



Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy



March 4, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians:

On Wednesday, March 6 we will begin our Lenten journey which is a time for us to renew ourselves and become more focused in our Spiritual walk with the Lord. The forty days of Lent should be a time when we build a closer relationship with God. Some of us do this by denying ourselves certain things, or devoting more time to our prayer life. However we decide to take the journey, we must at least realize that we need to begin the journey. We hope that you will make an extra special effort to create opportunities for all members of your family to be a part of this spiritual journey.

Athletics

- The annual high school track and field championships started on February 28 and will end on Monday afternoon, March 4th with the relays, so please go out to the Grand Bahama Sports Complex and support our athletes.
- Our Junior Girls basketball team made it to the semi-finals this year. We are very proud of these girls as it is a very young and inexperienced team who will definitely be a force to reckon with next season.
- Our girls and boys are now preparing for the soccer season. Practice sessions are held after school. Grade 4 teacher, Katie Hindley is coaching the girls this year and Coach Parkes will coach the boys.

Academics

- 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.
- **BGCSE Art exam begins April 24**, during the Easter break. Please ensure that your child is present for the start of this exam. The external examination schedule is posted in your child's homeroom.

Finances

- 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.
- We cannot give anymore leniency to parents who still owe for term 2. Please take care of those Term 2 arrears immediately. We will begin sending children out of class next week.

Progress Report Cards

- You will have an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher when you collect progress reports on March 15.
- The retention recommendation list will be generated after this reporting period.

Tuition Grant

- High school students who wish to apply for a financial grant for the 2019/2020 academic year should have already sent in their application and accompanying documents. If you are still trying to complete the process, you have until Friday, March 8 to submit all documents.

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

Congratulations

- **Kofi Bowe (grade 11)** was named MVP at the recent Subway Tennis Tournament, after winning the Under 16 singles title and making it to the finals in the under 18 singles.
- SECME/STEM Grand Bahama Championships: **3rd Place in the Senior Division of the Bottle Rocket Competition** – Team Members: Kuvante Newbold, Danae Malcolm and Edilzabeth Newball (grade 11). **1st Place in the Mousetrap Car Competition** – Rickey Outten, Cortez Rolle (grade 11) and Kelson Roberts (Grade 12). The mousetrap car team now qualifies to travel for the national competitions at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida this June.

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 are limited to cake or cupcakes only to celebrate their birthdays with classmates. Prior approval from an administrator is required. No food or party bags are allowed.**
- Students not involved in an after school activity must be collected immediately after the dismissal bell.



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- **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

March

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

April

1 – 5	Final exams (gr. 12 & BGCSE students)
1	Assembly – grade 3
8 – 12	Down Home Celebrations
11	Mass – Grade 2
12	Easter vacation begins at 3:15pm
24	BGCSE Art exam begins
29	School Re-opens

Kindest regards,

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Principal