

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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December 6th, 2024

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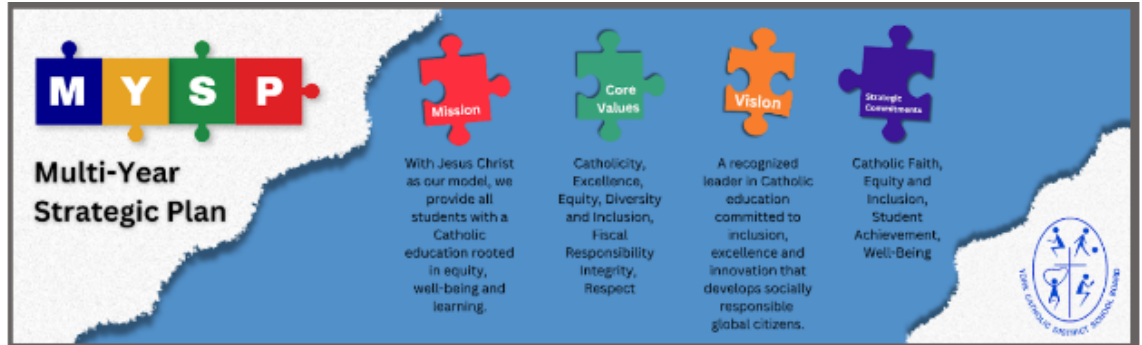
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Mr. A. Modica



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Advent is a season of joyful waiting, a time of hope when we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child who comes into our lives each day. During Advent, we prepare our hearts and minds for the arrival of Christmas when we celebrate the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago. We want to thank Fr. George and our Grade 1 students and teachers for reminding us of the meaning of Christmas during our beautiful Advent Mass on Thursday.

I would also like to thank Mr. Civichino and Sister Emanuelle for the beautiful donation of our new altar which was blessed at our Mass.

As we approach the next week together, please see the information below for more details.

Yours in Catholic Education,
Mr. A. Modica
Principal

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

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: HOPE

This month we celebrate the Virtue of Hope. Through our classroom activities and announcements, we will encourage students to reflect upon the following virtue statement:

- With God's grace, I will never give up hope.
- I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.

ST. PADRE PIO CHRISTMAS PLAY

On Wednesday, December 18th, and Thursday, December 19th, our school will be celebrating the spirit of Christmas with our school production: **This Is Christmas.**

The cost of each ticket is \$5.00. Due to Fire Regulations and to accommodate all families, there will be a limit of 2 tickets per family per performance.

Should there be space available closer to the performance date, more tickets will be released for families who wish to purchase more than 2 for a particular performance.

Proceeds from the show will help support the cost of the performance. Any funds above that will be donated to ShareLife.

There will be two times available on each day for parents/guardians to attend. We will have shows on both days at 10:15 am and 2:15 pm. Doors will open 15 minutes before the start of the production.

We hope you can join us.



VAUGHAN FOOD BANK COLLECTION CONTINUES

This year, our incredible Student Leadership members have been shining examples of courage, compassion, and hope, working tirelessly to make a difference in our school and community. Now, they're inviting YOU to join them in a heartwarming initiative to spread joy this holiday season!

We are continuing to collect items for the Vaughan Food Bank that will bring smiles and warmth to those in need. You can help by donating non-perishable food items, new toys as well as warm clothing.

To make this even more exciting, students who bring in a donation will be allowed to wear civvies on **Friday, December 13th!**

Your generosity will directly support families and individuals in our community who could use a helping hand. Every item donated is a step toward making someone's holiday season brighter. Thank you for your kindness and support. Together, we can make a difference!

Warm regards,
The Student Leadership Committee



BUS LOOP PARKING REMINDER

During drop-off and pick-up, we continue to have families who park in the Bus Loop Area. We ask parents not to park in this area so that our bus can disembark and load students safely. If you are parked in this area, you will kindly be asked to move your vehicle.

Thank you for your cooperation.



INCLUSION, EQUITY & WELL-BEING

THE BOOK FAIR RETURNS TO ST. PADRE PIO

This year our Scholastic Book Fair will take place from December 9th to 12th, 2024.

We will be hosting a Family Night on Monday, December 9th, 2024 from 3:30 pm to 8:00 pm. We hope to see you there. Please see the flyer below for details.

COMMUNITY WELLNESS

During the winter months, it's common for students to experience colds or the flu. To help keep everyone healthy, please encourage your child to practice proper hand and respiratory hygiene, such as washing hands regularly, disposing of used tissues properly, and sneezing or coughing into their elbow.

If your child is feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you allow them to rest and recover at home. This not only helps them recuperate but also serves as an important preventative measure to support the health of our entire school community.

Thank you for your cooperation.





ST. PADRE PIO
BOOK FAIR

MON. DEC. 9 - THUR. DEC. 12
8:30 AM - 3:30 PM DAILY

Are you able to volunteer? Please
fill out this form or scan the QR
code!

<https://bit.ly/BookFairSPP>



FAMILY NIGHT

MON. DEC. 9
3:30-8:00 PM

Your child will be coming home with a wish list on Mon. Dec. 9!



ST. PADRE PIO CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Please see the flyer below for information regarding the Mary Matthew Public Speaking Contest hosted by the St. Padre Pio Catholic Women's League. The contest is open to all Grade 7 & 8 parishioners of St. Padre Pio Parish.

CREATIVE CLUB IS COMING TO ST. PADRE PIO

This week flyers went home with students in grades 1 to 6 with an opportunity to participate in a lunchtime program lego program with Creative Club. Please see the flyer below for program dates and pricing.

SCHOOL DAY: REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Over the next few days, students will be given a letter that contains information on how to register for the School Day Online Payment System. Please note that in the coming months, we will be offering payment through this online system for trips, class activities, the yearbook, and other items that will be available to families throughout the school year.

We are encouraging all families to sign up at their earliest convenience if they have not already done so.



With a bucket of Lego, you can tell any story. You can build an airplane or a dragon or a pirate ship - it's whatever you can imagine.

Christopher Miller

At **Creative Club Global**...we celebrate the LEGO® Brick with education programs to ignite learning at lunchtime, in classrooms, and at Family Math & STEM Night programs.

Joyful play is the key to unlocking your child's potential. Our programs help children develop crucial skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, teamwork, and adaptability as they build amazing structures. Join us as we work towards shaping a future where innovation and imagination are at the forefront of success!



Register [Here](#) for Lunchtime at St. Padre Pio

We are thrilled to be back with our Lunchtime Program at St. Padre Pio - Lunchtime Build & Design with LEGO® Bricks & Robotics. We have New Themes and Projects to Explore this Year!



Register today and your kids will embark on a **9-week creative journey** crafting stunning LEGO® structures with friends, exploring the limits of their imagination, and learning new skills including robotics and programming.



9 Week program starts on January 13, 2025

Program 1 – Build & Design with LEGO® Bricks – 5 weeks - Grades 1 – 6

Students learn building techniques through instruction and group building of various projects. **New Projects include Restaurants, Theme Parks and more...** Fun and Exciting for all LEGO® fans!



Dates: Wednesdays starting Jan. 15th

Program 2 – World of Robotics – 4 weeks - Grades 1 – 3

Learn how to build and program robots using robots from LEGO® Education. Instruction and iPads provided.



Dates: Wednesdays starting February 21st

Register Early. Deadline: Dec. 11th Spaces are Limited

Online: Click [HERE](#) or <https://creativeclubglobal.com/product/school-registration/>
No Refunds

NOTE: Online Registration only - Choose options: 'A', 'B' or 'C' ONLY

Options:

- A. Full Education Package – LEGO® & Robotics - 9 weeks - \$180 + tax
- B. Build & Design with Bricks – Grades 1 - 6 for 5 weeks. - \$90 + tax
- C. World of Robotics – Grades 1 - 3 for 4 weeks. - \$95 + tax

Questions? Email Amanda@CreativeClubGlobal.com

SPONSORED BY THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE
OF ST. PADRE PIO PARISH



MARY MATTHEW PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

JANUARY 22, 2025 AT 6:45P.M.

ST. PADRE PIO CES

770 NAPA VALLEY AVE, WOODBRIDGE, ON L4H 1W9

ELIGIBILITY:

- GRADE 7 AND 8 STUDENTS ONLY
- PARISHIONERS OF ST. PADRE PIO PARISH

CRITERIA:

1. PREPARED SPEECH

- CONTESTANTS WILL CHOOSE THEIR OWN TOPICS
- 3-5 MINUTES IN LENGTH

2. IMPROMPTU SPEECH

- 1 MINUTE IN LENGTH WITH 2 MINUTE PREPARATION TIME



MONETARY AWARD

THE WINNER WILL MOVE ON TO
THE REGIONAL COMPETITION

Register by January 10th, 2025
Criteria and Regulations Package



For additional inquiries email:
spp.cwl.servicechair@gmail.com



DATES TO REMEMBER:

December

Mon. Dec. 9th

Kindergarten Community Helper
Presentation From YFS

Book Fair Begins & Parent Evening

Fri. Dec. 13th

Civvies Day

Wed. Dec. 18th - Thurs. Dec. 19th

Christmas Play
10:15 am and 2:15 pm

Mon. Dec. 23rd - Jan. 3rd

Christmas Holidays

