

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

1 November 2024

Dear Osler Community,

Welcome to November! This week, our students had lots of fun celebrating Hallowe'en and enjoying the Book Fair. We were excited to welcome our Best Buddies to Osler for our first event on Tuesday. We also wish a Happy Diwali to all our Osler families who are celebrating this week!

This coming week marks the change from Term 1 to Term 2. Report cards will be sent home in mid-November. Please note that we also have two 1pm dismissals this week

- Monday, November 4th is our monthly Staff Meeting/PLC, and
- Thursday, November 7th, is our 2024 Commencement Ceremony.

Friday, November 8th, will be our Photo Retake Day. Details are available on the next page.

We have two PA days coming up this month – please see the calendar below for details.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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
Nov 11	Nov 12	Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15
Remembrance Day Assembly		Swim Program	Spirit Day: Pajama Day	PA Day (No classes for students)
Thursday, November 28 th : Osler Olympics Friday, November 29 th : PA Day (no classes for students)		Monday, December 2 nd : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Wednesday, December 4 th : School Council Meeting (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>

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

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.

Professional Activity Day

Friday, November 15th is a board wide Professional Activity (PA) day for all Secondary and Elementary TDSB Schools. There will be no classes on the PA Day.

Photo Retake Day

Students who missed school photo day on September 20th or wish to have their photo retaken will have an opportunity to do so on Friday, November 8th. If you wish your child's photo to be retaken, please let your child's teacher know.

Applying for Wheel-Trans

Wheel-Trans provides a safe and reliable transportation option for persons with disabilities to travel with freedom and dignity. Applicants may be eligible for Wheel-Trans service if their disability prevents them from using TTC's conventional transit for all or part of their trip.

The TTC requires eligible customers to submit a completed application to use the Wheel-Trans service. The application is available at <https://portal.ttc.ca/>.

More information about Wheel-Trans is available on the [Wheel-Trans website](#).

Special Education Learning Sessions - November

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer a number of learning sessions for staff, parents, guardians, and caregivers. Please see [this flyer](#) for details.

Guide to Special Education and Inclusion for Parents/Caregivers/Guardians

The TDSB offers many resources for parents and guardians regarding Special Education programs and services. Please visit [the Special Education and Inclusion web page](#) to access resources.

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.