

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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Week of January 12th, 2026

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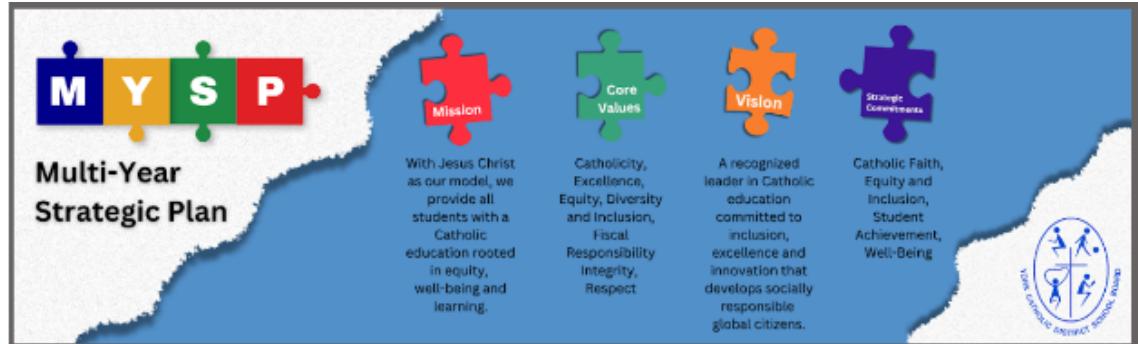
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Principal
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary
Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope our students had a great first week back to school.

This week, nurses from York Region Public Health held our dental screening and we thank them for their efforts.

Please see the information below for details on our upcoming week together.

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH: UNITY

During the month of January we celebrate the virtue of Unity. Please see the poster below for details.



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 UNITY

God of harmony and unity,
You want us all to work together to build
your kingdom.
May our ears hear your voice clearly,
May our eyes see your beauty in all,
May our understanding break down walls
of fear and ignorance.
May we make our schools and workplaces
places of belonging, places of welcome.
places of caring,
where everyone feels safe.
where everyone has a place,
where all are united in You,
dear God. Amen.

Source: YCDSB Unity Prayer

VIRTUE **UNITY**

Unity as a virtue means joining together as
one community that accepts and
appreciates the gifts and contributions
that each person has to offer. Unity is one
of the four marks of the Catholic Church,
which means that it is a clear sign that
defines who we are as a Church.



"So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another."

St. Paul, (Rom 12:5)

MODELS OF UNITY

Some Saints Who Model this
Virtue:

- Saint John Baptist Scalabrini
- Saint John XXIII

Others Who Model this Virtue:

- Catholic teachers



Scripture Passage:
*Jesus prays for His
Disciples*

(John 17: 21)

WHEN WE MIGHT NEED THIS VIRTUE:

- When meeting new people.
- When we have different ideas on how to reach a common goal.
- When participating in activities involving teamwork (e.g. extracurricular activities).

“I WILL” STATEMENTS

- I will make everyone feel welcomed and appreciated as members of God's family.
- I will take some time to learn about the similarities and differences in my community.
- I will use words that build people up, not put them down.



JANUARY: UNITY

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

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

COMMUNITY WELLNESS REMINDER

During the winter months, it's common for students to experience colds or the flu. To help keep everyone healthy, please encourage your child to practice proper hand and respiratory hygiene, such as washing hands regularly, disposing of used tissues properly, and sneezing or coughing into their elbow.

If your child is feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you allow them to rest and recover at home. This not only helps them recuperate but also serves as an important preventative measure to support the health of our entire school community.

Thank you for your cooperation.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our first Catholic School Council Meeting of 2026 will take place on Monday, January, 12th, at 7:00 p.m. in our library.

HOT LUNCH: WINTER SESSION

Please note that our new hot lunch session begins the week of January 26th, 2026. There will be **no hot lunches** until this new session begins.

Hot lunch order forms went home this week with students as well as through email. Families can order hot lunches using the School Day Website.

We kindly request that payment be made and forms returned to school by Thursday, January 15th, 2026.

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

In the event that, due to inclement weather, transportation is cancelled and schools remain open, please note:

- Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are asked to use the Safe Arrival System if your child(ren) will be absent due to inclement weather.
- Hot Lunch programs at all YCDSB Elementary Schools are cancelled.
- The decision to cancel school transportation service is region-wide, meaning all school buses, vans, and taxis are not operating.
- Please exercise discretion when deciding whether to send your child/children to school.
- Schools are open, and parent(s)/guardian(s) can make alternate arrangements to transport their children to and from school.
- School transportation is cancelled in the morning, so it will not operate in the afternoon.
- Exams, tests, quizzes, excursions, charter trips, school programs, co-curricular activities, evening presentations, workshops, in-services, and parent meetings are cancelled for the day and will be rescheduled.
- Permits are cancelled for that evening unless otherwise stated.
- Before and After School Programs make every effort to remain open in inclement weather. However, the decision to open or to close early is up to the discretion of the Child Care Operator.
- The decision to close school or cancel transportation will be communicated around 6:00 a.m. on that morning; please check your email or local news networks for details.

UPCOMING PA DAY

This Friday, January 16th, 2026, is a PA Day. There is no school for students.

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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Families of students who will be joining St. Padre Pio for the 2026-2027 school year are asked to complete their online registration. Please see the poster below for details.



York Catholic District School Board

Where faith & friendship grow together

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, 2026. Children entering SK must be 5 years old by December 31, 2026.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January



12th- CSC Meeting (7:00 pm)

16th- PA Day

19th- Jr. Boys Volleyball Tournament
at St. Padre Pio

20th- Jr. Girls Volleyball Tournament
at St. Stephen

24th- Knights of Columbus Free
Throw Tournament at St. Stephen

28th- Rosary Making For Grade 2 &
7 Students

29th- Grades 5 to 8 Tubing Trip To
Snow Valley

30th- PA Day