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# Sir William Osler High School Soaring Eagle Update

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Dear Osler Community,

We have had another busy and wonderful week at Osler! Our students had fun at a soccer tournament on Thursday and are all looking forward to the start of our swim program this coming Wednesday. We are also excited for our next Spirit Day on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: Hat Day!

IEPs and safety plans (if applicable) will be sent home on Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's plans, please reach out. These are living documents and we will continue to revise them throughout the year.

Our first School Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> here at Osler (an option to join online will be available closer to the 18<sup>th</sup>). We will be holding our elections at this meeting and we encourage families and caregivers of Osler students to attend and be part of the important conversations School Council will lead this year.

We hope you have a great weekend – please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Ian BainJennifer RochonPrincipalVice-Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20
	IEPs sent home	Swim Program Begins School Council Meeting & Elections 7pm		Spirit Day: Hat Day
Oct 23	Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27
		Swim Program	1pm Dismissal Family/Staff Interviews 5-8pm	
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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.

## **Toronto Public Health Guidance on Respiratory Illnesses**

Toronto Public Health has provided some updates as we enter respiratory virus season:

#### Vaccines:

A new RSV vaccine (Arexvy) has been approved for adults 60+. This will be publicly funded for residents of LTC homes and some retirement homes.

TPH once again recommends an annual influenza vaccine, and <u>more information is available here</u>. There is also an updated COVID-19 vaccine (targeting the XBB variant) which can be given at the same time as the influenza vaccine (for anyone 6 months and older). There is more information available <u>on the TPH web site</u>.

## Staying home:

TPH continues to recommend staying home from school when sick, to prevent the spread of infections. The screening tool has been updated to reflect current guidelines and <u>can be found here</u>.

#### Rapid Antigen Tests:

Free rapid antigen tests are available now at various locations, with more locations being added. You can find out where tests are available on the TPH web site.

#### **Lost & Found**

We have a Lost & Found at Osler that is brimming with unmarked items. We ask families to please mark your child's belongings with their name to assist us in returning anything that is lost. If you are aware of an item your child has lost that is not marked, please reach out to the school with a description.

# Family/Staff Interviews: Thursday, October 26th

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will once again be hosting Family/Staff Interviews from 5pm to 8pm. We will follow a 1pm Dismissal schedule on this day.

The following agencies will be on hand to speak with families:

- Ontario Disability Support Program https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-disability-support-program
- Developmental Services Ontario <a href="https://www.dsontario.ca/">https://www.dsontario.ca/</a>
- Corbrook https://corbrook.com/
- The Wellspring Centre https://www.thespring.ca/
- JVS Toronto <a href="https://www.jvstoronto.org/home/">https://www.jvstoronto.org/home/</a>
- Sunflower Developmental Services <a href="https://www.sunflowerrcs.com/">https://www.sunflowerrcs.com/</a>
- Post 21 https://post21.ca/
- Extend a Family <a href="https://www.extendafamily.ca/">https://www.extendafamily.ca/</a>
- Cherish Integrated Services https://cherishis.org/

Beta and Gamma 11 teachers will be in the cafeteria and meetings will be on a first come-first served basis. Gamma 1-10 teachers will be in classrooms and families can reach out to their child's teachers to make an appointment; drop-in meetings will also be accommodated. Lists and maps will be posted.

We will also be offering tech support for families who are struggling to access things like School Cash Online or online forms. Please look for Ms. Boyd's table at the agency fair if this is a support you need.

# 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. Please see the attached flyer for details.

# 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

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## **Geneva Centre Autism Workforce Development Hub**

The Geneva Centre is pleased to offer a FREE training program to prepare autistic adults (18+) to find meaningful and inclusive employment. This innovative program is not a typical job search program.

This is an 8-week full-time, in-person program that includes many perks, like: group training, individual consultations with a dedicated Employment Facilitator, and networking events with employers that offer inclusive workplaces.

Interested? Email today to see if the program is a good fit for you!: awdh@autism.net

Please note that this is for 18+ and an eligibility intake meeting does not guarantee a spot in the program. The Geneva Centre will be completing intakes with all interested candidates before confirming participants into the program. More information is available on the Geneva Centre web site.