

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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Week of March 9th, 2026

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Rev. George Parayil
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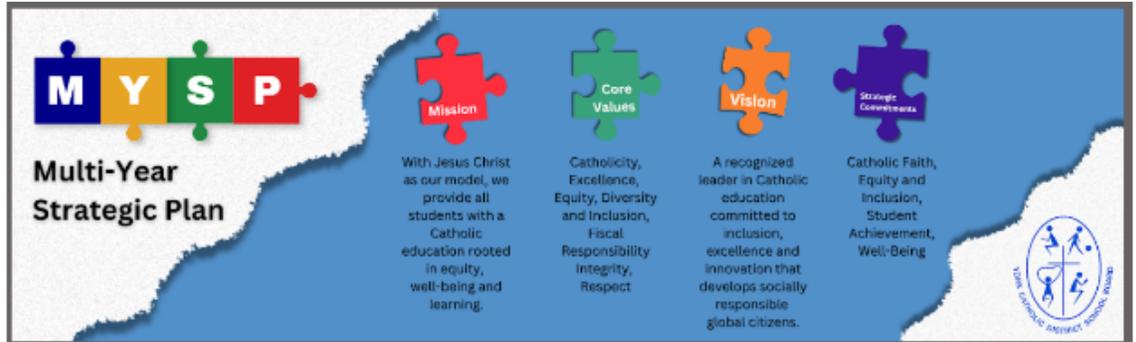
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Next week, the York Catholic District School Board will be celebrating a board-wide Lenten Virtual Mass. Our classes will be joining virtually at 1:15 p.m. If you would like to join, please use the link below:

[Virtual Lenten Mass Link](#). Furthermore, this Friday will be a FREE Civvies Day, and we encourage all students to wear mismatched socks to show their support for World Down Syndrome Day.

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

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

During the month of March, we celebrate the virtue of Perseverance. Please see the poster below for details.



YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

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 PERSEVERANCE

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

Amen.



VIRTUE PERSEVERANCE

Key Words: STRENGTH, PATIENCE

Perseverance as a virtue means continuing on despite difficulty or delay in achieving success. Rooted in our Catholic faith, perseverance helps us to stay in connection with God and each other.

"Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you; do not let our sufferings be a stumbling block to you."
-Isaiah the Prophet (Isa. 11:2)



MODELS OF PERSEVERANCE

Some Saints Who Model this Virtue:

- Saint Monica
- Saint Brother Andre

Others Who Model this Virtue:

- Those who work for environmental change

Scripture Passage:
"Jesus is tempted."

(Luke4:1-13)



WHEN WE MIGHT NEED THIS VIRTUE:

- when feeling discouraged
- when faced with situations where we need to stand up for our beliefs
- when tempted to forget our Lenten promises



"I WILL" STATEMENTS

- I will continue to trust in God's Plan for me.
- I will stick to the goals I have set for myself.
- I will be patient.



MARCH: PERSEVERANCE

[Click this link to access the full teaching resource for Primary](#)

[Click this link to access the full teaching resource for Junior](#)

SPRING HOT LUNCH ORDERING

Spring Hot Lunch Forms have been distributed to students this week. Payment must be submitted by **Wednesday, March 11th**, and can be made by cheque to St. Padre Pio or using the School Day Online Cashless System.



LOOKING FOR HOT LUNCH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parent volunteers who are available to assist with the organization and distribution of hot lunches for our next session. The commitment would be once a week from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. If you are available and interested, please email the school at Sppeycdsb.ca

CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MACGREGORS FUNDRAISER

Detailed information and order forms for our Catholic School Council's Macgregors Meats Fundraiser will be going home to families next week. There will be many excellent items available for purchase. 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.

PRIZES AWARDED TO TOP-SELLING STUDENTS PER DMSION
ALL PROCEEDS TO ST. PADRE PIO SCHOOL

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.

ROCK YOUR SOCKS DAY

This Friday, students are encouraged to wear mismatched socks to show their support for World Down Syndrome Day. This year, World Down Syndrome Day takes place on Saturday, March 21st, 2026. **This Friday will also be a free Civvies Day.**



DATES TO REMEMBER:

March

12th - Board-Wide Virtual Lenten Mass

12th - Confirmation Reconciliation at St. Padre Pio Parish (7:00 p.m.)

16th - March Break Begins

20th - March Break Ends

23rd - ShareLife Week

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

25th - Intermediate Girls Basketball at St. Padre Pio

CSC Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

30th - Holy Week Begins

