeting (2 p.m. Dismissal) Please pick up on time.**
- 14 **Grade 5 - Grade Level Retreat**
- 15 **P.T.A FUN-RUN-WALK & SOUSE OUT**
- 18 **Writing Examination**
- 19 **Language Examination (World Children's Day)**
- 20 **Mathematics Examination**
- 21 **Thanksgiving Mass - Grade 5**
- 22 **Feast of St. Cecilia**
- 23 **Staff and Students are invited to attend 9 a.m. Mass at St. Cecilia's Church**
- 26 **Thankful Wednesday - Orange Dress Up \$2**
- 25/27/28 **CBE Basketball Playoffs**
- 30 **First Day of Advent**

December 2024

- 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 7 p.m.)**
Noon Dismissal)
- 12 **First Semester Report Card Distribution**
Vacation begins (students will be dismissed @ noon)
- 19 **Office Closes at 1 p.m.**
- 29 **Office Re-Opens at 8 a.m.**

COLD WEATHER

Please be advised that buttoned-down navy-blue jackets or sweaters should be worn during the cold season.

***Hooded sweaters/jackets and jackets/sweaters with words are discouraged at St. Cecilia's School.**

Please call Mr. Felix Musgrove (424-0462) regarding school jackets.



Celebrates

A decorative banner consisting of a series of small, colorful triangular flags (orange, blue, pink, and red) strung together, arching over the word 'Celebrates'.

**Founders' Day
1889–2025**

*136 years
of
Catholic Education
in
The Bahamas*



Founders' Day
Nov. 4th

**136 Years
Catholic
Education**

In 1889, five Sisters of Charity from Mt. St. Vincent's in New York came to Nassau and founded the first Catholic school in The Bahamas. Their names were Sister Dolores Van Rensselaer, as superior, Teresa Alacoque Nagle, Casilda Saunders, Mercedes Donovan and Maria Corsini Gallagher. Accompanying them were Mother Ambrosia, and Sisters Irene Gonzaga Batell, Maria Dodge and three other women, who came to assist the Sisters. After a 5 day voyage, they arrived in Nassau on October 28, 1889, sailing aboard the SS Santiago.

On November 4, 1889, St. Francis Xavier School, the first Catholic school in The Bahamas, a free school, opened its doors on West Street. The vision of the Sisters of Charity was to equip the Bahamian populace with the skills, attitudes and behaviours that would help to further develop the people and shape their destiny.

Today, the Catholic School system is the largest private school system in The Bahamas, serving approximately 3,000 students and boasting an alumni community of tens of thousands. At present, there are a total of nine Catholic schools on New Providence, Grand Bahama and Abaco. The family of Catholic schools in The Bahamas include Aquinas College; St. Cecilia's School; Sts. Francis & Joseph School; St. Thomas More School; Xavier's Lower School; Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy (Grand Bahama); St. Francis de Sales School (Abaco); Every Child Counts (Abaco); and St. Augustine's College.

By Shavaughn Moss Nov 9, 2020

Students and Staff from Catholic Schools on New Providence visited St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral to celebrate Founders' Day Mass on Sunday, November 2, 2024.

Pictured are the Students of Grade 6, along with their teachers, the Administrative team, and Dr Bowe.





Home of the Strikers

We Grow As We Learn



THE BAHAMAS DIABETES
ASSOCIATION'S KIDS WITH
DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP

PRESENTS:

WEAR BLUE DAY

Our Activity

Participate In Our Wear Blue Dress Up
Day at your school!

Pay \$2-3 with donations going to BDA,
Wear Blue, And Have Fun



Support KWD!

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Once your school signs up, lets all dress
in Blue and Make A Difference

Together !

We're Excited To Have You Join Us In This
Meaningful Cause, Thank You For Support

Supporting BDA for Diabetes
Awareness!

Please contact the BDA at:

thebda2020@gmail.com

828-4194

STC PTA

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT!

The class with the most participants wins the prize, but your teacher must be present.

TICKETS AND REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SCHOOL'S OFFICE.



ST. CECILIA'S SCHOOL
PTA

FUN, RUN, WALK
HEALTH FAIR
& SOUSE OUT

NOV. 15 2025
@ 6 A.M.

SCAN



ADULTS
\$25.00
CHILDREN
\$10.00

INCLUDES DRAWSTRING BAG, WATER BOTTLE, WATER AND FRUITS

REGISTRATION

FREE HEALTH screening

CHICKEN SOUSE - \$12
PIG FEET SOUSE - \$12
TURKEY SOUSE - \$12
SHEEP TONGUE - \$15

STC PTA



St. Cecilia's School's PTA



REGISTRATION FORM

Date: Saturday November | 15, 2025 Time: 6:00 a.m.

The Route:

Starting at St. Cecilia's school grounds, proceed south on Third St. to Palm Tree Ave. Turn west on Palm Tree Ave. to Market St. Travel south on Market St. to Robinson Rd. Proceed west on Robinson Rd. to the roundabout then south on Baillou Hill Rd. (passing Town Centre Mall) to Independence Drive Highway. Travel east on the Highway to East St. Turn north on East St., then to Robinson Road. Turn west on Robinson Rd. and travel to Third Street north and back to the school grounds.

Guidelines for the Event:

- Participants must either run **OR** walk.
- All participants are encouraged to wear a red shirt to represent the school or students attending the school can wear their P.E. uniforms.
- There will be prizes and awards for individual registrants who place in the top (3) three for running and walking.
- All participants will receive a participation award.

Registration Fee:

_____ Adults (\$25.00)

_____ Children (\$10.00)

(Each participant **MUST** complete and sign this registration form below)

REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Print Name): _____ Age: _____

_____ Male _____ Female _____ Runner _____ Walker

Date of Birth: _____ dd/mm/yyyy Emergency Contact: _____
Name and Contact Number

Signature: _____

Guardian: _____ Date: _____
*Parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. dd/mm/yyyy

BY SIGNING ABOVE, I affirm that I have read, understood and will abide by the information and rules contained within this entry form. I acknowledge waiver and release from liability from St. Cecilia's School, its staff, PTA members and organizers, and volunteers of any responsibility for any medical problem, accident or other incident which may arise during or after the races I have entered. I affirm that I am in fit medical condition to participate in these events and have verified this with my doctor.

* I am under 18 years and the signature below is of my parent or legal guardian.

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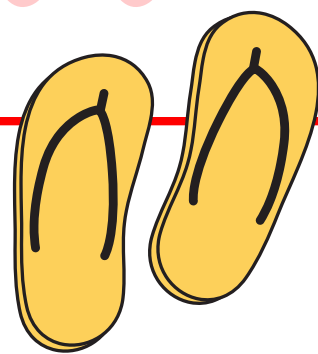


STC

**Summer
Reading!**

STARS!!!

**Jordan Lucien
2M**



**Jordan Bethel
3P**

**Breion Bullard
4M**

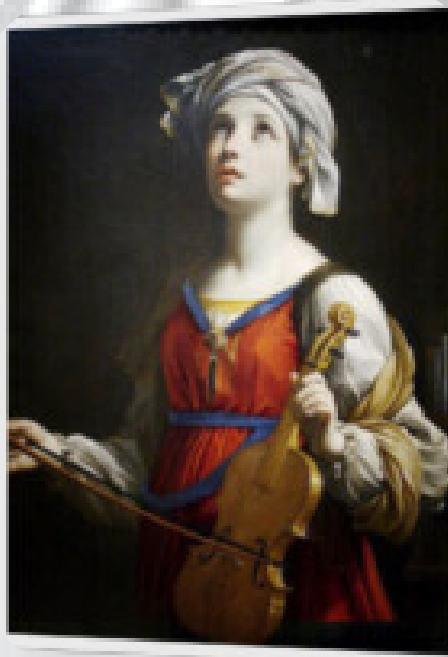
**Stephano Roberts
3C**



Congratulations!

FEAST DAY

Saint



Cecilia

The Patron Saint of Music

STC Feast Day & Thanksgiving Service

Friday, November 21, 2025

9:30 a.m.

St. Cecilia's Church

Students are asked to
donate
can goods on or before
Tuesday, November 18,
2025.

You're Invited!

All staff, students, parents, and family members are invited to celebrate our Feast Day at St. Cecilia's Church on Sunday, November 23rd, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

THANKFUL Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2025

Students are allowed to dress in orange at the cost of \$2.00.

All school rules apply.

NO Rip Jeans, Crop Tops or Sleeveless Shirts

Tennis Shoes Only, no flip flops, slippers or sandals



Now that time has changed, and it gets dark quickly, please be reminded that the office closes at 4:00 p.m. and the security guard also leaves at this time. Please ensure that your child is collected by 3:15 p.m. if he/she is not in a club.



Archdiocesan Basketball Season Continues

The Archdiocesan Primary School Basketball games begin at 4 p.m. on Fridays, 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.**

Go Strikers!

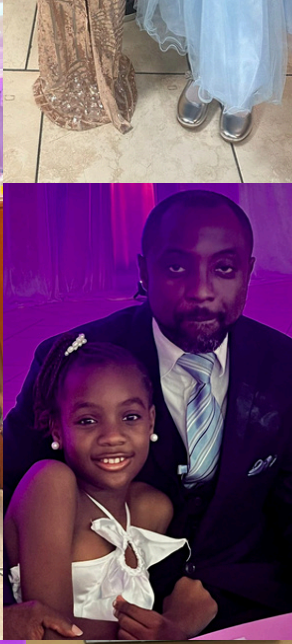


**STRIKERS COMIN'
Move out the
way!**



**We Got
SWAG!**





School Fee Information

The fees for the 2025-2026 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)

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

Mrs. Russell - jrussell@cec.edu.bs

Mrs. Johnson - amjohnson@cec.edu.bs



*School Fees
Due:
Monday,
December 1,
2025*

POWERSCHOOL
Parent Portal

If you need assistance with a username or password, please request a reset to vculmer@cec.edu.bs.

Accounts will be updated every Wednesday. Be sure to include your child's name and grade, as well as your name and relationship to the child and your correct email information .

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.

Fifth Grade



Friday

14th November, 2025

CHARACTER DAY CELEBRATION





STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Assembly

Monday,
November 10, 2025
at 8:45 am.

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 NO PLACE
IN OUR
CLASSROOMS**



**Cell phones
and smart
watches are
not allowed in
school!**

Parents please
ensure that your
child is adhering to
this rule.



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.

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.

PARENTS Important Reminder: 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.

St. Cecilia's School

DROP & PICK UP

We will use the following 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.

**Please
do not
block
the
entrance
and
exit
gates.**

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.



St. Cecilia's School

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.
AGAIN



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.**

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.

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.

Judy's Kitchen



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
Sausage Biscuits Twin Packs	\$3.50

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 Snack

Frozen Pops	\$1.25
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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.

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.

Break Snacks

Pre-order during homeroom



Fruits	\$1.25
Veggie Snacks	\$1.50

Drinks

Water	\$1.00
Juice	\$1.25 or \$2.00
Malt	\$2.50



Fast Food is NOT permitted on campus for students.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

NOVEMBER 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.*

NOVEMBER WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Grill Cheese or Hamburger Sandwich and Chip	4 <i>Spaghetti</i>	5 <i>Chicken & Fries</i>	6 <i>Pizza</i>	7 Curry Chicken White Rice Vegetables

NOVEMBER WEEK 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10 Grill Cheese Sandwich & Chip	11 <i>Spaghetti</i>	12 <i>Chicken & Fries</i>	13 <i>Pizza</i>	14 Yellow Rice, Ground Beef and Vegetables

NOVEMBER WEEK 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17 Grill Cheese Sandwich & Chip	18 <i>Spaghetti</i>	19 <i>Chicken & Fries</i>	20 <i>Pizza</i>	21 Ribs, Mashed Potatoes & Veg

NOVEMBER WEEK 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24 Grill Cheese Sandwich & Chip	25 <i>Spaghetti</i>	26 <i>Chicken & Fries</i>	27 <i>Pizza</i>	28 Steam Ham White Rice Vegetables