

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## May 12th, 2025

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Ms. M. Barbieri

### School Superintendent

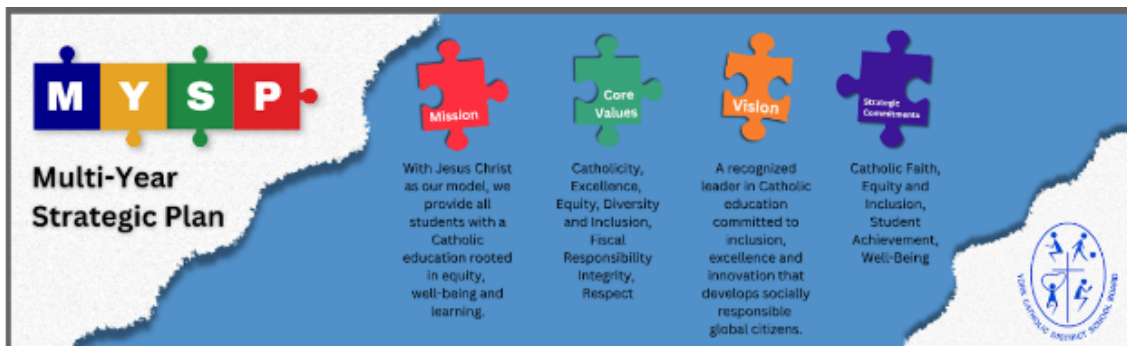
Ms. A. Iafrate

### Pastor

Rev. George Parayil

### Principal

Mr. A. Modica



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As Catholic Education Week comes to an end, I would like to thank all of the families who were able to join us yesterday evening for our STREAM Showcase. Some of the exhibits will be on our Instagram account, so be sure to add us.

Happy Mother's Day to all! I hope that you have a wonderful weekend and have the opportunity to spend time with those you cherish most.

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](https://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

## A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime of your tender-hearted love.

I thanked God for the caring you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed in times of laughter and of tears

And so, I thank you from the heart for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me the best mother there could be!

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# CELEBRATING EASTER

Easter is not just a single day of celebration, but rather, it is a 50-day season culminating in Pentecost. This year the Easter Season, which began on April 20th, continues throughout the entire month of May and will end on June 8th.

## SUGGESTIONS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES:



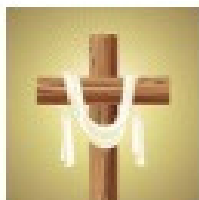
### Celebrate!

At any time during the 50 days of the Easter Season, celebrate an Easter Mass with the entire school community. Celebrate with treats, activities, and joyful gatherings that proclaim that we are an Alleluia people!

### Decorate!

Decorate with fresh spring flowers and images of the resurrected Christ.

**The Easter Lily** has long stood as a symbol of purity, hope, innocence and peace. It is a biblical flower commonly associated with the resurrection of Christ, and often is used to represent the Blessed Virgin Mary.



To reflect the Easter liturgical season, ensure that prayer centres, crosses and altars are adorned with white or yellow/gold.

**White** symbolizes purity and angels and resurrection.

**Yellow** and **Gold** are colors of celebration and God's richness.

**LIVING IN THE EASTER SEASON:** The Easter Season lasts for seven weeks or 50 days, extending between Easter and Pentecost. St. Athanasius (+373) called this period "the great Sunday".

The Easter Season is a time when Christians reflect on what it means to be God's Church, a people established in this place as witnesses to Christ's resurrection. The new life and joy of those baptized at the Easter vigil is shared by all and we remember that it is through baptism that Jesus has made us God's holy people. During the Easter season, we reflect on the many ways that Jesus is present among us.



The Easter Season also means the return of spring, with its new life, flowers and the warmth of longer days.

Whenever two or three gather in his name, Jesus is with us – at home, in church, at work or at play. He is present, speaking to us when his Gospel is proclaimed to us. He is present in our liturgical celebrations: in the assembly, the Scriptures, the ministers, in the power of his sacraments, in the Eucharist. Our Lord assures us that he is the one we help when we help others in need.



## **ST. PADRE PIO UNIFORM DRESS CODE REMINDER**

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 )
- a 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.

## KISS AND RIDE SAFETY REMINDERS

I would like to thank all of our families for their support in making our Kiss and Ride safer for our school community. As a reminder, please review the guidelines below, including with family members who may drop off students.

**Wait for Your Turn:** Please remain in line and wait until you reach an available spot before allowing your child(ren) to exit the vehicle.

**Exit onto the Sidewalk:** Students should exit the vehicle directly onto the sidewalk only, with all belongings ready to go.

**Stay in Your Vehicle:** Drivers should remain in the vehicle at all times. Avoid using the trunk during drop-off.

**Be Prepared:** Ensure your child(ren) are ready to exit with backpacks and belongings as you approach the drop-off area. This helps keep the line moving efficiently.

**Exit Safely:** Once your child has safely exited and is at a safe distance, check your surroundings and proceed out of the Kiss and Ride area carefully.

**Observe the Yellow Gate Boundary:** Please do not drive past the yellow gate to drop off students.

**Parking Option for Walk-Ups:** If you prefer to walk your child to the gate, please park in a designated parking space. Additional parking is available just past the yellow gate on the right.

**Street Parking:** Families may also choose to park on nearby streets (as permitted by by-laws) and walk their child(ren) safely to school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our students safe and our Kiss and Ride efficient.



## **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



## **EARLY DISMISSAL/PICK UP**

A reminder that if you are picking up your child, we ask that you report directly to the main office. Please do not enter the school yard or field. Our Administrative Team will page the student to meet you at the main office, where they can be signed out.

## **QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL**

## **JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAMS DIVISIONAL TOURNAMENT**

We would like to wish our Jr. Boys and Jr. Girls Basketball Teams the best of luck as they participate in their respective Divisional Tournaments this week. Our boys will be playing on Monday at Pope Francis. Our girls will be playing on Tuesday at St. Stephen.

Thank you to our coaches for their dedication and support.

Go Panthers Go!



## 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 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

