

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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Week of March 23rd, 2026

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Rev. George Parayil
Rev. Nicetus Tairo

Principal

Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia

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Multi-Year Strategic Plan

- Mission:** With Jesus Christ as our model, we provide all students with a Catholic education rooted in equity, well-being and learning.
- Core Values:** Catholicity, Excellence, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Fiscal Responsibility, Integrity, Respect.
- Vision:** A recognized leader in Catholic education committed to inclusion, excellence and innovation that develops socially responsible global citizens.
- Strategic Commitments:** Catholic Faith, Equity and Inclusion, Student Achievement, Well-Being.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This Monday marks the beginning of March Break. We look forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Monday, March 23rd, 2026.

If you have not done so already, please consider purchasing items for our Macgregors Meats Fundraiser, which is being organized by our Catholic School Council.

Upon our return, we will be celebrating ShareLife Week.

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

SHARELIFE WEEK: CIVVIES DAYS & ROCKS & RINGS PROGRAM

On Thursday, March 26th, and Friday, March 27th, we will have Civvies Days. We kindly ask that students bring in a \$5 donation that will go directly to support Sharelife, which will be collected on Thursday morning.

Also, we will be having Rocks and Rings visit St. Padre Pio on Thursday, March 26th. The Rocks & Rings program, presented by Curling Canada, features a variety of drills, relays, and team-building activities that introduce students to the sport of curling with a focus on fun! All classes will be participating in the program.



SAFE & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MACGREGORS FUNDRAISER

This week, information and order forms for our Catholic School Council's Macgregors Meats Fundraiser were sent home to families. Please see the information below for details.

Important Information:

- Order Deadline: Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
- Payment can be made using School Day or Cheque (With Order Form)
- Pick-Up Date: Wednesday, April 8th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in our school parking lot
- Prizes available for the top-selling student in each division

SPP CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL PRESENTS



MACGREGORS MEATS

FUNDRAISER



A GREAT SELECTION OF HIGH QUALITY STEAKS, BURGERS, CHICKEN
ALONG WITH OTHER MEATS AND SEAFOOD AVAILABLE

ORDER DEADLINE:
March 25, 2026

PICK UP DATE:
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2026
6PM

**PICK UP
LOCATION:**
SPP SCHOOL
PARKING LOT

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PICKED UP ON APRIL 8 AT 6:00P.M.
ORDERS WILL NOT BE HELD PAST THIS DATE.

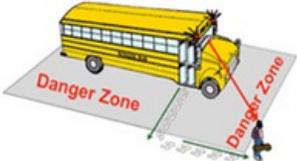
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ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. PADRE PIO SCHOOL

YCDSB ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL: MARCH

“The wheels on the bus go round and round...” Walking to the school bus stop and riding the bus to school are considered important forms of active school travel. Students who live outside of the Non-Transportation Zone for their home school qualify for school bus service.

Walking to the bus stop and riding the bus provides a number of benefits including:

- Teaching children the value of time and being organized
- Keeping children active, which leads to strong physical and mental health
- Encouraging social interaction and improving and building social skills
- Keeping communities safe and reducing private automobile traffic congestion
- Reducing environmental air pollution
- Making school more accessible for all children

| Ministry of Transportation School Bus Safety Tips | |
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| When you board or leave the bus | While on the bus |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Wait in a safe place away from the edge of the road● Stay out of the DANGER ZONE. If you can touch the bus, you're too close. Use 10 giant steps to take you out of the DANGER ZONE, and make sure you and the bus driver can see each other.● Cross the road in front of the bus, never behind.● Look all ways and wait for the driver to signal before you cross in front of a bus | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stay seated, facing forward at all times● Don't put things in the aisle● Never distract the bus driver● Don't eat or drink while on the bus● Don't yell, push people or throw things● Keep your arms and head inside the bus  |

If your child does not qualify for the school bus, we encourage walking/cycling/scootering or parking a block away and walking the rest of the way. For those who can't walk/cycle/scooter every day, choosing active travel once, twice, or a few days a week can still provide benefits.

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

INDOOR SHOES

- To help prevent slips and falls, we ask that students wear proper indoor shoes rather than items like slippers.
- Options like running shoes can also serve as their gym shoes and provide a safer option for participation.
- Thank you for your cooperation and support.



QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

YCPIC: THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION WITH AI

- Curtis Carmichael and his team will be presenting an interactive training that empowers parents and caregivers to navigate the world of Artificial Intelligence with confidence. If interested, [please click here to register by April 2, 2026](#)

*York Catholic Parent
Involvement Committee*

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION BY
CURTIS CARMICHAEL, PhD(c)

The Future of Education with AI: Preparing Parents for a Changing World

Wednesday, April 8th, 2026 | 7:00-9:00pm

Catholic Education Centre
320 Bloomington Road, Aurora



Led by Curtis Carmichael and his team, this interactive training empowers parents and caregivers to confidently navigate the world of Artificial Intelligence. Grounded in collaborations with Microsoft, Apple, and the University of Toronto, the session demystifies AI, data privacy, and digital safety while exploring how these tools are transforming today's classrooms.

Our goal is to increase digital literacy and build practical skills, ensuring all families—regardless of technical background—can advocate for their children and foster responsible, equitable technology use at home and in school.

A REMINDER REGARDING PEDICULOSIS (LICE)

The York Catholic District School Board understands that head lice can be a concern for students and families. While head lice do not cause illness or pose a public health risk, they can be uncomfortable and spread easily.

To help 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 lice or nits are found, treatment should begin promptly, and students may continue attending school during treatment.
- Please notify the Principal or designate once treatment has started to help us monitor and reduce further spread.

Resources on the identification, treatment, and prevention of pediculosis (head lice) from the Canadian Paediatric Society and York Region Public Health are available on the school's website.

A hard copy of the information posted on the school's website will be provided by the Principal if requested by the Parent/Guardian.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



DATES TO REMEMBER: March

16th - 20th March Break

23rd - School Reopens
ShareLife Week Begins

24th - Intermediate Boys Basketball At
St. Gabriel the Archangel

25th - Intermediate Girls Basketball at
St. Padre Pio
CSC Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

26th - Rocks & Rings Activity

26th & 27th - Civvies Days

30th - Holy Week Begins

April

2nd - World Autism Awareness Day
Stations of the Cross (10:30 a.m)

3rd - Good Friday (School Closed)

6th - Easter Monday (School Closed)

10th - Grade 8 Graduation Photos

14th - Easter Mass (10:20 a.m.)

22nd - Earth Day