

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

13 September 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a wonderful week at Osler! We are so proud of how students are adjusting and making new friends!

As the year gets fully underway, we remind our community that we are always here if you have any questions or concerns. If you wish to contact someone at Osler about your child, please call the Main Office (416) 396-6830 or one of the administrators directly. We ask that communication not be conducted via staff personal devices or using their personal numbers. We appreciate your understanding in this matter. We also ask that the office be notified in advance if your child will be picked up from school, as we want to ensure that we know before bussing routines begin.

This week we are looking forward to our Terry Fox event on Wednesday, and of course Photo Day on September 20th – say cheese, Osler!

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18	Sept 19	Sept 20
		Terry Fox Walk/Run/Roll Event		Photo Day
Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27
International Day of Sign Languages				Fall BBQ (lunch) & Dance (Period 4)
Monday, September 30th: Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation		Monday, October 7 th : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)		
Saturday, October 5 th : World Teacher & Support Staff Day		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
[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)

Student Post-Graduation Student Transition Toolkit

Transition planning plays an important role in the life of children with special education needs. Sir William Osler is happy to provide families with the revised edition of the Student Post-Graduation Transition Toolkit. The tool kit provides information regarding Special Education, School Council, Vulnerable Persons Registry, Planning for Life After High School (including age specific planning), Community Agency Resources and much more.

The tool kit is not exhaustive of all the opportunities available but is a resource to provide some information to families of students with special needs. Please note that many services have wait lists and applications should be made early. The toolkit is available on the Osler website.

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/portals/sirwilliamosler/TransitionToolkit.pdf>

If you have any questions about transition planning, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or the school guidance department. Some of the agencies will be present at the Family-Staff Interviews at the end of October.

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 \(w / Audio\)](#)
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[Guide to Identification, Placement and Review Committees \(IPRCs\) for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers \(w / Audio\)](#)
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Student Accident Insurance

Please see the attached flyer and letter for details on Student Accident Insurance

Toronto Public Health Letter

Please see attached an important letter from Toronto Public Health. Includes information regarding:

- Reducing the Spread of Communicable Diseases, including if a member of the school community is not feeling well
- The Dental & Oral Health screening program
- Heat Safety Tips
- School Health Services

Please take a moment to read to keep your child and the Osler community healthy.

Director of Education Search Survey

As the TDSB searches for its next Director of Education, they want to hear from you! A survey is being conducted to learn more about insights on the appointment of the TDSB's next leader. Students, staff, parents/guardians/caregivers and members of the broader community are encouraged to take the time to share their thoughts on opportunities that lie ahead for the new Director of Education in the coming years. The results of this survey will be used to develop criteria to select the next Director of Education who will shape the TDSB's future strategy, key performance indicators, and will build upon the TDSB's commitments to its diverse community of students, staff, and stakeholders.

Survey responses will be confidential and reported anonymously as group data. Please submit your survey no later than September 22, 2024 at 11:59 pm. Access the survey at bit.ly/TDSBDirector.

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>)

June 2024

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.