

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

22 September 2023

Dear Osler Community,

We have had another exciting week here at Osler! It was wonderful to see everyone's smiles on Photo Day, and our Back to School BBQ and Dance were a great success!! We also loved seeing everyone's blue and white for our first spirit day of the year on Friday!

This Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the International Day of Sign Languages. At Osler, our staff and students use many different ways to communicate, including signing. [More information on this day is available here.](#)

Next week, Osler will mark Terry Fox Day on September 28<sup>th</sup> and Orange Shirt Day on the 29<sup>th</sup>. If students need an orange shirt, they can see Ms. Boyd in the office. We also recognize that many members of our community will be marking Yom Kippur from September 24<sup>th</sup> to September 25<sup>th</sup>, and we wish you a meaningful day.

IEPs are currently in development and we encourage you to have your say and connect with your child's teachers. We wish you all a good weekend and we look forward to continued collaboration in support of our students!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27	Sept 28 Terry Fox Day	Sept 29 Orange Shirt Day at Osler Markham Fair Trip
Oct 2 1pm Dismissal – Staff Meeting/PLC	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6 PA Day (no classes for students)
Monday, October 2nd: 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)		Monday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> : Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)		
Thursday, October 5 <sup>th</sup> : World Teacher & Support Staff Day		Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> : School Council Meeting & Elections (7pm)		
Friday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> : PD Day (no classes for students)		Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> : Family-Staff Interviews (1pm Dismissal)		

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.

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## Let’s Talk about your Child/Youth/Young Adult’s Special or Complex Needs Supports at TDSB

Come meet with our very own TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants who will discuss crucial supports at your child/youth/young adult’s school. Get an opportunity to talk to a TDSB Psychologist, Occupation Therapist and Physiotherapist, Speech and Language Pathologist, Social Worker and a Special Education and Inclusion Consultant.

### Guests: TDSB Professional Support Services and Special Education and Inclusion Consultants

**When:** Monday, October 16th, 2023, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

The same information will be repeated on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

### Join on your computer, mobile app, or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

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## Funding Workshops for Caregivers

Please see the attached flyer for Funding Workshops available through the Geneva Centre for Autism.

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## Family Toolkit

Transition planning is an important for all students and is individualized to meet specific needs and interests. Transition planning is plays a big role in IEPs. Post-Secondary School planning can be a daunting task for many families. A new [Transition Toolkit](#) booklet has been created for students, families and staff to support post-secondary school planning for the future. Many plans take time as waitlists can be long, and families are advised to start planning early.

The [Transition Toolkit](#) was sent home last week to families. It contains information on age benchmark planning and a large list of community resources. There is also a copy on the school website for families & staff the refer to.

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## Special Education & Inclusion Guide for Parents/Guardians

The [Special Education & Inclusion Guide for Parents/Guardians](#) contains information about programs and services for students with special education needs provided in the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and includes information regarding IEPs, and Identification, Placement and Review Committee (IPRC) procedures. Translated guides of this document are available on our [website](#).

## Other Guides:

[Guide to The Referral Process for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (w / Audio)

[Guide to The Referral Process for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (MS Word Download)

[Guide to Individual Education Plans \(IEPs\) for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (w / Audio)

[Guide to Individual Education Plans \(IEPs\) for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (MS Word Download)

[Guide to Identification, Placement and Review Committees \(IPRCs\) for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (w / Audio)

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## Lumenus Programming for 2SLGBTQ+ Youth Ages 10 to 14

Please see the attached flyer for a Studio Drop-in that runs Monday to Friday from 3:00-6:30 at our 40 Orchard View (Yonge and Eglinton) location. This program services all youth ages 12-25, but prioritized BIPOC and 2SLGBTQ+ youth and as mentioned above we will be launching a specialized program for 2SLGBTQ+ youth and allies 10-14.

The Tweeny STARS launch event will be on September 26th (register [using this link](#)) and then the program will begin on October 3rd. It's going to take place at 40 Orchard View Blvd. This is a good time for caregivers to come with their young person and hear a bit about the program, as well as meet our awesome staff!

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## School Councils

Welcome back to the 2023-2024 school year!!

School Councils work to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system. They are governed by the Ontario Ministry of Education Regulations 612 and 613, which contain very clear guidelines regarding School Council elections. Regulation 612 outlines the roles, the responsibilities, and the processes for School Councils. Regulation 613 outlines the responsibility of the principal in supporting School Councils. As collaborators in education, schools and School Councils recognize that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our schools' community, free from racism, classism, and other isms, intentional or unintentional.

There is an understanding that participation can take many forms and work to:

1. offer parents/caregivers a variety of ways to share their voices, knowledge and expertise;
2. recognize that relationship building is key to breaking down walls and barriers;
3. strive to identify and to eliminate barriers to participation for parents/caregivers;
4. disrupt practices that contribute to oppression based on race, class, nationality, abilities, gender, education, or language.

Osler's School Council will be holding our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Osler Library. We encourage our Osler families to attend and to be part of this year's conversations.