

12th June, 2024

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DATED: 29th May, 2024

TO: ALL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS, PRINCIPALS OF GOVERNMENT AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS, HEADS OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AUTHORITIES, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF THE BAHAMAS (UB), THE PRESIDENT OF THE BAHAMAS TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE (BTVI), PRESIDENT, BAHAMAS EDUCATORS MANAGERIAL UNION (BEMU), PRESIDENT, BAHAMAS UNION OF TEACHERS (BUT), PRESIDENT, BAHAMAS EDUCATORS AND ALLIED WORKERS UNION (BECAWU), PRESIDENT, BAHAMAS PUBLIC SERVICES UNION (BPSU), THE ROYAL BAHAMAS POLICE FORCE (RBPF), BAHAMAS INFORMATION SERVICES AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF (for information)

The days for school attendance in Department of Education schools each week during the term will be from **Monday to Friday** unless **otherwise** directed by the Department of Education.

Hours of attendance for pupils shall be from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** provided, however, that there shall be a daily recess of one or more periods, which shall not in aggregate exceed one hour.

Morning Registration for schools shall be from 9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. Students will be considered late when they arrive later than 9:10 a.m. (i.e., after Morning Registration has ended).

Working hours for **teachers** shall be from **8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.** inclusive of the lunch hour and as may otherwise be required for the purpose of staff meetings, administrators and subject coordinators meetings, curriculum development meetings, etc.

Working hours for **teachers' aides** shall be from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**, inclusive of one (1) hour for lunch break.

Working hours for school **administrators** shall be from **8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** inclusive of one (1) hour for lunch break.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

PARTICULARS	Term 1 CHRISTMAS TERM	Term 2 EASTER TERM	Term 3 SUMMER TERM
No. of Days (Teachers)	82	67	42
No. of Days (Students)	70	65	37
Open (Teachers)	26 th August, 2024*	6 th January, 2025	22 nd April, 2025
Open (Students)	2 nd September 2024*	6 th January, 2025	22 nd April, 2025
Close (Students)	13 th December, 2024 (3:00 p.m.)	11 th April, 2025 (3:00 p.m.)	13 th June, 2025 (3:00 p.m.)
Close (Teachers)	20 th December, 2024 (12 noon)	11 th April, 2025 (3:00 p.m.)	20 th June, 2025 (12 noon)
Mid - Term Break	25 th & 28 th October, 2024	21 st & 24 th February, 2025	
Professional Development (PD) Days	19 th & 20 th August, 2024 - Educational Leaders' Conclave	19 th & 20 th February, 2025 - Teachers' Workshops (facilitated by Education Officers)	
	21 st & 22 nd August, 2024 - New Teachers' Orientation		
	23 rd & 24 th October, 2024 - School and District Based Workshops		
End of Term Examinations - Primary Schools	9 th - 13 th December, 2024		10 th - 13 th June, 2025
End of Term Examinations - High Schools	4 th - 6 th December 2024 Practical Exams Only		2 nd - 5 th June, 2025 Practical Exams Only
	9 th - 13 th December, 2024 Theory Exams Only		10 th - 13 th June, 2025 Theory Exams Only
Make-up Examinations	13 th December, 2024		13 th June, 2025
Teachers' Work Days	16 th & 17 th December, 2024		16 th & 17 th June 2025
Printing of Report Cards	18 th December, 2024		18 th June, 2025
Administration Work Day	18 th December, 2024		18 th June, 2025
National Report Card Day	19 th December, 2024		19 th June, 2025
Re-Open (Teachers)	25 th August, 2025*		
Re-Open (Students)	1 st September 2025*		

Opening and closing dates, and internal examination dates, as stipulated, **must** be strictly adhered to and permission to vary them will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Should the need arise, permission **must** be obtained in writing from the Director of Education.

OFFICIAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (January – December)

New Year's Day, Majority Rule Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, Randol Fawkes Labour Day, Independence Day, Emancipation Day, National Heroes Day, Christmas Day, Boxing Day.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SUMMER)

Professional Development Activities are scheduled for 1st July to 16th August, 2024. District Superintendents and Education Officers, in consultation with School Administrators, will organize virtual, face-to-face or hybrid sessions to address training and upgrading needs of teachers.

CHURCH SERVICE and EDUCATIONAL LEADERS' CONCLAVE 2024

(Attendees: District Superintendents, District Education Officers, and Public-School Administrators)

Administrators Conclave: 19th and 20th August, 2024

NEW TEACHERS' ORIENTATION

21st and 22nd August, 2024

STAFF MEETINGS (Faculty)

Staff Meetings are held once per month (usually on the **third or fourth Wednesday** in the month) at **2:00 p.m.** Students are to be dismissed at 1:45 p.m. Dates are stipulated monthly. See dates on pages 3 to 5.

STAFF MEETINGS (Support)

Staff Meetings are held once per month (usually on the **third or fourth Thursday** in the month) at **9:30 a.m.** for one hour. Dates are stipulated monthly. See dates on pages 3 to 5.

PTA MEETINGS

PTA Meetings are held once per month usually during the **fourth week** in the month at 6:30 p.m.: **Monday** (Stand-Alone Pre-Primary Schools); **Tuesday** (Primary Schools); **Wednesday** (Junior High Schools) and **Thursday** (Senior High Schools). Schools with grades 7 to 12 may hold meetings on Wednesday and/or Thursday. All-age schools can hold their meetings on any of the four days. See dates on pages 3 to 5. Family Island Districts will coordinate meetings according to the bussing schedule.

NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS - Grade Level Assessment Tests (GLAT), Bahamas Junior Certificate (BJC) and Bahamas General Certificate of Secondary Education (BGCSE)

GLAT are usually administered in the month of May to students in the third and sixth grades.

Third and sixth grade students will report to school as usual and sit examinations during specified times during the school day.

BJC EXAMINATIONS (PRACTICAL AND THEORY) usually begin in April and end in June.

Ninth grade students will remain at home during the BJC THEORY EXAMINATIONS, and will only report to school, in full uniform, to sit registered examinations. Ninth grade students will report to school for regular classes after the BJC Theory Examinations are completed.

All other students (8th, 10th, and 11th graders), who have registered to sit BJC Examinations, must remain in school for the exams and attend regular classes when they are not sitting exams.

BGCSE EXAMINATIONS (PRACTICAL AND THEORY) usually begin in March/April and end in June.

The final day for twelfth grade students shall be the day prior to the sitting of the first major (over half of the Grade 12 registered) THEORY BGCSE EXAMINATION. Students will only return to school, in full uniform, to sit registered examinations or attend Graduation Rehearsal Sessions.

All other students (10th and 11th graders) who have registered to sit BGCSE Examinations are to remain in school for the duration of the examinations and attend regular classes when they are not sitting examinations.

SPORTS

INTERHOUSE SPORTS MEET - Competitions should not extend beyond two days during the months of January or February by individual primary and secondary schools in New Providence, Grand Bahama and the Family Islands. All students and teachers are expected to participate by attending the event and supporting as needed. This event usually takes place on the school campus and/or at an appropriate facility away from the school campus. Only one full day that interrupts the Instructional Program is permitted. During Field Events Day, there should be regular classes for non-athletes.

INTERSCHOOL DISTRICT SPORTS MEET –PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS (Grand Bahama and Family Islands)

Such competitions are held for two days during the second term. Student athletes and selected teachers are expected to participate by attending the event and supporting as needed. This event usually takes place on a school campus in the District or at an appropriate community facility.

GSSSA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (New Providence)

Competitions should not be held for more than three days, usually in the month of February or March, at the Thomas A. Robinson Stadium.

Attendees:

- Day 1: Junior and Senior High School Athletes; selected Coaches and Teachers;
- Day 2: Opening Ceremony; All Junior High School Athletes and Coaches; Senior High School Athletes and selected Coaches and Teachers; all Junior High School Students and Teachers;
- Day 3: Senior High School Athletes and Coaches only; all Senior High Schools Students and Teachers.

NPPSSA TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS (New Providence)

Competitions should not be held for more than three days during March or April. Primary School Student athletes and selected teachers are expected to participate by attending the event and supporting as needed. This event usually takes place at the Thomas A Robinson Stadium.

FUN DAY – Two fun days are allowed per school year. Fun days are usually held the day before the Mid-Term Break in October and February. Fun Days dates cannot be changed unless written permission is obtained from the Director. Apart from Fun Days, schools must receive permission from the Director for “Out of Uniform” days.

Term 1: CHRISTMAS (Possible Openings/Days) OTHER DAYS (not holidays, but to be observed)		
AUGUST 2024 (0/0) PTA engagement: National PTA Meeting		
BHSD – Deadline for Junior High Schools to submit exiting 9th grade (2024) BJC results form (16th) BHSD – Deadline for Senior High Schools to submit copies of Class of 2024 BJC results Provisional List Students (16th)	*One Day Conference for Teachers (24th) *Launch of Speech Therapy Webpage *Educational Leaders’ Church Service (18th) *Educational Leaders’ Conclave (19th & 20th)	*New Teachers Orientation (21st & 22nd) *School Opens for Teachers (26th)
SEPTEMBER 2024 (42/21) *PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (23 rd) *PTA Meeting – Primary (24 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (26 th)		
*International Literacy Day (8th) *Suicide Prevention Week (8th – 14th) *World Suicide Prevention Day (10th) *Caribbean Wellness Day (13th) *International Dot Day (15th) *International Education Technology Day (23rd) *World Tourism Day (27th) *Adult Literacy Month * National Fire Drill Week (16th – 20th) *Orientation for New Counsellors (5th – 6th) *Math Clubs Begin (10th) *Literacy Workshop (19th) *First Semester Clerical Staff/Support Staff Workshop (19th – 14th Oct)	*Professional Development Virtual Workshop “The Rights of Children” (21st) *National Literacy & Numeracy Programme begins – Primary School (23rd) *National Student Council Elections (26th – 30th) * First Cohort Teacher Mentoring (After school) Sessions (20th Sept. - 15th Nov.) *Mable Walker Professional Development – Fall Semester begins (27th) *Webinar for High School Debaters (28th) *295th Years of Parliamentary Democracy (29th) *Fridays Just for You (Teachers) 27th Sept. – 18th Oct.)	*First Grade Teachers Training in the Early Screening Profile for the Bahamas National Screening (BNSP) School Psychological Services (TBA) *Bahamas National Screening Programme BNSP) Begins Grade 1 School Based (School Psychological Services) *32nd Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions for High School: Phase 1- School Based Round of Competitions nationwide *Fall Semester BJC & BGCSE Classes at Mable Walker Professional Development Institute (13th – May 30th)
OCTOBER 2024 (36/18) *PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (29 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (29 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (30 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (31 st)		
*World Teachers Day 4th (5th) *World Sight Day (10th) *International Day of the Girl Child (11th) *National Heroes Day (14th) *World Food Day (16th) *United Nations Day (24th) *Career in Construction Month *Language Arts Professional Development Sessions - Examining the Skills (Entire Month) *Nail Driving Competition *Drawing Charrette Competition *National Cosmetology Month *National Careers Month *Visual Arts Month *District Debate Competitions begin (1st) * Spelling Bee Coaches Virtual Forum (13th)	*32nd Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions for High School: Phase 2 -- Family Island & New Providence District Round of competitions *School Attendance Unit - SSS Virtual ‘Stay in School Tour’ for New Providence and Family Islands (students and parents to be included) (1st-11th) * Student Christian Movement Primary School Advisor’s Appreciation Awards Ceremony (6th) *Student Science Talk Workshop (7th) * Drug Prevention Series * SSS Staff Virtual Workshop on Counselling Techniques (12th) * BGCSE Religious Studies Examination Coursework Webinar (12th) *National Art and Craft After- School Enrichment Programme begins (1st)	* NPPSSA Soccer Skills Competition (15th– 18th) *Debate Coaches Virtual Workshop (19th & 20th) *Fun Day for High Schools (23rd) * Professional Development Day (24th) - District Based *Mid-Term Break (25th & 28th) * BASCD Conference (28th) *Fun Day – Primary Schools (31st) *Deadline In-Service Award Application (31st) Annual Visual Arts Teachers Ex *GSSA Softball/Baseball begins (TBA) *NPPSSA Soccer Skills Competition *Staff Meeting: National Examination Reports Review
NOVEMBER 2024 (42/21) *PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (26 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (27 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (28 th)		
*Remembrance Day (11th) *World Diabetes Day (14th) *International Men’s Day (19th) *International Day of the Bible Celebration (24th) *Universal Children’s Day Celebration (20th) *BGCSE History Coursework Workshop (13th) *School Based Spelling Bee Competitions End (1st)	*Thanksgiving Day US (28th) *National Debate District Competitions end (4th) * Church Service – Religious Studies (3rd) *Drug Prevention Series (1st - 7th) *National Psychology Week (TBA) *A Spotlight on Special Services (6th -10th)	*World Science Day for Peace and Development (10th) * College Connection Series (10th – 24th) *Voices of Hope District Competition (11th – 14th)

NOVEMBER 2024 ~ CONTINUED (42/21)*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (25th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (26th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (27th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (28th)

*Virtual Town Hall Meeting For Parents and Students - Guidelines for local and international Scholarships (11th)

*Religious Studies Virtual Prayer (16th)

*First Cohort Teacher Mentoring Afterschool Sessions End (15th)

*National Debate Officials Workshops (TBA)

*National Literacy & Numeracy Programme Ends (15th)

*Geography Month

*Religious Studies Month

*Career in Automotive Month

*Voices of Hope Competition – Announcement of Winners (22nd)

*Religious Studies 2nd Annual Judgement & Personal Response Competition (TBA)

*Men’s Health Month

*Business Senior Speech Competition (8th)

*Virtual BJC Social Studies Workshop for students (17th - 19th)

*NPPSSA Tennis Competition (20th - 24th)

*Geography Week (19th – 22nd)

*Templeton Foundation/MOETVT Laws of Life Essay/Video Competition Launch (29th)

* National Debate Officials Workshops (TBA)

*Dissemination of Topics and Guidelines for Majority Rule Video Competition (29th)

*Mabel Walker Professional Development Institute Continuing Education Courses Fall Semester ends (30th)

*32nd Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions for High School: Phase 3– National Round of competitions, 7th Annual Culinary Conference, & Awards Ceremony (TBA)

DECEMBER 2024 (20/10)PTA engagement: National Report Card Day (19th)

*World AIDS Prevention Day (1st)

*Christmas Day (25th)

*Annual Art Exhibition

*Annual Festival of Carols Dress Rehearsal (3rd)

*Annual Festival of Carols (5th)

*NCSS Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (19th – 21st)

*National Art & Craft Enrichment Programme Ends (3rd)

Practical Examinations High Schools Only (4th - 6th Dec)

*BJC Social Studies Workshop(for teachers) - (6th)

*End of Term Exams – Primary Schools Only (9th – 13th)

*End of Term Theory Exams – High Schools Only (9th - 13th)

*Make up Examinations (13th)

*School Closes for Students (13th)

*National Report Card Day (19th)

*School Closes for Teachers (20th)

*BHSD – Deadline for posting of ALL Senior High Students BHSD information in BLEMS (20th)

*Staff Social / Luncheon (TBA)

*Bahamas National Screening Programme (BNSP) ends Grade 1 School Based (School Psychological Services)

Term 2: EASTER

(Possible Openings/Days) OTHER DAYS (not-holidays, but to be observed)

JANUARY 2025 (38/19)*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (27th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (28th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (29th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (30th)

*Majority Rule Holiday (10th)

*School Opens for the Easter Term – Students and Teachers (2nd)

* National Literacy & Numeracy Programme Winter Begins (13th)

* National Art & Craft After- School

*Enrichment Programme Winter Term begins (13th)

*National Debate ZONE Competitions (13th)

*First Cohort Teacher Mentoring (Afterschool) Sessions (14th January - 11th March)

* NPPSSA Basket-ball Skills Competition (16th – 20th)

*National Spelling Bee District Competition (17th)

* Minister’s Cup/ School Beautification/Clean Campus Competitions begin (20th)

* Technical College Fair (TBA)

*District Science Talk Competition (25th – 31st)

*Social Sciences Majority Rule Video Competition; Submission of Application (20th Submission of Video (31st)

* School Attendance Awareness Month (Final Two weeks)

* BAAA High School Relays (TBA)

*BAAA National Cross Country (TBA)

*SSS ‘Stay in School’ Tour for High School Students

*Spring Semester: BJC & BGCSE Classes at Mabel Walker Professional Development Institute (13th –May 30th)

FEBRUARY 2025 (32/16)*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (25th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (25th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (26th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (27th)

*Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month

*Family & Consumer Science Education (FCSE) Fashion Week

* Second Semester Clerical/Support Staff Workshops (6th February -3rd March)

*School Counsellors’ Week (10th - 14th)

* National Debate QUARTER FINALS Competition (TBA)

*Career Orientation- (Grades 10-12 and Tertiary Students) (TBA)

* Education Appreciation Week (Professional Development)

* SCM Empowerment Activity – Primary International Schools (TBA)

*PD History Workshop- Doris Johnson Senior High School (TBA)

*Fun Day for High Schools (19th)

*Professional Development Day (20th)

* Business Studies Speech Competition (21st)

* National Engineers Week K-12 (TBA)

* Pre-Midterm Workshops – Curriculum Officers (20th)

*Mid -Term Break (21st & 24th)

* Fun Day for Primary Schools (28th)

* Awards Presentation – Majority Rule Competition (28th)

*Sir Durward Knowles Junior Championships (Sailing) TBA

* GSSSA Golf Tournament – High Schools (TBA)

*Hugh Campbell Tournament (TBA)

*BAISS Championships (TBA)

*GSSSA Track and Field Championships (TBA)

MARCH 2025 (42/21)*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (24th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (25th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (26th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (27th)

*International Women’s Day (8th)

*Commonwealth Day (10th)

*World Agriculture Day (20th)

*World Poetry Day – Language Arts (21st)

*World Down Syndrome Day (21st)

*International Day of the Forest (21st)

*World Home Economics Day (21st)

*World Water Day (22nd)

*Accounting Bowl Competition (7th)

* Science Junior High Click It Competition (10th)

*Senior High School Science Mania (11th)

*Business Studies Virtual Entrepreneur Competition (12th /13th)

*Inter Junior High School Agricultural Science Quiz Competition (22nd)

*Pie Day (13th)

*Commonwealth Day/Bahamian History Month Submission of Essays (13th)

*Social Studies Bowl (14th)

*Business Studies Junior High Jeopardy Competition (16th)

*Business Studies Bookkeeping & Accounting Bowl

NOVEMBER 2024 ~ CONTINUED (42/21)		
*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (26 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (27 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (28 th)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Virtual Town Hall Meeting For Parents and Students - Guidelines for local and international Scholarships (11th) *Religious Studies Virtual Prayer (16th) *First Cohort Teacher Mentoring Afterschool Sessions End (15th) *National Debate Officials Workshops (TBA) *National Literacy & Numeracy Programme Ends (15th) *Geography Month *Religious Studies Month *Career in Automotive Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Voices of Hope Competition – Announcement of Winners (22nd) *Religious Studies 2nd Annual Judgement & Personal Response Competition (TBA) *Men’s Health Month *Business Senior Speech Competition (8th) *Virtual BJC Social Studies Workshop for students (17th - 19th) *NPPSSA Tennis Competition (20th - 24th) *Geography Week (19th – 22nd) *Templeton Foundation/MOETVT Laws of Life Essay/Video Competition Launch (29th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * National Debate Officials Workshops (TBA) *Dissemination of Topics and Guidelines for Majority Rule Video Competition (29th) *Mabel Walker Professional Development Institute Continuing Education Courses Fall Semester ends (30th) *32nd Annual Bahamas Young Chef Culinary Competitions for High School: Phase 3-- National Round of competitions, 7th Annual Culinary Conference, & Awards Ceremony (TBA)
DECEMBER 2024 (20/10)		
PTA engagement: National Report Card Day (19 th)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *World AIDS Prevention Day (1st) *Christmas Day (25th) *Annual Art Exhibition *Annual Festival of Carols Dress Rehearsal (3rd) *Annual Festival of Carols (5th) *NCSS Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (19th – 21st) *National Art & Craft Enrichment Programme Ends (3rd) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Examinations High Schools Only (4th - 6th Dec) *BiC Social Studies Workshop(for teachers) - (6th) *End of Term Exams – Primary Schools Only (9th – 13th) *End of Term Theory Exams – High Schools Only (9th - 13th) *Make up Examinations (13th) *School Closes for Students (13th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *National Report Card Day (19th) *School Closes for Teachers (20th) *BHSD – Deadline for posting of ALL Senior High Students BHSD information in BLEMS (20th) *Staff Social / Luncheon (TBA) *Bahamas National Screening Programme (BNSP) ends Grade 1 School Based (School Psychological Services)

Term 2: EASTER

(Possible Openings/Days) OTHER DAYS (not holidays, but to be observed)

JANUARY 2025 (38/19)		
*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (27 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (28 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (29 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (30 th)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Majority Rule Holiday (10th) *School Opens for the Easter Term – Students and Teachers (2nd) * National Literacy & Numeracy Programme Winter Begins (13th) * National Art & Craft After- School *Enrichment Programme Winter Term begins (13th) *National Debate ZONE Competitions (13th) *First Cohort Teacher Mentoring (Afterschool) Sessions (14th January - 11th March) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * NPPSSA Basket-ball Skills Competition (16th – 20th) *National Spelling Bee District Competition (17th) * Minister’s Cup/ School Beautification/Clean Campus Competitions begin (20th) * Technical College Fair (TBA) *District Science Talk Competition (25th – 31st) *Social Sciences Majority Rule Video Competition; Submission of Application (20th Submission of Video (31st) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * School Attendance Awareness Month (Final Two weeks) * BAAA High School Relays (TBA) *BAAA National Cross Country (TBA) *SSS ‘Stay in School’ Tour for High School Students *Spring Semester: BJC & BGCSE Classes at Mabel Walker Professional Development Institute (13th –May 30th)
FEBRUARY 2025 (32/16)		
*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (26 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (27 th)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month *Family & Consumer Science Education (FCSE) Fashion Week * Second Semester Clerical/Support Staff Workshops (6th February -3rd March) *School Counsellors’ Week (10th - 14th) * National Debate QUARTER FINALS Competition (TBA) *Career Orientation- (Grades 10-12 and Tertiary Students) (TBA) * Education Appreciation Week (Professional Development) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * SCM Empowerment Activity – Primary International Schools (TBA) *PD History Workshop- Doris Johnson Senior High School (TBA) *Fun Day for High Schools (19th) *Professional Development Day (20th) * Business Studies Speech Competition (21st) * National Engineers Week K-12 (TBA) * Pre-Midterm Workshops – Curriculum Officers (20th) *Mid -Term Break (21st & 24th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fun Day for Primary Schools (28th) * Awards Presentation – Majority Rule Competition (28th) *Sir Durward Knowles Junior Championships (Sailing) TBA * GSSSA Golf Tournament – High Schools (TBA) *Hugh Campbell Tournament (TBA) *BAISS Championships (TBA) *GSSSA Track and Field Championships (TBA)
MARCH 2025 (42/21)		
*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (24 th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (25 th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (26 th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (27 th)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *International Women’s Day (8th) *Commonwealth Day (10th) *World Agriculture Day (20th) *World Poetry Day – Language Arts (21st) *World Down Syndrome Day (21st) *International Day of the Forest (21st) *World Home Economics Day (21st) *World Water Day (22nd) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Accounting Bowl Competition (7th) * Science Junior High Click It Competition (10th) *Senior High School Science Mania (11th) *Business Studies Virtual Entrepreneur Competition (12th /13th) *Inter Junior High School Agricultural Science Quiz Competition (22nd) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Pie Day (13th) *Commonwealth Day/Bahamian History Month Submission of Essays (13th) *Social Studies Bowl (14th) *Business Studies Junior High Jeopardy Competition (16th) *Business Studies Bookkeeping & Accounting Bowl

MARCH 2025 ~ CONTINUED (42/21)

*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (24th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (25th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (26th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (27th)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Business Studies Video/Essay Competition *Business Studies Junior Speech Competition *Battle of the Numbers (District Competition) Upper Primary *Teacher Mentoring Afterschool Sessions (13th) *National Debate Zone Semi-Final Competition (TBA) *History Mania Week – GHS (TBA) *Primary Science Fair (24th – 28th) *Individual Self-Esteem Program (ISEP) (24th) *Minister’s Cup/ School Beautification/Clean Campus Competition ends (27th) *National Science Talk (28th) *National Agricultural Science Exhibition Begins (27th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inter- Junior High School Agricultural Science Quiz Competition (21st) *Inter- Senior High School Agricultural Science Quiz Competition (20th) *National High School Track and Field Championships (TBA) * NPPSSA Track and Field Championship (8th –10th) * Science Junior High Speech Competition (18th) * Golf Interschool /Scholastic Championship (20th – 24th) * GSSSA Track & Field Championship (29th–31st) *National Literacy & Numeracy Program Ends (31st) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *National Primary Science Talk Competition (TBA) *NPPSSA Basketball Championship (boys and girls) *GSSSA Basketball Championship (TBA) *National High School Basketball Championship *Primary Science Month *Agricultural Science Month *Natural Science Month *Bahamian History Month *Language Arts Month *National Nutrition Month
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Term 3: SUMMER

(Possible Openings/Days) OTHER DAYS (not holidays, but to be observed)

APRIL 2025 (32/16)

*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool(28th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (28th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (29th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (30th)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Good Friday (18th) *Easter Monday (21st) *World Earth Day (22nd) *School Closes for Easter Break – Students and Teachers (11th) *School Opens for Students/Teachers (22nd) *Math Month *NPPSSA Volleyball (1st-5th) *BGCSE Practical Examinations (See E & A Examination Calendar) *Math Church Service (TBA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *CARIFTA Track & Field –Guyana (15th- 18th) *Preschool Week (TBA) *National Debate FINAL Competition (TBA) *Junior High Math Competition (23rd) *Senior High Math Competition (24th) *Math Meet Eastern New Providence District for Lower Primary Students (24th) * Math Meet Western New Providence District for Lower Primary Students (25th) *Battle of Numbers (National) Upper Primary *Preschool Week (14th – 18th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *GSSSA Softball/Baseball *Minister’s Cup/School Beautification Competition/Clean Campus Awards Ceremony (TBA) *SSS Transition Programme for Grade 6 students entering Grade 7 (focus on preparing students for high school) (TBA) *BHSD – Deadline for posting of class of 2025 BHSD information in BLEMIS
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MAY 2025 (44/22)

*PTA Meeting – Stand-Alone Preschool (26th) *PTA Meeting – Primary (27th) *PTA Meeting – Junior (28th) *PTA Meeting – Senior (29th)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *National Examinations Month *Teachers’ Appreciation - Primary Schools (5th) *Teachers’ Appreciation, High Schools (TBA) *GLAT (See E & A Examination Calendar) *Scripps National Spelling Bee Competition (TBA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *BJC & BGCSE Practical & Theory Examinations (See E & A Examination Calendar) *GSSSA Soccer (TBA) *Frank Rahming Primary Track and Field (TBA) *National High School Soccer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *National High School Baseball Championships (TBA) *World Tobacco Day (31st)
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JUNE 2025 (16/8)


PTA engagement: National Report Card Day (19th)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Randol Fawkes Labour Day Holiday (6th) *Whit Monday (9th) *National Examinations Month *BJC & BGCSE Theory Examinations (See E & A Examination Calendar) *End of Term Practical Exams - High Schools Only (2nd - 5th) *End of Term Exams - Primary Schools Only (10th - 13th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *End of Term Theory Exams – High Schools Only (10th - 13th) *School Closes for Students (13th) *Make up Examinations (13th) *National Report Card Day (19th) *Staff (Faculty) Meeting All Schools (20th) *School Closes for Teachers (20th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stepping Forward: A Resiliency Camp Programme () *School Attendance Unit - SSS Virtual Street Patrols end (TBA) *Special Services Section (SSS) Referral System and database for Administrators and Teachers (TBA) *Marjorie Davis Annual Ball (TBA)
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JULY 2025 (0/0)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *MOE Professional Development Summer Workshops begin July 1st *MOE Extended Learning Programme *Art and Craft Enrichment Programme Summer Workshop (1st - 26th) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Literacy & Numeracy Facilitators Workshop (TBA) * Mable Walker Professional Development Institute Summer School (Short Courses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Summer Speech Therapy Programme - Students on the Speech Therapy Wait List (3rd - 28th)
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Note that the MOE/DOE reserves the right to adjust dates, as required, for the effective operation of the Government School System.


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