

# St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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## Week of May 11th, 2026

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Mr. J. De Favari

### 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),

Thank you to our families who were able to join us for our Art Show. The tremendous support from our school community was greatly appreciated as our students and staff showed off their exhibits. We would also like to thank the Knights of Columbus for sharing the Living Rosary with us today.

I would like to wish all of our mothers and those who have been mother figures in our lives a Happy Mother's Day. Please see the prayer below, which I hope you will share as a family on this special 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

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**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

## A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Loving God,

We come before you with grateful hearts to celebrate the gift of mothers and all those who serve as mother figures in our lives.

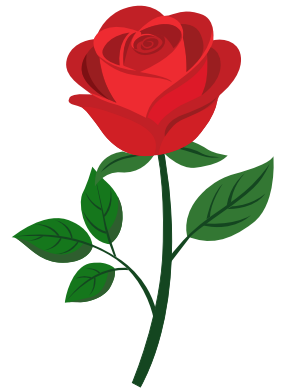
We thank You for their selfless love, which reflects Your own care for us.

Bless our mothers, grandmothers, foster mothers, aunts, guardian mothers, with the strength and wisdom they need to guide our children on the path of faith and knowledge.

May they be examples of compassion, hope, and charity.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## SAVE THE DATE: CSC SCHOOL BBQ

Our Catholic School Council has been working hard, planning our School BBQ. This year, our BBQ will take place on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. There will be vendors selling food and treats. There will also be a DJ and activities for students and families to participate in. More details will be shared soon, so don't forget to save the date!



## CATHOLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Our next Catholic School Council meeting will take place on Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026. We look forward to seeing our members there.

## YCDSB ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL: MAY NEWS

**BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK** May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>

### Let's get rolling!

Celebrate active modes of transportation like cycling and wheeling along with other students and staff across Ontario during Bike to School Week of **May 25–May 29**, 2026.

Bike to School Week is a free and fun week-long celebration for kids of all ages and abilities.



When cycling, remember to:

- Wear a properly fitting helmet. Every cyclist under 18 must wear a bike helmet.
- **Air Brakes Chain**–Check your bike tires, brakes and chain before you start riding.
- Ensure your bike has a working bell, white light, or reflector at the front, and a red light or reflector at the back. For information and to learn more, visit the [Government of Ontario's bicycle safety information.](#)
- Cross at crosswalks, if there is one. Walk beside your bike when crossing the road.
- Watch for cars backing out of driveways and turning at intersections.
- Lock your bike in bike racks.
- Be visible and dress for the weather.

For anyone who can't walk or cycle to school every day, we encourage you to try choosing an active mode of travel two or three times a week, or consider parking and walking a block to decrease the pollution around your school.

### **Benefits of Biking to School:**

- Promotes physical and mental health
- Students arrive energized and ready to learn
- Improved safety in school zones
- Good for the environment
- Convenient, bicycling is often faster than sitting in traffic
- Good for the community, encourages social interaction
- Promotes life-long habits that foster independence and active lifestyles, preparing children for their future
- Just plain old simple fun!

Sincerely,

YCDSB Active School Travel Team

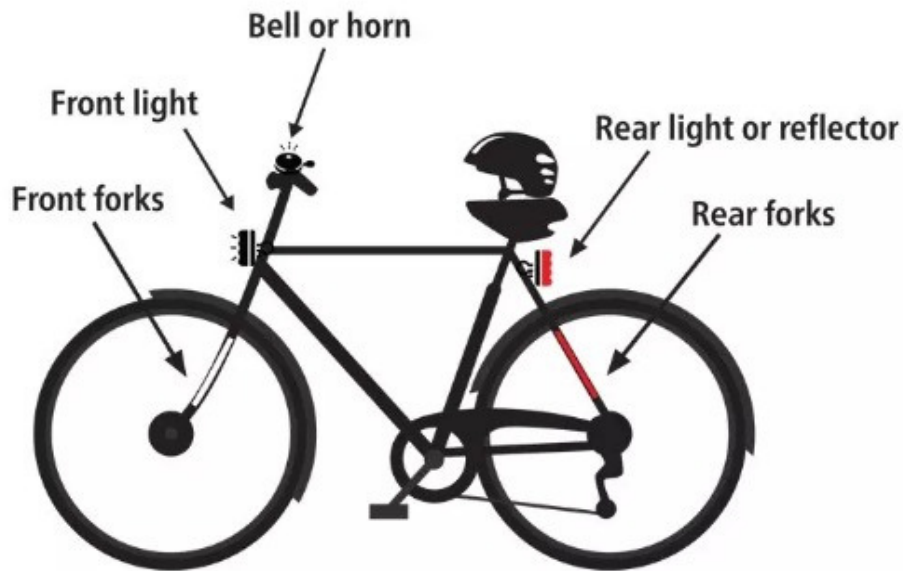
## CYCLING SAFETY FACTSHEET

### Be Seen — Be Heard — Be Safe

#### Did you know?

Ontario law requires that you equip your bike with:

- White reflective tape on the front forks and red reflective tape on the rear forks
- A white front light and a red rear light or reflector if you ride between 1/2 hour before sunset and 1/2 hour after sunrise
- A bell or horn that works



**Every cyclist under 18 years of age must wear an approved bicycle helmet**

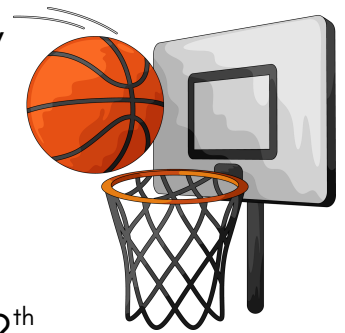
## QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

### JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS

We want to wish our Junior Basketball Teams all the best as they participate in their local tournaments this week.

Our Boys Team will compete at Our Lady of Fatima on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Our Girls Team will compete at Pope Francis on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026.



Go Panthers Go!

## SPRING SAFETY DRILL PRACTICE

Next week, we will hold 3 practice fire drills (weather permitting) and 1 lockdown. This will help keep our staff and students safe as we review and practice our safety procedures.



## INCLUSION, EQUITY & WELL-BEING

### YORK REGION PUBLIC HEALTH SPRING IMMUNIZATION CLINIC: GRADE 7

A reminder that on the morning of May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, York Region Public Health Nurses will be at St. Padre Pio for the Grade 7 Spring Immunization Clinic. Please see the email sent to the families of our Grade 7 students on April 24<sup>th</sup> for more details.

### FREEZE DNA: COMIC WORKSHOP

On the afternoon of Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026, we welcome Freeze DNA, who will run a free comic workshop for our Grades 1 to 4 students. All participants will have an opportunity to draw along with the presenters and keep the drawings they have created so that they can show their parents and keep them as memorabilia. If interested in learning more, you can visit their website at:

[Freeze DNA Website: Kids Comic Workshop.](#)



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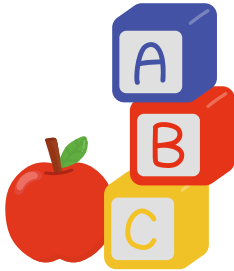


## WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN

On the morning of Wednesday, May 20th, 2026, we welcome families whose child/children will be entering Junior Kindergarten for the 2026-2027 school year. Information has gone out to families who have registered at the school.

The session will last approximately one hour. Parents will participate in our First Impressions Interview with a staff member while students are engaged in a variety of activities in our Library.

We look forward to seeing our families on this exciting day.



## SAVE THE DATE: KINDERGARTEN CELEBRATION

This year, we will be celebrating the achievement of our SK students with a Kindergarten Celebration on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in our Gym. Parents of our SK students are invited to attend.

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

### May

11th- Gr. 7 Spring Immunization Clinic  
Jr. Boys Basketball Tournament at  
Our Lady of Fatima CES

12th- Jr. Girls Basketball Tournament at  
Pope Francis CES

18<sup>th</sup>- Victoria Day

20th- Welcome To Kindergarten/First  
Impressions

25th- CSC Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

29th- Catholic School Council BBQ

