



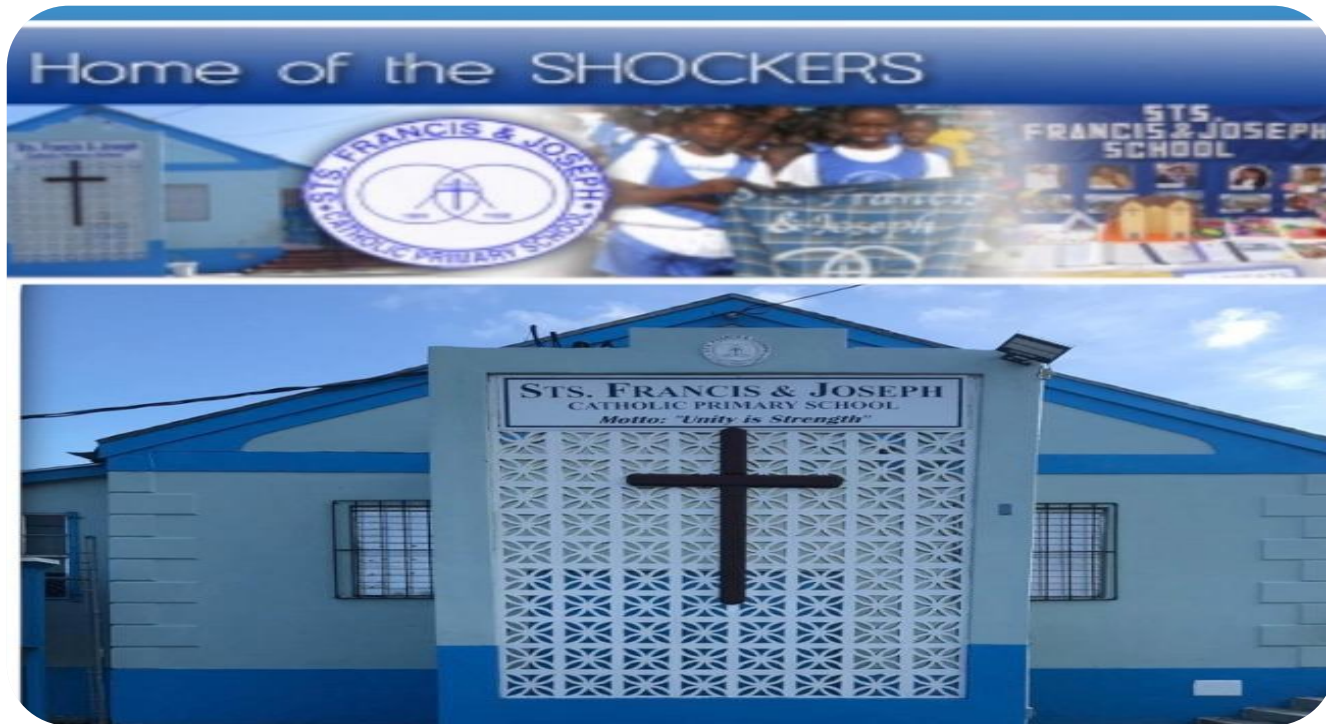
Sts. FRANCIS & JOSEPH SCHOOL

*Unity is Strength*

No. 45 Boyd Road, Nassau, Bahamas

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# STs. FRANCIS & JOSEPH SCHOOL APRIL NEWSLETTER 2023-2024



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# THEME

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

*“One Family United in Faith & Excellence!”*



# HE IS RISEN!

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone of our faith as Catholics. It is a powerful reminder of God's boundless love for humanity and His promise of salvation for all who believe. Through His resurrection, Jesus conquered sin and death, offering us the gift of eternal life and the hope of new beginnings.

In the midst of the challenges and uncertainties we face in our world today, the message of Easter shines brightly as a beacon of hope. It reminds us that even in our darkest moments, there is light. Even in our times of despair, there is hope. The resurrection of Jesus Christ assures us that no matter how difficult our circumstances may be, there is always the possibility of renewal, transformation, and redemption.

Peace and Blessings,  
*SFJ Administration*



# SFJ CALENDAR AT A GLANCE



## Sts. Francis & Joseph

### Monthly Calendar of Events

Month	Day	
April	8th	School Reopens for Teachers & Students (Full day of classes)
	11th	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
	12th	Pre-K and Kindergarten Sports Day (School Grounds) <i>(Pre-K and Kindergarten students only)</i>
	18th	Inter-House Sports Meet (Thomas A. Robinson Sports Center) <i>(Grades 1-6 only)</i>
	23rd	Archdiocesan Writing Examination <i>(Kgn-Gr 6)</i>
	30th	Spring Production <i>(12 noon dismissal)</i>
May	9th	Archdiocesan Sports Meet-Day 1- Field Events <i>(Athletes only)</i>
	10th	Archdiocesan Sports Meet-Day 2- Track Events <i>(Grades 1-6 Only)</i>
	20th	Whit Monday-Public Holiday
	22nd	Archdiocesan Mathematics Examination <i>(Kgn-Gr6)</i>
	23rd	Grade 6 Language Arts Examination
	24th	Staff Appreciation Day
	30th	Kgn-Gr 5 Language Arts Examination

**Progress Reports that were not collected can be collected from the school's office. (Progress reports will NOT be given to students.)**

*Please note that these dates are subject to change.*

# SFJ PHONE LINES

We regret to inform you that our phone lines are still down. If you need to contact the school, please send an email to one or all of the following persons:

Miss S. Durham [durham@cec.edu.bs](mailto:durham@cec.edu.bs)

Miss T. Glass [tglass@cec.edu.bs](mailto:tglass@cec.edu.bs)

Miss D. Cooper [dcooper@cec.edu.bs](mailto:dcooper@cec.edu.bs)

We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

**Sorry!**

The lines are down.





# PTA EASTER EGG HUNT



Consent forms  
will be sent home  
on Monday, April  
8, 2024

# **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 after school. **This is unacceptable and puts our school family in danger.**

Parents are only permitted to drive onto the campus after 4:00 p.m. to collect students who are involved in extracurricular activities.





# STUDENT PUNCTUALITY & PROCEDURE

At SFJ, we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for your students. We would like to emphasize the importance of ensuring that your child arrives at school on time each day.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances may occasionally arise, leading to tardiness. If your child is unable to arrive at school on time due to extenuating circumstances, please notify the school office as soon as possible. However, habitual tardiness causes students to lose vital instructional time.

Please note that students are marked late if they arrive at the classroom after 8:30 a.m. despite the time dropped off. Therefore, if your child has to eat breakfast at school, please ensure he or she arrives in sufficient time to complete breakfast before the 8:30 a.m. bell rings.

## Adjusted Procedure for students arriving Late (after 8:30 a.m.)

1. Students arriving between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. will stop at the Pedestrian Gate on the western/long porch where they will be given a Late Slip.
2. If students arrive after 9:00 a.m. a late slip must be obtained from the school's office.

*Students MUST present a late slip to their homeroom teacher to be allowed in class if arriving after 8 :30 a.m.*



# HAIRSTYLES- NO HAIR EXTENSIONS

As of March 4, 2024 hair extensions ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED. This includes weave, hair extensions/clip-ins and braids with braiding hair extensions.

As taken from the Catholic Board of Education policies and procedures:

You are also reminded that hair accessories for girls should be blue or white ONLY. Hair beads are NOT ALLOWED in any color.

**HAIR**  **EXTENSIONS**

Boys should have appropriate haircuts. There should be NO parts or designs.

# THIRD TERM SCHOOL FEE PAYMENTS

## School Fee Payment Options

There are now only 2 school fee payment options available:

**PAST DUE**

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 **RCANB-Catholic Education Centre (RBC-Palmdale) - 05745-2897445**

2. **Tuition Payment Portal:**

- a. [tuitionpay.io](http://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 the second term school fees were due **March 1, 2024**.

For those parents on the payment plan please be sure to contact Miss S. Durham to ensure your monthly payments are current.

**If fee payments are not current by April 8, 2024, students will not be allowed in class and will not be allowed to sit examinations until fee payments are made in full.**

**If you have already made the payment PLEASE send a copy of proof of payment to both administrators via email.**

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING STUDENTS TO SCHOOL IF FEES ARE NOT PAID, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN CLASS AND WILL BE STOPPED AT THE GATE.**

# **SFJ SCHOOL ACCOUNT CLOSURE**

**Please note the school account has been closed. ALL future payments for clubs, Grade 6 yearbook ads, summer school, etcetera are to be transferred to one of the accounts below:**

**CIBC School Fee payments:**

Account Name: RCANB Special Catholic School Account

Account Number: **1126917**

Bank Transit Number - 09786 (Palmdale)

Account Type: Checking

**RBC School fee payments:**

Account Name: RCANB Catholic Education Centre

Account Number: **2897445**

Bank Transit Number - **05745** (Palmdale)

Account Type: Checking



**Please note these are the same account options used to make school fee payments.**

# AFTERNOON CLUBS/CLASSES

Most afternoon clubs will resume on  
**April 15, 2024.**

Please reach out to club facilitators to  
confirm the date your child's  
club/classes will resume.





# UPDATED 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
- Diarrhea
- Sore throat
- Body aches or chills.
- Headache not related to dehydration.
- Sinus congestion
- Red and inflamed eyes



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. ALL medication should be [turned in to the school's office by a parent or guardian](#) upon the student's arrival to school.

If medication is required it [must be prescribed](#) by the child's physician and have a [pharmacy label with the name of the child and the dosage on it.](#)

[This includes over the counter medications](#)

If the medications are to [suppress a cough or fever](#), your child [should remain at home.](#)

Feel free to email the School Nurse Elizabeth Hawkins at [ehawkins@cec.edu.bs](mailto:ehawkins@cec.edu.bs) for further information.

# AFTERNOON PICK UP

There are far too many students (*not involved in afternoon clubs/classes*) remaining in the school yard after 4:00 p.m.

This is a very serious matter as the school's office closes at 4:00 p.m.

You are reminded that regular school pick times are as follows:

Pre-K	2:45 p.m.
KGN- Grade 6	3:00 p.m.
After school Clubs (With the exception of the Homework Club)	4:00 p.m.-4:15 p.m.

*Please note that the service gate (PreK & KGN pick up ONLY) closes at 3:30 p.m. and the pavilion gate will no longer be open in the afternoons. Therefore, students must be collected from the Blue Square after this time.*

We have started a late pick up log book. At 4:00 p.m. students who remain in the school yard must write their names in this book. We will record the time that the students are collected. Please note that if your child's name appears in this log more than 3 times, you will receive a formal letter from administration requesting a mandatory meeting to discuss the matter.



# LATE



# PICK UP

## OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

**Like, Share and Follow our Facebook Page by clicking the link.**

**For all the latest news and events at Shockerville!!!**

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



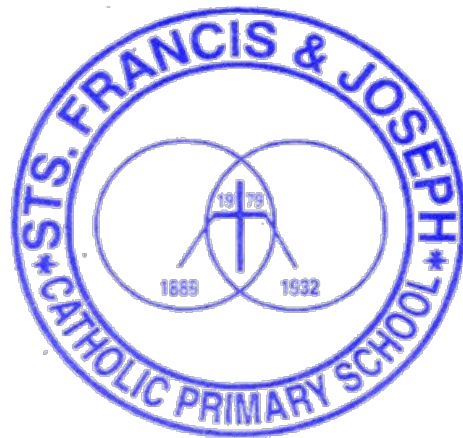
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## OUR WEBSITE

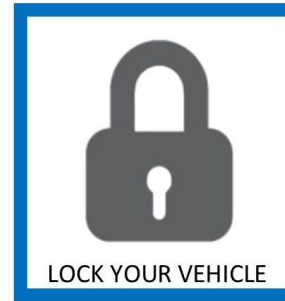
Please visit our school's website for the latest news and updates by clicking the link below.

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



**SAFETY  
ALERT**

# 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

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