

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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January 17th, 2025

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Ms. A. Iafrate

Pastor

Rev. George Parayil

Principal

Mr. A. Modica

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We would like to wish our Knights of Columbus free throw competitors the best of luck as they compete at St. Stephen this weekend in their free throw tournament! Go Panthers!

Next week we will be recognizing Bell Let's Talk Day with theme days and activities for students. Thank you to our student Mental Health Champions for organizing.

Please see the information below for details on our upcoming week together at St. Padre Pio.

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

M Y S P

Multi-Year Strategic Plan

- Mission**
With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.
- Core Values**
Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect
- Vision**
A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.
- Strategic Commitments**
Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement, Well-Being

JUBILEE PRAYER 2025

This year we celebrate the Jubilee and its theme of being Pilgrims of Hope. With that in mind, we would like to share this Jubilee Prayer with our school community.

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

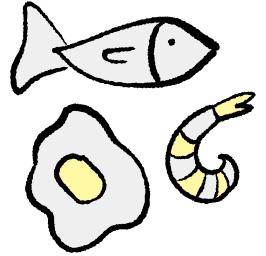
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise forever.

Amen.



ALLERGY POLICY REMINDER

- Our school is an allergy-safe school and as such we ask parents to be diligent when sending food and snacks to school to ensure that they are peanut and nut-free.
- At the beginning of the year, teachers also sent home information regarding other anaphylactic allergies that are present in their classroom; we kindly ask you to double-check all items to ensure that they are allergy-safe.
- This includes bought lunches that enter the school; if your child's lunch contains an allergen they will be asked to eat it in the office with a friend.
- **To help ensure student safety** St. Padre Pio has a no food-sharing policy including celebrations in the classroom such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Birthdays, etc.
- Though many equate the idea of celebrating with food and gift-giving, we ask that all families adhere to our policy of non-food treats.
- Alternative items could include the following non-food items:
 - Pencils, Erasers, Stickers, Notepads
 - Games
 - A donation of a book/toy/game to the classroom



By adhering to this policy, we can better ensure that we are protecting our students with allergies.

BELL LET'S TALK THEME DAYS

- Bell Let's Talk Day is Wed. January 22nd, 2025.
- During the week, our Student Mental Health Leads will be visiting classrooms to share a presentation on mental health.
- We will also be organizing theme days for the week.
- Please see the information below for details.

"Mindful Monday"	"Wear Green Tuesday"	"Let's Talk Wednesday"	"Tropical Thursday"	"Feel Good Friday"
<p>Wear a coloured shirt, with your uniform bottoms, that represents your mindset today.</p> <p>One of the best things for our mental health is when we express ourselves.</p>	<p>Wear a green shirt with your uniform bottoms, to show your support.</p> <p>Green is the international colour of mental health.</p>	<p>Wear a blue or white shirt with your uniform bottoms, to help support Bell's initiative to bring awareness to mental health.</p> <p>Blue and white are the symbolic colours for the Bell Let's Talk Day campaign.</p>	<p>Wear your favourite tropical shirt or accessory with your uniform bottoms.</p> <p>Taking a vacation or looking forward to something positive can help relieve stress.</p>	<p>Wear your favourite activewear to remind you that your physical health is just as important as your mental health.</p> <p>Physical activity boosts mental health.</p>

QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

HOT LUNCH WINTER SESSION

- Our new hot lunch session for Tubbies, BBQ Xpress, and Booster Juice begins on Monday
- Our new pizza session begins Friday, February 7th, 2025
- Thank you to those who continue to support our hot lunch program

JUST CATERING FOR KIDS

- Please see the poster below for details on the updated Just Catering For Kids menu if you are interested in having your child purchase a hot lunch on Wednesdays.



Happy New Year

Wishing our wonderful community and school a year filled with health, joy and peace. Thank you very much for your continued support.

The new menu is ready and online for you to order. **REMEMBER YOU CAN ORDER ONCE A WEEK OR THE WHOLE TERM, THE ONLY DEADLINE IS 2 DAYS PRIOR TO DELIVERY.**

How to place your order?

- 1) Log into justcateringforkids.com
- 2) Click place order here
- 3) Click register for first time ordering.
- 4) Log into your account.
- 5) Click add/view students
- 6) Click add child and fill in required information
- 7) Left tab click order now and select the child you want to order for and complete order and payment
- 8) If adding on to an existing order, please log in to your account, select history then edit. Menu will pop up to add on too
- 9) No cheques to the school, please etransfer justcateringforkids@rogers.com or you can pay by [credit card on line](#)

Inclement weather: If **buses are cancelled lunches are cancelled You will be issued a credit on your account.**

Thank You once again for your continuing to support small business, Just Catering for Kids

365 Healey Road Unit 9, Bolton, Ontario L7E1A5

DAIRY EDUCATION PROGRAM IS COMING TO SPP

The dairy education program serves as an interesting and unique learning vehicle for students to expand their knowledge of the world around them, understand the origins of their food, and to make healthy choices to fuel their bodies and minds.



We look forward to their visit on January 21st, for our Grades K to 3 classes.

JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

We would like to wish all of our athletes on the Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams all the best as they participate in their Divisional Tournaments this week!

The Boys Junior Tournament will take place at St. Padre Pio on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025.

The Girls Junior Tournament will take place at Our Lady of Fatima on Thursday, January 23rd, 2025.

Go Panthers!



THE EARTH RANGERS ARE COMING TO ST. PADRE PIO

The Earth Rangers will embark on an exciting “choose your own adventure” journey with our students in Grades K to 8. This presentation will showcase the vital roles of science in protecting animals and the environment. It will also dive into the importance of species conservation and how our everyday actions can significantly impact Earth’s biodiversity.

You can also visit the [Earth Rangers Website](#) for more information.

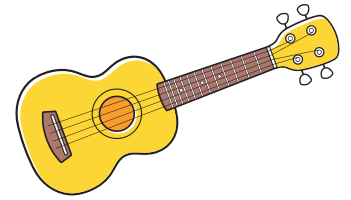
The presentation will take place in our gym on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025 from 10:15 am - 11:15 am.



UKULELE CLUB REGISTRATION REMINDER

The club is available for students in Grades 1 to 6 and takes place during the lunch hour.

Please complete registrations and payments online at www.ukulelekids.org before Tuesday, January 21st, 2025 to guarantee your ukulele colour choice.



DISCOVERING MATH CAMP OPPORTUNITY

DMC is a virtual math enrichment program by the University of Waterloo designed to introduce students in Grades 6- 8 to various areas of mathematics. It offers a space to cultivate their mathematical understanding and hone their problem-solving skills through immersive lessons, interactive activities, and collaborative challenges.

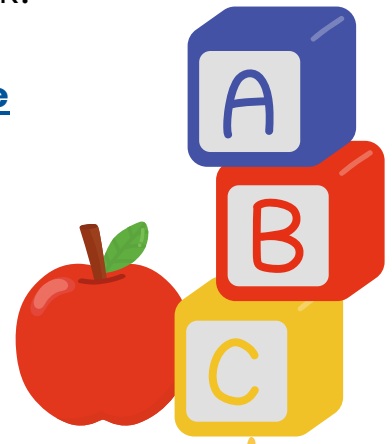
- When: Monday March 10th, 2025 – Friday March 14th, 2025
 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m
- Applications can be submitted here:
<https://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/events/DMC/>
- The application process closes on February 10th, 2025, at 9:00 p.m.
- Please see the flyer below for details.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Kindergarten registration is now open for families who wish to enroll their child in our Kindergarten program at St. Padre Pio. Please note that students who are 4 years old as of December 31st, 2025 will be entering JK.

Families are asked to visit the [YCDSB Registration Website](#) to register.

Please see the flyer attached below for details.



DISCOVERING MATH CAMP

WHAT IS IT?

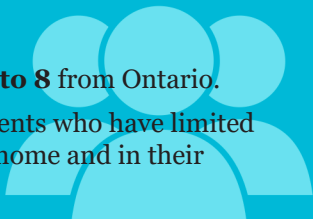
Discovering Math Camp is a **virtual** program for Ontario students in **grades 6 to 8**, held during **March break**. Led by experienced educators, it offers interactive lessons and activities to build math skills and problem-solving abilities.

With a focus on prioritizing students from underserved communities, this initiative aims to inspire a lifelong appreciation for math while building confidence and skills in a fun and enriching setting.



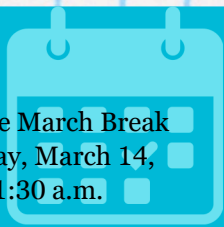
INTENDED AUDIENCE

- ▶ Students in **grades 6 to 8** from Ontario.
- ▶ We will prioritize students who have limited access to resources at home and in their community.



DATES + LOCATION

- ▶ Daily online lessons over the March Break (Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14, 2025) from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



FEES

- ▶ **No fees.**
- ▶ Discovering Math Camp is a completely free program offered by the CEMC!



WHAT TO EXPECT

- ▶ Participants will be presented with materials and problem sets at each session.
- ▶ Possible topics include counting problems with permutations and combinations, ratios and musical scales and introduction to computer science.

LEARN MORE



Interested students are required to fill out the Discovering Math Camp application form on the CEMC website by **February 10, 2025**.



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- ✓ Guided by Gospel values, every child is celebrated
- ✓ Play-based environment nurtures a love of learning
- ✓ STREAM-inspired spaces for young problem solvers
- ✓ Build a strong foundation for academic success

REGISTER HERE



**OR VISIT
WWW.YCDSB.CA**

Children entering JK must be 4 years old by December 31, 2025. Children entering SK must be 5 years old by December 31, 2025.

FREE PARENT EQAO WEBINAR- WINTER 2025

Parents can register for a free live webinar and learn about the EQAO math questions that Ontario students encounter when they participate in Ontario's large-scale assessments. These assessments are taken by all Ontario students in Grades 3, 6, and 9.

During the webinar, EQAO staff will show how these math questions help assess the skills students are learning in their math classes. Staff will also share valuable insights from the past three years of assessment results, which can help parents and guardians support their children's math learning.

Choose one of the following webinar dates:

- January 28th, 2025, starting at 6:30 pm
- February 18th, 2025, starting at 6:30 pm

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Registration link: <https://bit.ly/eqao-winter25>



January

Tues. Jan. 21st

Dairy Farmers of Ontario Presentation
(Grades 1 to 3)

Wed. Jan. 22nd

Junior Boys Volleyball Tournament at
St. Padre Pio

Thurs. Jan. 23rd

Junior Girls Volleyball Tournament at
Our Lady of Fatima

Wed. Jan. 29th

Catholic School Council Meeting
7:00 pm (Library)

Fri. Jan. 31st

PA Day