

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

11 October 2024

Dear Osler Community,

It has been another great week at Osler! Teachers have been hard at work on this year's IEPs, which will be sent home on Tuesday, October 15th. Please take a few minutes to review this document along with any Safety Plans (if applicable). These are living documents and your input is always welcome. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or to discuss.

We were very pleased to welcome parents and caregivers to our first Osler School Council meeting this week. We encourage members of our school community to come out to our next meeting, on Wednesday, December 4th, to hear about plans for this year and to have your say!

Family-Staff Interviews are coming up on Thursday, October 24th. We will follow a 1pm Dismissal schedule for students that day, and interviews are from 5pm to 8pm. Please see the next page for details.

We wish you a great long weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<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>Special Olympics Soccer</p>	<p>Oct 18</p> <p>Spirit Day: Hat Day</p>
<p>Oct 21</p>	<p>Oct 22</p> <p>Cross Country</p>	<p>Oct 23</p> <p>Swim Program begins</p>	<p>Oct 24</p> <p>1pm Dismissal</p> <p>Family-Staff Interviews & Agency Fair 5-8pm</p>	<p>Oct 25</p>
<p>Monday, November 4th: 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)</p> <p>Wednesday, November 6th: Term 2 begins</p>		<p>Thursday, November 7th: 1pm Dismissal (Commencement)</p> <p>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>

Statutory Holiday (Thanksgiving Monday)

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

Early Dismissal (1:00 pm)

Our next early dismissal (1:00) is **Thursday, October 24th, 2024** for Family-Staff Interviews (see next section).

Family/Staff Interviews: Thursday, October 24th

On October 24th, we will once again be hosting Family/Staff Interviews from 5pm to 8pm. We will follow a 1pm Dismissal schedule on this day.

The following agencies will be on hand to speak with families:

- Cherish Integrated Services
- Corbrook
- Developmental Services Ontario (DSO)
- Moeen Centre
- Learning Disabilities Association
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
- Sunflower Respite Services
- Post 21
- Community Living Toronto
- Community Access Learning Centre
- Mary's Centre

Beta and Gamma 10 teachers will be in the cafeteria and meetings will be on a first come-first served basis. Gamma 1-9 teachers will be in classrooms and families can reach out to their child's teachers to make an appointment; drop-in meetings will also be accommodated. Lists and maps will be posted.

We will also be offering tech support for families who are having difficulty accessing on-line forms such as School Cash Online or online forms. Please look for Ms. Boyd's table at the agency fair if this is a support you need.

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Safety Plan

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Safety Plan (if applicable) will be sent home on Tuesday, October 15th. Please take a moment to review. IEPs and Safety Plans are considered "living documents" that can be changed as required. If you would like to see any changes, please connect with your child's classroom teacher.

Signed copies must be returned by Tuesday, October 29th and can be returned at the Family/Staff Interviews.

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.