

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## Week of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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Ms. A. Iafrate

**Pastor(s)**  
Rev. George Parayil  
Rev. Nicetus Tairo

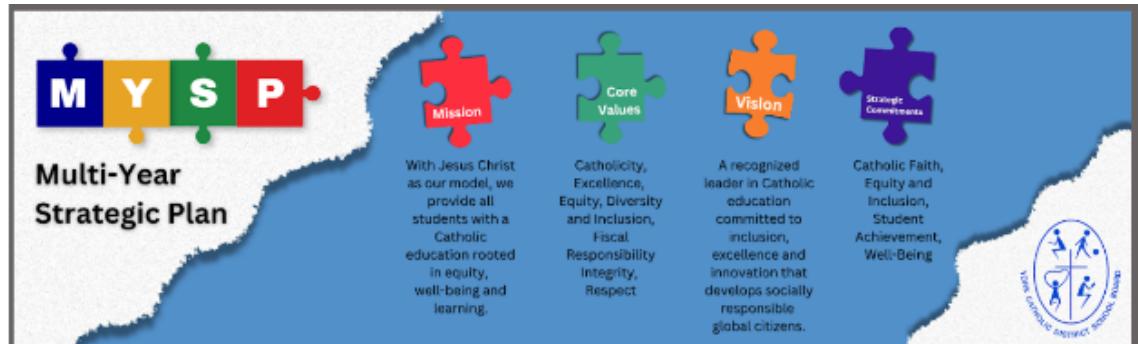
**Principal**  
Mr. A. Modica

**Senior Secretary**  
Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

**General Secretary**  
Ms. C. Recchia

**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



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026, is a PA Day, and there is no school for students.

This week, we welcome Beading Buds, who will be making Rosary Bracelets with our Grades 2 and 7 students in celebration of receiving their sacraments. We thank our Catholic School Council for supporting this initiative.

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

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica  
Principal

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

### UNITY PRAYER

**Throughout the month of January, we conclude our prayers in the morning with our special YCDSB prayer for Unity. Please feel free to share this prayer at home.**

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 prejudice.  
May we make our school,  
a place of friendship, a place of belonging,  
a place of welcome.  
where everyone feels safe.  
where everyone has a place  
where all are united in You, dear God.  
Amen.



## ST. PADRE PIO CARNAVAL

During the first week of February, St. Padre Pio will be celebrating Carnaval! Please see the chart below for our upcoming activities.

There is no cost for students to skate, but permission forms must be returned to your child's classroom teacher by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

### Skating Information: West Arena

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. Gr. 7 & 8

9:20 - 10:35 a.m. Gr. 5 - 6

9:40 - 10:55 a.m. Gr. 3 - 4

lundi le 2 février lunedì 2 febbraio	mardi le 3 février martedì 3 febbraio	mercredi le 4 février mercoledì 4 febbraio	jeudi le 5 février giovedì 5 febbraio	vendredi le 6 février venerdì 6 febbraio
<p><b><u>Tuque Jersey Day</u></b></p>  <p>Wear a tuque just like Bonhomme and your favourite Sport Jersey!</p> <p>AI Palladini Skating Grades 3 – 8 (AM)</p> <p>Winter Wonderland Activities Grades JK/SK - 1-2 (PM)</p>	<p><b><u>Italian Day</u></b></p>  <p>Giomata Italiana! Express yourself dressing in Green, White, &amp; Red. Or your favorite soccer team Jersey.</p> <p>Folie Musicale Follie Musicali Grades JK/SK 1- 6 learn Carnival dance moves with Bonhomme &amp; Arlecchino.</p> <p>Arts &amp; Crafts Grades 7 &amp; 8</p>	<p><b><u>Sports Fun Day</u></b></p>  <p>Show how you are the biggest fan of your favourite sports team.</p>  <p>Wear a jersey or a shirt with your team colour &amp; accessories.</p> <p>Café/caffè and fun in the gym &amp; Just Dance Grades JK/Sk Grades 1 to 8</p>	<p><b><u>Warm &amp; Cozy Day</u></b></p>  <p>Wear your favourite cozy winter clothing &amp; accessories.</p> <p>Grades 7&amp;8 Ski trip. Snow Valley</p> <p>Arts &amp; Crafts Grades 1 – 6</p>  <p>Students will be making masks !</p>	<p><b><u>Walt Disney Day</u></b></p>  <p>Wear your favourite Disney clothing &amp; accessories.</p> <p>Au Cinéma Al Cinema</p> <p>Sit back! And watch a Disney movie!!!</p>

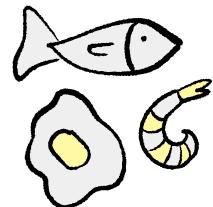
### HOT LUNCH: WINTER SESSION BEGINS MONDAY

Please note that our new hot lunch session will begin this **Monday, January 26th, 2026**. Thank you to our Catholic School Council for organizing .

### ALLERGY POLICY REMINDER: CELEBRATORY LOOT BAGS/GIFTS

- This is a friendly reminder that St. Padre Pio has a no food-sharing policy with regard to celebrations in the classroom, such as Halloween, Christmas, Valentine's Day, Birthdays, etc.
- Though many equate the idea of celebrating with food and gift-giving, we ask that all families adhere to our policy of non-food treats.
- Alternative items could include the following non-food items:
  - Pencils, Erasers, Stickers, Notepads
  - Games
  - A donation of a book/toy/game to the classroom

By adhering to this policy, we can better ensure that we are protecting our students with allergies.



### QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW TOURNAMENT

Students in Grades 4 to 8 participated in the school-level Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament. The finalists in each age category will now participate in the Council Level Tournament on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at St. Stephen. Best of luck to all of our participants!



# YCDSB ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL INFORMATION: JANUARY 2026

**Welcome back!** For January, we have some tips for how to get outside and still have fun in the cold, including while you're walking or wheeling to school or the bus stop.

- Being dressed for the weather is the first step to enjoying the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions on how to stay warm:
  - Wear a base layer
  - Wear an insulating layer (wool socks, shirt and pants but not jeans or cotton)
  - Wear an outer shell (windproof jacket with a hood and snow pants with elastic or velcro fastening at the cuff)
  - Wear insulated waterproof snow boots
  - Have a hat that covers the ears (and a spare!)
  - Add a neck warmer
  - Finish with waterproof mittens
- Keep moving!
- Eat healthy snacks to keep your body going.
- Drink water! Even though it's cold, the air is dry and your body can become dehydrated.



**Winter Walk Day!** Winter Walk Day is celebrated by schools across Canada on the first Wednesday of February each year. Walking and wheeling to and from school is fun every day, so we encourage you to journey outside throughout the entire month of February!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team



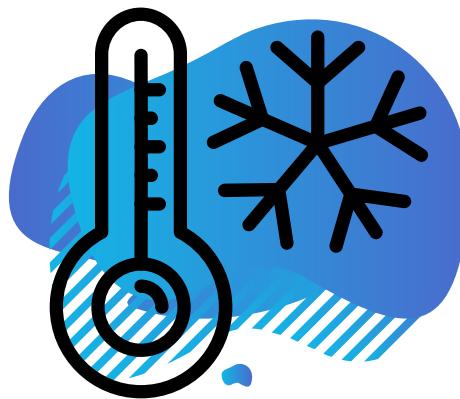
## COLD WEATHER ACTION PLAN

The cold weather is upon us. Please ensure that students bring their winter hats, snow pants, boots, gloves, scarves, and winter jackets to dress appropriately and safely for the weather.

Our school, in cooperation with our Catholic School Council, has set the extreme cold weather temperature (including wind chill) at -17 degrees Celsius.

When this temperature is reached the following strategies may be implemented:

- Operate an indoor routine or a shortened outdoor routine of up to 20 minutes.
- Students are monitored for signs of frostbite, frostnip, or difficulty breathing.
- Students are reminded to stay dry, dress in layers of warm clothing with an outer layer that is wind-resistant, wear proper head coverings, gloves, and winter boots.



## INCLUSION, EQUITY & WELL-BEING

### 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.



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**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**

24<sup>th</sup>– Knights of Columbus Free Throw Tournament at St. Stephen

28<sup>th</sup>– Rosary Making For Grade 2 & 7 Students

29<sup>th</sup>– Grades 5 to 8 Tubing Trip To Snow Valley

30th- PA Day

### **February**

2nd – 6<sup>th</sup> – St. Padre Pio Carnaval

16<sup>th</sup>– Family Day

18th– Ash Wednesday

