

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

6 September 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a wonderful first week of school here at Osler! Students are getting used to school routines, and we are thrilled to welcome our new students to our community!

Annual student permission & validation forms should have been emailed already to parents by the TDSB. Please complete the permission forms as soon as possible.

Our first 1pm Dismissal is on Monday, September 9th for our Staff Meeting/PLC. Photo Day will be on Friday, September 20th. And stay tuned for details about upcoming Spirit Days as we celebrate being back together!

Monday, September 9th is also International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day – please see the next page for details.

Please feel free to contact the school at any time with any questions or concerns you may have.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 9 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) International FASD Awareness Day	Sept 10	Sept 11	Sept 12	Sept 13
Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18 Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll Event	Sept 19	Sept 20 Photo Day
Friday, September 27 th : Fall BBQ & Dance Monday, September 30 th : Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation		Saturday, October 5 th : World Teacher & Support Staff Day Monday, October 7 th : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Wednesday, October 9 th : School Council Meeting & Elections – 7pm		

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>

Early Dismissal Days

Professional Learning (PLC) and Staff Meetings are an important tool for staff development and school improvement. At Osler, PLC/Staff Meetings are held once a month, typically on the first Monday of the month. Note that the early dismissal (1:00) schedule is also followed for the Family-Staff Interview and Commencement dates.

On PLC/Staff Meeting days, students are dismissed at 1:00pm where busses will take students home to their afternoon address. Please ensure you are able to meet your child at this time. Please refer to the attached Calendar of Important Dates or our School Google Calendar for our important dates, including early dismissal dates.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/Home/School-Calendar>

Our first early dismissal (1:00) for the PLC/Staff Meeting is Monday, September 9, 2024.

Individual Education Plan & Safety Plan

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Safety Plans (if applicable) are exceptionally important documents that help guide the programming for each student. The development of the IEP occurs over the next several weeks. The IEP is also reviewed at each report card cycle in November, February, April and June.

Parents & Guardians have an exceptionally important role to play in the development of the IEP. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to discuss the development of the IEP. In addition, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher as well. Teachers email address can be found at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/About-Us/Staff-Information>

Further information can also be found in the TDSB Special Education Parent Guides

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Learning-Equity-and-Well-Being/Special-Education-and-Inclusion/Parent-Guides-to-Special-Education-and-Inclusion>

International FASD Awareness Day – September 9, 2024

September is FASD Awareness Month. First celebrated in 1999, FASD day is devoted to raising awareness of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) to improve prevention of FASD and diagnosis and support for individuals with FASD. The Government of Canada officially recognized September as FASD Awareness Month in 2020.

As per the FASD website, the theme for this year's FASD awareness month is Everyone Plays a Part. The intention of this theme is to go beyond framing FASD as an individual issue, as the impacts of FASD matter to the whole community.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in Red Shoes Rock - wear red shoes as a symbol of power and strength to bring attention to this disability. At Osler, we encourage everyone to wear red on Monday!

For more information, please visit the [FASD Awareness Month website](#).

Occupational Therapy/Physiotherapy (OT/PT) Consultation Letter

Attached in this weekly update, please find a letter from the school OT/PT department for our students in the DD program. Please take a moment to review.

Emergency Response Plan

In accordance with TDSB policy, Sir William Osler HS has developed a comprehensive plan for responding to various emergencies and other situations that may occur. This plan is provided to all staff members and regularly reviewed as part of staff meetings. As part of our emergency preparedness, we regularly conduct fire drills (3 per semester) and lockdown drills (1 per semester). If you have any questions about our emergency response plan, please contact the Main Office.

Student Transportation

All caregivers with students who take the bus to school are encouraged to sign up for the Student Transportation Parent Portal to access important bussing information and updates, which gives you access to transportation information specific to your student, including route number, stop location, times and bus company contact details. There is also the web based “where’s my bus” tool that will indicate the whereabouts of the bus for those who are registered.

Transportation Parent Portal :

<https://busplannerweb.torontoschoolbus.org/>

Instructions on how to create an account on the Parent Portal are attached. Please note that your child's OEN number (not TDSB Student Number) will be required. The OEN can be found on the report card.

If your student is going to be absent, please contact your transportation carrier to inform them of the absence, as well as contacting the school.

Please note that any changes to a student’s transportation must go through the school. Any changes can take up to 2 weeks. Please note that drivers are not authorized to change pick-up or drop off locations / times.

Transportation Carriers

Attridge	416-255-5199
Dignity	416-398-2109
First Student	416-444-7030
First West	437-523-8400
Stock	416-754-4949
Sharp	416-477-4804
Wheelchair Accessible Transit	416-884-9898

School Cash On-line

All school fees applicable to your child will be posted on School Cash Online. Once you register, you can choose to purchase the items or activities using a debit or credit card. You will be able to see when the school has a new item posted online for purchase and you also have the option to be notified whenever your child has a new school event requiring payment.

You can register by visiting the TDSB's [School Cash Online website](https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/), selecting “Get Started Today” and completing the three registration steps. Once registered, you will receive an email notification when items become available for purchase online.

<https://tdsb.schoolcashionline.com/>

Currently, on School Cash On-Line, the following items/activities are available:

- Yearbook (\$10.00)
- Communication Log Book (\$5.00)
- Back to School BBQ: Sept 27th (\$10.00) (Closes September 18)
- Festive Brunch: Dec 12 (\$10.00) (Closes November 29)

Should you wish to provide a donation to support other families in need, this is also an option on School Cash On-Line.

Reporting Student Absences

Using the School Messenger app or website provides a faster and easier way to report absences for your child. After downloading the app, parents/guardians may see your related SchoolMessenger Contacts across TDSB schools (i.e. if you have more than one child in the TDSB, they will all appear in a single account). This is available for download now. Click on the hyperlinks to learn more about [SchoolMessenger](#) and watch a [video](#) about it.

For the security of safe arrival absence reporting, parents/guardians can set up a Personal Identification Number (PIN) per student. This PIN will be required when reporting and explaining absences for this student by phone and will provide an extra level of security and prevent students from reporting their own, unauthorized, absences. Please see the attached instructions for setting up a PIN.

How to Get Started on the App

Download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play. Open the app and tap 'Sign Up' at the bottom of your phone screen. Enter the email address that your school has on file, location and create a password. You will then receive an email to verify your account. Once verified, reopen the app. Enter the same email address and password used to create an account. Tap Log In.

How to Get Started on the Website

Visit <https://go.schoolmessenger.ca/>. Click on Sign Up at the top right corner. Enter the email address that your school has on file, location and create a password. You will then receive an email to verify your account. Once verified, reopen the site. Enter the same email address and password used to create an account. Click on Log In.

Safe Arrival Policy

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are responsible for communicating any planned student absences, lateness, or change in safe departure plans to the school on a timely basis and for providing the school with complete and current emergency information to enable the school to make any necessary follow-up contacts.

Each morning, Osler staff will contact parents/guardians of any student who is absent and whose absence has not been reported in advance. We appreciate your cooperation as we make student safety and safe arrival top priorities.

Road Rehabilitation/Bike Lane Upgrades on Huntingwood

The City of Toronto will be working on Huntingwood Drive to rehabilitate the road and bike lanes. The project will be completed over three phases:

- Phase 1: July to November 2023: Pharmacy Avenue to Warden Avenue (completed)
- Phase 2: May to July 2024: east of Warden Avenue to west of Birchmount Road
- **Phase 3: August to October 2024: west of Kennedy Road to east of Birchmount Road**

Please note that this may impact bussing times.

Ongoing Health and Safety Information

COVID Self Screening

The Toronto Public Health COVID Screening tool [can be found here](#). Students are reminded to self-screen for symptoms and stay home if they feel ill. We are following Provincial and Public Health guidance. If students are absent, they should contact their teacher to find out about missed work.

COVID-19 Health and Safety Measures and Practices

Over the past 3+ years, TDSB staff and students have been diligent in following the health and safety directions provided by the Ministry of Education and Toronto Public Health to manage COVID-19 and keep our schools and sites as safe as possible. We continue to follow the Ministry of Education guidance for this new school year. We continue to take our health and safety direction from the Ministry and Toronto Public Health, and it is important to note that this is the current information and can change based on a change of guidance.

Screening – Students and staff should continue to do a daily self-assessment before entering school or Board buildings and stay home if they are sick.

Masks – The TDSB continues to be a mask-friendly environment inclusive of all staff and students. While the Ministry of Education and public health officials are not mandating the use of masks, Toronto Public Health strongly recommends wearing a well-fitting, high-quality mask, especially in indoor public settings. The TDSB will continue to provide medical masks for staff and students who request them.

Vaccines – The TDSB will continue to work closely with Toronto Public Health to support their vaccination efforts for COVID-19 and other illnesses. School-based clinics may continue to operate to support local communities and we will share any information with our community about possible clinics at Osler.

Cohorting – Cohorting classes is no longer required for health and safety reasons.

Ventilation – More than 16,000 institutional-grade HEPA filters are in the TDSB with at least one in every occupied classroom. Caretakers will continue to increase ventilation in schools and classrooms with mechanical systems by adjusting the air exchanges and running them before and after class as well as increase natural ventilation by opening windows for short periods of time.

Enhanced Cleaning – Caretaking staff will continue to perform routine cleaning of general facilities throughout the day and enhanced cleaning of high touch surfaces such as light switches, handrails, door handles, etc.



School Calendar of Important Dates 2024-2025

September 2024 2 Labour Day (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>) 3 First Day of School 9 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 20 Photo Day 27 Fall BBQ 30 Orange Shirt Day	February 2025 3 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 14 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>) 17 Family Day (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>) 26 School Council Meeting (7pm)
October 2024 5 World Teacher/Support Staff Day 7 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 9 School Council Meeting/Elections (7pm) 11 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>) 14 Thanksgiving (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>) 24 Family Staff Interviews & Agency Fair (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>)	March 2025 3 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 10-14 March Break (<i>No Classes</i>) 21 Grad Photo Day 21 Osler Earth Hour 22 Earth Hour
November 2024 4 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 5 Term 1 Ends 6 Term 2 Begins 7 Commencement (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 8 Photo Retake Day 11 Remembrance Day 15 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>) 29 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>)	April 2025 3 Family-Staff Interviews & Agency Fair (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 7 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 11 Term 3 ends 14 Term 4 begins 18 Good Friday (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>) 21 Easter Monday (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>)
December 2024 2 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 4 School Council Meeting (7pm) 13 Festive Brunch 23 Winter Break (<i>No Classes</i>) Until January 3	May 2025 5 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 14 School Council Meeting (7pm) 19 Victoria Day (<i>Statutory Holiday</i>)
January 2025 6 Classes Resume 13 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 20-24 IPRC Level 1 Meetings 29 Semester 1 Ends 30 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>) 31 Semester 2 Begins	June 2025 2 PLC/Staff Meeting (<i>Early Dismissal-1:00pm</i>) 5 Fun in the Sun 25 Semester 2/Quad 4 ends Last Day of Classes 26 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>) 27 PA Day (<i>No Classes</i>)

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For the most current calendar, please visit the *Osler Google Calendar*
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or review *Osler Soaring Eagle Community Weekly Letter* emailed on Fridays.