



# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## September 26th, 2025

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### Catholic School Trustee

Ms. M. Barbieri

### School Superintendent

Ms. A. Iafrate

### Pastor(s)

Rev. George Parayil

### Principal

Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

**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),

Monday is our school picture day! As a result of picture day, there will be no Cross Country practice on Monday morning.

We are also proud to announce that we reached our goal for the Terry Fox Foundation as we raised \$1,140 as a school community. Thank you for your support.

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)

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

### VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: COMPASSION

Throughout the month of October, we celebrate the virtue of Compassion. Please see the poster below for details.

**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



# YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD 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 these seven traditional virtues.

## A PRAYER FOR COMPASSION

Lord, open our eyes that we may see you in our brothers and sisters.

Lord, open our ears that we may hear the cries of the hungry, the cold, the frightened, and the oppressed.

Lord, open our hearts that we may love each other as you love us.

Renew in us your spirit.

Lord, free us and make us one.

Amen.



## VIRTUE COMPASSION

Key Words: EMPATHY, SUFFERING WITH

Compassion as a virtue means following the example of Jesus by understanding and sharing in the feelings of others. The Catholic Church teaches us to care for our sisters and brothers when they suffer.



*"Compassion is like the lens of the heart."*  
-Pope Francis

## MODELS OF COMPASSION

Some Saints Who Model this Virtue:

Saint Vincent de Paul  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Others Who Model this Virtue:

- those who care for people who are ill or dying



Scripture Passage:

*The Good Samaritan*

(Luke 10: 25-36)

## WHEN WE MIGHT NEED THIS VIRTUE:

- when we see that someone is hurting
- when we have been wronged
- when we see others in need, e.g. friends, family members, local and global community members, etc.



## "I WILL" STATEMENTS

- I will seek to understand others by listening.
- I will be willing to forgive others.
- I will give of my resources to help those in need.



# OCTOBER: COMPASSION

### National Day of Truth and Reconciliation: Orange Shirt Day

This Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. In honour of this day, students are invited to wear an orange shirt.



### BRAVE WORKSHOPS COMING TO SPP

On Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to anti-bullying workshops presented by BRAVE Education to all of our students from K to 8. The workshops will be tailored to the age group and topic.

#### Setting Healthy Boundaries: Grades K to 3

Students in Grades K to 3 will participate in the 'Setting Healthy Boundaries Workshop'. In this workshop, children will be introduced to the children's book, How Brave Found His Roar. Students will practice their body language and tone of voice through role-playing BRAVE's Walk Away, Talk Away, and Block Away communication steps.

#### Bullying, Conflicts, and Relationships: Grades 4 to 8

During this workshop, students will learn why conflict happens, how it is essential to friendships, and how to distinguish the difference between conflict and bullying. Students explore how, even in the healthiest of relationships, there can be uncomfortable interactions.

For more information on BRAVE Education, please visit their website at:

<https://braveeducation.com/program-details/#BCR>

### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Our school photo day will take place on Monday. See the poster below for more details.

# GET YOUR SMILES READY, IT'S YOUR PHOTO DAY... MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2025

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PROOFS!

On Photo Day, your child will be coming home with their **ONLINE ACCESS CODES**. Follow the easy steps to view and order your child's portrait photos at

[www.clearimages.ca](http://www.clearimages.ca)

Your photos will be available to view within 5 days.

**ONLINE ORDER GALLERY**

Visit our online gallery to view and order your photos. For easy access, follow the instructions on the side. (Your photos will be available to view within 5 days.)

PLEASE CONTACT US BY:  
**Oct 25, 20XX**

**Eastside Public School  
Christina  
Bell  
Grade 08**

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	<b>G7529</b>
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## Catholic School Council Update

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new council members and thank those who put their names forward to be a part of our executive council. All 18 voting members were acclaimed to their position. I look forward to working with everyone throughout the year to support the St. Padre Pio school community.

### CSC Members:

- Melissa Di Millo (Co- Chair)
- Diana Di Millo Monteleone (Co- Chair)
- Stephanie De Giorgio (Treasurer)
- Stephanie Scicchitano (Secretary)
- Natasha Angelucci
- Amanda Bottoni-Mezzatesta
- Sonia Camilli-Leone
- Shannon Cappellano
- Kristina Cuenca
- Josie Filippelli-Giovenco
- Julie Iacobelli
- Angie Meleca-Mazzuchin
- Luisa Pannozzi
- Cathy Raia
- Christina Romanzas
- Robert Russo
- Kristina Seca
- Christina Sisca
- Rita Angelucci (Teacher Rep.)
- Patrizia Ferazzutti (Teacher Rep.)



Council Meetings: Meetings are held in the Library at 7:00 pm

September 24th, 2025

Monday, October 20th, 2025

Wednesday, November 12th, 2025

Monday, January 12th, 2026

Monday, February 23rd, 2026

Monday, May 25th, 2026

Wednesday, June 17th, 2026

## ST. PADRE PIO SAFETY WEEK REMINDER

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The York Catholic District School Board has a primary responsibility and goal to ensure a safe learning environment for all of our students and staff in our school community.

As part of our safety initiative, St. Padre Pio, along with all other schools in the York Catholic District School Board, will be practicing a variety of safety procedures with students and staff.

The week of **September 29th - October 3rd, 2025**, has been designated as "Safety Awareness Week" for the YCDSB. During this week, we will be rehearsing a variety of emergency school procedures to acquaint students and staff with the precautionary steps to take in the event of such things as a warning of severe weather, or an intruder. In addition, throughout the year, we will hold practice drills to acquaint students with various emergency protocols. Teachers will review these procedures with students in class prior to our practice drills.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the school. Thank you for your support.



# HOT LUNCH

ORDERING NOW OPEN!

Our Hot Lunch Fall Session begins on Monday! Thank you to those who have ordered.

- Mondays: Tubbies Lunch
- Tuesdays: XPress BBQ Lunch
- Wednesday: Subway
- Thursday: Booster Juice Snack
- Friday: Pizza Nova Lunch

## YEARBOOK

### 2024-2025 St. Padre Pio Yearbook

We are excited to announce that our yearbooks have been distributed to students today! There are a few copies available for \$45 each on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit the office to purchase.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### September

**Monday, Sept. 29th**

School Photo Day  
Safety Week Begins

**Tuesday, Sept. 30th**

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:  
Orange Shirt Day

#### October

**Monday, Oct. 13th**

Thanksgiving

**Tuesday, Oct. 14th**

Grade 5 -6 Trip To Kettleby

**Wednesday, Oct. 15th**

Cross Country Meet at Bruce's Mill

**Friday, Oct. 17th**

BRAVE Workshops

**Monday, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>**

CSC Meeting 7:00 pm

**Friday, Oct. 24th**

PA Day

**Friday, Oct. 31st**

Halloween Dance