

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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Week of February 16th, 2026

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Principal

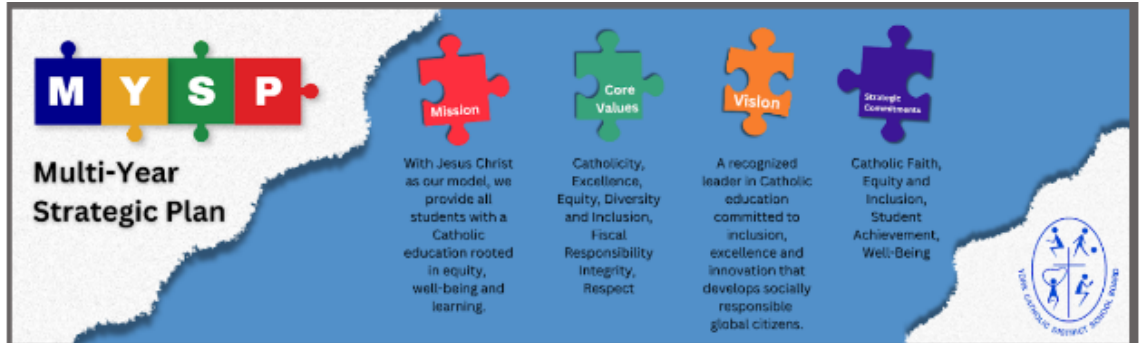
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Happy Lunar New Year! Lunar New Year is celebrated on February 17, 2026, and this provides us with the opportunity to honour a rich cultural tradition observed by millions around the world. Also known as the Spring Festival, this holiday marks the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunar calendar. It is a time of reunion and celebration, filled with vibrant customs, delicious food, and meaningful rituals. This year's celebration ushers in the Year of the Horse, symbolizing strength, energy, perseverance, and freedom.

This Monday, February 16th, 2026, is Family Day. The school is closed and we hope this day is an opportunity to spend time with your loved ones.

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

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

LUNAR NEW YEAR PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

As we celebrate the Lunar New Year, we come before You with grateful hearts, thanking You for the gift of new beginnings and the promise of hope. We ask for Your blessings upon our community of students and staff, as well as all those around the world who are celebrating this special time.

Guide us to embrace the values of unity and love that this festival represents. May we grow in understanding and appreciation of the diverse cultures that enrich our lives. Help us to open our hearts to one another, fostering a spirit of inclusivity and joy in all we do

Bless our families and friends with health, happiness, and peace in the coming year. May the Year of the Horse bring strength and joy to our lives, as we strive to follow Your teachings with faith and compassion.

As we reflect on the past year, grant us the courage to face new challenges and the grace to grow in virtue. Let this new year be a time of renewal and growth, guided by Your love and light.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

On Wednesday, February 18th, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in our gym, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday. Thank you to our Grade 6 students for organizing. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcome to attend.

BLACK HERITAGE MONTH LITURGY

Our Student Leadership Committee is organizing a special Black Heritage Month Liturgy that will take place on Tuesday, February 24th, 2026, at 12:35 p.m. in our gym. Our parent(s)/guardian(s) are invited to attend.



A REMINDER REGARDING PEDICULOSIS (LICE)

The York Catholic District School Board recognizes concerns related to pediculosis (head lice) at the school and community level. Pediculosis (head lice) are not a public hazard, as they do not cause illness, but they are a nuisance.

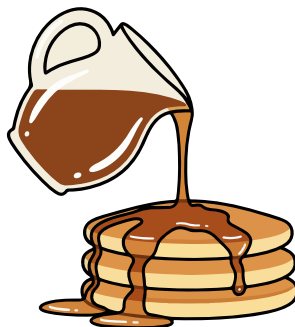
To prevent pediculosis (head lice) from becoming a problem at our school, we all need to work together. Please check your child's head on a regular basis for lice or nits. If you do find lice or nits, you must contact the office so that we can notify other parents in your child's class to keep a special watch for any signs of head lice.

A student's readmission to school is contingent upon the Parent/Guardian submitting a completed and signed "Pediculosis Treatment Form", communicating to the Principal that treatment for pediculosis (head lice) has been administered.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

SHROVE TUESDAY

On Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, our Catholic School Council has purchased pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. On this day, students will receive a large pancake with syrup after our first recess. This is a snack for students and should not replace their lunch for the day.



LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT: JAEI RICHARDSON & KARL SUBBAN

Throughout the month, our library will be highlighting Black Canadian Authors by sharing their personal story and books. Please see the poster below for this week's spotlight.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Featured Canadian Author:
JAEI RICHARDSON



Jael Richardson is the founder and Executive Director of the Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD) and the co-host of Into the FOLD: A Book and Lit Fest podcast. She has written a memoir, a novel and three children's picture books. Her debut novel, *Gutter Child* was a finalist for the Amazon First Novel Award and the White Pine Award, and her middle grade anthology *Today I Am: 10 Stories of Belonging* was a finalist for the Ruth and Sylvia Schwartz Children's Book Award.

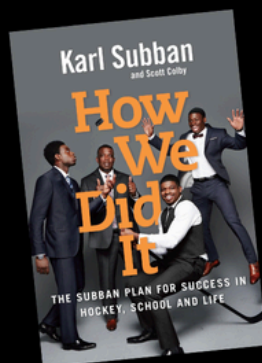


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Featured Canadian Author:
KARL SUBBAN

Karl Subban is a well-known dynamic motivational speaker, author, hockey dad and lifelong educator who has learned to inspire people through parenting, teaching and leading over his distinguished three-decade long career of working in schools in service to helping children develop their potential. Karl is also a celebrated retired school principal and a skilled Maxwell Leadership certified coach, trainer, and DISC Consultant.



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HOT LUNCH PICK UP REMINDER

If you would like to pick up your child's hot lunch due to an absence, we kindly request that you contact the main office before 10:00 a.m. to ensure we are able to accommodate the request. We can be reached by email or telephone: spp@ycdsb.ca

Thank you for your continued support of our Hot Lunch Program.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

February

14th– Happy Valentines Day

16th– Family Day

17th– Shrove Tuesday

18th– Ash Wednesday Liturgy
(10:30 a.m. in our Gym)

23rd– Kindness Week Begins

24th– Black Heritage Month Liturgy
(12:35 p.m. in our Gym)

25th– STEM Minds (Grades 5 & 6)