

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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Week of Sept. 7th, 2026

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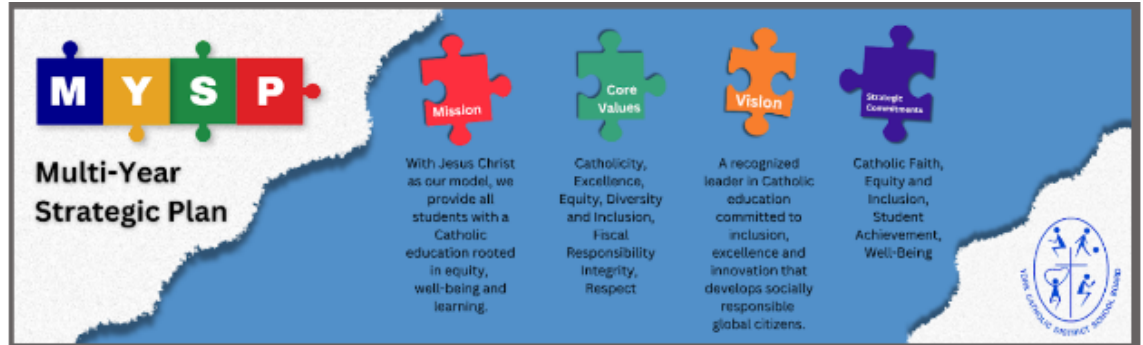
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Pastor(s)
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Rev. Nicetus Tairo

Principal
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary
Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year!

As we begin a new school year together, I want to express my gratitude for your support and for being an important part of our school community. We are eagerly looking forward to welcoming back our students and families on **Tuesday, September 8th, 2026.**

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

Throughout the school year, information will be communicated on our school website and by email. Please take an opportunity to review the important information below before the first day of school. This information includes updates on class placements, cell phone policy, and updated volunteer information.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

CLASS PLACEMENT & THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- All families will receive an email on Monday, September 7th, 2026 after 5:00 p.m. with their child's class placement and room number.
- Our classroom teachers and support staff will be outside on the first day of school to help support students in finding their teachers.
- Supervision begins at 8:15 a.m., and school starts at 8:30 a.m.
- Parents are welcome to join their child/children in the schoolyard for the first day of school only.

BEFORE ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

- Please ensure that your child/children are dressed appropriately for the weather.
- It is a good practice to label all clothing, shoes, and backpacks in case they are misplaced.

LUNCH

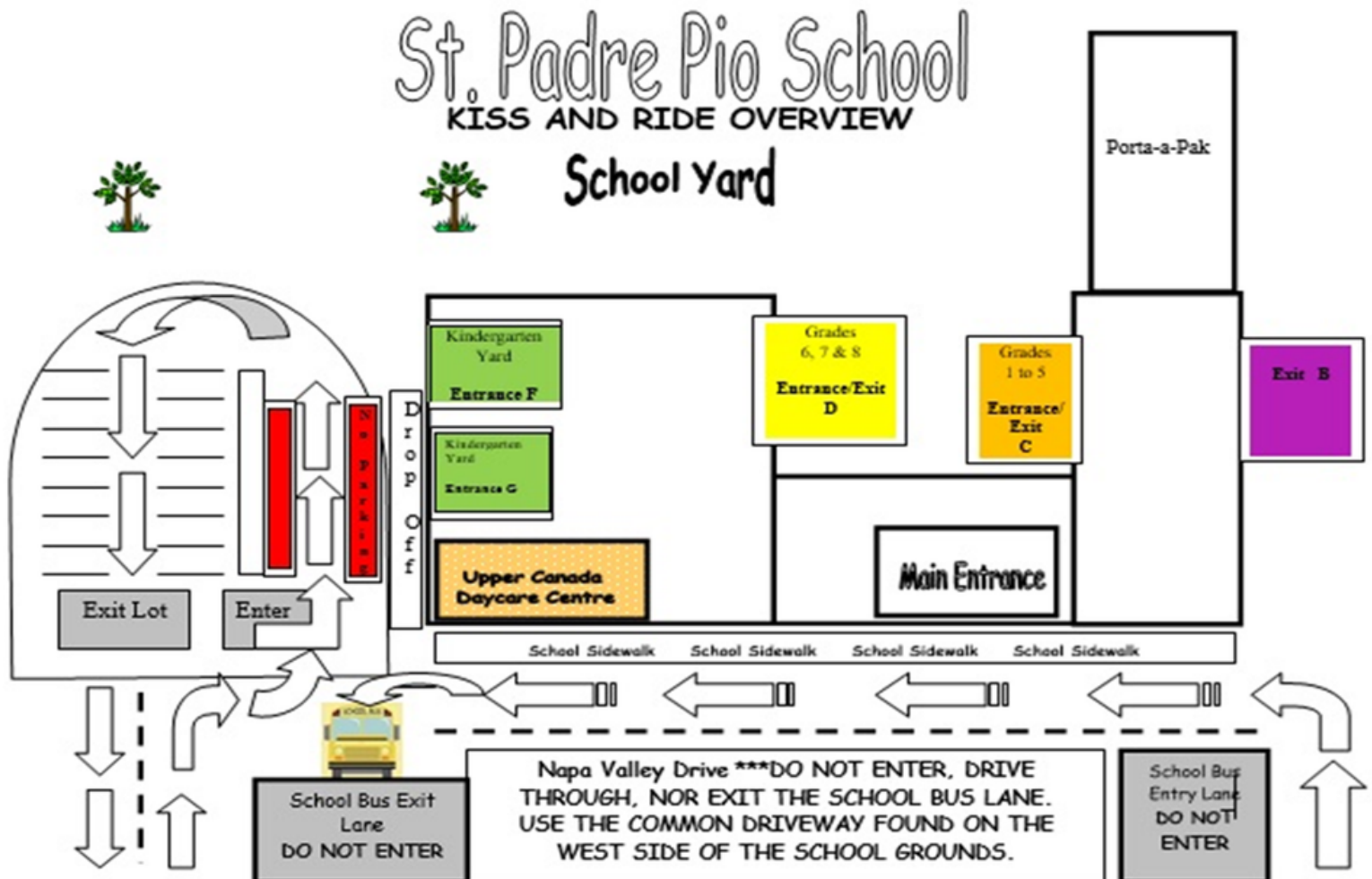
- As part of our allergy plan, please remind your child/children not to share food, utensils, or drinks.
- Parents/guardians are allowed to drop off lunches/snacks during the school day; however, students are encouraged to bring their lunch with them.
- If you are dropping off a lunch, please ring the buzzer and place the labelled lunch on our hot lunch table.
- Delivery services such as Uber Eats are not allowed.
- If your child/children have food that contains an allergen, they will be asked to eat their lunch in the office with a friend.
- An adult must be present and sign out their child should they wish to leave the school for lunch (i.e the local plaza, to go home, etc.).

UNIFORM

- St. Padre Pio is a uniform school.
- Please ensure that your child is following the uniform guidelines which are explained on our [school website](#).
- Uniform items can be purchased through our provider [DGN-Kilters](#).

KISS AND RIDE MAP/REMINDERS

- Do not park in the Kiss and Ride, and please be patient when using the area.
- Once students are at a safe distance away, ensure it is safe and pull out of the Kiss and Ride to exit the area.
- Should you wish to park and drop off your child/children, please park on the street (by-law permitting) and safely walk your child to school.
- Please be advised that Parking Enforcement Officers will be monitoring school zones regularly throughout the year to ensure all parking restrictions are adhered to.

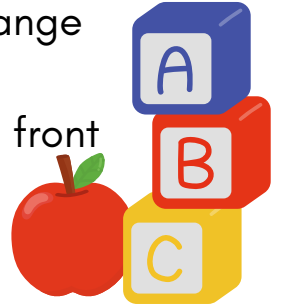


GRADES K TO 8 ENTRANCE INFORMATION

- All visitors are to use the main entrance.
- Kindergarten students will enter and exit through Entrance F.
- Grades 1 to 5 will enter and exit through Entrance C.
- Grades 6 to 8 will enter and exit through Entrance D.
- We kindly ask that parents and caregivers immediately leave the area after dropping off their child/children after the first day of school.
- Classroom teachers will show their students where and how to line up as a review of our everyday routines.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

- Kindergarten students can be dropped off at the gate of the kindergarten yard (Entrance F) each day.
- On the first day, Kindergarten teachers, ECEs, and support staff will welcome them for morning recess (8:15 a.m.)
- Once parents and caregivers drop off their child/children, we ask kindly that you immediately leave the area to avoid congestion after the first day of school.
- Kindergarten students are asked to bring indoor shoes and a change of clothes in a bag labeled with your child's name.
- Kindergarten students can be picked up at the end of the day in front of the kindergarten yard where they were dropped off.



INDOOR SHOES

- All students are encouraged to bring indoor and outdoor shoes that are labelled with their name.

VISITORS

- All visitors, including parents/guardians, must visit and sign in at the main office.

MEDICAL FORMS

- If your child/children have medical needs such as an anaphylactic allergy, asthma, or require the use of prescription or non-prescription medication, please ensure that updated medical forms are completed and returned to the school during our first week back.



SUGGESTED SEPTEMBER MATERIALS

- Students are encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle that can be refilled at our water filling stations.
- Students are asked to bring a lunch and 2 snacks from home with them in the morning.
- Personal school supplies such as pencils, pens, markers, erasers, scissors, pencil sharpener, glue, pencil case, pencil crayons, ruler, etc.
- Indoor shoes
- Teachers will communicate to their classes should there be other items needed in a class letter.
- JK & SK students will be provided with a communication folder for \$4.
- Please send in payment with your child in a labelled Ziploc bag directly to your child's teacher during the first week of school.
- Students in Grades 1 to 3 will receive an agenda and communication folder for \$12.
- Students in Grades 4 to 6 will receive an agenda at a cost of \$8.
- Students in Grades 1 to 6 can purchase their items directly through School Day after the first day of school.



BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- Please check the [School Bus City Website](#) for your child/children's route and pick-up/drop-off time and location.
- Please arrive at your child/children's bus stop 10 minutes before your scheduled pick-up time during the first two weeks of school.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at the school office, and we will do our best to support you.
- At the end of the day, Kindergarten students will be walked by a staff member to their bus for dismissal.
- Kindergarten to Grade 2 students will be given a bus tag to indicate their bus number and stop on the first day of school.



SAFE ARRIVAL

- Absences and lates must be reported using our Safe Arrival System.
- Before bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-865-7862 or online at <https://go.schoolmessenger.com>.
- If you are reporting absences or lates after the start of the school day (8:30 am), please contact the main office directly.
- In the event that your child is not feeling well during the school day, please ensure that you have a pick-up plan in place.
- As per Board Policy 228A [SAFE ARRIVAL, SAFE DISMISSAL & ATTENDANCE – ELEMENTARY](#) and [Procedures](#), **if your child's absence is still not verified even after exhausting different steps to connect with the family, York Regional Police will be contacted and may be dispatched to your residence.**

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL INFORMATION

Under the requirements of the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, amendments have been made to the Board Policy 608 Volunteers in Schools, to strengthen police record check requirements for all volunteers at YCDSB. Policy 608 Volunteers in Schools.

Going forward, all volunteers in schools will be required to obtain a Vulnerable Sector Check (VSC) through the police department. This requirement applies to **all volunteer activities, including supporting in classrooms and attending field trips.**

When applying for a police record check, you must apply through the police service that serves your home address. For example, if you live in York Region, you will apply for a VSC through the York Regional Police. If you require a letter from the school to complete your application, one will be provided to you. Volunteers are also asked to sign and return the attached Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school or at a school event before the end of this school year, please apply for your VSS, complete both the attached confidentiality and declaration forms, and return them to the main office.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support in keeping our school community safe.

[Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement](#)

[Volunteer Offence Declaration](#)



CELL PHONES IN SCHOOL

In alignment with the Ministry of Education policy memorandum, the Provincial Code of Conduct has been updated to address the use of cellphones and other personal mobile devices as outlined in PPM 128. These revisions are designed to restrict the use of all personal mobile devices during instructional time in both elementary and secondary classrooms in order to prevent distractions and maximize learning time.

Please be advised that we have an appropriate cell phone use policy at St. Padre Pio. If your child/children bring their phone to school, they are not to be used during the instructional day from 8:15 a.m to 3:20 p.m. If you choose to send your child with their phone to school, the following rules will apply:

- Cell phones are to be off and invisible. They are not to be taken out or left to ring/vibrate in pockets or in desks.
- If a staff member sees a cell phone out or being used anytime during the school day, the educator will instruct the student to put the device away.
- If the educator sees the student using the device a second time, they will be sent to the office, the Principal will document the incident and give the student a warning, and store the cell phone for the remainder of the day for the student to retrieve.
- If this continues, the device will be stored in the office, the parent/guardian will be contacted by the Principal, and the device will remain in the office for the remainder of the day. The device will only be returned to the parent or guardian.

If this continues to happen, the device will have to be picked up by the parent or guardian each subsequent time, and progressive discipline will be applied.



For educational purposes as directed by the educator in the classroom;
Personal mobile devices can be used during instructional time under the following circumstances:

- For health and medical purposes.
- To support special educational needs.
- If you need to speak to your child during the school day, kindly contact the main office at 905-893-7082.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to discuss these expectations with their children at home and to support school staff in upholding this policy.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as we work together to keep our children safe.