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# Home of the Crusaders!

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Monday, February 6, 2023 – Day 4

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## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We celebrated an enriching and fun-filled CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK under the theme: Communities of Faith, Love, Excellence and Service. The participation, support, service and community togetherness were truly awe inspiring. God bless you!

## CONGRATULATIONS CRUSADERS!

Congratulations to Jaela Bowe (Grade 11), who won the E. Clement Bethel poster competition. Jaela's winning poster design will be on the E. Clement Bethel National Arts Festival booklets and flyers. Job well done Jaela!

We extend congratulations to our dynamic spellers, who represented our school in grand style. We are so proud of our spelling **CRUSADERS!**

56<sup>th</sup> Archdiocesan Spelling Bee  
Kion Coakley (Grade 5) – 4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Luke Singson (Grade 6) – 5<sup>th</sup> Place

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**  
**Grade 9 Mass @ 9:00 a.m.**

Full Dress Uniform for all students

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**  
MSSCA Sports Day  
Venue: GB Sports Complex  
Parents are invited to attend.  
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2023**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**February 23 – 27, 2023**  
**Mid Term Break**  
**\*February 28, 2023**  
**Archbishop's Holiday**  
**(No School)**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2023**  
**School Reopens @ 8:15 a.m.**

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Term Fees Due Date**  
**March 6, 2023**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Term Tuition**  
**PAST DUE**

The deadline for 2<sup>nd</sup> Term tuition is expired. Please submit receipts of payments to the office or via email. Students with outstanding balances will receive notice letters.

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Keanno Tate (Grade 5) displayed his remarkable spelling ability during the competition.

### Grand Bahama District Spelling Competition Savanna Lightbourne (Grade 8) – 4<sup>th</sup> Place

We extend our immense gratitude to our spellers' coaches, Mr. R. Godet and Mrs. A. Malcolm for their tireless commitment. Thank you to their parents, who supported, encouraged and coached them throughout the entire process.

Congratulations to Xavian Outten (Grade 12), who received international certification from the ELNET Maritime organization. We are proud of our future seafarer.

### COVID and FLU Guidelines

Worldwide, we are still battling with the COVID disease and its many mutations. Additionally, we are the midst of the flu season. It is imperative that we continue to follow the generalized protocols of prevention and containment. These include constant hand washing and staying at home when ill. If your child is displaying symptoms or expresses feeling unwell before being dropped off at school, please keep the child at home until such time that the child is feeling better. If a student falls ill while at school, parents will be called immediately to pick up.

At MSSCA, we continue to follow our scheduled hand washing times and daily cleaning and sanitization of classrooms and restrooms.

We must all work together to ensure that all stakeholders within our school community are safe and protected. Prevention is the first defense.

#### **Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy Cell Phone Policy**

Electronic devices (including, but not limited to: cellular phones, digital camera, CD players, electronic gadgets and games) ARE NOT permitted on Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy's campus without administrative authorization. **Scholars will not bring or wear ear buds or headphones at any time on the campus.**

If a scholar violates this policy, the device will be confiscated. Confiscated items WILL NOT be returned to any scholar or parent. The confiscated item becomes the property of Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy and The Bahamas Catholic Board of Education.

#### **Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy Laptop Policy**

Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy is a Wi-Fi zone and provides all scholars access to a wireless network and the option of bringing a personal laptop, iPad or tablet as a means to enhance the education experience. **Scholars will not bring or wear ear buds or earphones at any time on the campus.**

To use a laptop within the school, scholars must sign a Laptop Waiver Form and register the address and serial number of the laptop with the Discipline Administrator.

There are general rules that govern laptop use in the classroom, but during the course of the school year, additional rules regarding the use of personal laptops may be added.

#### General Usage

Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy scholars are permitted to bring a personal laptop, Ipad or tablet to school to use as an educational tool. The use of these educational tools will be at the teacher's discretion.

1. Scholars must register all laptops, Ipads and tablets at the Discipline Administrator's Office.
2. Scholars must visibly attach the registration permission slips to all devices.
3. Scholars must obtain the teacher's permission before using a personal laptop, Ipad or tablet during class instruction.
4. Scholars are permitted to use a personal laptop, Ipad or tablet only to support the instructional activities currently occurring in each classroom and lab.
- 5. Scholars will turn off and put away personal laptop, Ipad or tablet when requested to do so by a teacher.**
6. Scholars should be aware that their use of the educational tools could cause distraction for others in the classroom, especially in regards to audio. Therefore, audio should be muted, since ear buds and headphones are not permitted on the campus.
7. Scholars are only allowed to use their personal laptops, IPads or tablets in the classrooms. The laptop, iPad or tablet should be used for educational purposes. If an adult asks a scholar to put away a laptop, iPad or tablet because of games or other non-instructional activities during these times, the scholar must comply immediately.
8. Laptops, IPads or tablets privileges will be discontinued if scholars refuse to obey the rules set forth by the teacher or administration.

#### Scholar's Responsibility

**Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy accepts no responsibility for any personal laptop, Ipad or tablet brought to the school by scholars.**

Scholars who choose to bring a laptop, iPad or tablet to school assume total responsibility for them. **Laptops, IPads or tablets that are stolen, lost or damaged are the responsibility of the scholar and their parents or guardians.**

Scholars should take all reasonable steps to protect against the theft or damage of their personal laptops, Ipads or tablets.