

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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December 8th, 2025

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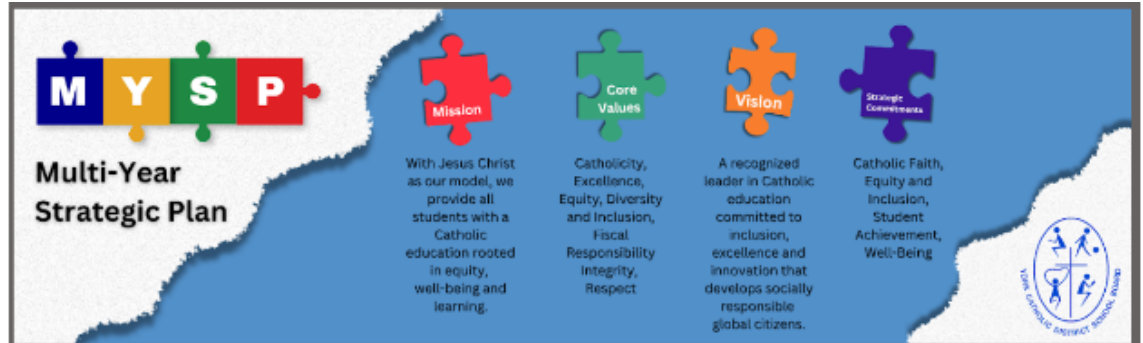
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for your support of our Evening Advent Mass at St. Padre Pio Parish. We would also like to thank Fr. George for celebrating with us on Tuesday night. Furthermore, we do want to take a moment to thank all of our students and staff who helped to organize the Mass.

Next week, our Student Leadership Committee is collecting winter clothing for the Vaughan Food Bank. As a thank you for participating, students will be invited to wear their PJs this Friday. Please see the flyer below for more details!

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

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS FOR THE VAUGHAN FOOD BANK



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: HOPE

Throughout the month of December, we celebrate and honour the virtue of hope. Daily announcements, teacher lessons, and school initiatives will highlight this important virtue as we await the birth of Jesus.

Please see the poster below for more details on this virtue.



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 HOPE

God of hope You walk with us each day;
through the halls and in our classrooms.
Thank you for your loving presence. Help us
to remember to trust you in times of
sadness or worry. Calm our fears and fill us
with your peace. Strengthen us with the
reminder that each day
is a new day and that
the future holds endless
possibilities. May we be
always guided by your
light.

Amen



VIRTUE HOPE

Key Words: TRUST IN GOD

Hope as a virtue means placing our trust in
God as we look ahead to the future in
confident expectation. In the Catholic
Church, hope means depending not on our
strength but on the help of the grace of the
Holy Spirit.



*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in
believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the
Holy Spirit."*

-St. Paul (Rom. 15:13)

MODELS OF HOPE

Some Saints Who Model this Virtue:

- Mother Mary, Mother of Jesus

Others Who Model this Virtue:

- those who participate in mission work



Scripture Passage:
The Annunciation

(Luke 1: 28-38)

WHEN WE MIGHT NEED THIS VIRTUE:

- when feeling worried or anxious/experiencing anxiety
- when facing academic challenges
- when someone we love is ill or has died



"I WILL" STATEMENTS

- I will trust in God's love.
- I will maintain a positive attitude and look for the brighter side of situations.
- I will rely on the grace of the Holy Spirit for patience and strength.



DECEMBER: HOPE

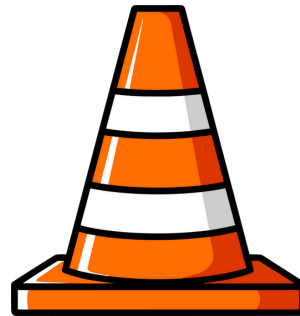
Click this link to access the full teaching resource for **Primary**

Click this link to access the full teaching resource for **Junior**

KISS AND RIDE REMINDERS

Here are a few tips to help keep our Kiss and Ride safe:

- Fully pull into the drop-off area to ensure there is space for others to pass.
- Do not drop off students in the middle lane, as this can be very dangerous; ensure they are exiting onto a sidewalk.
- Do not drop off students in front of the orange pylons (yellow-gated area)
- You are welcome to park in a parking spot or on the left side of the Kiss and Ride.
- Please watch your speed while in the Kiss and Ride for the safety of all of our pedestrians.
- Do not leave your car idling if you are parking and walking your child.
- Thank you for your continued support.



GRADE 4 CCAT UPDATE

This week CCAT data was made available to schools. If your child is in Grade 4 and you would like a copy of the results for your records, please email the school directly, and it will be provided to your child to take home in a sealed envelope.

YCDSB Active School Travel: December 2025

December is an exciting time of year!

The first day of winter falls in December!

Start of School Christmas holidays!

Spending time with Family and Friends!

It's the start of the season of giving, sharing and loving!

December is also a great time to begin to enjoy the snow and cooler weather while wearing all your warm and cozy winter gear.

As the cold months approach us the time spent outdoors is often limited. When the cold weather hits it is common for parents to want their kids to stay indoors and for youth to not want to go outside. However, there are many benefits to being outdoors in the winter including:

- Encouraging creative play,
- Increase in exercise using different muscle groups
- Getting fresh air and avoiding illness from bacteria indoors
- Improving problem-solving skills and exposure to vitamin D.

Let's bundle up, get outside and be active! Active School Travel is simple and can easily be added into your daily routine!

- Walk and/or wheel to school or to the bus stop
- Park and walk a block to school
- If Active School Travel every day is a challenge, choose one or two days a week to try and make a change.

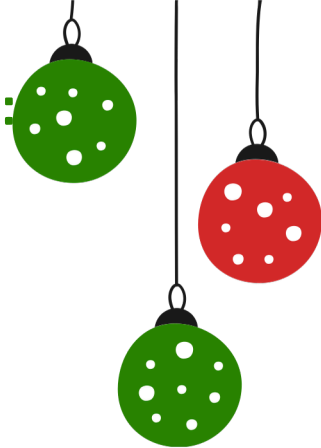


Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

STUDENT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS:

SPP CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WEEK



MONDAY
DEC 15

Grinch vs. Santa Day

Wear either a red or green shirt to show who you support this Christmas !

UNIFORM BOTTOMS



TUESDAY
DEC 16

Team Day

Show your support for your favourite winter sports team! Wear team colours, a jersey, or accessories.

UNIFORM BOTTOMS



WEDNESDAY
DEC 17

Christmas Accessory Day

Wear your favourite fun and festive accessories today!

UNIFORM SHIRTS & BOTTOMS



THURSDAY
DEC 18

Christmas Sweater Day

Wear your favourite warm and cozy Christmas sweater!

UNIFORM BOTTOMS



FRIDAY
19/12

Cozy Flannel Day

Wear your favourite flannels to keep you warm during the holidays!

CIVVIES DAY



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Decemeber

Friday, Dec. 12th

PJ Day

Mon. Dec. 15th - Fri. Dec. 19th

Spirit Week (Free)

Wednesday, Dec. 17th

Ukulele Kids Final Class &
Presentation

Thursday, Dec. 18th

SJB Band Visits SPP

Christmas Break

Dec. 22nd, 2025 - Jan. 2nd, 2026

Thursday, Dec. 25th, 2025

Merry Christmas!

January

Thursday, Jan. 1st, 2026

Happy New Year!

Monday, January 5th, 2026

School Reopens