

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

4 October 2024

Dear Osler Community,

The first few days of October have been busy and exciting here at Osler! Our Back-to-School BBQ, Spirit Day and Dance were all huge successes on Thursday! Our annual Markham Fair trip was also wonderful on Friday – thank you to students for participating so responsibly!

Saturday, October 5th is World Teacher & Support Staff Day, and we want to take this opportunity to thank our incredible Osler staff for everything they do! We are very grateful to every single staff member for their hard work and dedication.

Please note that Monday, October 7th is a 1pm Dismissal for students. Friday, October 11th is a PA Day and Monday, October 14th is the Thanksgiving holiday, so there will be no classes on those days.

We hope to see you at this week's School Council Meeting, on Wednesday, October 9th at 7pm. More details are on the next page.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Oct 7</p> <p>1pm Dismissal (PLC/Staff Meeting)</p>	<p>Oct 8</p>	<p>Oct 9</p> <p>School Council Meeting & Elections – 7pm</p>	<p>Oct 10</p>	<p>Oct 11</p> <p>PA Day (No classes for students)</p>
<p>Oct 14</p> <p>Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)</p>	<p>Oct 15</p> <p>IEPs sent home</p>	<p>Oct 16</p>	<p>Oct 17</p>	<p>Oct 18</p>
<p>Thursday, October 24th: Family-Staff Interviews & Agency Fair (1pm Dismissal for students)</p>		<p>Wednesday, November 6th: Term 2 begins Thursday, November 7th: 1pm Dismissal (Commencement) Friday, November 8th: Photo Retake Day</p>		

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 (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.

Statutory Holiday (Thanksgiving Monday)

Monday, October 14th is a statutory holiday for Thanksgiving. There will be no classes held.

Toronto Community Crisis Services is now available, 24/7, to all Toronto neighbourhoods by calling 211

The Toronto Community Crisis Services (TCCS) provides a community-based, client-centred response to mental health crises and wellness checks, without police involvement. With a trauma-informed approach, the service prioritizes healing and recovery, considering each individual's unique life experiences. TCCS is able to support individuals and families facing urgent mental health or crisis situations who are 16 years and older.

By dialing 211, anyone in the city can access this free, confidential service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As the Service is now available across all neighbourhoods, delivered by mobile crisis teams, it provides individuals with access to timely assistance, regardless of location.

In addition to immediate support, TCCS also offers:

- Referrals and connections to additional services
- Information and resources
- Post-crisis follow-up care

For more information, please visit the [Toronto Community Crisis Services \(TCCS\) website](#). For any inquiries and questions, please email mentalhealthandwellbeing@tdsb.on.ca.

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) and Secretary.

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>

Winter Break Social Groups & Respite Services

Attached you will find flyers for Winter Break Social Groups & Respite Services. Please note that these programs and services are not affiliated with or endorsed by the TDSB and Sir William Osler High School.

Online Interpreter Training

We are excited to once again offer the Online Interpreter Training program. We will be offering the opportunity to 85 TDSB parents/caregivers to receive online interpreter training in TDSB's most requested languages!

Are you a parent/caregiver with a child registered in the TDSB who:

- has full proficiency in English and another language (i.e., Pashto, Farsi, Roma, Ukrainian);
- is interested in being trained as an interpreter to work with the TDSB;
- is comfortable with virtual/online learning;
- has access to a computer, and the internet and has, at minimum, intermediate computer fluency;
- has a recording device, headphones, and dictionaries (hard copy and/or online).

TDSB is the largest school board in Canada and one of the most diverse. 23% of our students were born outside of Canada and there are over 120 languages spoken by TDSB students and their parents/caregivers. Research also identifies communication between the home and the school as essential to student success. Ensuring equitable engagement opportunities for our multi-lingual parents/caregivers, while maximizing their language assets, will enable the TDSB to improve communication between parents/caregivers and the school/Board.

Please join us on October 21, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. [See attached for more details.](#)

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.