



Sts. FRANCIS & JOSEPH SCHOOL

Unity is Strength

No. 45 Boyd Road, Nassau, Bahamas

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ST. FRANCIS & JOSEPH SCHOOL

October Newsletter

2024-2025

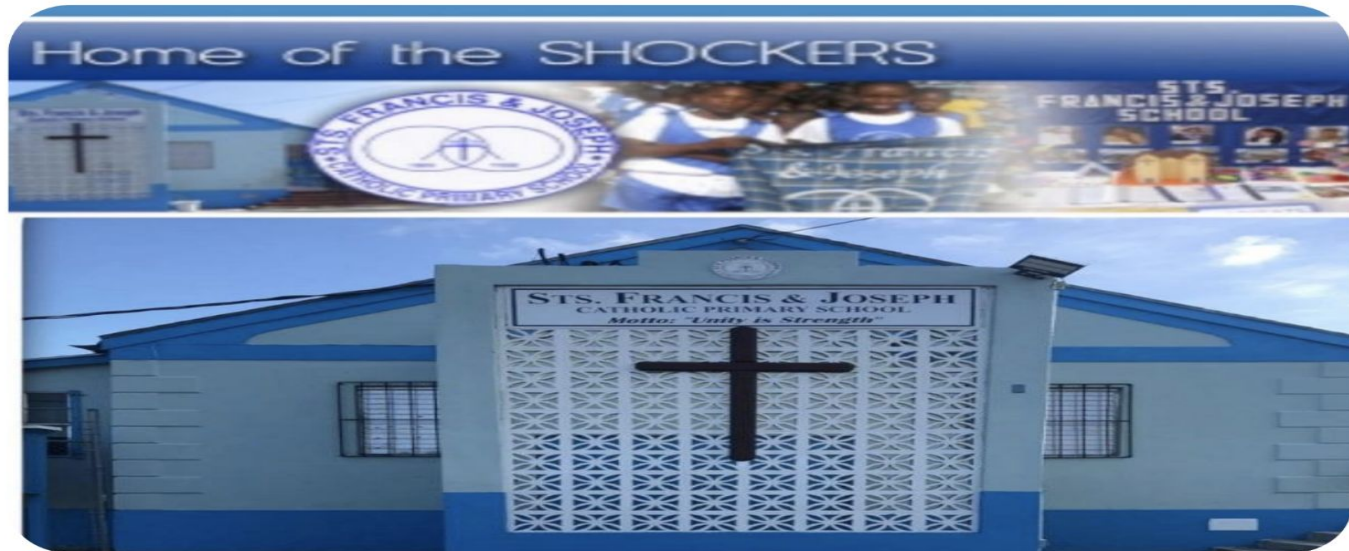


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THEME

Pledging in faith, to
lovingly care for God's creation, promote excellence and be of service to all.

“Together is Better”



The administrators and staff take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

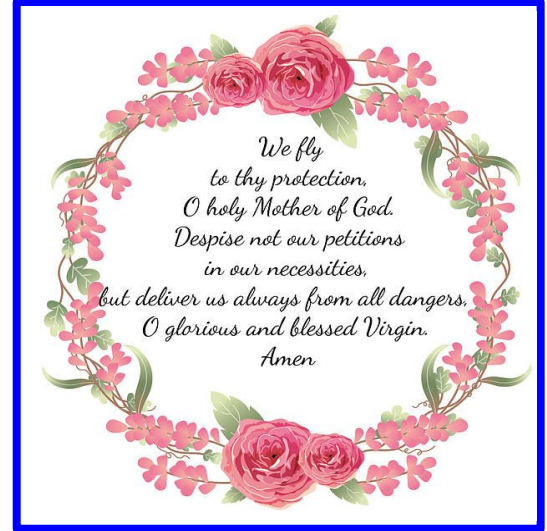
OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



Hail Mary

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou
among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now, and at the hour
of our death.
Amen.



DROP OFF AND PICK UP AREAS

Drop off Areas

Pre K - Grade 6- Main Gate

Grades 1-6 students will proceed to the Blue Square and sit quietly. Students are asked to bring a book to read each morning.

Pick Up Areas

Pre- K & Kindergarten: From their Classrooms

Grades 1 - 6 Blue Square

Parents are reminded that students should be collected no later than 3:30 p.m. If your child is registered for an afterschool club, please ensure that you arrive on time for pick up. **Students not in a club and left after 3:30, will be placed in aftercare for \$10.00 per day.**

Please note all club fees are to be paid to Account: RCANB-Special Catholic School Acct (CIBC-Palmdale) - 1126917
RCAB-Catholic Education Centre (RBC-Palmdale) - 05745-2897445

Please identify what you are paying for.

The school's office closes promptly at 4:00 p.m.

SFJ CALENDAR AT A GLANCE- OCTOBER

OCTOBER	FLAG RAISING MONTH	
	Archbishop's Official Visit Will Take Place This Month	
	5	World Teachers' Day (Celebrate on Friday, October 4, 2024)
	4	Cancer Support - Dress in PINK (\$2.00)
	4	First Basketball Game at Loyola Hall
	9	Staff Meeting/Professional Development
	10	Grade Level Retreat - Gr. 6 Grandparents Day Prek- Gr. 2- 12:05- 12:45. / Gr.3 - 6- 12:55- 1:30
	11	Cancer Support - Dress in PINK (\$2.00)
	14	National Heroes Day - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	16	Character Day
	18	Cancer Support - Dress in PINK (\$2.00)
	24	PROGRESS REPORTS
	25 & 28	MID TERM BREAK
	29	Students return to School

SFJ CALENDAR AT A GLANCE- NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER		SPELLING CONTEST ELIMINATIONS IN SCHOOLS
	1	FEAST OF ALL SAINTS
	2	SYSTEMWIDE SCAVENGER HUNT
	4	FOUNDERS' DAY - 135TH ANNIVERSARY OF CATHOLIC EDUC. IN THE BAHAMAS
	5	Staff Meeting/Professional Development
	5	Archbishop's visit
	14	Grade Level Retreat - Gr. 5
	19	Writing Examination
	20	World Children's Day
	20	Language Examination
	21	Mathematics Examination
	22	SAINT CECILIA'S FEAST DAY
	28	Harvest Service

SFJ CALENDAR AT A GLANCE- DECEMBER

DECEMBER		1ST TERM ENDS
	1	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	1	FIRST DAY OF SECOND TERM - Fees Due
	3	FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
	3	Grade Level Retreat - Gr. 4
	TBD	Staff Meeting
	8	MARY STAR OF THE SEA FEAST DAY
	12	Christmas Festival
	TBA	EXAMINATION DATES HIGH SCHOOL
	13	Christmas Vacation for Students 12 noon dismissal
	13	Last Day for Teachers & Distribution of Reports
	20 - 01 Inclusive	C.E.C. and School Offices Close at 1:00 p.m. for holiday
	25	CHRISTMAS DAY
	26	BOXING DAY HOLIDAY

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents Day
Friday October 11, 2024

Grandparents are welcome to read a book to their grandchild's class during the lunch period.

Grandparents are also welcomed to eat lunch with their grandchild.

Please make contact with the classroom teacher to arrange a time.

Join Us for a Spectacular Family Fun Day!

STS. FRANCIS & JOSEPH SCHOOL

Celebrate GRANDPARENTS DAY

GENERATIONS UNITED:
CELEBRATING FAMILY BONDS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 11

PRE-K - GR. 2
12:05 PM - 12:45 PM

GR. 3 - GR. 6
12:55 PM - 1:30 PM

Event Highlights

STORY TIME:
SHARE YOUR FAVORITE SHORT STORY OR BOOK WITH THE CLASS

SHARE YOUR EXCITING MEMORIES
SEND A SHORT 20 SECOND VIDEO IN TO YOUR GRANDCHILD'S TEACHER WITH A FAVORITE MEMORY.

PARTICIPATE IN FUN ACTIVITIES
CARD MAKING

Grandparents, join us for a day filled with laughter, excitement, and unforgettable memories

I Love My GRAND PARENTS

REGISTER WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD'S TEACHER BY OCTOBER 9TH

TWO GRANDPARENTS PER CHILD

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Support

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students are asked to come dressed in attire as detailed on the flyer with a donation of \$2.00 on the following Fridays (October 4th, 11th, 18th & 31st.) Please note tutu's can be worn with long tights or jeans. Proceeds will go to the Cancer Society of The Bahamas to assist with their fight against this deadly disease.

Your support is greatly appreciated in this effort.

You are reminded that students are **NOT** allowed to wear: **shorts, distressed jeans, cropped tops or slippers.**


You will be contacted to collect them and/or bring a change of clothes for them if they wear any of these (Not to wear) items listed above.

Sts. Francis & Joseph Catholic Primary School

**MAKING OUR
GLOOMY DAYS
BRIGHTER DAYS**

*Breast
Awareness*

Cost
\$2
each week
for the
month of
October

**Fri
Oct
11**  **FANCY TUTU & BOWTIE
CANCER DAY**
Girls dress in your prettiest tutus.
Boys dress in your finest bowtie

**Fri
Oct
18**  **ROCKIN' CROCIN'
CANCER DAY**
Rock your crocs for the
cause.

**Thurs
Oct
31**  **REP YOUR SOCKS
CANCER DAY**
Wear wacky or pink socks.

SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

School Fee Payment Options

There are now **only 2 school fee payments options** available:

1. **Bank Transfer to one of the following accounts:**
 - a. For Deposit to the Account of **RCANB-Special Catholic School Acct (CIBC-Palmdale) - 1126917**
 - b. For Deposit to the Account of **RCAB-Catholic Education Centre (RBC-Palmdale) - 05745-2897445**

2. **Tuition Payment Portal:**
 - a. tuitionpay.io

Tuition Fees <i>(Per Term)</i>	Special Fees <i>(Per Term)</i>	Total School Fees <i>(Per Term)</i>	Annual Tuition Fees	Annual Special Fees	Total Annual School Fees
\$924.00	\$250.00	\$1, 174.00	\$2,772.00	\$750.00	\$3,522.00

Please note that students **will not** be allowed in class if school fee payments are not up to date.

PAST DUE

CLUBS SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After Care 3:30- 5:00 p.m.	After Care 3:30- 5:00 p.m.	After Care 3:30- 5:00 p.m.	After Care 3:30- 5:00 p.m.	After Care 3:30- 5:00 p.m.
After School Classes Gr. 1	Student Christian Movement	After School Classes Gr. 1	Brownies	KIX Academy Soccer
	Ambassadors Corral	Girls Empowerment Club	Sunflower	
		Kids Story Time Gr. 1 - 2	ECO Club	
		GLAT Attack Club	POP Band	
		Handbell Choir	Handwriting Club Pre-K Only	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB PAYMENT INFORMATION

For those clubs requiring payment, please use the following banking information to make payments.

NO CASH PAYMENTS WILL BE TAKEN BY THE SCHOOL'S OFFICE OR BY TEACHERS/ FACILITATORS.

Clubs dues should be paid in accordance with the protocol of each club requiring dues.

When making online transfers the following **MUST** be indicated:

- Student's Name
- Grade/ Class
- Club payment is being made for.

(i.e. John Doe, Grade 2S, Basketball or Jane Doe, Grade 1Y, G1 Afternoon Classes)

Please also be sure to give the name of the person transferring the funds.

RCANB-Special Catholic School Acct (CIBC-Palmdale) - 1126917

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Please note this is not the account where School Fees are paid: this account is for **Afternoon Club payments Only.**

Proof of payment **MUST** be emailed to asands@cec.edu.bs, mbullard@cec.edu.bs, jgoffe@cec.edu.bs & Club facilitators.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the club facilitators directly.

Please note that most Afternoon Clubs have began and will run until December 6, 2024 for Semester one.

Please see club flyers for specific starting dates.

SICKNESS PROTOCOLS

In order to keep the school a happy and safe working environment for students and staff we ask that sick children remain at home. This includes days where there may be examinations taking place. These can be made up at a later date when the child can perform to the best of his or her ability.

We ask that children with the following symptoms remain at home:

- Fever
- Cough
- Vomiting and diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Body aches or chills.
- Headache not related to dehydration.
- Sinus congestion with thick mucus.

A child who comes to school sick, or who develops symptoms of illness during the school day will be seated safely outside the classroom and a parent or guardian will be called to collect the child.

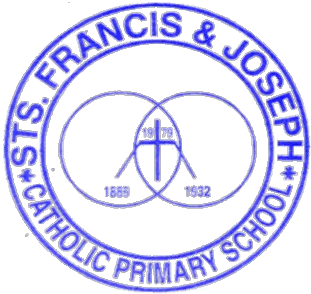
Additionally please be reminded that children must not come to school with medications in their bags.

If a medication is required this must be prescribed by the child's physician and have a pharmacy label with the name and the dosage written on it.

This includes over the counter medications.

Feel free to email the School Nurse Elizabeth Hawkins at ehawkins@cec.edu.bs

OUR FACEBOOK PAGE



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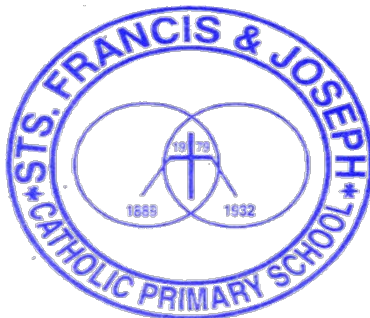
For the latest news at Shockerville click the link!

<https://www.facebook.com/ShockerVille2022/>

OUR WEBSITE

Please visit our school's website for the latest news and announcements.

<http://sfj.cec.edu.bs/>



THE SCHOOL ZONE IS A NO SPEEDING ZONE

You are reminded that our campus is a **NO SPEEDING ZONE.**

We have witnessed several vehicles speeding in and out of the school yard when collecting students before and after school. **This is unacceptable and puts our school family in danger.**

Parents are **NOT** permitted to drive onto the school's campus at anytime.

ALL visitors are asked to **STOP** and **CHECK-IN** at the security booth before coming onto the school's campus.

LOCK IT OR LOOSE IT

Parents and guardians,
please remember that
valuables should not
be left in your vehicle
even if you are only
exiting for a second.

LOCK IT
OR LOSE IT



Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity