



# St. Cecilia's School



## Striker News Update

**JANUARY  
2026**

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**Happy  
New year  
2026**

**Wishing you growth, success,  
and new achievements in  
2026.**

**May the New Year bring  
prosperity and positive  
opportunities.  
God Bless You Always!**

From:

**STC's**

**Staff & Students**

### Dates to Remember

Dates are Subject to Change

#### January 2026

- 02 Faculty & Staff Retreat
- 05 **School reopens after Christmas break @ 8:30 a.m.**  
Registration opens for incoming Kindergarten students  
**Grade 6 Students Tour Aquinas' Campus (TBA)**
- 08 Mass - Grade 6
- 12 **Majority Rule HOLIDAY**
- 15 **Staff Meeting - Dismissal 2:00 p.m.**
- 19 **AQUINAS College Entrance Examination**  
(8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)
- 16 Grade Level Retreat
- 25 Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week (CSW)  
(Weekly Activities TBA)  
**Grade 6 Students Tour St. Augustine's College (TBA)**
- 27 Archdiocesan Spelling Competition
- 30 **St. Augustine's College Entrance Examination**  
(8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

#### February 2026

- 06 Mother-Son Dance
- 12 **Staff Meeting**
- 13 Kindergarten Entrance Exam - No school for KB & KS
- 17 **Fat Tuesday**
- 18 Ash Wednesday Mass - Grade 5
- 19 **Professional Development** (No school for students)
- 20 & 23 **Mid-Term Break**
- 27 **SWAG-A-Thon (Tentative)**

#### March 2026

- 02 First Day of Third Term - School Fees Due
- 12 **Staff Meeting - 2:00 p.m. dismissal**
- 13 Grade Level Retreat
- 18 **Progress Report Distribution**  
Interhouse Sports Day - TAR (old) Stadium (TBA)  
Passion Play - Grade 6
- 26 **School closes for Easter Break for students**
- 27 Teachers' Retreat
- 29 Palm Sunday

#### April 2026

- 05 EASTER SUNDAY
- 06 EASTER MONDAY
- 07 CEC & SCHOOL OFFICES REOPEN
- 13 SCHOOL REOPENS (Regular Schedule)



## COLD WEATHER



Please be advised that buttoned-down navy-blue jackets or sweaters should be worn during the cold season. Navy blue warm-up suits can be worn on PE Days. Hooded sweaters/jackets and jackets/sweaters with words are discouraged at St. Cecilia's School.

Please call Mr Felix Musgrove (424-0462) or the school's office regarding school jackets.



**REMINDER**

## GRADE 6 HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS INFORMATION



### Aquinas College

Exam Date: Monday, January 19, 2026

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

*Students must be at the campus by 8:00 a.m.  
and can be collected at 1:00 p.m.*

Location: Gladstone Road Campus

**Students must be at the campus by 8:00 a.m.  
and collected no later than 1:00 p.m.**

Exam Fee: \$40.00

**The deadline for the payment of the exam fee  
is Tuesday, January 6, 2026**



### St. Augustine's College

Exam Date: Friday, January 30, 2026

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Students must be at the campus by 8:00 a.m.  
and collected no later than 1:00 p.m.**

Location: Bernard Road Campus

Attire: Complete School Uniform

Exam Fee: \$100.00

**The deadline for the payment of the exam fee  
is Tuesday, January 21, 2026**

Payment for both exams must be made **ONLINE**, and receipts should be forwarded to [vculmer@cec.edu.bs](mailto:vculmer@cec.edu.bs) or [marie.griffin@cec.edu.bs](mailto:marie.griffin@cec.edu.bs).

Aquinas College  
St. Augustine's College

\$40.00  
\$100.00

Due Date: Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
Due Date: Tuesday January 21, 2026

## Campus Tours

Aquinas College  
TBA

St. Augustine's College  
TBA



# School Fees are Past Due!

School fees were due on **December 1, 2025**, at the start of the second term.

**No student with an outstanding balance** will be allowed to attend school when it reopens on January 5, 2026. Please ensure that school fee payment receipts are sent to the office.

Persons on the payment plan must come in and have their payment sheets stamped.

## 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)

### Payment Plan

Monthly Fee - **\$323.90** (10 months)  
(June 30 - March 30)



School fees can be paid through the new online portal - [www.TuitionPay.io](http://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](mailto:marie.griffin@cec.edu.bs)  
Miss Culmer - [vculmer@cec.edu.bs](mailto:vculmer@cec.edu.bs)  
Miss Minnis - [tminnis@cec.edu.bs](mailto:tminnis@cec.edu.bs)

### HEAD OFFICE

Judith Russell - [jrussell@cec.edu.bs](mailto:jrussell@cec.edu.bs)  
Andrea Johnson - [amjohnson@cec.edu.bs](mailto:amjohnson@cec.edu.bs)

## GRADE 6

### 2nd Term School Fees

**Please note:** Graduation fee increased from **\$60 to \$110** and was 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 organise additional activities for the Grade 6 Activity Package at an extra cost. **These activities may include a Grade 6 dinner, a class t-shirt, graduation paraphernalia and other student activities.**

The Graduation Package/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. Please be advised that the pricing information for the upcoming Grade 6 Activity Package will be sent home in a separate notice.

Participation in these activities is optional.

## POWERSCHOOL



**will reopen soon!**

If you need assistance with a username or password, please send a request to [vculmer@cec.edu.bs](mailto:vculmer@cec.edu.bs). Be sure to include your child's name and grade, as well as your name and relationship to the child. Please ensure that the correct email information has been provided.

Remaining  
Grade Level Retreats  
**TBA**





**ST. CECILIA'S SCHOOL**

*We Grow as We Learn*

Third Street, The Grove, Nassau, Bahamas

Home of the  
**STRIKERS**

**Celebrating 135 Years  
of Catholic Education  
in the Bahamas**

*Together, We are Part of Catholic School Legacy*

# *St. Cecilia's* **the right choice!**

**Registration for Kindergarten: January 5th - 16th, 2026.**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

***Students entering kindergarten must be 4 years old by March 31st.***

- Birth Certificate
- Passport
- Passport size photo
- National Insurance card.
- A baptismal certificate is required for Catholic applicants only.
- These documents should be submitted during registration along with a \$50.00 testing fee.







*Spelling*  
**Team**

## ***Contestants***

**Caelyn Mackey - 6B**

**Diontae McPhee - 6W**

**Liam Eugene - 5R**

## ***Alternates***

**Phaedron Ferguson - 4M**

**Breion Bullard - 4M**

**Archdiocesan  
Spelling Competition**

**Tuesday  
January 27, 2026**

**LET'S GO  
STRIKERS!**



*Coming Soon!*



Catholic Schools  
United in Faith and Community

# Catholic Schools Week

**JANUARY 25 - 31, 2026**

LET'S GET  
**READY**

# INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAY



**DATE: TBA**

calling



*Blue Marlins!*

*Green Barracudas!*

*Red Snappers!*



**TRACK & FIELD**  
***PRACTICE DAYS***

**To Be Announced**



# IMPORTANT

## **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 student will NOT be allowed in class.

The parent/guardian will be called to pick up the child to rectify the named violation.

## **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!**

## *Note from the Nurse*

Parents,  
Please note that sick children, especially those with heavy coughs, should not attend school. You are to communicate with the Nurse and be granted approval for your child to return to school

**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.**



## *Sick Certificate*

If a student is absent for a day or more, they should bring a note from their parent or a doctor's certificate stating the reason for their absence from school. Students will not be allowed in classes without a note/certificate.



# 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.





# 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.



## DROP OFF & PICK UP OPTIONS

### 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.**

## Morning Drop Off

If students arrive at school early, parents and guardians should stay with their children until 8:00 a.m., when the security guard and office staff arrive.

## Afternoon 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. The security guard leaves at 3:30 p.m. and the office closes at 4:00 p.m.

# Judy's Kitchen



## Breakfast

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

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.

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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## Break Snacks

*Pre-order during homeroom*

Fruits	\$1.25
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## Drinks

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



**Fast Food is NOT permitted on campus for students.**

Warming food in the microwave will NOT be done. We will not use the microwave to warm food for safety reasons. We encourage you to provide a thermos for your child to keep their meals warm.

# Judy's Kitchen



## MENU JANUARY 2026

*Tentative menu,  
items are subject to change.*

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

### JANUARY WEEK 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Sandwich	6 <i>Spaghetti</i>	7 <i>Chicken &amp; Fries</i>	8 <i>Pizza</i>	9 Dinner

### JANUARY WEEK 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Majority Rule HOLIDAY	13 Spaghetti	14 <i>Chicken &amp; Fries</i>	15 <i>Pizza</i>	16 Dinner

### JANUARY WEEK 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
19 <i>Sandwich</i>	20 <i>Spaghetti</i>	21 <i>Chicken &amp; Fries</i>	22 <i>Pizza</i>	23 Dinner

### JANUARY WEEK 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 Sandwich	27 Spaghetti	28 Chicken & Fries	29 Pizza	30 Dinner