



MARY, Star of the Sea
CATHOLIC ACADEMY
Excellence, Honour and Truth
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Our Motto: Excellence, Honor and Truth

Our Theme: Transforming Mindsets in Pursuit of Excellence



Our Vision

Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy students will:

- *master grade level content standards,
- *use critical thinking and problem solving strategies,
- *develop effective communication skills,
- *and demonstrate positive and democratic social interactions.

Water Wednesdays & Fruit Fridays

Join our school community with the restart of our wellness initiatives. On Wednesdays, we encourage faculty, staff, students and parents to drink only water and on Fridays, have only fruits for snacks.

Facilities Management

Microwave ovens are unavailable in the classrooms. To safeguard our students, portable heating lunch containers with the electrical cords are not allowed to be used on the campus. Packed lunches must require no additional heating at the school. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Eco School

Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy is a certified and internationally recognized ECO School. Let us continue to work together by reminding our students to: **“Keep MSSCA Clean, Green and Pristine on and behind the scenes!”**

2025–2026 Academic Year

2nd Term Fees Payment

DUE DATE: Monday, December 1, 2025.

Students with outstanding 1st Term Fees, including payment plans that are not current, will be unable to sit 1st Term Final Exams.

Please bring all outstanding 1st Term balances up-to-date. Submit a copy of the payment receipt to marystar@cec.edu.bs or judeen.davis@cec.edu.bs

NOVEMBER SCHOOL EVENTS

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Founders' Day Anniversary Mass – 136 years of Catholic education in the Bahamas

Saturday, November 15, 2025

Mary, Star of the Sea Parish Bazaar

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Primary Department 1st Term Writing Final Exam

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

Primary Department 1st Term Language Arts Final Exam

Thursday, November 20, 2025

Primary Department 1st Term Mathematics Final Exam

Friday, November 21, 2025

Christmas Pictures Day

December 5 – 11, 2025

Secondary Department 1st Term Exams

6-Day Cycle for November 2025

Monday, November 3	Day 5
Tuesday, November 4	Day 6
Wednesday, November 5	Day 1
Thursday, November 6	Day 2
Friday, November 7	Day 3
Monday, November 10	Day 4
Tuesday, November 11	Day 5
Wednesday, November 12	Day 6
Thursday, November 13	Day 1
Friday, November 14	Day 2
Monday, November 17	Day 3
Tuesday, November 18	Day 4
Wednesday, November 19	Day 5
Thursday, November 20	Day 6
Friday, November 21	Day 1
Monday, November 24	Day 2
Tuesday, November 25	Day 3
Wednesday, November 26	Day 4
Thursday, November 27	Day 5
Friday, November 28	Day 6
Monday, December 1	Day 1
Tuesday, December 2	Day 2
Wednesday, December 3	Day 3
Thursday, December 4	Day 4
Friday, December 5	Day 5
Monday, December 8	Day 6
Tuesday, December 9	Day 1
Wednesday, December 10	Day 2
Thursday, December 11	Day 3

MSSCA Students' General Appearance

General Appearance: All Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy scholars are expected to observe the basic standard of cleanliness, modesty, pride and good grooming. Uniforms should fit modestly and should be worn appropriately with pride **AT ALL TIMES**.

Female scholars

- a. No weaves
- b. No nail polish, no tips, no acrylics, no gel extensions
- c. No hair colouring, streaks, highlights, lowlights or dyes
- d. **Braided hair with extensions is a privilege and not a right.** Braids are allowed in the natural state or with braiding extension at the shoulder. No locked, two-strand or crochet styles. Failure to adhere will result in the student remaining at home until the braids have been removed and/or length corrected.

Male scholars

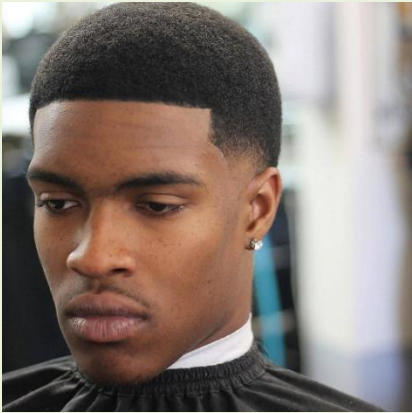
- a. Traditional hair cut: hair is to be kept short and neatly trimmed. No high afros, no braids, no locks, designs, faddish paths, dyes, tails or buds
- b. Hair length must be above the shirt collar. Hair must not cover eyebrows and foreheads.
- c. No beards, no sideburns; must be clean shaven

Mondays' Attire (Grades 4-12): White button down with neckties

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Acceptable Hairstyles for Male Students





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Acceptable Braids Hairstyles for Female Students



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Unacceptable Braids Hairstyles for Female Students



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MSSCA Students' Sweaters and Jackets for ALL STUDENTS
(Pre Kindergarten-Grade 12) Plain Navy Blue or Plain Charcoal Gray.
ABSOLUTELY NO HOODIES!

All students' sweaters and jackets must have the school's crest or Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Academy name embroidered in the upper left hand side.





Let us all work together to support and encourage all students to follow the school's rules and classroom procedures.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

1. Parents are asked to send an email to the office if you are sending a family member or friend pick your child/children up from school. We must do all that we can to keep our children safe in these unprecedented times. **Students are asked to be picked up from school no later than 5:00 p.m.**

2. The Role of the School's Security Officer

Please be advised that the school's security officer is to remain at his post to ensure the safety and security of students, staff and visitors.

Parents are asked to ensure that their children have all necessary materials and lunch boxes before they report to school.

Safety First!



MSSCA IS A NO-SPEED SCHOOL ZONE!



Please park in the designated parking spaces.

DO NOT park on the arrows in the parking lots!