

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

8 September 2023

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a wonderful first week back at school here at Osler! Students are doing a fantastic job adjusting to new classes and routines. As always, we are very proud of their efforts.

Cafeteria service has now resumed. Our weekly menu is available on our web site and is distributed to classes as well. Also, due to rising food costs, we unfortunately must raise our lunch prices to \$8.00 this year for a meal.

Please note that our first 1pm Dismissal is on Monday, September 11th. Please also keep watch for an email from the TDSB asking you to complete the Start-of-Year Permission/Consent Package. There are a number of forms in the package that are important for the safety and care of your child.

Please feel free to contact the school at any time with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to a wonderful year of collaboration!

We wish you a great weekend!

Ian Bain
Principal

Jennifer Rochon
Vice-Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 11 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15
Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20	Sept 21 Photo Day	Sept 22 Fall BBQ (lunch) Blue and White Day
Saturday, September 23 rd : International Day of Sign Languages Friday, September 29 th : Orange Shirt Day marked at Osler Friday, September 29 th : Markham Fair Field Trip		Monday, October 2 nd : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Thursday, October 5 th : World Teacher & Support Staff Day Friday, October 6 th : PD Day (no classes for students)		

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**.

Permission Click

At the beginning of the school year, you will receive an email from the TDSB asking you to complete the Start-of-Year Permission/Consent Package. It is very important and should be completed as soon as possible so that students do not miss out on any activities such as:

- Community Walks & Physical Education Activities
 - Canada's Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) permission, allowing you to receive email promoting and advertising for school activities such as photo day/yearbooks/school clothing, etc.
 - Important Medical information such as Life-Threatening Allergies, Asthma, Diabetes and Seizures. These medical conditions will require a Medical Management Plan if a condition exists.
 - Code of Conduct and Acceptable Use of Information Technology Resources required for students to use any electronic resources including iPads, Chromebooks or computers.
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Student Data Verification

After the first day of school, the TDSB Student Data Verification Report must be distributed to all students. This form is used for parents/guardians to confirm student information and to provide any updates that the school will then enter into our system. Please ensure you complete this form when it is brought home and return it with your child.

Start of Year and Student Device Forms

Start of Year and Student Device Agreement forms will be sent via Permission Click to both returning and new students the day **after** their first attendance is recorded in PS.

The families of students in grades 5 and 9 who wish to participate in the Student Device Program this year must complete the [Device Program Agreement Form](#) they receive through Permission Click as part of the school year start-up package. An order will be placed for students with completed agreements by Friday, September 15 at 4:00 PM.

Delivery of devices is expected to begin the week of October 2, 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](#), 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/>

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

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.