

*St. Padre Pio Catholic  
School*

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope you had a restful and relaxing summer with family and friends. Please note that our first day of school is this Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming back our students and families.

Our Catholic faith reminds us that each day is a gift from God, an opportunity for growth and learning. This year we look forward to actively engaging our students and continuing to guide them both spiritually and academically.

Our school's success is only made possible thanks to the collaborative efforts of students, parents, and staff. I encourage all of us to approach this new school year with open hearts and minds as we look forward to a successful and rewarding school year together.

Throughout the school year, information will be communicated on our school website and by email. Please take an opportunity to review the information below before the first day of school.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica

Principal

## St. Padre Pio CES September Start-Up

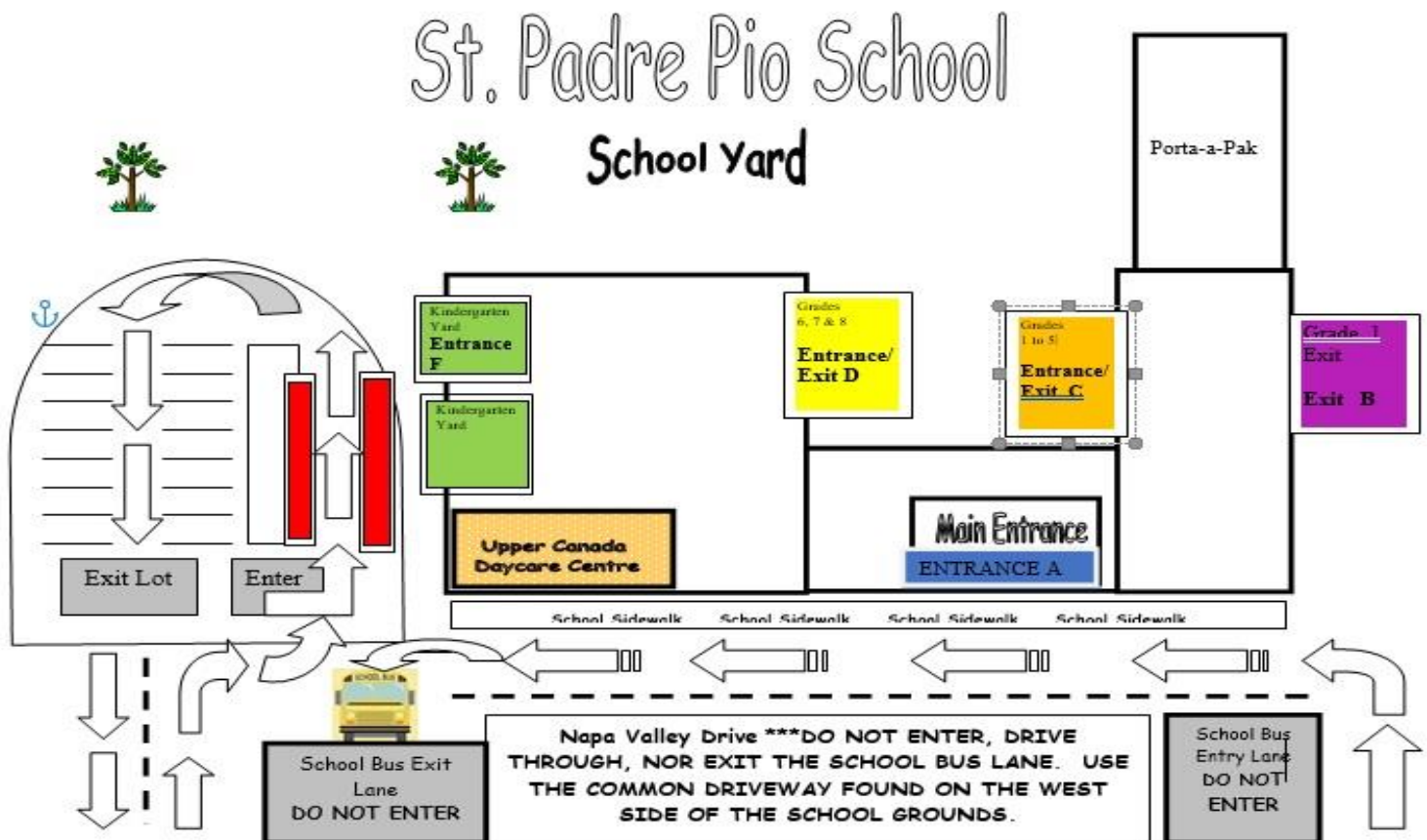
### Class Placement and the First Day of School

- All families will receive an email on Monday, September 2nd after 5:00 p.m. with their class placement and room number
- Our classroom teachers and support staff will be outside on the first day of school to help support students in finding their teachers
- Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m. and school starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Parents are welcome to join their child/children on the schoolyard for the first day only

### Before Arriving At School

- Please ensure that your child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather
- It is a good practice to label all clothing, shoes, and backpacks in case they are misplaced

### Kiss and Ride Reminders



- Please be patient when using the Kiss and Ride
- Once students are at a safe distance away, ensure it is safe and pull out of the Kiss and Ride to exit the area
- Should you wish to park and drop off your child/children, please park on the street (by-law permitting) and safely walk your child to school

### Kindergarten Information

- Students can be dropped off at the gate of the kindergarten yard (Entrance F) each day
- On the first day, Kindergarten teachers, ECEs, and support staff will welcome them for

morning recess (8:15 a.m.)

- Once parents and caregivers drop off their child/children, we ask kindly that you immediately leave the area to avoid congestion
- Kindergarten students are asked to bring indoor shoes and a change of clothes in a bag labeled with your child's name
- Kindergarten students can be picked up at the end of the day in front of the Kindergarten Yard where they were dropped off

### **Grades 1 to 8 Information (Please use Map above)**

- Grades 1 to 5 will enter through Entrance C
- Grades 6 to 8 will enter through Entrance D
- We kindly ask that parents and caregivers immediately leave the area after dropping off their child/children **after** the first day of school
- At the end of the school day, please note the doors from which students will be exiting:
  - Kindergarten: Exit F
  - Grade 1: Exit B
  - Grades 2 to 5: Exit C
  - Grades 6 to 8: Exit D
- Classroom teachers will show their students where and how to line up in the morning and for recess. They will also go over many of the everyday routines of the school day

### **Visitors**

- Parents/guardians are asked to book an appointment to visit the school
- Visitors to our school must sign in at the office

### **Volunteers and Programs**

- More information regarding our hot lunch program and volunteer programs will be sent at a later date

### **Indoor Shoes**

- All students are encouraged to bring indoor and outdoor shoes that are labelled with their name

### **Medical Forms**

- If your child/children have medical needs such as an anaphylactic allergy, asthma or require the use of prescription or non-prescription medication, please visit our school website to download and fill out the forms prior to the start of school

### **Safe Arrival**

- Absences and lates must be reported using our Safe Arrival System
- Before bell time for the current day please call **1-855-865-7862** or online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>
- If you are reporting absences or lates after the start of the school day (8:30 am), please contact the main office directly
- In the event that your child is not feeling well during the school day, please ensure that you have a pick-up plan in place

## **Lunch**

- As part of our allergy plan, please remind your child/children not to share food, utensils, or drinks
- Parents/guardians are allowed to drop off lunches/snacks during the school day, however, students are encouraged to bring their lunch with them
- If you are dropping off a lunch, please ring the buzzer and place the labelled lunch on our hot lunch table
- Delivery services such as Uber Eats are not allowed
- If your child/children have food that contains an allergen, they will be asked to eat their lunch in the office

## **Suggested September Materials**

- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle that can be refilled at our water filling stations
- Students are asked to bring a lunch and 2 snacks from home with them in the morning
- Personal school supplies such as pencils, pens, markers, erasers, scissors, pencil sharpener, glue, pencil case, pencil crayons, ruler, etc...
- Indoor shoes
- Teachers will communicate to their classes should there be other items needed in a class letter
- JK students will be provided with a portfolio binder and communication folder at a cost of \$6 per student
- SK students will be provided with a portfolio binder at a cost of \$4
- Primary students will receive an agenda and communication folder for \$10
- Students in Grades 4 to 6 will receive an agenda at a cost of \$8
  
- All items can be paid for by cash in a labelled Ziploc bag directly to your child/children's teacher during the first week of school

## **Students Receiving Special Education**

- Students with Individual Education Plans will continue to receive support through our Core Resource Teachers
- Educational Assistants will also be working with students receiving alternative programming

## **Bus Transportation**

- Please check the [School Bus City Website](#) for your child/children's route and pick-up/drop-off time and location
- Please arrive at your child/children's bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time during the first two weeks of school.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school office and we will do our best to support you
- At the end of the day, Kindergarten students will be walked by an EA and/or ECE to their bus for dismissal
- Kindergarten and Primary (Grades 1 and 2) students will be given a bus tag to indicate their bus number and stop on the first day of school

**Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to keep our children safe.**