

**SAINT THOMAS MORE SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
APRIL 8, 2024**

**THEME: DON'T GIVE UP, DON'T GIVE IN, GET ON BOARD AND
TRY AGAIN!**

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HE LIVES

**Happy Easter! Alleluia!
Jesus Christ, He lives!
Serve Him to receive salvation;
Eternal life He gives!**

By Joanna Fuchs



LENTEN SACRIFICE

Sentiments of gratitude are extended to the students and parents of Saint Thomas More School for their contributions to the Lenten Sacrifice. We are pleased to announce that **\$710.10** was raised for St. Martin's Monastery.



PRAYERS

Condolences are extended to members of our school family who lost loved ones recently. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



SAINT THOMAS MORE SCHOOL PHONE LINES

Please be advised that all of our phone lines are not working at the moment. It is our hope that a BTC technician will be able to repair the lines soon. The following email addresses can be utilized to communicate with the school:

Principal	rmortimer@cec.edu.bs
Vice Principal	sferguson@cec.edu.bs
Secretary	wwoods@cec.edu.bs



SCHOOL FEES

School fees for the third term are now **PAST DUE**. Fees can be paid at the Royal Bank of Canada account (Online only) or the First Caribbean International Bank account (Online only). Payment plans should be up-to-date. **Students will not be allowed in school on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 until school fees are brought up-to-date.**



SCHOOL FEE SCHEDULE (2023-2024)

The school fee and due date for the third term at Saint Thomas More School are as follows:

TERM	TUITION	SPECIAL FEES	TOTAL	DUE DATE
3 rd term (2023-2024) (K-6)	\$952.00	\$250.00	\$1,202.00	PAST DUE



CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS

Credit Card payments can be made using TuitionPay.io. Please remember to submit a copy of the payment/notification to a school official after making the payment.

Fees that are not paid in full (partial payments) are automatically charged a finance fee of \$50.00 per term. This fee is already built into the monthly payment plan option.



BANKING INSTRUCTIONS

Please see instructions below on school fee payment options for persons who have online banking with FCIB or RBC.

FCIB School Fee payments:

Account Name: RCANB Special Catholic School Account

Bank Transit Number & Account Number: 09786 1126917 (Palmdale)

Account Type: Checking

RBC School Fee payments:

Account Name: RCANB Catholic Education Centre

Bank Transit Number & Account Number: 05745 2897445 (Palmdale)

Account Type: Checking

BANKS OTHER THAN FCIB OR RBC

***If you do not have online banking with FCIB or RBC then you should use your respective bank’s internet banking OR mobile app to do a third party online transfer/interbank transfer to FCIB or RBC.**

Please send proof of your payment to amjohnson@cec.edu.bs, rmortimer@cec.edu.bs, wwoods@cec.edu.bs or sferguson@cec.edu.bs.



TUITION REFUND POLICY

The policy of the Catholic Board of Education regarding tuition refund is as follows:

If a student leaves **within 1 – 2 weeks** from the start of the term, the parent is entitled to **75% refund on tuition.**

If a student leaves **within 3 – 4 weeks** from the start of the term, the parent is entitled to **50% refund on tuition.**

If a student leaves **after 4 weeks** from the start of the term, there is **NO REFUND.**

***REGISTRATION, TESTING, CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE.**



SPORT’S DAY (KINDERGARTEN)

Kindergarten Sport’s Day will be held on **Thursday, April 11, 2024** at 9:30 a.m. on the school grounds. **Kindergarten students should be properly attired in their house shirts, P. E. shorts and tennis.**

Students in Grades 1 - 6 are encouraged to wear a shirt (red, green, yellow or blue), long jeans and tennis in support of our Kindergarten students.



SPORT’S DAY (GRADES 1 – 6))

Saint Thomas More School’s Track and Field House Competition will be held on **Friday, April 19, 2024** at the old Thomas A. Robinson Stadium. Students in Grades 1 - 6 should assemble at 8:30 a.m. in their house shirts/house colors (**red, green, yellow or blue**), P. E. shorts and tennis. **Students should be collected at 2:00 p.m.** Food and drinks will be on sale.

***KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN SPORT’S DAY AT THE OLD THOMAS A. ROBINSON STADIUM WILL BE NOTIFIED BY AN OFFICIAL LETTER. All other Kindergarten students are invited to attend once they are accompanied by an adult.**



SPRING PRODUCTION

Saint Thomas More School’s Spring Production is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at Loyola Hall, Gladstone Road under the theme “Spring Into The Good News”**. It will begin promptly at **7:00 p.m.**

The classes involved in the Spring Production are as follows:

LOWER PRIMARY

UPPER PRIMARY

KC & KS

4G, 5H, 6J, 6S

1B, 2C, 3AB

Recorder Group, Choir

All participants are asked to be at the hall no later than 6:00 p.m. The evening promises to be a grand event and we do hope that you will join us. The cost of admission is **\$10.00** for adults and **\$5.00** for children (12 and under), which is payable at the entrance. School will be dismissed at **NOON** so that preparation can be made for the event. Please come out and support the production. **Refreshments will be on sale.**



NUMERACY DAY

Saint Thomas More School’s first Numeracy Day will be held on **Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** on the school grounds. **All students should be properly attired in their P. E. kits.**

Come and have fun with us as Math relays, Jeopardy and the like take place between the classes. Parents who would like to participate in Numeracy Day should indicate their interest to Miss Philips, our Math Specialist.



ART EXHIBITION

Saint Thomas More School’s Art Show 2024 takes place on **Monday, April 29, 2024** under the theme: ***“Colorful Expressions”***. It will begin at **6:00 p.m.** in the school’s hall. All artwork will be on sale starting at \$20.00. Come out and support our budding artists. Refreshments will be served.





G. L. A. T.

The Grade Level Assessment Test for Grades 3 and 6 is scheduled to take place on the following dates:

GRADE 3

Monday, May 13, 2024 –Thursday, May 16, 2024

GRADE 6

Monday, May 13, 2024 – Friday, May 17, 2024

***Students should be present and on time. Sharpened #2 pencils are required for these exams.**



FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Final examinations are fast approaching. The examination period should not be taken lightly.

Students with outstanding school fees will not be able to take final examinations.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

Archdiocesan Writing Examination

Kindergarten – Grade 6

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Archdiocesan Mathematics Examination

Kindergarten – Grade 6

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Language Arts Final Examination

Grade 6

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Language Arts Final Examination

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5



RULES AND REGULATIONS - HAIR

The policy handbook of Saint Thomas More School speaks about the hair of our scholars. **Effective, Monday, March 4, 2024**, all students must comply with the following rules and regulations:

GIRLS:

NO weave or hair extensions

NO hair beads or jewels

NO nail polish

NO hair coloring or dyes

***Braided hair is allowed but must be all natural – no shingles or locked styles!**

BOYS:

Traditional hair cut

Short and neatly trimmed

(No afros or braided hair, no locs, designs, faddish paths, dyes, tails or buds)

Hair length must be above the collar of the shirt

SCHOOL UNIFORM

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Students are to be dressed in complete uniform at all times. Girls are allowed to wear one pair of **KNOB** earrings and a watch. Hair extensions, nail polish, body piercings and tattoos are not allowed. The boys are allowed to wear only a watch. Boys are not allowed designs or plaits in their hair or earrings. No other jewelry is allowed.

Girls in Kindergarten to Grade 3 must wear jumpers with a wide flare skirt with the school's STM monogram on the upper left breast of the jumper, along with a white Peter Pan collar blouse.

Girls in Grades 4 - 6 must wear wide flare skirts with a navy blue belt. A white Peter Pan collar blouse with the school's STM monogram on the left pocket is to be worn.

Boys in Kindergarten to Grade 3 must wear navy blue dress pants (**short**), a black belt and a white cotton shirt with the STM monogram on the left pocket.

Boys in Grades 4 - 6 must wear a navy blue dress pants (**long**), a black belt and white cotton shirt with the STM monogram on the left pocket.

***ALL STUDENTS MUST WEAR NAVY BLUE SOCKS AND BLACK SHOES WITH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM. White socks should be worn with the P.E. uniform. ALL STUDENTS SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL DRESSED IN THEIR P. E. ATTIRE FOR CLASS. P. E. KITS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE FOR \$30.00.**



SUMMER CAMP

All students from Kindergarten – Grade 5 are strongly encouraged to attend the summer camp program at Saint Thomas More School. **It will be held for four (4) weeks from June 24, 2024 - July 19, 2024, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Language Arts, Writing, Mathematics and Science will be emphasized along with other activities. The brochure and application forms are available in the office.

The cost for the four (4) weeks of Summer Camp is \$360.00 which is due on or before Friday, June 21, 2024.

Online payments can be made directly to the school fee account. Please remember to reference the child’s name and indicate that the payment is for Summer School.

Please send screenshots of the payments to the following email addresses:

amjohnson@cec.edu.bs, rmortimer@cec.edu.bs, sferguson@cec.edu.bs or wwoods@cec.edu.bs.

RCANB Special Catholic School Account

Account Number: 1126917

Checking Account

Transit Number: 09786

First Caribbean Bank



STAFF APPRECIATION

Staff Appreciation takes place on **Friday, May 24, 2024**. Students, parents and guardians may give tokens of appreciation to members of staff on this special day.



PAYMENT PLAN

Parents who would like to remain on the payment plan for the **2024-2025** academic year and those who would like to join the payment plan should submit the request in writing to the principal by **Monday, May 27, 2024**.



FRUIT, VEGETABLE AND WATER INITIATIVE

Saint Thomas More School continues with the fruit-vegetable-water initiative at break time. We are focusing on healthy food choices. Every student at break time is encouraged to eat fruits, vegetables and drink water. Other snacks can be eaten at lunchtime. We look forward to your complete cooperation.



PARKING

The area on the side of the new hall (old church) has been designated as **TEACHER PARKING**. Parents/guardians should find other places to park in the mornings and in the afternoons. The lanes in front of the pavilion area are for dropping off only. **Please do not ignore the 'NO PARKING SIGNS'**.

Parents should be considerate when driving on the school grounds and obey the parking rules. **DO NOT BLOCK THE ENTRANCE AND EXIT GATES**. We have a limited amount of parking spaces, so please limit your time on campus. Drop your child off and allow him/her to walk to their class. Please do not block the entrance of the rectory. Father Junior has to be able to move in and out freely, especially in the mornings and afternoons.



ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL ON TIME

The first bell rings at **8:15 a.m.** The second bell rings at **8:30 a.m.** which begins our school day. **Tardiness is harmful both to your child's education and to the class that is being disrupted by your child's late arrival to school.**



SCHOOL DISMISSAL

There are two (2) dismissal times: They are as follows:

- Kindergarten – Grade 2: Pick up at **2:50 p.m.**
- Grades 3 – 6: Pick up at **3:00 p.m.**

Parents should wait near the security booth until their child is brought to the pavilion area by the teacher.



D. E. A. R. (DROP EVERYTHING AND READ)

Our students continue to **D**rop **E**verything **A**nd **R**ead from Tuesday – Wednesday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m. Our scholars write on Thursdays and draw on Fridays. **There will be no movement on campus during these times.** Students are encouraged to have reading books in their desks as well as in their school bags. We look forward to your complete support.



SICKNESS PROTOCOLS

- **Children with a fever, cough, runny nose or congestion are not allowed in school regardless of a possible history of allergies or asthma.**
- A child who is **off sick** for any reason should not return to school until he/she is free of all symptoms.
- **When a doctor's letter confirming that a child is fit to return to school has been requested, a copy of this letter must be reviewed by the school nurse before the child can be admitted to school.**
- **Students are encouraged to keep masks in their school bags as they will be needed if the scholar feels sick during school hours.**

- A child who comes to school sick or who develops symptoms during the school day will be seated on the bench near the office and a parent or guardian will be called to collect the child. The office has a clear view of the child sitting on the bench.

- Additionally, please be reminded that **children should not come to school with medication in their bags.** Only prescribed medication with a pharmacy label, the child's name and the dosage will be administered. This includes over the counter medication.

- All medical information is **private and confidential.**

- Feel free to email Nurse Hawkins at **ehawkins@cec.edu.bs.**



AFTER SCHOOL CARE

After school care runs from 3:00 p.m.– 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. The facilitators are Mrs. Chea (tchea@cec.edu.bs) and Miss Philips (sphilips@cec.edu.bs). The cost is **\$10.00 per day.** After school care provides students with homework assistance for all subjects.

Persons who are not engaged in an afternoon activity will automatically be placed in after care at 3:30 p.m. and charged the daily rate.



SECURITY MEASURES

Parents are **strongly advised** not to leave valuable possessions in their car at any time. It is important to be **PROACTIVE** and **PREVENT INCIDENCES** of theft occurring on our campus.



BIRTHDAYS

Parents should request permission from the classroom teacher to have cupcakes and/or party bags on the occasion of a child’s birthday. Forms are available from the classroom teacher and the school’s office. **A kind donation of a new storybook to the school’s library is requested of students choosing to celebrate their birthdays at school.**

***NO MASCOTS! NO BALLOONS!**



CANS 4 KIDS

Saint Thomas More School has teamed up with Cans 4 Kids Bahamas. Please collect cans from your family gatherings and bring them to school as soon as possible. Your donations of cans should be communicated to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your support of this initiative.



APRIL LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8	9	10	11	12
Hamburger Sandwiches & Fries	BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Veg.	Chicken & Fries	Curry Chicken, White Rice & Veg.	PIZZA
15	16	17	18	19
Hamburger Sandwiches & Fries	BBQ Ribs, Kraft Dinner & Veg.	Chicken & Fries	Curry Chicken, White Rice & Veg.	PIZZA
22	23	24	25	26
Hamburger Sandwiches & Fries	BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes & Veg	Nuggets & Fries	Curry Chicken, White Rice & Veg.	PIZZA
29	30			
Hamburger Sandwiches & Fries	Fried Pork Chop, Kraft Dinner & Veg.			

***HOT PATTIES AND SANDWICHES ARE SOLD DAILY!
Beef Patties (\$2.50); Chicken Patties (\$3.00); Sandwiches (\$2.50 and up)**



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL

CLEANLINESS

- 7** Feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle (Patron of Teachers)
- 8** School resumes at 8:30 a.m.
- 11** Kindergarten Sport's Day; 9:30 a.m.
- 18** Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Saint Thomas More Church)
- 19** Inter-House Sports Day: Old Thomas A. Robinson Stadium (Grades 1 – 5); Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
- 23** Archdiocesan Writing Examination
- 26** Numeracy Day
- 29** Art Exhibition; 6:00 p.m. (School Hall)

MAY

RESPECT

- 3** Dress Up Day; 2:00 p.m.
- 8** Spring Production; Loyola Hall (Noon Dismissal)
- 12** Mother's Day
- 13-17** G. L. A. T. (Grades 3 & 6)
- 20** WHIT MONDAY (Public Holiday)
- 21** School resumes at 8:30 a.m.
- 22** ARCHDIOCESAN MATHEMATICS EXAMINATIONS (K – 6)
- 23** Language Arts Final Examination (Grade 6)
- 24** STAFF APPRECIATION DAY
- 30** Language Arts Final Examination (K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)

JUNE

ENTHUSIASM

- 5** EXODUS MASS (GRADE 6)
School is closed for Kindergarten – Grade 5.)
- 6** School resumes at 8:30 a.m.
- 7** SIR RANDOL FAWKES LABOUR DAY
- 10** School resumes at 8:30 a.m.
- 14** Last day for Students (Tentative)
- 16** Father's Day
- 22** FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS MORE
- 24** Summer School begins: 8.30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

JULY

- 19** Summer School Ends

