

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

27 October 2023

Dear Osler Community,

We have enjoyed a great week at Osler! Thank you to all of our families and caregivers who attended our Family-Staff Interviews on Thursday evening – it was wonderful to see you and collaborate with you!

We wish to congratulate the 2023-2024 Osler School Council after elections were held on October 18th:

- Tharsiny Markandu (Co-Chair)
- Dora Mehany (Co-Chair)
- Christina Ekonomakos (Secretary)
- Jennifer Corbett (Member-At-Large)
- Tanya Thompson (Member-At-Large)

Please note that we have two 1pm Dismissals coming up, on Thursday, November 2nd (2023 Commencement) and Monday, November 6th (Staff Meeting/PLC).

Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions or concerns. We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3
	Halloween Dance (Period 4) Student of the Month	Swim Day	1pm Dismissal Commencement 5-8pm	
Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10
1pm Dismissal – Staff Meeting/PLC		Swim Day Term 1 Ends	First day of Term 2	Photo Retake Day Remembrance Day Assembly
Friday, November 17th: PA Day (no classes for students) Monday, December 4th: 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)		Wednesday, December 13 th : School Council Meeting Friday, December 15 th : Festive Brunch		

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>

Toronto Public Health: Reducing the Spread of Respiratory Viruses

You and your child play an important part in protecting our school communities to reduce the spread of respiratory viruses this fall and winter:

Reduce virus spread

- Stay home if sick or have symptoms of being sick, even if they are mild.
- Use the [TPH screening questionnaire](#) or the provincial [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#) before attending school or work if there are symptoms of illness.
- [Clean hands](#) often.
- [Cover their cough](#) or sneeze with a tissue or their elbow.
- Wear a well-fitted, high-quality [mask](#) in crowded indoor settings with poor ventilation, especially if at higher risk of getting very sick

Get the updated COVID-19 and flu vaccine this fall

- Both vaccines are important to prevent serious illness.
- The updated COVID-19 vaccine targets the XBB variant and will better protect from the variants spreading now and [long-COVID](#).
- Everyone six months and older can get the updated [COVID-19 vaccine](#) and [flu vaccine](#) starting October 30th, 2023 at:
 - Toronto Public Health [fixed-site vaccination clinics](#). Book an appointment at [TPHbookings.ca](#). Only one appointment is needed to get both vaccines.
 - Participating [pharmacies](#) or health care provider's office.

It is also important to have your child up-to-date with routine vaccinations

- In Ontario, the [Immunization of School Pupil Act \(ISPA\)](#) requires all students to be up-to-date with certain vaccines, or have a [valid exemption](#). This includes vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, polio, pertussis, meningococcal and chickenpox.
 - Toronto Public Health (TPH) will be sending letters to some parents to ensure their child is compliant with the ISPA legislation.
 - Parents must report any vaccines not given by TPH through [Immunization Connect \(ICON\)](#).
 - Students who are not up-to-date can be suspended from school.
- Students in grades 7 to 12 can get the [hepatitis B, human papillomavirus \(HPV\) and meningococcal vaccines](#) through the [Student Immunization Program \(SIP\)](#).
 - How to get these free vaccines:
 - **SIP school clinics** will offer hepatitis b, human papillomavirus (HPV) and meningococcal vaccines during school hours to grade 7 and 8 students who attend the school. Visit the [School Immunization Program webpage](#) to see the school clinic schedule.
 - **TPH fixed-site vaccination clinics**. Book an appointment at [TPHbookings.ca](#).
 - **A health care provider's office**. Ask your health care provider to [order these vaccines](#) for free from TPH and report it through [ICON](#).

More Information

Visit toronto.ca/health to learn more about:

- [Respiratory Viruses: Information for Parents & Caregivers](#)
- [Childhood Vaccines – Quick Reference Guide](#)

Reporting an Incident of Hate or Discrimination Involving or Impacting Students

The TDSB and Sir William Osler HS are committed to creating an inclusive and safe environment for all members of our community.

If you witnessed or experienced racism, hate or discrimination, please refer to our procedure for reporting an incident. Learn more on the TDSB website or see the attached flowchart:

<https://bit.ly/46ZRJCO>

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day is Canada's most recognized career exploration event, engaging students with employers and the community for nearly 30 years. On November 1st, parents/guardians may choose to have their Grade 9 student(s) participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day events at their workplace or at the workplace of another adult in their circle of care. Parents/guardians should complete the [Take Our Kids to Work Day – Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#) and submit the completed form to their child's school by October 31st. Parents/guardians assume the risk/responsibility of their child's participation in this experiential learning opportunity.

Families may also choose to participate in the Take Our Kids to Work event, powered by RBC Future Launch, hosted by the Students Commission of Canada (SCC). This cornerstone event will have themed breakout sessions for students across various career sectors. All content will be available in both English and French.

Students who remain at school on November 1st will explore careers with their classroom teacher in a variety of ways. Some classes may participate in the virtual Take Our Kids to Work event, powered by RBC Future Launch, hosted by the SCC also.

To learn more and stay up-to-date on developments, resources, and opportunities, visit <https://www.studentscommission.ca/en/take-our-kids-to-work>.

Halloween 2023

Tuesday, October 31st is Halloween. We will be holding a dance during Period 4. Students can choose to wear a costume if they wish. We ask our community to remember that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community. We also ask that students not wear masks and that their faces be visible in their costumes, as part of ensuring school safety. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at school.