

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## Week of February 23rd, 2026

### Interim Director of Education

Mr. J. De Faveri

### Catholic School Trustee

Ms. M. Barbieri

### School Superintendent

Ms. A. Iafrate

### Pastor(s)

Rev. George Parayil  
Rev. Nicetus Tairo

### Principal

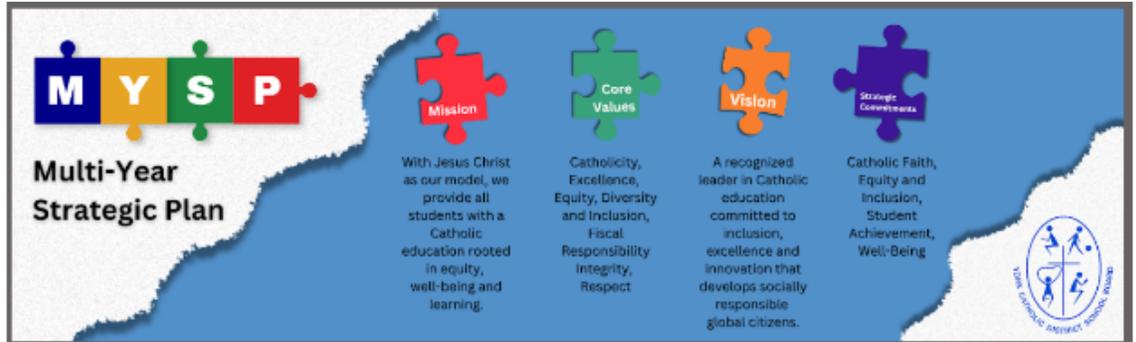
Mr. A. Modica

### Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

### General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This week is Kindness Week at St. Padre Pio. The week provides us with an opportunity to share activities and stories that will help our students to spread kindness throughout the school. Along with a variety of activities, we also have theme days that we are hopeful all students will participate in.

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](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

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

### BEGINNING OF LENT LITURGY

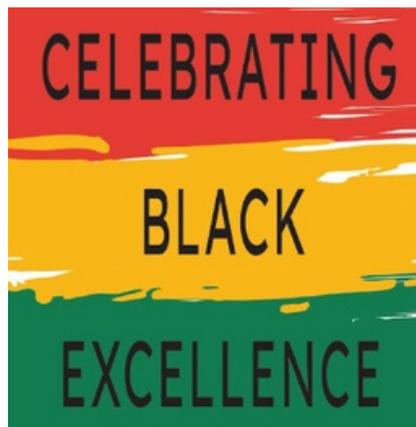
On Monday, February 23rd, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. in our gym, we will be celebrating the beginning of Lent. This is due to the rescheduling of our Ash Wednesday Liturgy. No ashes will be distributed during this liturgy.

Thank you to our Grade 6 students for organizing. Families are welcome to attend, and our gym doors will open at 10:15 a.m.



### BLACK HERITAGE MONTH LITURGY

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



# SAFE & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

## SPP KINDNESS WEEK: FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>

Next week is Kindness Week. Stay tuned for a week of fun activities that promote acts of kindness at SPP. Remember, kindness is free, so let's sprinkle it everywhere.

Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be "Celebrate Kindness" day. We ask you to wear your mismatched socks with your uniform to celebrate our differences and promote acceptance.

Please see the theme days below. Students are encouraged to participate throughout the week!

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>"Celebrate Kindness"</b></p> 	<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>"Walk in my Shoes"</b></p> 	<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Pink Shirt Day</b></p> 	<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>"Hats off to Good Choices"</b></p> 	<p><b>FRIDAY "Inside-Out Kindness comes from within"</b></p> 
<p>Wear your mismatched socks with your uniform to celebrate our differences and promote acceptance. By wearing mismatched socks, we show that it's okay to be different and that kindness means embracing those differences. It's a fun and visual way to remind everyone to treat each other with respect and compassion.</p>	<p>Wear your favourite shoes or mismatched shoes to remind us that everyone has different experiences and feelings.</p> <p>"Walking in someone else's shoes" means showing empathy, being patient, and treating others with understanding and respect.</p>	<p>Wear pink to stand against bullying to promote kindness, and foster inclusive, safe environments.</p>	<p>Wear your favourite cap, hat, or tuque with your uniform as a way to celebrate making smart and positive decisions! Every day, we have the chance to make choices, like sharing with friends, helping someone, or standing up for what's right. When we make good choices, we're showing that we care about ourselves and others.</p>	<p>Wear your shirt inside-out to show that kindness isn't about how we look on the outside.</p> <p>True kindness starts on the inside and is shown through our words, actions, and the way we treat others.</p>

LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT: NADIA L. HOHN & JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS

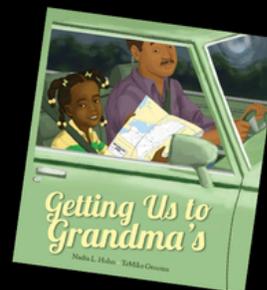
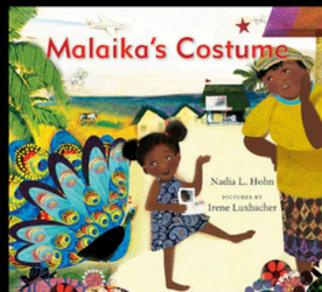
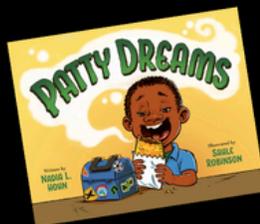
Throughout the month, our library will be highlighting Black Canadian Authors by sharing their personal story and books. Please see the poster below for this week's spotlight.

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Featured Canadian Author:

NADIA L. HOHN

NADIA L. HOHN, B.A. (Hon.), B.Ed., M.Ed., M.F.A. is an award-winning educator, activist, and author of several books for children including *A Likkle Miss Lou*, *The Antiracist Kitchen: 21 Stories (and Recipes)* (Orca) in 2023 and the Malaika series. *Malaika's Costume* (2016) was the 2021 TD Grade One Book Giveaway. Nadia's books *Getting Us to Grandma's* release in 2024 and *Patty Dreams* in 2025. Nadia teaches elementary school and writing for children courses at post-secondary institutions.



KNOW THE PAST,  
SHAPE THE FUTURE

# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Featured Canadian Author:  
JOHNNIE CHRISTMAS



Johnnie Christmas is a #1 New York Times bestselling graphic novelist and the author of *Gamerville*. His 2022 middle-grade graphic novel debut, *Swim Team*, earned a spot on the National Book Awards longlist and received a Coretta Scott King Award Illustrator Honor. He is the writer and co-creator of the sci-fi series *Tartarus*, and his book *Firebug* earned a Joe Shuster Outstanding Cartoonist nomination. Additionally, he co-created the series *Angel Catbird* with celebrated writer Margaret Atwood and adapted William Gibson's lost screenplay for *Alien 3* into a critically acclaimed graphic novel of the same name.



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# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Dear Families and Community Partners,

Our Lady of Fatima is pleased to invite our school community and neighbouring schools to come together for a special evening presentation:

Connection Over Perfection: Supporting Kids Through Life's Hard Moments

Children don't need perfect parents, they need parents who can help them navigate challenges with connection and confidence. In this engaging follow-up talk, Dr. Eduardo Roldan, Ph.D., C.Psych., Clinical and School Psychologist and Director of Child and Adolescent Services of EPS Family Health, will explore how resilience develops, how grit can look different across areas of a child's life, and why our instinct to "fix" problems can sometimes get in the way.

Drawing on real-world examples and practical, parent-friendly tools from the SPACE model, participants will learn strategies to support their child's emotional growth while knowing when to step back. This session is designed to be hopeful, empowering, and practical, offering tools families can use right away.

## Event Details

- Date: March 3, 2026
- Time: 7:00 p.m.
- Hosted by: Our Lady of Fatima (191 Crofters Road, Woodbridge)
- Please let us know you plan to attend by registering here: [Register on Eventbrite](#)

# CONNECTION OVER PERFECTION

Supporting Kids Through  
Life's Hard Moments

**Dr. Eduardo Roldan,**  
Ph.D., C.Psych,

Clinical and School Psychologist,  
Director of Child and Adolescent Services  
& Co-Founder of EPS Family Health

Children don't need perfect parents. They need parents who can help them navigate challenges with connection and confidence. In this follow-up talk, **Dr. Eduardo Roldan** takes a closer look at how resilience develops, how grit can look different across areas of a child's life, and why our instinct to "fix" problems can sometimes get in the way. Drawing on real-world examples and practical, parent-friendly tools from the SPACE model, participants will learn how to support their child's emotional growth while knowing when to step back. This session is designed to be hopeful, empowering, and practical,



**March 3, 2026 at 7:00pm**

**Hosted by Our Lady of Fatima**

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***Connection Over Perfection: Supporting Kids Through  
Life's Hard Moments.***



## 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: [sppe@cdsb.ca](mailto:sppe@cdsb.ca)

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



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### February

- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Kindness Week Begins  
Lent Liturgy (10:30 a.m.)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Black Heritage Month Liturgy  
(12:35 p.m. in our Gym)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - STEM Minds (Grades 5 & 6)

### March

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tubing Trip To Snow Valley
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Civvies Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Board-Wide Virtual Lenten Mass
- 16<sup>th</sup> - March Break Begins
- 20<sup>th</sup> - March Break Ends
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - ShareLife Week
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Intermediate Boys Basketball At  
St. Gabriel the Archangel
- 25<sup>th</sup> - Intermediate Girls Basketball at  
St. Padre Pio
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Holy Week Begins