



Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy



February 11, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This is the month of “love” and as St. Paul reminds us that we are all called to love each other as Christ loves us. With that in mind, we will continue to help our students be mindful of the role they each play in building up our Crusader community in their actions and words. We hope that you will take a little extra time this month to demonstrate love that is “patient, kind, not jealous, not proud, not boastful, not self-seeking and not easily angered.” (1Corinthians 13)

Catholic Schools Week

- What a wonderful week of celebrating Catholic Education. Thank you to all parents/grandparents/aunts/uncles who participated in the various activities. Your presence confirmed your commitment and support for what we are doing here.
- We did not hit our target amount with the sponsorship money raised, but we will put what we did raise towards the development of our campus and overall school life. Our short and medium term plans include the upgrade to our science and computer labs, sports field, as well as the construction of a covered eating/waiting area.

Athletics

- The annual high school track and field championships will take place at the end of February. Students have been working out with Coach McPhee since school reopened in January. Parents of student athletes will be contacted and advised of your child’s participation.
- Our Junior Girls will end the regular season on Tuesday and hopefully play in the semi-finals. Please continue to support our athletes as we have track and field and soccer left on the calendar.

Academics

- All students writing national exams should have already paid all their fees. If you have not done this, please see Miss Grant in the bursar’s office as soon as possible.
- End of term exams for grade 12 and all students writing BGCSE exams, will take place April 1 – 5. Please ensure that your child is preparing now.

Finances

- The invoices for term 3 are here and will be sent home next week. You are reminded that the full amount for term 3 must be paid on or before March 4.
- Breakdown of tuition payments: All tuition and fees must be paid, in full, by the first Monday in each of the following months – September, December and March. You are putting your child at a serious disadvantage when you do not meet your financial obligations.

Power School

- Continue to monitor your child’s progress regularly. Grades are posted every two weeks. If you are not seeing regular postings, please speak to your child’s teacher and an administrator.
- See Mrs. Bevans-Hanna (Secondary Dept.) if you are unable to login to Power School.

Winter Attire

- The new winter jackets are available in the high school’s office. The cost is \$50.00.
- During very cold days, female students are allowed to wear heather grey or charcoal grey dress slacks/pants instead of their skirts. Sweatpants or jeans are not acceptable.
- **Acceptable attire:** returning students, who would have purchased a navy blue sweater/jacket in the previous school year, are allowed to wear these garments, as long as they do not have any logos other than the school’s name or crest on them. **Gray sweaters/jackets are not allowed.**

Tuition Grant

- Application forms are available in the office for high school students who wish to apply for a financial grant for the 2019/2020 academic year. The application deadline is February 28, 2019.

Crusader Pride

- Yearbooks – the new yearbook is soon going to print; order forms will be coming out soon. A few are left over from last year which could make a beautiful addition to your coffee table – reduced price of \$30.
- Class Photos – each grade level will take pictures for the yearbook. \$25 individual packages available by pre-order for all students (except grades 6 & 12 as this is included in their graduation packages).
- Crusader Pride Shirts – a few sizes are still available for sale. See Miss Grant in the high school office. \$20 per shirt

Detention

- If your child (grades 7 – 12) has not turned in all outstanding assignments by Monday, February 18, he/she will have to attend detention at school on Friday, February 22 during the mid-term break. Arriving at school on that day with the work completed will still require your child to spend the allotted time (8:30am – 12:00noon). Students serving detention are required to wear in his/her school uniform (white shirt or MSS golf shirt).



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Congratulations

- Sumayah Smith (gr. 4) who won 1st place in the Furniture Plus Art competition.
- Dwight Malcolm (gr. 12), Dasean Hield (gr. 12) and Dorissa Ferguson (gr. 9) competed against 60 other students and qualified for the finals of the Annual Junior Achievement Speech Competition which will be held at the Wallace Groves Auditorium on Monday, February 18 at 5:30pm . We wish them all the best in this competition.

Reminders

- Neckties must be worn every Monday and Thursday.
- The school day begins at 8:25am and ends at 3:10pm.
- Parents must notify the administrators, in writing, if their child will be absent from school.
- PE uniforms must be worn during each PE class or students will be placed in detention, as well as lose points for that day's class.
- Ties and PE uniforms are sold from the primary office each day. Winter jackets are sold from the high school office.
- Students will only be allowed to write exams on a different day in extreme situations; do not make travel plans that will cause your child to miss an exam.
- **Whenever we have dress up days, students are expected to wear appropriate attire; prohibited attire means: spaghetti straps; pants with rips or holes; tight fitting clothes; graphics depicting violence or sexual overtures.**
- Students not involved in an after school activity must be collected immediately after the dismissal bell.
- **If you have to visit the campus during the school day, sign in at the security booth, collect a visitor's pass and proceed to either the primary or high school office.**
- Approved electronics can only be used for academic purposes during class time, under the teacher's supervision. Ear buds and headphones are not allowed to be used. Students not conforming to these rules will have devices confiscated until school closes in June.
- **Your child will serve after school detention for repeated tardiness to school.** Please ensure that your child is in homeroom by the second bell at 8:30am each day.
- Visit the school's website at cboe.cec.edu.bs for more information.

Upcoming Events

February

- 13 Gr. 6 parent meeting @ 6pm
- 14 Mass – Gr. 11
Red/white/pink day (no charge – be guided by appropriate attire policy)
- 18 Assembly – 7A & 7C
- 19 Archdiocesan Writing Exam (prim. Dept)
- 20 Memorial Mass for Fr. Remy David @ 7:30pm – Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church
- 21 Professional Day (no school for students)
- 22 Detention for students 8:30am – 12 noon
- 22 Funeral Mass for Fr. Remy @ 11:00am – St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral (Nassau)
- 22 – 25 Midterm Break (teachers & students)
- 27 – Mar. 4 High School Track & Field Championships (Island Sports)

March

- 4 Class photos (primary school)
- 5 Fun Day
- 6 Ash Wednesday
- 11 Class photos (secondary school)
- 14 Stations of the Cross - 12A
- 15 Progress Reports - 2pm - 4pm
- 18 Assembly - Gr. 1
- 28 Mass - Gr. 6

April

- 1 – 5 Final exams (gr. 12 & BGCSE students)

Kindest regards,

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Principal