

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

15 September 2023

Dear Osler Community,

It has been a busy and exciting week at Osler! Classes are well underway and it is wonderful seeing students working and learning in classrooms, shops and experiential spaces.

Photo Day is this Thursday, September 21st, in the Osler Library. Families will have the option of purchasing photo packages online through the photographer. More information on this will be provided.

We are also excited for our Fall BBQ this Friday at lunch, also the date of our first spirit day of the year! We hope to see everyone sporting school colours for Blue and White Day on Friday to celebrate another year at Osler!

IEP Consultation Letters were sent home on Monday, September 11th with students. Please complete this form and return it with your child as soon as possible. We value your input and collaboration as part of the IEP process.

We wish you a wonderful weekend! To our Osler families marking Rosh Hashanah, we wish you a happy New Year.

Ian Bain
Principal

Jennifer Rochon
Vice-Principal

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Sept 18 | Sept 19 | Sept 20 | Sept 21 | Sept 22 |
| | | | Photo Day | Fall BBQ (lunch) Blue and White Day |
| Sept 25 | Sept 26 | Sept 27 | Sept 28 | Sept 29 |
| | | | Terry Fox Day | Orange Shirt Day at Osler Markham Fair Trip |
| Saturday, September 23 rd : International Day of Sign Languages | | Friday, October 6 th : PD Day (no classes for students) | | |
| Monday, October 2 nd : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) | | Monday, October 9 th : Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes) | | |
| Thursday, October 5 th : World Teacher & Support Staff Day | | Wednesday, October 18 th : School Council Meeting (7pm) | | |

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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Orange Shirt Day

Orange Shirt Day will be marked on Friday September 29th at Osler.

Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. It is a show of support and understanding of the history of the Canadian school system, which impacts many First Nations, Métis and Inuit families today. The phrase “Every Child Matters” reminds everyone that children are such an important and integral part of our communities, and that they are our future generations of change makers.

On Friday September 29th, students and staff at Osler are encouraged to wear an Orange Shirt to bring awareness to the history of Residential Schools and to stand up against other injustices that may impact children/students. In the upcoming week, additional resources will be made available to use in class to mark Orange Shirt Day that staff are encouraged to use.

Toronto Public Health Letter to Parents

Please find attached a Toronto Public Health regarding back-to-school information. Please follow the directions in the letter from Toronto Public Health if your child is sick or not feeling well. Students, staff and visitors are reminded to stay at home if they are sick or have symptoms of illness, even if mild. It is important that hands are washed and sanitized. Together, as a community, we can keep each other safe.

Family Toolkit

Transition planning plays an important role in the life of children with special education needs. Sir William Osler is happy to provide families with the first edition of the Parent/Caregiver Toolkit, sent home with each student today. The tool kit provides information regarding Special Education, School Council, Vulnerable Persons Registry, Planning for Life After High School (including age specific planning), Community Agency Resources and much more.

The tool kit is not exhaustive of all the opportunities available, but is a resource to provide some information to families of students with special needs. Please note that many services have wait lists and applications should be made early. A paper copy of the toolkit has been sent home with your child and is also available on the Osler website.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/Portals/sirwilliamosler/Parent%20Toolkit%202023-2024.pdf?ver=2023-09-11-132219-870>

If you have any questions about transition planning, please feel free to speak to your child’s teacher or the school guidance department. Some of the agencies will be present at the Family-Staff Interviews at the end of October.

Grade 9 Student 1:1 Device Program Reminders

The families of students in grades 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. Forms should be completed by September 17.

Trustee Ward Forum: Thursday, September 26

Trustee Manna Wong will be holding a Ward Forum on Thursday, September 26. Please see attached flyer for details.