

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## Week of April 20th, 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

**M Y S P**

**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),

We would like to take the opportunity to thank Fr. George for celebrating Mass and blessing the Grade 2 and Grade 7 rosary bracelets this past Tuesday. We are looking forward to the celebration of First Holy Communion this upcoming Saturday at St. Padre Pio Parish.

This Friday will be a Civvies Day. We ask that students bring in a loonie or toonie to support the Vaughan in Motion charity.

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>: NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Tuesday, April 28th, is the National Day of Mourning, which rightfully honours workers across the country whose lives have been lost, who have been injured or disabled on the job, or who suffer from occupational diseases.

On this day, we are reminded to keep in our thoughts and prayers the families and friends of the workers so affected. To that, we respectfully offer this prayer on behalf of all workers:

*Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support.*

*Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.*

*Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it. When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.*

*Amen.*

*(Source: <https://www.stjosephshrine.org/Prayers-to-St--Joseph-For-Workers>. This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul).*



## CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK ACTIVITIES

Catholic Education Week is quickly approaching, and our school has great news to share!

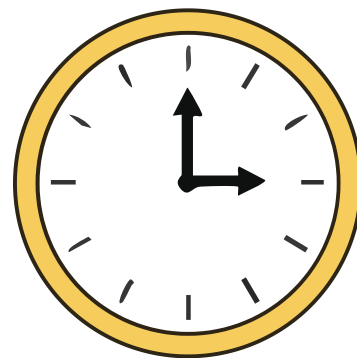
On Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026, St. Padre Pio will be hosting an Art Show. Our halls will be decorated with student artwork to share with our school community between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. We hope you are able to join us!



### SAFE & CARING SCHOOL COMMUNITY

#### PUNCTUALITY: REMEMBER TO ARRIVE ON TIME

This is a reminder to ensure that our students arrive at school on time. Our recess bell rings at 8:15 a.m., and school begins at 8:30 a.m. Students demonstrate commitment, respect, initiative, and responsibility when they arrive on time. Thank you for your support.



#### MOVING? LET US KNOW

Are you planning to move? Will your family not be returning to St. Padre Pio in September? Please let us know by emailing the school at [spp@ycdsb.ca](mailto:spp@ycdsb.ca)

This will help us begin planning for our upcoming 2026–2027 school year.

## QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### EQAO ADMINISTRATION DATES

This year, our EQAO administration dates will be:

**Grade 3 Students: Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> - Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Grade 6 Students: Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

To assist us with the completion of the assessment, we kindly ask the following:

- Wherever possible, please avoid appointments during these dates.
- Make sure students arrive at school on time at 8:30 am.
- Ensure that your child eats a healthy breakfast.
- Ensure that your child has a good night's sleep and that they go to bed early, so they are well-rested and alert for the test.
- Send your child with a quiet activity to complete when they are done with their section of the assessment.

Thank You

## INCLUSION, EQUITY & WELL-BEING

### INTERMEDIATE GIRLS BASKETBALL BOARD TOURNAMENT

We would like to congratulate our Intermediate Girls' Basketball Team who participated in the YCDSB Board Championships this Thursday. Our girls finished 4<sup>th</sup> at the tournament, and we are so proud of their teamwork, dedication, and perseverance! We would like to congratulate them on an excellent season. We would also like to thank our coaches, Ms. Angelucci and Ms. Pagura.



# ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL: APRIL TIPS

## Heading to School?

Walk Safe.  
Bike Safe.  
Be Safe!

**You Can Make Our School Zones Safer!**

All schools throughout York Region encourage students and their families to use sustainable travel to school such as walking, cycling or riding the bus to and from school as often as possible.

Walking and cycling to school will:

- Reduce traffic congestion, making it safer for everyone
- Improve air quality. Pollution can increase up to 3 times normal levels during drop-off and pick-up times
- Increase physical activity and self-confidence for kids, making them healthier and able to focus better during the school day

Be a part of the solution! Choose to make sustainable lifestyle choices over convenience.

If you live within 1.2-1.6 km of the school we kindly request that families walk or cycle to get to and from school. If you live outside this distance have your children ride the school bus. If you need to drive then park a couple blocks away and walk with your children.

School zones have many distractions for drivers and pedestrians. Drivers contribute to heavy traffic volumes which create dangerous conditions for pedestrians.

## Safety Tips For Parents and Children

Parents and older siblings can be great role models for their children/younger siblings. Teach them about pedestrian safety as soon as you start walking with them. Young children can navigate simple street structure but the skills to navigate more complex environments develop around the ages of 9 to 11.

To cross a street safely by themselves, children need three important skills:

1. Able to decide on and use a safe crossing route.
2. Able to properly assess a vehicle's speed.
3. Able to judge safe gaps in traffic.

Parachute 2019, Canada's National Charity Dedicated to Injury Prevention. [www.parachute.ca](http://www.parachute.ca)

## Make a Plan ...

It's important and always good for children to be familiar with their neighbourhood including knowing where they live and key areas such as the location of the school they attend. It's important to talk about these things and develop a plan between you and your children. Review and practice your plan a few times including safe walking/cycling skills.

**Safety in Numbers!**  
When your child is old enough, walking to school on their own gives them a great sense of independence. Encourage them to walk with a buddy. Driver awareness increases when more kids are out walking and cycling to school. This results in slower vehicle speeds.

## Obey Local School Zone Signage

The real penalty for not obeying traffic regulations is you may risk the safety of children!

BYLAWS AND FINES VARY BY MUNICIPALITY. CONTACT YOUR LOCAL MUNICIPALITY FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Children benefit from active, sustainable school travel each day.

### Walk, bike or bus to school.

If it's too far, park nearby and walk a block or two!

### Signage commonly seen near York Region Schools

 No Parking allowed at the specified times.	 No stopping allowed during the specified times, including to pick-up or drop-off children.	 No Parking in Fire Routes. These need to be clear for emergency vehicles. Fines range from \$100 to \$200.	 Drivers must observe signage and watch for reduced speed limits. Fines may be doubled.
 School Zone. Observe speed limit.	 Supervised Crossing. Cross the street here. Obey the crossing guard.	 Prepare to stop for a school bus at any time. Fines range from \$400 to \$2,000 with six demerit points for a first offence.	

Here are some useful websites to check out:

- [www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca](http://www.ontarioactiveschooltravel.ca)
- [www.schoolbuscity.com](http://www.schoolbuscity.com)
- [www.yrp.ca](http://www.yrp.ca)

And don't forget these too:

- [www.yrddb.ca](http://www.yrddb.ca)
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Drivers please be alert. Obey all posted signage and rules of the road.

Only 25 per cent of children and youth aged 5 to 17 use 'active transportation'. That is, walking, cycling, rollerblading, or skateboarding to get to school despite that fact they live within walking distance.

Be the change. Don't adopt a 'someone else will do it' mentality. By making a small change today and walking to school we can create lasting impacts that will benefit the environment, improve our health, school zone and communities for all!

The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1  
1-877-464-9675  
[www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)

## TERRA COTTA ICE CREAM SANDWICHES

This week, order forms went home with students regarding our Ice Dawg sales in support of our Grade 8 Graduation Celebration. Please complete the form and return it with payment, either cash or cheque, by no later than Wednesday, April 29, 2026, to ensure that your child is not disappointed. No late orders will be accepted. Each individual sandwich is for sale for \$2.50. This item is made in a peanut and nut safe facility. Please see the ingredients list below.

### Ingredients:

**Ice Cream:** Fresh milk and/or fresh cream, Sugar (sugar, corn syrup solids, dextrose), Modified Milk ingredients, Mono and diglycerides, Guar gum, Polysorbate 80, Carrageenan, Natural and/or artificial vanilla flavour, caramel colour

**Cookie:** Enriched wheat flour, Sugars (brown sugar, sugar), Semi-sweet chocolate chips (sugar, unsweetened chocolate, cocoa butter, dextrose, soy lecithin, vanilla extract), Liquid whole egg, Soybean and modified palm oil margarine, Unsweetened applesauce (apples, ascorbic acid), Baking soda, Vanilla extract.

**Allergens:** Wheat, Soy, Egg, Milk

**Packaging:** Individually Wrapped





April 2026

## **Vaughan in Motion WALK FOR CANCER CARE, Sunday, April 26th, 8:30 am inside Vaughan Mills**

Dear Parents /Guardians in the participating YCDSB Elementary Schools,

We are inviting your participation in an inspiring community Initiative to help our family and friends fighting cancer. All of the pledged donations go to the "Medical Surgical Inpatient Unit" of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. We are also inviting families in our schools to participate in a Loonie-Toonie Drive along with the Walk.

Thanks to the generosity of families and students, the Loonie-Toonie Drive to date, has raised over \$50,000. With the kind support of our generous sponsors, we are offering the following prizes:

**\$1,000 of Musical Instruments** donated by Arcadia Academy of Music to the School that raises the most funds based on a per capita basis; the minimum raised must be \$1,500 from the Loonie-Toonie Drive and/or any other school fundraising activities combined.

**\$500 Vaughan Mills Gift Card** to the school that raises the second highest amount (no minimum or per capita required).

**\*\*\$500 Vaughan Mills Gift Card** to the Individual that raises the most pledged donations

**\*\*\$500 Vaughan Mills Gift Card** to the Team, Club or Company that raises the most pledged monies.

**\*\*Minimum raised must be \$1,000.00.**

### **YOUR SCHOOLS LOONIE-TOONIE DRIVE IS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

Please consider sending a Loonie or a Toonie with your child that day.

All donations can be paid on-line, collected by the schools or brought to Vaughan Mills on the day of the Walk, **Sunday, April 26th at 8:30am.**

"Vaughan in Motion for Cancer Care is a 100% volunteer-staffed, registered charity dedicated to supporting our family and friends fighting cancer by funding a \$1M gift to the "Medical Surgical Inpatient Unit" at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital where patients recover from cancer surgeries with the help of highly skilled surgeons and the latest SMART technology".

For more information, please email us at [vaughaninmotion@yahoo.com](mailto:vaughaninmotion@yahoo.com) or visit our website.

Thank you very much for considering this worthy cause.

Yours truly,

The York Catholic District School Board and Peter Badali, President of Vaughan in Motion for Cancer Care

**Directors:** Peter Badali *Co-founder* | Dr. Greg D'Orio *Co-founder* | Angela Albini | Maria Azzara | Enza Barbieri | Sandra Colica | Franca De Luca | Steve Kerwin | Rosa Lionetti | Nick Lolacono | Amy Macaluso | Ross Marin | Mary Merenda | Anthony Misquitta | Ricardo Orsini | Sue Perrella | Annette Badali-Santilli | Antoinella Strangis

**Members:** Andrew Amorim | Manisha Cottar

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**Website:** [www.vaughaninmotion.com](http://www.vaughaninmotion.com)

**SAVE THE DATE:  
GRADE 8 GRADUATION CEREMONY**

On Wednesday, June 24th, 2026, St. Padre Pio will be celebrating the achievement of our graduating students at Magnolia Event Centre. More information to follow.



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**April**

18<sup>th</sup> - First Holy Communion  
2:30 p.m. at St. Padre Pio Parish

22<sup>nd</sup>- Earth Day

24<sup>th</sup>- Civvies Day For Vaughan in Motion Charity (Loonie/Toonie)

28<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation Rehearsal Date  
6:30 p.m. at St. Padre Pio Parish

30<sup>th</sup>- Gr. 8 Graduation Photo Retakes

**May**

6<sup>th</sup> - Arts Show (6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

7<sup>th</sup> - Gr. 7 Confirmation Celebration  
7:00 p.m. at St. Padre Pio Parish

