

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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### October 4th, 2024

#### Interim Director of Education

Mr. J. De Faveri

**Catholic School Trustee** 

Ms. M. Barbieri

**School Superintendent** 

Ms. A. lafrate

Pastor(s)

Rev. George Parayil

**Principal** 

Mr. A. Modica

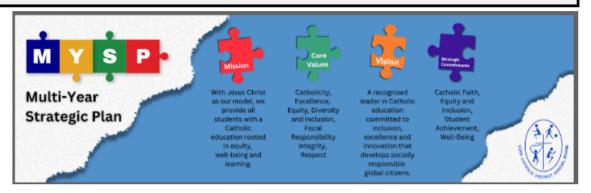
**Senior Secretary**Ms. G. DiPietrantonio

To report student absences and lates, call 1-855-856-7862 or visit

go.schoolmessenger.ca

#### Our **School Day:**

8:15 - Supervision Begins 8:30 - Classes Begin 9:50-10:05 - AM Recess 11:25-12:25 - Lunch 1:45 - 2:00 -PM Recess 3:20 - End of Day



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you to our students for their excellent work in practicing our safety drills throughout the week.

This week, our Hot Lunch Order Forms went home with students. We are looking forward to the beginning of our programs and kindly ask that all order forms (paid by individual cheque) be returned to school by Wednesday, Oct. 9th, 2024.

We are also looking forward to our Thanksgiving Food Drive that will begin next week.

Please see the information below for details on our upcoming week together.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica Principal

#### **CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH**



## **Thanksgiving Mass**

On Thursday, October 17th, 2024, we welcome Fr. George who will be celebrating Thanksgiving Mass with our school community.

We look forward to our Grade 2's organizing the Mass and parent seating will be available at the back of the gym.

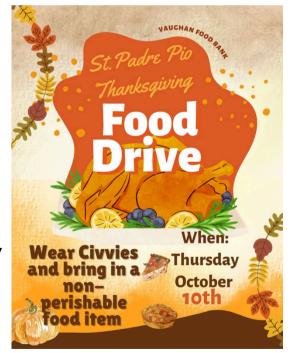
### **Thanksgiving Food Drive**

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are excited to announce our annual food drive in support of the Vaughan Food Bank. We invite our students to participate by bringing in non-perishable food items to help those in need in our community.

On Thursday, October 10th, students are encouraged to come to school in civvies (casual clothing) and bring along a food item to donate. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to show kindness and generosity during this special season of gratitude.

Suggested items include canned goods, pasta, rice, and other shelf-stable foods. Every donation, no matter how small, can make a significant impact!

Thank you for your support in making this drive a success. Together, we can help those in our community enjoy a brighter Thanksgiving.





#### **SAFE & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

### **Catholic School Council Update**

I would like to make a correction to last week's CSC information. This year we have 19 nominees for the St. Padre Pio Catholic School Council. All members of our council were acclaimed at our meeting on Monday, September 30th, 2024.

I would also like to take the opportunity to welcome our members and thank those who put their names forward to be a part of our executive council. I look forward to working with everyone throughout the year to support the St. Padre Pio school community.

#### **CSC Members:**

Melissa DiMillo (Co-Chair)

Diana DiMillo Monteleone (Co- Chair)

Stephanie DeGiorgio (Treasurer)

Stephanie Scicchitano (Secretary)

Alex Cabral

Soma Camilli

Daniele DiNicolantonio

Julie Evangelista

Josie Filippelli-Giovenco

Carmela Leli

Angela Marcantonio

Angie Meleca-Mazzuchin

Amanda Mezzatesta

Luisa Pannozzi

Cathy Raia

Stephanie Rodolfi

Antonio Ruscetta

Robert Russo

Christina Sisca



### **INCLUSION, EQUITY & WELL-BEING**

### **Helping Children Manage Digital Technology**

School Mental Health Ontario is a great resource for parents, students, and staff. At various times throughout the year, our parent communication will highlight tools that can assist with leading a healthy lifestyle that promotes positive mental health.

Digital technology can be a tool to support learning, skill development, and connection with others and can provide access to help if/when needed. However, excessive use can also impact mental health and well-being.

Check out this info sheet developed to support parents and caregivers in navigating their child's use of digital technology.

https://smho-smso.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Helping-your-child-manage-digital-technology.pdf



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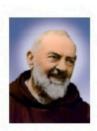
### Cross Country At Bruce's Mill

We are wishing our athletes all the best as they participate in our Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill on Monday. Go Panthers!



### **Walking Wednesdays**

Walking Wednesdays are here at St. Padre Pio. For the month of October, we are encouraging students to walk every Wednesday to school. Thank you to our Healthy Schools Committee for organizing. Please see the note below for details.



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#### Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The well-being of our students plays a crucial role in their academic performance and overall development. When students prioritize their physical and mental health, they are more likely to engage actively in learning, build strong relationships, and develop the resilience necessary to face challenges. As a result, our school will continue to focus on the health and well-being of our students through our school-wide initiatives from our Mental Health and Healthy Schools committee.

For the month of October, we are encouraging students to walk every Wednesday to school. For those families who do not live within walking distance of the school, you may park within the school community so that your child has an opportunity to participate in our **Walking Wednesday**. If your child walks to school all 4 weeks, they will have an opportunity to submit their name at the end of the month for a chance to win a prize.

Sincerely,

The Healthy School Committee

#### QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### **CCAT Testing (Grade 4 Students)**

Commencing in October, all grade 4 students in the York Catholic District School Board will take part in a group standardized assessment. St. Padre Pio CES will be conducting our test from Tuesday, October 8th, 2024 to Friday, October 11th, 2024. Classroom teachers will administer the Canadian Cognitive Abilities Test (CCAT) to their classes.

We wish our Grade 4 students the best of luck!



#### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

#### **October**

Monday, Oct. 7th

Cross Country Tournament at Bruce's Mill

Wednesday, Oct. 9th

Hot Lunch Orders Due

Monday, Oct. 14th

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Oct. 17th

Thanksgiving Mass with Fr. George

Monday, Oct. 21st

PA Day (No School For Students)

Wednesday, Oct. 23rd

CSC Meeting (7:00 pm)

Thursday, Oct. 31st

Halloween