

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

8 November 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a remarkable week here at Osler! We were thrilled to welcome our 2024 Graduates and their families to Commencement on Thursday evening. It was incredible to see everyone and hear how they are doing. Thank you so much to all the students whose classes pitched in to help with setting up and tearing down, and with preparing food. Friday's Photo Retake Day was also successful – say cheese, Osler!

Please note that we have two PA Days in November. The first is on Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, and the second is on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be no classes for students on these days.

We are excited for two upcoming Spirit Days. On Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we will enjoy Pajama Day, always a popular event! Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Sport Day – wear the gear of your favourite sport or team!

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 11 Remembrance Day Assembly	Nov 12	Nov 13 Swim Program	Nov 14 Spirit Day: Pajama Day	Nov 15 PA Day (No classes for students)
Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20 Swim Program World Children's Day	Nov 21	Nov 22 Spirit Day: Sport Day
Thursday, November 28 <sup>th</sup> : Osler Olympics		Monday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup> : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)		
Friday, November 29 <sup>th</sup> : PA Day (no classes for students)		Wednesday, December 4 <sup>th</sup> : 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>

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## 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

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## 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.

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## An Introduction to Lead Community Agencies Within the Developmental Disabilities Sector

As part of the Developmental Disabilities Virtual Connect for Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities and/or Complex Needs, come meet with Lead Community Agencies, learn about their programs and identify the best suited to support the needs of your child ([See Flyer](#)). Connect with TDSB Parent Community who just like you are dedicated to nurturing children, youth, and young adults with Developmental Disabilities and/or Complex Needs.

Presenters: Surrey Place, Community Living Toronto, Holland Bloorview, and Geneva Centre

When: [Monday, November 18th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon](#)

and the same information will be repeated on

Monday, November 25th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm

THIS IS A ZOOM MEETING

JOIN ON YOUR COMPUTER OR MOBILE PHONE APP.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#) or use the link below.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94015815609?pwd=ZvXKxODRuh6GCza1hVFINDGaxj1UQ.1>

Meeting ID: 940 1581 5609

Passcode: 445164

Phone In: +16475580588 Or +16473744685 – Canada

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For more information, please contact [virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca](mailto:virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca).

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Please note that this workshop is not organized, sponsored or endorsed by the TDSB or Sir William Osler HS.

## Drop-in Sessions for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to once again offer a series of drop-in sessions designed for parents/guardians/caregivers on navigating special education resources and supports within the Toronto District School Board (TDSB). These informal gatherings provide a welcoming space for parents to learn about available services, ask questions, and connect with other families. Facilitators will guide discussions on topics such as supporting student transitions and exploring occupational therapy/physiotherapy strategies to use at home with students. All drop-in sessions for the 2024-2025 school year can be found [here](#).

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## ASD After School Skills Development Program – Fall 2024 Session

The Fall/Winter sessions of the ASD After School Leisure Program, available both in-person and virtually, will run from November 26, 2024 to February 27, 2025. The program is available to students in Grades 4-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions.

Please see the attached [information letter](#) which includes the link for registration for parents of Grades 4 – 10 students with ASD. The registration period will remain open until Friday, November 15, 2024.

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## 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](#).

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## School Safety

The safety of all students and staff at Sir William Osler H.S. is our primary concern. Our community respects all of our students, their privacy and their vulnerabilities. To ensure our school community remains safe for all, we would like to remind families that students are to be dropped off or picked up in the office, where they will be escorted to class by a staff member. During school hours, we ask that Parents/Guardians/Caregivers do not go through the school halls, unless accompanied by a staff member. Thank you for your understanding regarding this important school safety matter.



As some of our students are not aware of dangers around traffic, we also would like to remind our community that the speed limit in the school parking lots is 10 km/h.

Together we can keep our students safe.

### 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.