



# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## May 5th, 2025

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**School Superintendent**  
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**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),

As Catholic Education Week approaches, we would like to invite our parent community to our STREAM Evening on Thursday, May 8th, 2025, from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We hope you will be able to join us as students work hard to prepare their STREAM projects, which will be displayed on this evening throughout our hallways.

This month is also Asian Heritage Month, and we look forward to celebrating this special month through our lessons and announcements.

Please see the information below for our upcoming week 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](http://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

## CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This weekend, we wish our Grade 2 students all the best as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We are very proud of their efforts in preparing for this special moment and of their spiritual growth. Congratulations and may God bless our students as they continue on their faith journey.



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MASS LIVESTREAM

As part of the Catholic Education Week celebration, this year's Province-wide Mass will be celebrated by the Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton.

Mass will be live-streamed from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Please click [HERE](#) to access the livestream on that day (Then click on "live").

Families are invited to participate virtually in this celebration of the Eucharist. Our school will be viewing a recorded version of the Mass after lunch.



"We must fan the flame of hope  
that has been given to us."

*Pope Francis*

## VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: RESPONSIBILITY

During the month of May, we recognize and celebrate the Catholic Virtue of Responsibility. Please see and share the poster below.



# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Grades K-4

# CATHOLIC VIRTUES

A virtue is the power or attitude to do good.

A Christian virtue is based on the message of Jesus, leading us to become more like God. Virtues are many, but all our virtues are rooted in the seven traditional virtues.

## A PRAYER FOR RESPONSIBILITY

Dear God,  
Teach us to recognize that Responsibilities are an opportunity for growth.  
May our responsibilities guide us to be the best we can be.  
Amen.



## VIRTUE RESPONSIBILITY

Key Words: ACCOUNTABILITY, STEWARDSHIP

Responsibility as a virtue means acting in a way that shows love for our neighbours and creation as gifts of God. The Catholic Church proclaims that every human being has a responsibility to our sisters and brothers wherever they live in the world.



*"Use the gifts you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you."*  
-St. Thérèse of Lisieux

## MODELS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Some Saints Who Model this Virtue:

- Saint Joseph
- Saint Brigid

Others Who Model this Virtue:

- those who work for positive social change and peace

Scripture Passage:

*"The Parable of the Talents."*  
(Matt. 25: 14-15, 19-21)



## WHEN WE MIGHT NEED THIS VIRTUE:

- when others are depending on us
- when working as part of a group
- when we see something unjust



## "I WILL" STATEMENTS

- I will actively care for the good of others and God's creation.
- I will fulfill my commitments even when it becomes difficult to do so.
- I will be accountable for the things I say and do.



# MAY: RESPONSIBILITY

## ST. PADRE PIO UNIFORM DRESS CODE

We thank the parent community for their continued support in the endeavour of upholding our school uniform policy. Staff and administration at St. Padre Pio are continuing to monitor the implementation of the school's uniform policy and we would kindly ask our families to review the following:

### **All students must wear:**

- navy dress pants/walking shorts ( no side pockets, no cargo pants or track pants )
- skirt is optional for girls
- school crested golf shirt ( short or long sleeve) or school crested white or navy t-shirt
- School crested navy zip polo sweatshirt, to be worn on top of the crested white golf shirt or school crested t-shirt

### **Gym uniform**

- Primary students may come to school dressed in their gym uniform only on their gym days
- JK-3: school crested t-shirt, white or navy (not collared polo), not St. Padre Pio Panthers emblazoned t-shirt (this is for grades 4 – 8)
- School crested navy gym shorts or school crested navy sweat pants
- Grades 4 – 8 students are required to change for gym class and are also eligible to play on athletic teams. They will wear: a school crested t-shirt (St. Padre Pio Panthers) and school crested black dazzle shorts.

Your continued assistance and collaboration with this matter are greatly appreciated.

## VAUGHAN IN MOTION CIVVIES DAY

Thanks to our Civvies Day this past Friday, St. Padre Pio has raised \$272.10 for Vaughan in Motion. Thank you for your continued support.



## ST. PADRE PIO INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT

St. Padre Pio will now have an Instagram account to share information with our school community. Please note, that the parent communication and website are still the best ways to get up-to-date information regarding the activities taking place at our school.

Please join us on Instagram: spp\_ycdsb



## QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### PARENT TALK WITH DR. MARY MARANO

St. Andrew CES and its Catholic School Council have invited parents to attend a PARENT TALK with Dr. Mary Marano of Life and Family Counselling on Wednesday, May 7, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. The event will take place in St. Andrew's school gym. The doors open at 6:30 pm and admission is free.

The Parent Talk: "From Overwhelmed to Empowered: Parenting in a High-Stress World" offers guidance and practical tools to help parents manage stress and strengthen family connections. In celebration of Catholic Education Week, the talk highlights the role of faith and community in empowering families.

Please see the flyer below for details.

# FROM OVERWHELMED TO EMPOWERED: PARENTING IN A HIGH STRESS WORLD

DR. MARY MARANO, MSc, DCP



Expert &  
Trusted

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- ✓ Interactive Experience
- ✓ Safe & Secure Environment
- ✓ Offering tools & insights
- ✓ Q & A Opportunity

MAY 7  
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM



Website:  
[lifeandfamilycounselling.com](http://lifeandfamilycounselling.com)

Location:



St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School



## LUNCH TIME SUPERVISOR POSITION

Would you be interested in becoming a Lunch Time Supervisor at St. Padre Pio?

Your duties would include supervising students during the lunch hour to ensure student safety both inside the school and outside on the play area.

Please note that interested candidates must have a current Vulnerable Sector Screening.

If you are interested, please send an email to our school account: [spp@ycdsb.ca](mailto:spp@ycdsb.ca)

## May

### **Mon. May 5th - Fri. May 9th**

Catholic Education Week

### **Thurs. May 8th**

STREAM Evening At St. Padre Pio  
(6:30 pm - 7:30 pm)

### **Mon. May 12th**

Junior Boys Basketball Tournament at Pope Francis

### **Tues. May 13th**

Junior Girls Basketball Tournament at St. Stephen

### **Fri. May 16th**

Gr. 7 York Region Public Health Vaccine Clinic

### **Mon. May 26th - Monday June 2nd**

Gr. 3 EQAO Assessment

