

St. Padre Pio Catholic School

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September 14th, 2026

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Ms. M. Barbieri

School Superintendent
Ms. T. Laliberte

Pastor(s)

Rev. George Parayil
Rev. Nicetus Tairo

Principal

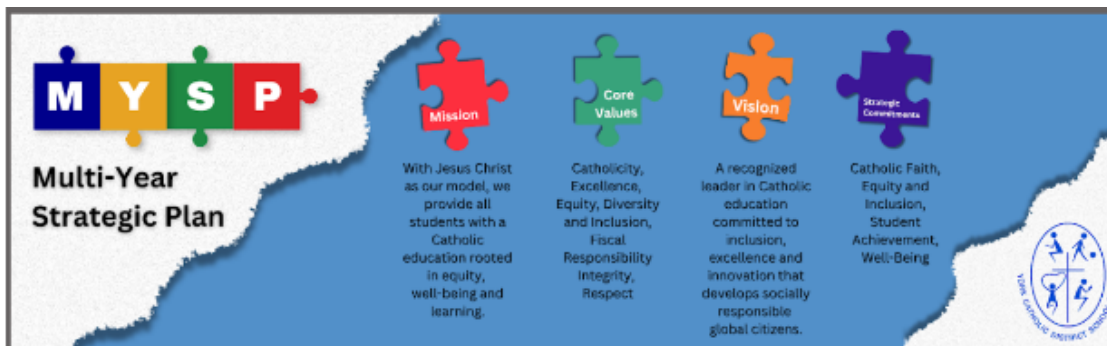
Mr. A. Modica

Senior Secretary

Ms. A. Bosco-Bonifacio

General Secretary

Ms. C. Recchia



Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We hope that all of our students had a wonderful first week back at St. Padre Pio. It was great to hear them share their summer memories as they reconnected with their friends and teachers.

As we begin the second week of school, we kindly ask parents to refrain from entering the schoolyard to drop off students. We also ask that parents leave our Kindergarten area promptly after dropping off their child to ensure the safety of all of our students.

Parents are also encouraged to continue to use street parking where available and not to park on the right side of the Kiss and Ride. This will allow traffic to flow smoothly and efficiently in front of our school.

Please take a look at the information below about our upcoming weeks together at St. Padre Pio CES.

Yours in Catholic Education,

Mr. A. Modica
Principal

To report student absences and lates,

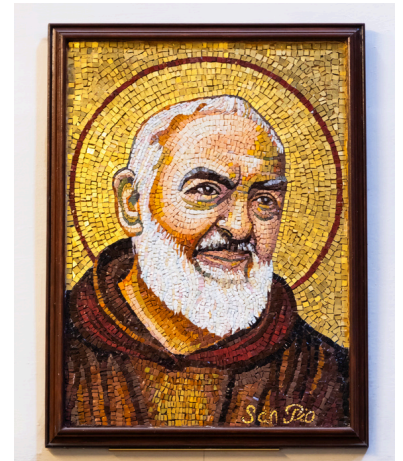
call 1-855-856-7862
or visit
go.schoolmessenger.ca

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

ST. PADRE PIO LITURGY

We would like to thank our Grade 4 students and teacher for organizing our upcoming St. Padre Pio Liturgy, which will take place in the gym at 10:30 am on Wednesday, September 23rd, 2026. Parents are welcome to attend. Seating will be available at the back of the gym.



PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: FIRST COMMUNION



For those students in **Grade 2** who will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion, St. Padre Pio Parish will be hosting a Parent Information Night on **Tuesday, September 29th, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**

Please note that the school does not have any information on the First Communion date. This will be shared at the meeting.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING: CONFIRMATION

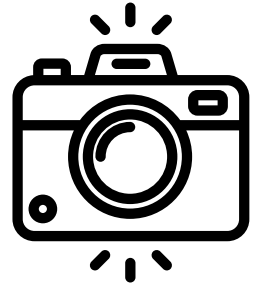
For those students in **Grade 7** who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this year, St. Padre Pio Parish will be hosting a Parent Information Night on **Thursday, October 1st, 2026, at 7:30 p.m.**

Please note that the school does not yet have the Confirmation date. This will be shared at the meeting.



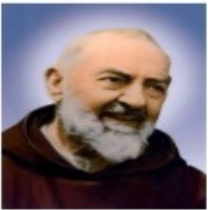
ST. PADRE PIO SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Save the Date: On Tuesday, September 22nd, 2026, we welcome back Clear Images School Photography for our School-Wide photo day.



TERRY FOX WALK 2026

Please see the letter below for details on our upcoming Terry Fox Walk as well as information on how to donate.



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Dear Parents/Guardians:

The **2026 Terry Fox School Run** is just around the corner, and we are very excited to be part of this incredible event. Together, we can make a meaningful difference in the fight against cancer while empowering our students to become compassionate changemakers in our community.

Our Terry Fox School Run will take place on **Friday, September 18, 2026**
(Rain date: **Friday, September 25th, 2026**).

All Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will be participating in a school walk at 10:15 AM. The walking routes will vary by division.

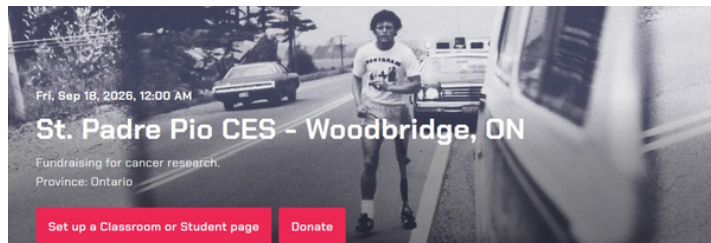
- **Kindergarten and Primary students** will walk around the upper soccer field.
- **Junior students** will walk the perimeter of the school.
- **Intermediate students** will walk throughout the neighbourhood.

As this is an outdoor activity, students are asked to wear **comfortable running shoes** and **dress appropriately for the weather**.

It will also be a **Civvies Day!** Students are encouraged, but not required, to wear **red and white**, our national colours, to show their school spirit.

If you would like to make a donation to the **Terry Fox Foundation** on behalf of **St. Padre Pio Catholic Elementary School**, please follow the steps below:

1. **Click the link to access our home page.**
2. <https://schools.terryfox.ca/134081>



3. **Select donate within the banner.**
4. **There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!**
5. **Tax receipts are issued immediately by the Terry Fox Foundation for donations of \$25 or more and will be sent directly to donors by email.**

We are proud to be participating in this year's **Terry Fox School Run**. Terry's legacy of hope, strength, and courage continues to inspire Canadians of all ages. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our students to honour Terry's incredible journey while raising awareness and supporting cancer research.

Most importantly, it is a chance for us to come together as a school community, show our school spirit, and make a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

St. Padre Pio Staff

VOLUNTEERS IN SCHOOL INFORMATION REMINDER

Under the requirements of the Supporting Children and Students Act, 2025, amendments have been made to 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](#)



SAFE ARRIVAL REMINDERS

- 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.**

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:



QUALITY LEARNING FOR ALL

- 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.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

September 2026

Thursday, Sept. 17th

Curriculum Night: Open House
(6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.)

Friday, Sept. 18th

Terry Fox Walk

Tuesday, Sept. 22nd

Fall Photo Day

Wednesday, Sept. 23rd

St. Padre Pio Liturgy (10:30 am in Gym)

Friday, Sept. 25th

Terry Fox Rain Date

Tuesday, Sept. 29th

First Communion Parent Meeting at St.
Padre Pio Parish (7:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, Sept. 30th

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation:
Orange Shirt Day

CSC Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

October 2026

Thursday, Oct. 1st

Confirmation Parent Meeting at St. Padre
Pio Parish (7:30 p.m.)