

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

1 September 2023

Dear Osler Community,

We are thrilled to welcome you back to another fantastic year at Osler! We also welcome many new students and families to our special community. We are looking forward to lots of fun and learning!

The Osler Community Soaring Eagle is a weekly update, published on Fridays to provide you with information about the school. If there is anything you would like to see included, please feel free to reach out.

As school begins, we start to see routines come back. Please note that cafeteria service will not begin until Friday, September 8th, so students should prepare to bring lunch for the first few days. Lockers will be assigned to students next week.

Our first 1pm Dismissal is on Monday, September 11th. Photo Day will be on Thursday, September 21st. And stay tuned for details about upcoming Spirit Days as we celebrate being back together!

We are happy to address any questions or concerns you may have at any time regarding your child. Student timetables will be sent electronically today and staff will be on hand on Tuesday to help students find their classes.

We wish you a great long weekend!

Ian Bain
Principal

Jennifer Rochon
Vice-Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 4 Labour Day Holiday (no classes)	Sept 5 First day of school	Sept 6	Sept 7	Sept 8 First day of cafeteria service
Sept 11 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15
Saturday, September 9 th : International FASD Awareness Day		Saturday, September 23 rd : International Day of Sign Languages		
Thursday, September 21 st : Photo Day		Friday, September 29 th : Orange Shirt Day marked at Osler		
Friday, September 22 nd : Fall BBQ		Saturday, September 30 th : Orange Shirt Day (Official)		

Calendar dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, please see website for up-to-date events.

The Soaring Eagle Updates are all archived on our Osler school site:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler>



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Early Dismissal Days

Professional Learning (PLC) and Staff Meetings are an important tool for staff development and school improvement. At Osler, PLC/Staff Meetings are held once a month, typically on the first Monday of the month. Note that the early dismissal (1:00) schedule is also followed for the Family-Staff Interview and Commencement dates.

On PLC/Staff Meeting days, students are dismissed at 1:00pm where busses will take students home to their afternoon address. Please ensure you are able to meet your child at this time. Please refer to the attached Calendar of Important Dates or our School Google Calendar for our important dates, including early dismissal dates.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/Home/School-Calendar>

Our first early dismissal (1:00) for the PLC/Staff Meeting is Monday, September 11, 2023.

Student Transportation

All caregivers with students who take the bus to school are encouraged to sign up for the Student Transportation Parent Portal to access important bussing information and updates, which gives you access to transportation information specific to your student, including route number, stop location, times and bus company contact details. There is also the web based “where’s my bus” tool that will indicate the whereabouts of the bus for those who are registered.

Transportation Parent Portal :

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/>

Instructions on how to create an account on the Parent Portal are attached. Please note that your child's OEN number (not TDSB Student Number) will be required. The OEN can be found on the report card.

If your student is going to be absent, please contact your transportation carrier to inform them of the absence, as well as contacting the school.

Please note that any changes to a student’s transportation must go through the school. Any changes can take up to 2 weeks. Please note that drivers are not authorized to change pick-up or drop off locations / times.

Transportation Carriers

First Student	416-444-7030
Stock	416-754-4949
Sharp	416-477-4804
Wheelchair Accessible Transit	416-884-9898

School Cash On-line

All school fees applicable to your child will be posted on School Cash Online. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment.

You can register by visiting the TDSB's [School Cash Online website](https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/), selecting “Get Started Today” and completing the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available for purchase online.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

School Trustee – Ward 20

The elected School Trustee for Sir William Osler is Manna Wong, Trustee for Ward 20. Please find attached a letter from Manna Wong that contains important information, dates and resources.

Parent Concern Protocol

At Osler, we firmly believe in a strong partnership between school and home. From time to time, concerns may arise, and we prioritize open communication with parents and caregivers. The TDSB has developed a Parent Concern Protocol to give families some direction about steps to take when raising questions or concerns:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Contact-Us/Steps-to-Address-Questions-Concerns>

Safe Arrival Policy

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for communicating any planned student absences, lateness, or change in safe departure plans to the school on a timely basis and for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts.

Each morning, Osler staff will contact parents/guardians of any student who is absent and whose absence has not been reported in advance. We appreciate your cooperation as we make student safety and safe arrival top priorities.

Reporting Student Absences (School Messenger)

Using the School Messenger app or website provides a faster and easier way to report absences for your child. After downloading the app, parents/guardians may see your related SchoolMessenger Contacts across TDSB schools (i.e. if you have more than one child in the TDSB, they will all appear in a single account). This is available for download now. Click on the hyperlinks to learn more about [SchoolMessenger](#) and watch a [video](#) about it.

How to Get Started on the App

Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Open the app and tap 'Sign Up' at the bottom of your phone screen. Enter the email address that your school has on file, location and create a password. You will then receive an email to verify your account. Once verified, reopen the app. Enter the same email address and password used to create an account. Tap Log In.

How to Get Started on the Website

Visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>. Click on Sign Up at the top right corner. Enter the email address that your school has on file, location and create a password. You will then receive an email to verify your account. Once verified, reopen the site. Enter the same email address and password used to create an account. Click on Log In.