

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

25 October 2024

Dear Osler Community,

What a wonderful week at Osler! Our Cross-Country meet on Tuesday resulted in lots of awards and cheering. Our weekly swim program started again on Wednesday, and everyone is happy to see this popular activity return for another year. And of course, it was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and family members to our Family-Staff Interviews & Agency Fair on Thursday night!

This upcoming week also includes more fun activities, like our Scholastic Book Fair and a Meet & Greet event for students in the Best Buddies program. We know there is also lots of excitement for Hallowe'en on Thursday! We will be holding a dance during Period 4. Students can choose to wear a costume on Thursday if they wish. We ask our community to remember that certain costumes are viewed as offensive, inappropriate and/or discriminatory to many different cultures/peoples, and as a result can cause harm to members of that community and the TDSB community. Halloween masks that cover faces cannot be worn and that their faces be visible in their costumes, as part of ensuring school safety. If you have any questions, please reach out to us at school.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1
Scholastic Book Fair (in the Osler Library)				
	Best Buddies Meet & Greet	Swim Program	Hallowe'en Dance (Period 4)	
Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8
1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Term 1 ends Student of the Month (Sept./Oct.)	Swim Program Term 2 begins Take Your Kids To Work Day	Inuit Day 1pm Dismissal (2024 Commencement)	Photo Retake Day National Indigenous Veterans' Day
Monday, November 11 th : Remembrance Day Assembly		Friday, November 15 th : PA Day (no classes for students)		
Thursday, November 14 th : Spirit Day – Pajama Day		Friday, November 29 th : PA Day (no classes for students)		

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>

Osler Food Pantry

We are once again collecting donations for our Osler Food Pantry. Any items can be dropped off in the box by the Main Office or sent in with your child. Donations will be added to our Pantry which supports Osler students and their families.

Suggested donation items include:

- Deodorant
- Laundry Soap
- Shampoo
- Cookies/Snacks
- Canned Chicken/Ham/Tuna/Meat
- Canned vegetables & fruit
- Ready-to-serve Soups
- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Spread
- Rice
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Juice boxes
- Pudding Cups/Fruit Cups
- Breakfast items
- Noodles/ramen

Halloween Treats

At Osler, we have a number of students who cannot have Halloween candy or treats. Some have life-threatening allergies, and others may become highly anxious. Many students are also on carefully controlled diets.

We know that students sometimes like to bring treats to share for Halloween. We ask that if your child is bringing something to school to share, that you use non-food alternatives. Some ideas are stickers, erasers, pencils, etc. This allows more student participation and makes the celebration safer and less stressful.

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Take Our Kids to Work Day is Canada's most recognized career exploration event, engaging students with employers and the community for nearly 30 years. On Wednesday, November 6th, parents/guardians may choose to have their Grade 9 student(s) participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day events at their workplace or at the workplace of another adult in their circle of care. Parents/guardians should complete the [Take Our Kids to Work Day – Parent/Guardian Consent Form](#) and submit the completed form to their child's school by October 31st. Parents/guardians assume the risk/responsibility of their child's participation in this experiential learning opportunity.

To learn more and stay up-to-date on developments, resources, and opportunities, visit [The Official Take Our Kids to Work 2024 site](#).

Early Dismissal (1:00 pm) - PLC/Staff Meeting

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, November 4th, 2024**.

Early Dismissal (1:00 pm) - Commencement

Thursday, November 7th is a 1:00pm Early Dismissal day for staff to prepare for the 2024 Graduate Class Commencement.

Upcoming Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Sessions: Supporting Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

The following are the dates for the upcoming parent/caregiver/guardian sessions offered by the Special Education and Inclusion Department. Please see the following [flyer](#) for details.

- 1) Date: November 27 Day (AM)
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
- 2) Date: November 28 Evening (PM)
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

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.