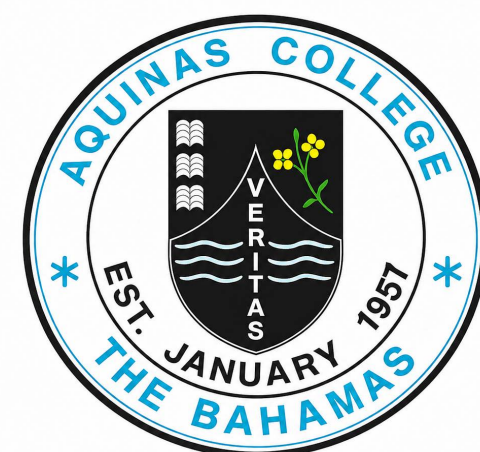




AQUINAS COLLEGE

WHERE EXCELLENCE IS A HABIT!



August 28, 2026

Dear Parents, Faculty and Scholars,

I warmly welcome you back to a new school year at Aquinas College. The start of the year is a time for fresh beginnings, new opportunities, and growth in knowledge, faith, and community. Whether you are returning or joining our Aces family for the first time, know that you are a valued member of our school community.

As we begin the 2026–2027 academic year, let us fully embrace our theme: **'One Faith, One Light, One Journey'**, which symbolizes the unity of our educational community rooted in Catholic values. This theme highlights Jesus Christ as our guide and the collective spiritual path that unites our Catholic school system. We are privileged to learn, teach, and grow in a community built on Christ's teachings—a place that nurtures our shared spirit and unites us in common goals.



Let us begin this year with excitement, hope, and the knowledge that we are all part of something greater than ourselves—

One Faith, One Light, One Journey.

We take immense pride in how our scholars have represented our school through their participation and achievements in numerous extracurricular activities both on and off campus. Our scholars' exemplary academic performance in the 2026 National and International Examinations (BJC, BGCSE, and AP) has filled us with pride. We extend our gratitude to our dedicated faculty and celebrate the accomplishments of our 2026 graduates and 11th-grade scholars in the 2026 BGCSE Examinations, as well as our 8th and 9th-grade scholars in the 2026 BJC Examinations. Furthermore, we commend the Class of 2026, including the four AP scholars, the one AP scholar with Honours, and all scholars who received scholarships to attend the UB and colleges in the United States and Canada. The achievements of our scholars exemplify their diligent efforts and attest to their potential. We eagerly anticipate their continued success. Congratulations, scholars, and may you always persist in making **'Excellence a Habit'** in everything you do!



WELCOME TO OUR ACES FAMILY!

Please join us in welcoming the following new faculty members to our ACES family:

- Mrs. Symone Hall Wilson – Art
- Miss Angel Brown – English
- Mrs. Wanda Farquharson – Religion
- Mrs. Donna Bethell – Social Studies
- Miss Katrina Cartwright – Art
- Miss Annischa Reid – Family and Consumer Science

We are elated that you made the awesome decision to join our team. We look forward to working with you because **Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!**



PARTNERS IN EDUCATION

Parents, your role in your children's education is just as crucial as that of our teachers. Successful educational results depend on the teamwork between parents and our committed staff. We emphasize the importance of registering for Power School, the Catholic Board of Education's Grade Portal, to keep track of your child's academic progress.

If you have trouble accessing Power School or forget your login details, please reach out to Ms. Kelly, our Vice Principal, for assistance.



TO OUR SCHOLARS

As you begin this new academic year, do so with faith, enthusiasm, and an open mind. You are the heartbeat and light of our school community, and your presence and efforts infuse our institution with energy and purpose. You represent the future, and we hold a profound belief in your potential. As you journey this school year, I encourage you to lead with love and kindness, as true Christian leaders. Remember that every challenge presents an opportunity for growth, and every achievement celebrates your dedication and resilience. Continue to shine and pursue your aspirations. Remember, **Excellence is Our Habit!**



TO OUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We are truly grateful for your trust in us and excited to partner with you on your children's educational and spiritual journey. Your involvement is the foundation of our thriving community, and we look forward to working closely with you all year round. Together, we can make this experience meaningful and inspiring for your children.



TO OUR DEDICATED FACULTY/STAFF

Your unwavering commitment to our scholars and our mission forms the foundation of Aquinas College's distinctive culture. Your dedication is truly valued and essential to our community. We are profoundly thankful for your tireless efforts, the personal touch you bring to our school, and the positive impact you have on our scholars' lives. Together, we will continue to cultivate a community where every scholar is known, loved, and inspired to achieve their full potential.

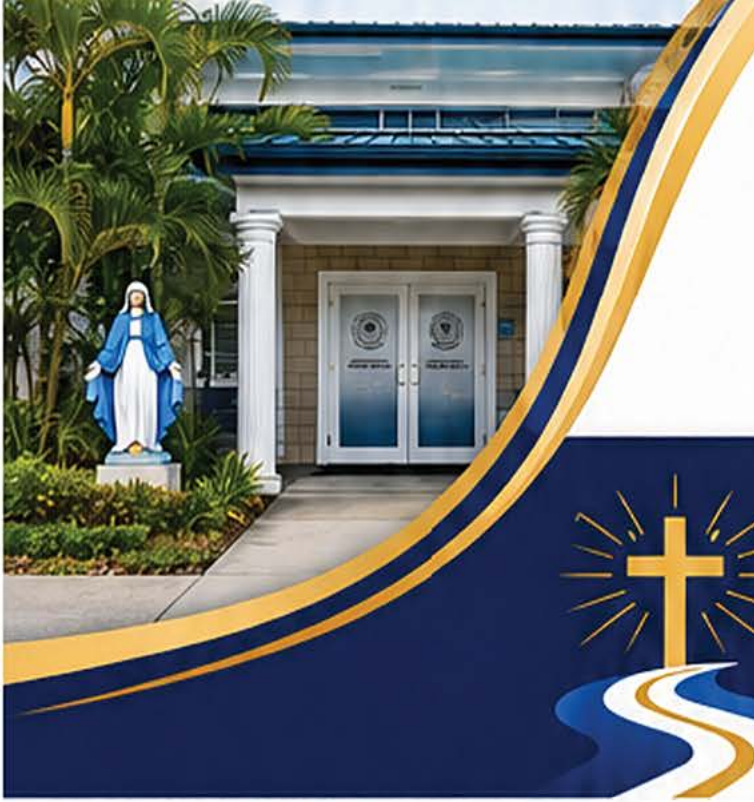
We encourage all parents to actively use **Power School** this school year. Remember, **your enthusiasm, support, and involvement inspire children to do their best. Together, we can accomplish more! One Faith, One Light, One Journey!**

To better serve you, we have included the professional email addresses of all faculty members. We encourage you to communicate with your teachers as needed. Be sure to carbon copy Ms. Kelly and me on your emails.

We are confident you will receive a response to your email within 48 hours.

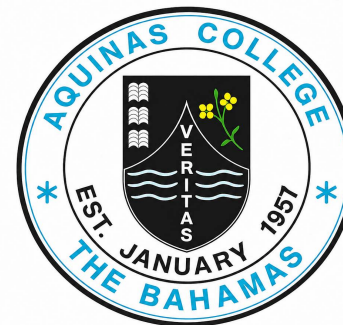


With prayers and gratitude,
Principal Mrs. Shona Moss-Knowles



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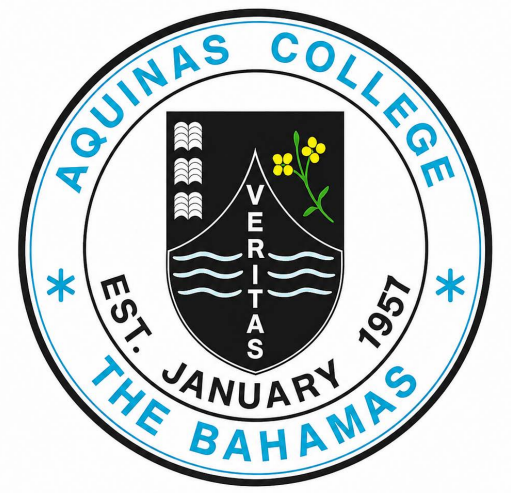
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Gentle Reminders:



I. TUITION DUE DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:



1st Term: **June 30**



2nd Term: **November 30**



3rd Term: **March 4**



II. TUITION REFUND POLICY:

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|---|-------------------|
| 1. Student withdrawal after 1-2 weeks | 75% Refund |
| 2. Student withdrawal after 3-4 weeks | 50% Refund |
| 3. Student withdrawal after five or more weeks: | No Refund |
| 4. Special Fees and Capitol Development | No Refund |



Please refer to the attached calendar and note that dates are subject to change.



PLEASE PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING:



1.
GRADE LEVEL MEETINGS



2.
PTA MEETINGS



3.
DISTRIBUTION OF REPORT CARDS



4.
THE CLOSING AND REOPENING OF SCHOOL



5.
TUITION DUE DATES



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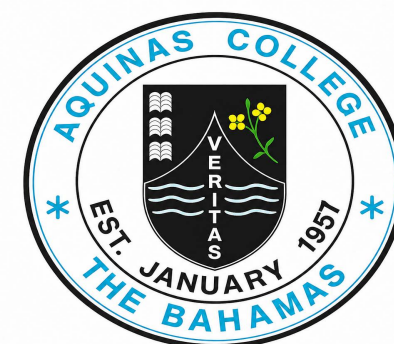




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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2026-2027

THEME: "ONE FAITH, ONE LIGHT, ONE JOURNEY"



FIRST SEMESTER

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is a Christian Leader"
"Christian Leadership Month"

AUGUST 2026

- 28 Opening of School for the 2026-2027 School Year – Half Day of School
- 31 FULL DAY of Classes

SEPTEMBER 2026

- 7 International Literacy Day
Caribbean Wellness Day
- 8 Opening Mass for the 2026-2027 Academic Year (Faculty)
- 10 Grade Level Meeting – Grade 7 – 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
Grade Level Meeting – Grade 8 – 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 15 Grade Level Meeting – Grade 9 – 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
Grade Level Meeting – Grade 10 – 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 16 Grade Level Meeting – Grade 11 – 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m.
Grade Level Meeting – Grade 12 – 7:00p.m.-8:00p.m.
- 18 HOUSE Meetings
- 22 Grade 12 Mass
- 24 Grade 12 RETREAT
- 25 Intramural Sports/Fun, Run, Walk – 70th Anniversary Fundraiser
- 29 PTA Meeting – 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. – Loyola Hall

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is Academically Capable."
"Flag Raising Month"

OCTOBER 2026

- 1 Archbishop's Visit to Aquinas College
- 5 World Teacher's Day
- 6 Grade 11 Mass
Staff Meeting – Dismissal @ 3:00p.m.
- 8 Grade 11 RETREAT
- 9 Aquinas College's 17th Anniversary at the Gladstone Rd. Campus
Academic Day – Open Campus - 17th Anniversary Mass & Celebration
- 12 National Heroes Day – Public Holiday
- 17 17th Anniversary Grill-Out & 70th Anniversary Fundraiser
- 20 Grade 10 Mass
- 22 Grade 10 RETREAT
- 29 Awards Day @ 9:00a.m. in Loyola Hall
Mid-Term Report Card Distribution from the Homerooms – Grades 7-12
3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
- 30-Nov. 2 MID-TERM BREAK
- 30 & 31 Musical – "Cinderella" – 70th Anniversary Fundraiser
- TBA Flag & Cultural Day
- TBA Character Day

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"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is Financially Adept."
"Financial Month" – Business Department

NOVEMBER 2026

- 1 Feast of All Saints
- 3 Second Term Fees Due
- 4 137 Years of Catholic Education in the Bahamas – System-wide Scavenger Hunt
- 4 Grade 9 Mass
- 7 BLOCK Party
- 12 Staff Meeting – Dismissal @ 3:00p.m.
Grade 9 RETREAT
- 17 Grade 8 Mass
- 26 Grade 8 RETREAT
- 29 First Sunday of Advent

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is a Loving Person."
"Gratitude Month" – Spanish Department

DECEMBER 2026

- 1 World AIDS Day
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception – Grade 7 Mass
- 14-18 First Semester Exams
- 18 Christmas Vacation – Noon Dismissal
- TBA Staff Meeting – Dismissal @ 3:00p.m.

SECOND SEMESTER

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is a healthy learner."
"Wellness Month" – P.E., Nurse & Guidance Department

JANUARY 2027 – 70th Anniversary Celebration Month

- 4 School re-opens after Christmas Break – Faculty, Staff & Students
Registration for Aquinas College Entrance Exam – Grade 7 Only!!
- 7 Grade 7 RETREAT
- 11 Majority Rule Holiday
- 14 First Semester Report Card Distribution – Grades 7-12 – 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
- 18 Aquinas College Entrance Exam – NO SCHOOL
- 28 Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas – Grade 12 Mass-70th Anniversary Mass & Luncheon
- 30 System Wide Walkathon
- 31-Feb. 6 Catholic Schools Week – 70th Anniversary Celebrations

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is Life Long Learner."

"Life Long Learner Month" – Library, English & Math Departments

FEBRUARY 2027

- 5 Registration deadline for Incoming 7th Grade students
- TBA Aquinas College SPORTS Day
- 10 Ash Wednesday – Grade 11 Mass
- 11 Staff Meeting – Dismissal @ 3:00p.m.
- 12 Registration deadline for Incoming 7th Grade students on "Probation"
- 17 Mid-Term Report Card Distribution – Grades 7-12 – 3:00p.m.-4:30p.m.
- 18 Professional Development Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
- 18-22 MID-TERM BREAK

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"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is Environmentally Conscious."
"Environment Month"

Science, Cosmetology, Auto, Electrical and Family Consumer Sciences Departments
Social Studies

MARCH 2027

- 2 Grade 10 Mass
- 3 Third Term School Fees Due
World Day of Prayer
- 9 Commonwealth Day
- 12 Staff Meeting – Dismissal @ 3:00p.m.
- 19 "The Passion" Play – Combined Levels
Easter Vacation begin for students
- 22-26 HOLY WEEK

"The Bahamas Catholic School Graduate is Centered and Well Rounded."
"Fine & Performing Arts Month"

APRIL 2027 – BJC and BGCSE Practicals Begin

- 5 Students & Faculty return from Easter Break – Regular Schedule-8:25a.m.-3:00p.m.
- 13 Final Mass – Grade 9 Mass
- 22 P.T.A. Meeting
- 12-19 Senior Mock Exams

"Examination Month"

MAY 2027

- 3 AP Examinations begin
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 BGCSE Examinations begin
- 17 Whit Monday Holiday
- 28 Staff Appreciation Day
- TBA Senior Awards Day – Letter and Report Card Distribution

"Graduation Month"

JUNE 2027

- May 27-June 3 Second Semester Examinations
- 3 School Closes for Summer Break
- 4 Labour Day Holiday
- 8 Graduation Mass
- 10 Graduation Exercises
- 17 Second Semester Report Card Distribution from the Business Office –
9:00a.m. – 3:00p.m.
- 18 Final Day for Teachers
- 20 Father's Day

AUGUST 2027

- 17-19 New Student Orientation – 9:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
- 19-26 Teachers Return – Teacher's Orientation
- 20-21 12th Grade Seminar – 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon
- 27 School opens for the 2027-2028 Academic Year – Half Day of School
- 30 FULL DAY of Classes



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