

Sir William Osler H.S. -TDSB

# Sir William Osler High School Soaring Eagle Update

23 February 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have once again had a great week at Osler! Congratulations to our Basketball group who played at Etobicoke CI on Thursday and showed excellent enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and brought home first place! And of course, the Lieutenant Governor Games was fun for staff and students on Friday and we are proud of how everyone conducted themselves!

Our next School Council meeting will be held this Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7pm. We encourage all parents/families/caregivers to attend to hear more about what is happening at Osler, and how you can get involved. A link to join the meeting will be shared on Wednesday.

We are also very excited about our Black History Month celebration this Thursday, where students will hear an author reading and see a steelpan demonstration. Classes will visit the presentation during Period 1 or 2.

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

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		Principal	Vice-Principal	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 1
Let's Talk about Transition to Adulthood Webinar		Black History Month Scavenger Hunt School Council Meeting: 7pm	Black History Month Celebration	
Mar 4 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8
March 11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> : March Bre Wednesday, March 20 <sup>th</sup> : Wee			22 <sup>nd</sup> : Grad Photo Day 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Osler Earth Hour (	Period 4)

Calendar dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, please see website for up-to-date events.

#### Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair: Mark Your Calendars!

Please see the attached flyer for the Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. The event is organized by Trustee Manna Wong and will be held at L'Amoreaux CI – and Osler students will be participating! Admission is free, and we hope to see you there!

### African Heritage (Black History) Month at Osler

Black History Month Scavenger Hunt

On Wednesday February 28, students will participate in a school-wide Black History Month Scavenger Hunt. Each homeform will be given one clue to one remarkable Black Canadian. The class will be tasked with finding this individual, whose face and story (picture card) has been hidden somewhere in the school building - so follow the hints and go for a walk/wheel, but keep those eyes open!

Further instructions to be shared next week.

#### Black History Month Celebration at Osler

On Thursday February 29, we will be welcoming guest presenters to celebrate Black History month at Osler. All classes are invited to join us in the library for both a book reading by author, Denise Lopes, followed by a Steelpan performance and demonstration by Musician, Robby Charles/Prostix.

#### **Osler School Council: Parent Share Event on March 6th**

Osler will be hosting a presentation from Pooran Law Firm on Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm. The presentation will cover issues related to transitions to adulthood, including ODSP, financial planning and Henson Trusts. For more information, please contact Council Chairs Dora Mehany (<u>dora.mehany@tdsb.on.ca</u>) or Tharsiny Markandu (<u>Tharsiny.markandu@tdsb.on.ca</u>).

## TDSB Virtual Community Fair for Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs - Let's Talk about Transition to Adulthood

Adult Transition Planning can be very challenging for Parents/Caregivers of Young Adults with Special/Complex Needs. Please join us as we invite lead adult transition agencies to share some crucial steps in this Planning Process. Help set up your Young Adult for success as they transition from TDSB.

This is Part 1 of a 2 Part series where Part 1 will focus on Funding requirements and Part 2 will focus on Community Agencies sharing about their Recreational, Social, Life Skills or Employment Programs. (flyer)

Speakers: Ontario Disability Support Program, Developmental Services Ontario, and Passport Funding Program.

When: Monday, February 12th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on Monday, February 26th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Join on your computer, mobile app or device

Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429 Passcode: 3BWFVF Download Teams | Join on the web

For more information send email to virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

#### **TDSB Special Education Parent/Guardian Webinar:**

The TDSB Special Education Department is pleased to present the Parent/Guardian/Caregiver workshop. This is the second workshop in the series. There workshop will be presented at two different times.

Please join to learn more about:

- Transitions for Students with an IEP
- Elementary to Secondary Transitions
- Post Secondary Transitions
- School/Home Partnerships
- Resources

#### Morning Session – Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:00am

- Flyer: FLYER Parent Session March 5th AM Session.pptx Google Slides
- Zoom Meeting Link: https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/s/96038536031

#### Evening Session – Wednesday, March 6th from 6:30pm-7:30pm

- Flyer: FLYER Parent Session March 6th PM Session.pptx Google Slides
- Zoom Meeting Link: <u>https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/s/97788712066</u>

#### Webinar Wednesdays

The Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement is hosting its second session of the 2023 - 2024 Webinar Wednesdays series. The aim of this virtual series is to provide space for Black parents and caregivers, and families raising Black children to support their children's success, academic achievement and overall well-being as they transition from high school.

Through collaborations with various post-secondary institutions, the Webinar Wednesdays series shares information and resources on various topics, including, but not limited to graduation and post-secondary pathways.

This session, we focus on Pathways to Skilled Trades. Join us as we learn more about the various pathways and apprenticeship programs.

Date: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Location: Virtual Registration link: <u>bit.ly/42zc7sY</u>

For more information contact, jeffrey.caton@tdsb.on.ca, Centrally Assigned Principal, or <u>lindsey.marshall@tdsb.on.ca</u>, Program Co-ordinator, Centre of Excellence for Black Student Achievement.

#### **Autism Ontario Programs**

Autism Ontario is a charitable organization supporting people on the autism spectrum and their families across Ontario. They offer a number of resources and programs that may be of interest to Osler families. For more information, visit <u>www.autismontario.com</u>