

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

15 November 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had an excellent week at Osler! On Monday, November 11th, our students participated in two very moving assemblies for Remembrance Day. We are proud of everyone's contributions and attention during the event. Thank you to Mr. Augustine for your organization! Of course, Pajama Day on Thursday was as popular as ever as well.

Term 2 is now underway. Mid-term reports will be sent home next week, both electronically and in hard copy. If you have any questions about your child's report, please reach out to their teachers.

We are excited about many events between now and Winter Break, especially our Festive Bunch on December 13th. If you have not purchased a ticket for your child yet, you can do so before November 29th on School Cash Online. Festive Brunch Tickets are available within the SAC fee package. We want everyone to be able to participate who wants to be part of this beloved annual event, so please make sure to get a ticket for your child before the deadline.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22
		Swim Program World Children's Day		Spirit Day: Sport Day
Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29
Digital Star Lab Presentation	Best Buddies Trip	Swim Program	Osler Olympics	PA Day (no classes for students)
Monday, December 2 nd : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Wednesday, December 4 th : School Council Meeting (7pm)		Thursday, December 12 th : Girls' Basketball Fest Friday, December 13 th : Festive Brunch & Holiday Dance		

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>

Professional Activity Day

Friday, November 29th is a board wide Professional Activity (PA) day for all Secondary and Elementary TDSB Schools. There will be no classes on the PA Day.

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=zvXKxODRuh6GCza1hVFINTdGaxj1UQ.1>

Meeting ID: 940 1581 5609

Passcode: 445164

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For more information, please contact virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca.

Severe Weather

Occasionally, severe weather conditions may require the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) to cancel transportation and/or close schools. This may occur before the beginning of the school day or, if conditions become severe, during the school day. To ensure the safety and welfare of students and staff during school hours, the Board's Severe Weather operational procedure (PR519) will guide decisions and operations.

The safety and welfare of students is a shared responsibility with parents/guardians/caregivers. It is important for everyone to understand how the Board operates under unusual weather conditions. Please familiarize yourself with the following procedures and communication plan so together we can ensure the safety of the students entrusted in our care.

School Closures or Bus Schedule Changes Due to Severe Weather

The decision to close schools is made by the Director of Education. Should a cancellation or closure (occurring before or during the school day) be necessary, information will be posted on the TDSB website and shared through TDSB social media.

Cancellation of Bus Transportation Service Due to Inclement Weather

Inclement weather may force the closure of schools and/or the cancellation of transportation service. Radio and television stations will broadcast a public service announcement to inform parents about school closures and transportation cancellations. If parents are concerned about inclement weather, they have the right to keep their child at home (especially in the case of medically fragile students) even if transportation is not cancelled by the School Board.

Winter Safety at Bus Stops

Bus students and parents are reminded that extra caution should be taken during the winter months. Please take a moment and review this important information with your children.

- Children should be dressed appropriately for the colder weather. Unexpected mechanical problems with the bus may occur more frequently at this time of year. Children must be prepared for this as buses cool off very quickly.
- Toronto schools rarely close and bus routes are rarely cancelled due to snow or cold temperatures. Assume that schools are open and buses are running unless you hear otherwise through the local media.
- Usually cold or stormy weather can result in bus schedules being unavoidably delayed. We encourage parents to use extra caution with children on those days. Children should be accompanied to the bus stop or have very clear instructions on what to do if the bus does not arrive. Never leave children at the stop with no backup arrangements for an emergency.
- A build-up of ice and snow can create a safety hazard for children waiting at the bus stop. Ensure that your child understands the importance of standing back from the curb as the bus approaches the bus stop.
- Children will find it easier to walk through the ice and snow when their schoolbooks and lunches are carried in a backpack. It is also much safer for them to board the bus with their hands free to use the bus handrail.
- Tell your child never to exit the bus into a snowbank. If the bus stops and the child is unable to get out because the exit is blocked by snow, have your child tell the driver the path is not clear.
- Make sure children stay off snowbanks piled near the street. While they are attractive nuisances, those snowbanks can cause a child to fall into the roadway and in front of oncoming traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation. Should you have any questions, please contact the school.

Learn4Life Adult General Interest Program - Winter Registration Opens Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Registration for winter courses in the Learn4Life Adult General Interest Program opens on November 13 at 8:30 a.m. Available to adults 18 and older, the Learn4Life program offers a unique opportunity to pursue interests, expand knowledge, and engage in lifelong learning. The program features a wide range of courses and activities designed to cater to diverse interests and passions—from art and fitness to languages, sports and handiwork.

Some of the new courses this term include:

1. Making Your Home Smarter
2. Classics of Horror
3. Wood Carving Introduction
4. How to Minimize Cost of Living and Maximize your Purchasing Power
5. Strength for Life - Full Body Fitness
6. Portugal's Iconic Pastel de Nata Workshop

Courses start January 11, 2025. [Visit Learn4Life's program page for more information.](#)

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.