

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

27 September 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a great week here at Osler – it is hard to believe we are almost in October! We know that some of our Osler families will be celebrating Rosh Hashanah this coming week – Shana Tova!

Orange Shirt Day and The National Day for Truth & Reconciliation are observed this Monday, September 30th. Established in 2013, Orange Shirt Day recognizes the legacy of the Residential Schools system for First Nations, Métis and Inuit families and communities. It is a show of support and understanding of the history of the Canadian school system, which impacts many First Nations, Métis and Inuit families today. The phrase “Every Child Matters” reminds everyone that children are such an important and integral part of our communities, and that they are our future generations of change makers.

On Monday, September 30th, students and staff at Osler are encouraged to wear an Orange Shirt to bring awareness to the history of Residential Schools and to stand up against other injustices that may impact children/students. Additional resources will be made available to use in class to mark Orange Shirt Day that staff are encouraged to use.

We wish you a great weekend!

Ian Bain
Principal

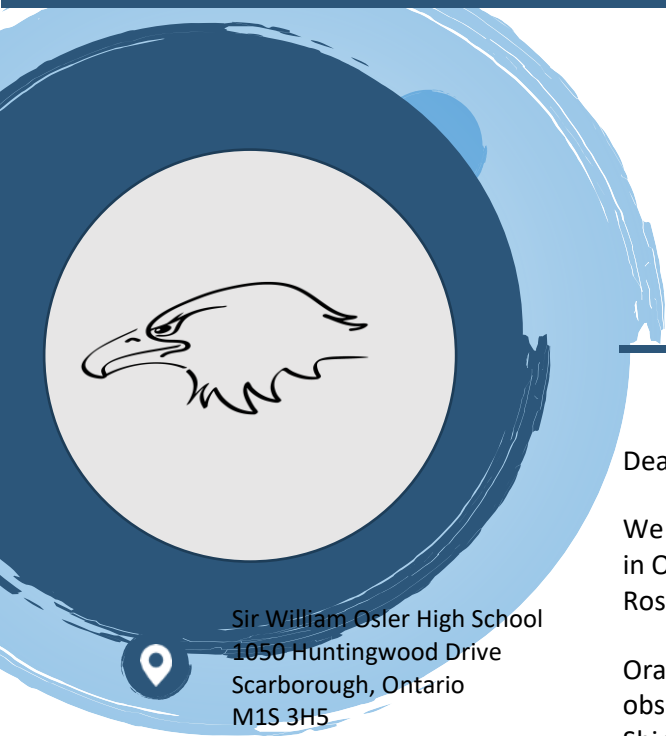
Jennifer Rochon
Vice-Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sept 30 Orange Shirt Day/National Day for Truth & Reconciliation	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3 Back to School BBQ & Dance **NEW DATE** Blue & White Day	Oct 4 Markham Fair Trip National Day of Action for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls & 2SLGBTQ+ People
Oct 7 1pm Dismissal (PLC/Staff Meeting)	Oct 8	Oct 9 School Council Meeting & Elections – 7pm	Oct 10	Oct 11 PA Day (No classes for students)
Saturday, October 5 th : World Teacher & Support Staff Day		Monday, October 14 th : Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)		

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>



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Early Dismissal (1:00 pm)

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.

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 next early dismissal (1:00) for the PLC/Staff Meeting is **Monday, October 7th, 2024**.

Professional Activity Day

Friday, October 11th is a board wide Professional Activity (PA) day for all Secondary and Elementary TDSB Schools. There will be no classes on the PA Day.

School Council Meeting

Our first School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:00pm. All parents and guardians are welcome. Hear about the plans at Sir William Osler and have your say about how the year will look.

At this meeting, elections for the School Council executive will be held for Chair(s), Secretary and Members at Large. If you are interested in participating in the executive team, please see the attached nomination form.

[School Council Executive Nomination Form](#)

The meeting will be held both in person and virtually. The virtual link will be sent by email to parents.

Information about the school council can be found at:

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

Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day – September 29, 2024

In observance of **Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day**, flags on all TDSB schools and administrative buildings will be flown at half-mast from sunrise to sunset on **Sunday, September 29, 2024**.

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.