

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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January 24th, 2025

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Ms. A. Iafrate

Pastor

Rev. George Parayil

Principal

Mr. A. Modica

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

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you to our Mental Health Champions for preparing our theme days and lessons that were shared this week during our Let's Talk Mental Health Awareness Week.

This Friday, January 31st, 2025, is a PA Day and there is no school for students. Our staff will be engaged in presentations around curriculum as well as review our school goals.

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

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

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

MASCOT CONTEST AT SPP

We are thrilled to announce a fun and creative contest to name our St. Padre Pio School mascot!

- Each class will be asked to submit a name for our mascot
- Our students will then vote on a name
- Thank you to our Catholic School Council for supporting this initiative

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

- Our next Catholic School Council Meeting will take place this Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 at 7:00 pm in our library.
- Parents are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER

- Stay tuned for information on our Krispy Kreme Donut Fundraiser being organized by our Catholic School Council.
- A flyer with more details on how to order will be sent later next week.
- There are many prizes available to be won!



PEDICULOSIS (LICE) REMINDER

- The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level.
- Pediculosis is not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance.
- To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits.
- If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.
- A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the parent/guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form" and communicating to the principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.
- More information on the identification, treatment, and prevention of pediculosis can be found on our school website as well as the Canadian Pediatric Society and Toronto Public Health.

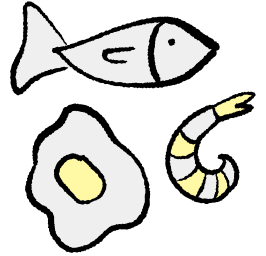
Parent Resources:

- https://www.caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/head_lice
- toronto.ca/health



ALLERGY POLICY REMINDER

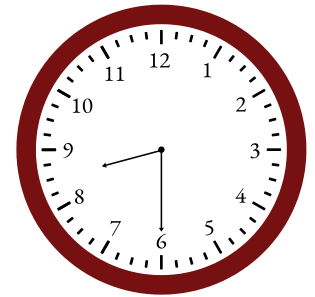
- Our school is an allergy-safe school and as such we ask parents to be diligent when sending food and snacks to school to ensure that they are peanut and nut-free.
- At the beginning of the year, teachers also sent home information regarding other anaphylactic allergies that are present in their classroom; 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.

PUNCTUALITY

- Please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. School begins at 8:30 am.
- Students demonstrate commitment, respect, initiative, and responsibility when they arrive on time.
- Punctuality also shows consideration for others, since being late for class may disrupt the learning environment.
- At St. Padre Pio, we are working for student success and achievement, as it is related to developing lifelong character traits and learning habits of respect, initiative, responsibility, integrity, and work ethic.
- Thank you for your continued support.



VACATIONS

- If you are planning a vacation outside of the school board's designated holidays please get in touch with your child's teacher and the office.
- We ask that your child's absences are recorded online using our safe arrival system and that a note is provided to both the classroom teacher and the main office.
- Please note that students' progress is affected whenever they are out of school.
- If your child will be missing more than 15 school days, a form must be completed at the office.



JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENTS

Congratulations to both our Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams as they participated in their respective tournaments. Both teams will be participating in a ShareLife Invitational Tournament next week and we wish them the best of luck!

We know that they will continue to show sportsmanship and teamwork along with their fantastic skill.

Go Panthers!



CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL INVENTORS MUSEUM

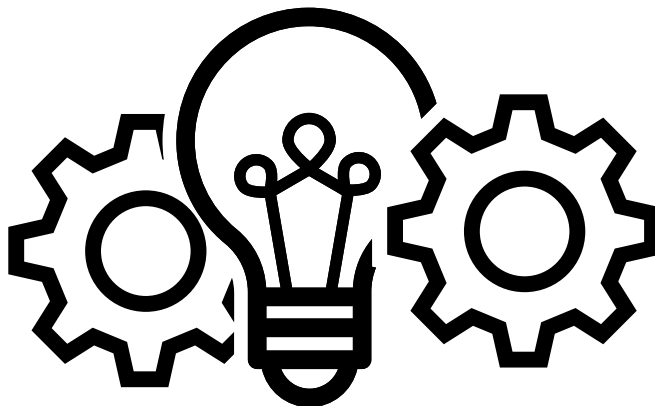
On Wednesday, February 12th, St. Padre Pio will welcome presenters from the Canadian Multicultural Inventors Museum. This interactive museum provides students the opportunity to dive into information on international Caribbean inventors.

The CMIM is a Multicultural STEM Organization, promoting the integration of Science within Cultures and meaningfully contributing to an existing multicultural society that celebrates diversity.

We look forward to their visit for all classes from Kindergarten to Grade 8.

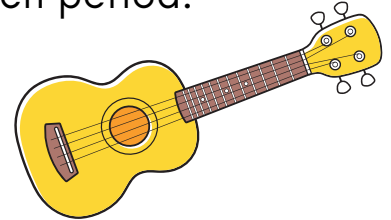
For more information, you can visit their exhibit website at:

<https://www.multiculturalmuseums.com/exhibitions>



UKULELE CLUB REGISTRATION REMINDER

- Our Ukulele Club began today. Due to unforeseen circumstances, classes will be moved from Friday to Tuesday beginning next week.
- Classes take place in the Music Room during the lunch period.



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.

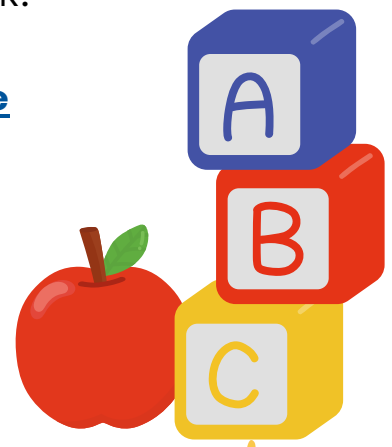
- When: Monday March 10th, 2025 – Friday March 14th, 2025
 - 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m
- Applications can be submitted here:
<https://cemc2.math.uwaterloo.ca/events/DMC/>
- The application process closes on February 10th, 2025, at 9:00 p.m.
- Please see the flyer below for details.

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?

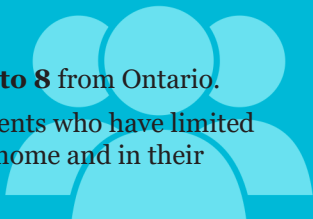
Discovering Math Camp is a **virtual** program for Ontario students in **grades 6 to 8**, held during **March break**. Led by experienced educators, it offers interactive lessons and activities to build math skills and problem-solving abilities.

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.



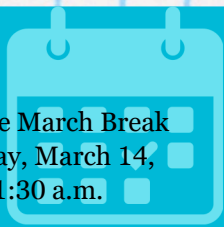
INTENDED AUDIENCE

- ▶ 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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JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY OF LEARNING



- ✓ 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.

January

Wed. Jan. 29th

Catholic School Council Meeting

Fri. Jan. 31st

PA Day

February

Tues. Feb. 4th

Earth Rangers Presentation
(K to 8 at 10:15 am)

Tues. Feb. 11th

Report Cards Available After 4 pm
Through the Parent Portal

Wed. Feb. 12th

Multicultural Inventors Museum
(K to 8 in the Library)

Mon. Feb. 17th

Family Day

Mon. Feb. 24th - Fri. Feb. 28th

St. Padre Pio Carnival

