

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

29 September 2023

Dear Osler Community,

We have had another wonderful week at Osler. Staff and students enjoyed our Terry Fox Walk & Roll event on Thursday afternoon, and the weather was perfect! Friday was our very popular Markham Fair field trip, and we are proud of our students for making this successful and fun again this year.

Please note that Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> is a 1pm dismissal for our monthly Staff Meeting/PLC. Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> is a PA Day and there will be no classes for students. More information about the PA day can be found here: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/About-Us/Professional-Activity-PA-Days>

Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> is the Thanksgiving Day Statutory Holiday. No classes will be held this day.

We are always here to discuss any questions or concerns with you. We hope you have a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Oct 2</b>	<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Oct 4</b>	<b>Oct 5</b>	<b>Oct 6</b>
1pm Dismissal – Staff Meeting/PLC			World Teacher & Support Staff Day	PA Day (no classes for students)
<b>Oct 9</b>	<b>Oct 10</b>	<b>Oct 11</b>	<b>Oct 12</b>	<b>Oct 13</b>
Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)				
Tuesday, October 17 <sup>th</sup> : IEPs sent home Wednesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> : School Council Meeting & Elections (7pm) Thursday, October 26 <sup>th</sup> : Family-Staff Interviews (1pm Dismissal) Thursday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 2023 Commencement (1pm Dismissal)			Monday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Thursday, November 9 <sup>th</sup> : Photo Retake Day Friday, November 17 <sup>th</sup> : PA 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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## National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day – Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

September 30 is National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Together we recognize the legacy of Canada's residential school system and continue to learn the many truths of these institutions.

Orange Shirt Day, established in 2013 by Phyllis Webstad, recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools System for First Nations, Métis, and Inuit families and communities. By wearing orange, we acknowledge the truths of Residential Schools in Canada, we honour Survivors, and we remember the thousands of children who died, many of them buried in unmarked graves. 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.

**This year, TDSB will honour Orange Shirt Day on Friday, September 29th.**

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### IEPs – Have your say!

IEPs are currently being developed for students. A consultation letter was sent home on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, asking for your input on goals and areas of focus. We encourage all Osler families to reach out to your child's teacher(s) and provide input during this very important process.

IEPs will be sent home on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

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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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### Learn4Life – Adult General Interest Community Program

Fall registration is still open for our Adult General Interest Program with courses in business, languages, art, music, sports, dancing, and more! Open to adults 18 years of age and seniors, the Learn4Life program offers a unique and valuable opportunity for individuals to pursue their interests, expand their knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning with a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions.

[Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)

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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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**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. 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.

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. Council Elections will also be held at this meeting.

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**New Parent/Caregiver Focused Digital Citizenship Workshop**

Parents/Caregivers, we invite you to a free online session to learn about digital media literacy skills so you can understand and better support your child to use technology for learning, identify misinformation and help stop the spread of online hate.

The TDSB is partnering with Civix to offer this valuable learning opportunity to TDSB families via Zoom.

Thursday, October 12th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

or

Wednesday, October 18th from 6:30 - 7:30PM

Registration is required at: <https://CTRL-F-TDSB.eventbrite.ca>

Please note that registration is free and will be limited to 300 participants on a first come, first served basis, so please register early.

This virtual workshop is designed to help parents/caregivers learn simple skills for verifying online information, in this era of social media and artificial intelligence such as ChatGPT. Please see the attached flyer for details.

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**Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference - October 21 & 22, 2023**

Join us at our annual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference on October 21 and 22, 2023. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are invited to participate in a weekend of learning, connection, and engagement and to learn strategies to support your child throughout the year.

Last year, we partnered with the TDSB's Outdoor Education team and the City of Toronto to bring a unique experience to the conference. All of the in-person sessions are scheduled between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. Transportation from central sites is available to all venues, leaving the location at 1:00 p.m. and returning at 3:30 p.m. More information will be provided as we approach the date.

The virtual conference includes a keynote address on Saturday, October 21, 2023, by Dr. Gholnecsar (Gholdy) Muhammad, an Associate Professor of Literacy, Language, and Culture. On Sunday, October 22, 2023, Sarah Baldeo, an accomplished neuroscientist, technologist, corporate strategist, and a successful entrepreneur, will be our keynote.

Visit [www.parentsaspartners.ca](http://www.parentsaspartners.ca) to register and for more information.