

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

20 September 2024

Dear Osler Community,

It has been another fantastic week at Osler! Our Terry Fox Walk/Run/Wheel Event was a huge success – thank you to Mr. Augustine for organizing, and to everyone who contributed! And of course it was wonderful to see everyone’s best smiles at Photo Day today!

Monday is the International Day of Sign Languages. The International Day of Sign Languages is celebrated annually across the world on September 23rd. The Day is a unique opportunity to support Deaf individuals and other sign language users. Look for the [CN Tower](#) to be lit up in blue in honor of both International Week of the Deaf and International Day of Sign Languages.

<https://nationaltoday.com/international-day-of-sign-languages/>

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control, we have had to postpone our Back to School BBQ and Dance until Thursday, October 3, 2024. If you have not yet purchased the BBQ for your child and would like to, please consult School Cash Online.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 23	Sept 24	Sept 25	Sept 26	Sept 27
International Day of Sign Languages				
Sept 30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4
Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation			Back to School BBQ & Dance **NEW DATE** Blue & White Day	Markham Fair Trip
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>

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 addresses 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)

Ward 20 Forum Meet & Greet

Please see the attached flyer for an Evening Meet & Greet with Parents & Caregivers, hosted by Ward 20 Trustee Manna Wong on Monday, October 7th.

School Council Meeting & Elections

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year!!

School Councils work to improve student achievement and to enhance the accountability of the education system. As collaborators in education, schools and School Councils recognize that all parents/caregivers have an equitable place in our schools' community, free from racism, classism, and other isms, intentional or unintentional.

Osler's School Council will be holding our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 18th at 7pm in the Osler Library. We encourage our Osler families to attend and to be part of this year's conversations. Council Elections will also be held at this meeting. Please see attached flyer for election details and the nomination form. Have Your Say! Sign up for an Osler School Council Executive Position!

[School Council Executive Nomination Form: https://forms.gle/n8oPFUy3BtEMSHD88](https://forms.gle/n8oPFUy3BtEMSHD88)

2024-2025 Virtual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference (PCasP)

Save the date for the 2024-2025 Virtual Parents and Caregivers as Partners Conference (PCasP) taking place on Saturday, November 16, 2024! This year's theme is: "Journey to Joy, Wellness, and Wholeness."

Join us to explore Equity and Truth and Reconciliation, to break down barriers, and to build inclusive communities. Learn from experts and discover how every student, parent/guardian/caregiver can experience joy, wellness, and wholeness in education. Registration details will follow soon.

We are inviting you to submit proposals for virtual workshops, micro-sessions, and panel presentations. The PCasP will run from 10:00 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. We are welcoming submissions from school districts, universities, schools, School Councils, administrators, educators, community organizations, researchers, and parents/guardians/caregivers.

To apply as a presenter, please complete the [application form](#) no later than, October 1, 2024. Please share with your friends, family and colleagues.

Thank you,
2024 Parents/Caregivers as Partner Planning Committee

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)

[Guide to Individual Education Plans \(IEPs\) for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) (MS Word Download)

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

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

or review *Osler Soaring Eagle Community Weekly Letter* emailed on Fridays.