



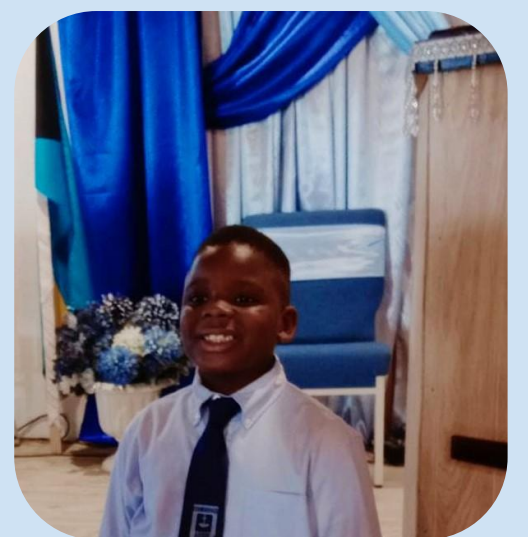
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February 2023



Catholic Schools Week – January 29th – February 3rd, 2023

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of the impact of Catholic Education. It began in 1974 in the United States and has been, ever since, an annual celebration under the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA). The celebration of Catholic Schools Week started here in the Bahamas in 2009. The week traditionally begins on the last Sunday of January. The purpose of Catholic Schools Week is to promote the value Catholic Education provides to our young people and its contributions to our Church, Community and Nation. Many Bahamians, both local and abroad, who serve the Church, and work in Government and many other Civic institutions are proud products of Catholic Education. Catholic Schools indeed light the way!



Highlights from Catholic Schools Week

The Theme of this year's Catholic Schools Week was: "Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence, Service." The Daily Themes are typically as follows:

Sunday – Celebrating Your Parish

Monday – Celebrating Your Community

Tuesday – Celebrating Your Students

Wednesday – Celebrating Your Nation

Thursday – Celebrating Vocations

Friday – Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

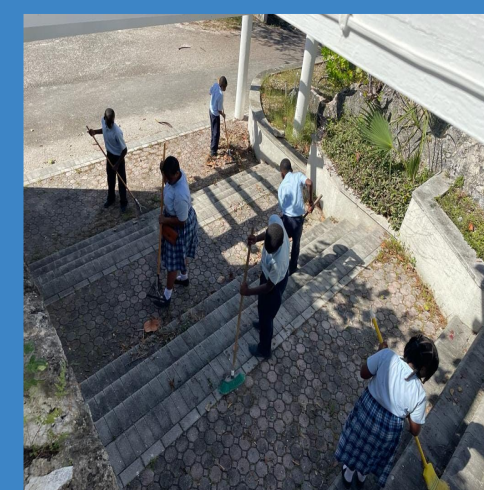
Saturday – Celebrating Families

Celebrating Your Parish

Students were encouraged to attend their local Church and represent Catholic Schools by wearing their school uniforms (see other pictures on the newsletter's cover page)

Celebrating Your Community

A special welcome of parents and students followed by a Special Assembly. Campus and Church Clean Up were conducted after lunch.



Celebrating Your Students

Reverse / Wacky Day:
Students of upper school were invited to dress like their favorite teacher/staff member.



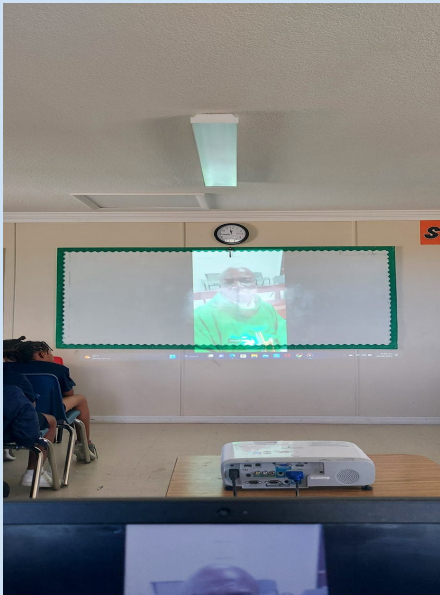
Celebrating Your Nation

A special video presentation on the history of the Bahamas was aired for our morning session and students were encouraged to bring their bikes/skates/scooters etc. for Wheels Wednesday.



Celebrating Vocations

Our Off Island Chaplin Fr. David Cooper visited us virtually to share his personal vocation story and after lunch 'old school' yard games.



Celebrating Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

The students performed in a talent show held after lunch.

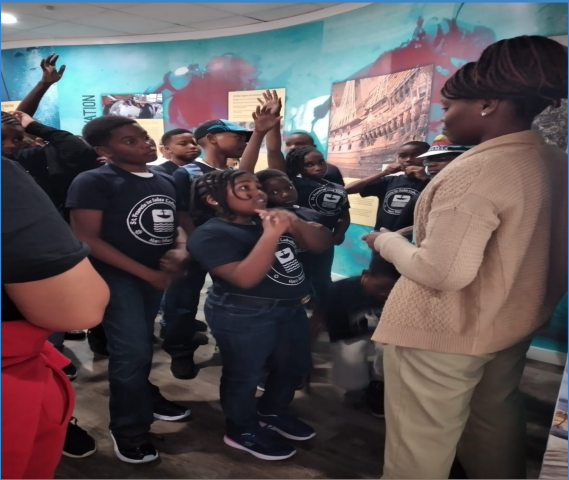


Celebrating Families

The students were encouraged to plan a fun activity with their family members.

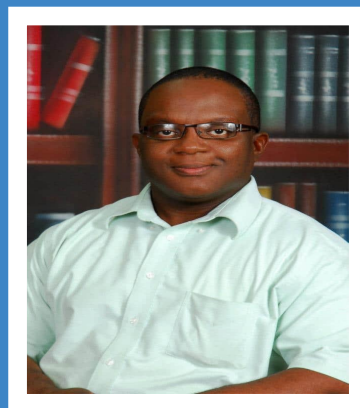


Grades 5 & 6 Field Trip to Freeport Grand Bahama February 21st, 2023



Ash Wednesday

Our Ash Wednesday Word Service with Communion took place on Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Church of St. Francis de Sales. We welcomed Deacon Jones who celebrated the Service for us. He reminded us to look to God in all things especially during this Season of Lent.



Principal's Pitch:

Ash Wednesday begins the Church's Holy Season of Lent. Lent is a forty day period in the Church's liturgical year that focuses on Repentance and Renewal. It is a time when the Church calls us to return to the Lord our God through almsgiving, fasting and prayer. The gospel reading for Ash Wednesday reminds us, we should not be the focus of our fasting, almsgiving and prayer – i.e. they are not primarily meant for public display or recognition – rather, they are meant to help us grow closer to God; the one who “sees in secret.” As we journey through this Lent, let us truly look to God in all things, even in those things we do to help us draw closer to Him.



Professional Development

On Thursday, February 23rd, 2023, our Staff gathered for our Professional Development Day under the theme: Revitalizing Our Call to Faith, Love, Excellence and Service. The Day was facilitated by: Mr. Soncaire and Mrs. Woods our Special Projects Officer. Our guest speaker was Ms Cherry Lee Pinder.



St. Francis de Sales
Catholic School

Open Registration for 2023-2024

Kindergarten to Grade 6

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Kindergarten to Grade 6 Entrance Exams

★ Monday March 20, 2023

Exam Fee: \$30.00

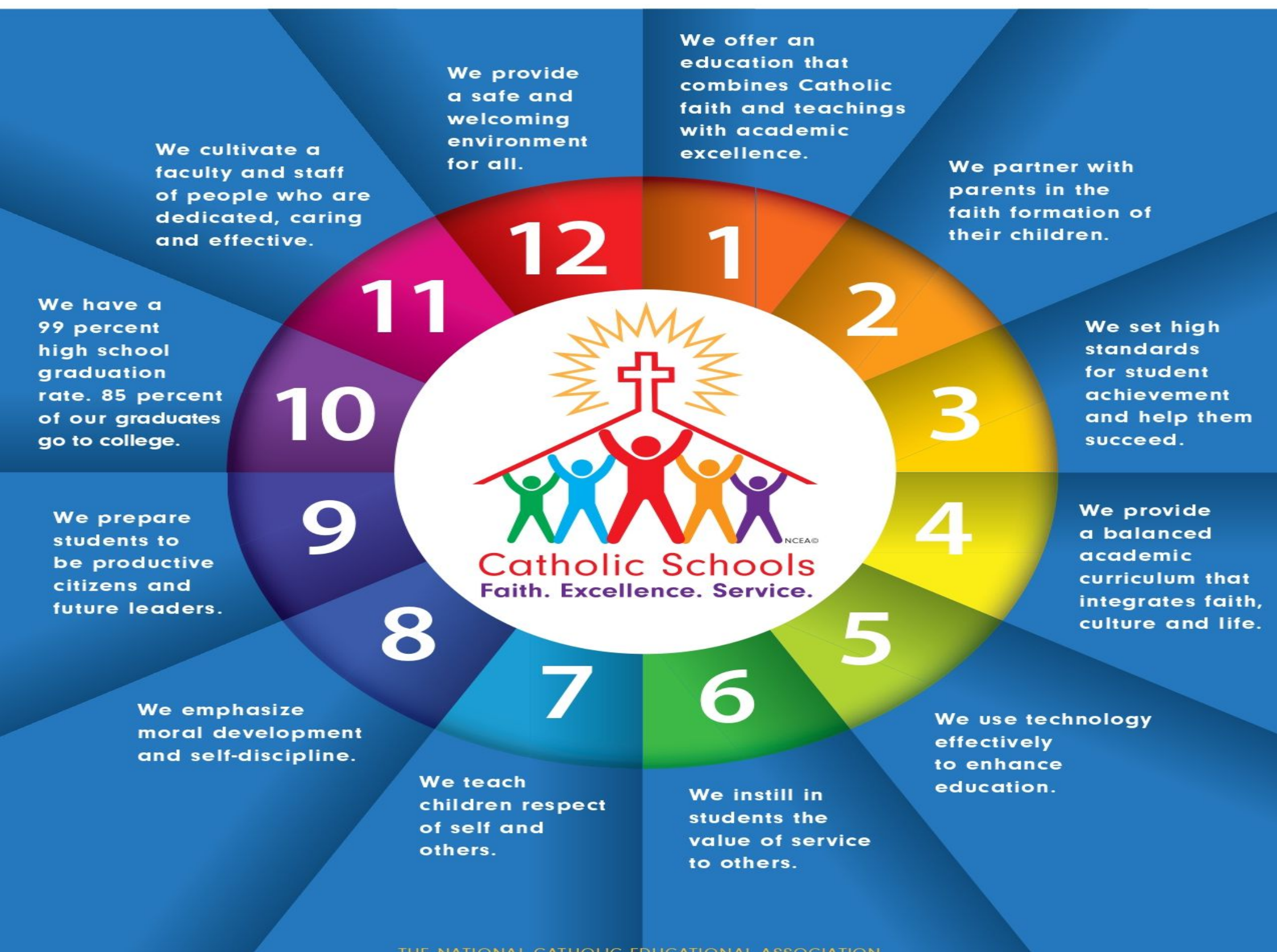
★ Exams start at 9:30am

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- March 1st – School Resumes – Third Term Fees Due
- TBA – Grade 4 Retreat
- TBA – Grade 3 Retreat
- TBA – Grade 2 Retreat
- TBA – Grade 1 Retreat
- March 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- March 30th – In School Sports Day
- March 31st – Living Stations of the Cross & Distribution of Report Cards

APRIL

- April 3rd – 14th – Easter Break
- April 2nd – 8th – HOLY WEEK
- April 17th – School Reopens