

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

22 November 2024

Dear Osler Community,

We have had a lot of fun this week at Osler. Students are really enjoying our weekly swim program, and there is lots of excitement about upcoming events like Best Buddies and Osler Olympics. Report cards were distributed on Tuesday this week – if you have any questions about your child’s report, please reach out to their teacher.

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.

Due to scheduling conflicts, our next School Council meeting has been moved to Wednesday, December 11th. We hope to see you there!

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nov 25 Digital Star Lab Presentation	Nov 26 Best Buddies Trip	Nov 27 Swim Program	Nov 28	Nov 29 PA Day (no classes for students)
Dec 2 International Day of Persons with Disabilities 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Dec 3 Osler Olympics (new date)	Dec 4 Swim Program	Dec 5 BAM Dance Studio Workshop Special Olympics Basketball	Dec 6 National Day of Remembrance and Action Violence Against Women
Wednesday, December 11 th : School Council – 7pm (new date)		Friday, December 20 th : Last day of school before Winter Break		
Thursday, December 12 th : Girls’ Basketball Fest		Monday, January 6 th : Classes resume		
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>

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, December 2nd, 2024**.

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.

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th at 7:00pm**. All parents and guardians are welcome. Hear about the plans at Sir William Osler and have your say about how the year will look.

The meeting will be held virtually. The link will be sent by email to parents.

Information about the school council can be found at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/School-Council>



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
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Special Education and Inclusion Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Sessions

Special Education and Inclusion is pleased to offer a variety of drop-in and topic-specific sessions for parents, guardians, and caregivers throughout the 2024-2025 school year. These sessions provide valuable information, resources, and support to help families navigate special education programs and services.

[Drop-In Sessions-Families](#)
[Parent Engagement Sessions-Families](#)

Access 2 Entertainment Card

Easter Seals Canada's award-winning Access 2 Card program was launched in 2004 with support from Cineplex Entertainment and a group of national disability organizations. The Access 2 Card program helps to ensure that entertainment, cultural and recreational opportunities are more available and accessible to all. Managed and administered by Easter Seals Canada (located in Toronto), the Access 2 Card program has grown to reach over

100,000 Canadians who are living with disabilities and includes over 500 participating partner venues across the country.

To be eligible for the Access 2 Card, you must:

- Live with a *permanent disability*, as defined below.
- AND**
- The nature of your disability requires you to have the assistance of a *support person*, as defined below, when visiting participating venues.

Permanent Disability

A permanent disability means any impairment (physical, mental, intellectual, cognitive, learning, communication, sensory) or functional limitation that:

- Restricts the applicant's ability to attend participating venues by themselves.
- Remains with the applicant for the rest of their life.

Support Person

A support person is an individual who accompanies a person with a disability to provide services that are not provided by employees of the participating venue. Examples include assisting the person with eating, administering medication, communicating, using washroom facilities, etc.

The support person:

- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- May be related to the applicant.
- Does not need to be a registered personal support worker (PSW) unless otherwise stated by the participating venue.

Age

The Access 2 Card is for people of all ages and types of permanent disabilities who require the assistance of a support person.

For more information and to apply for a card for your child, please visit <https://access2card.ca/get-your-card/>.

Sunflower Developmental Services

Please see attached flyers regarding programs available at Sunflower Developmental Services. Please note that these programs are not endorsed by or staffed by the TDSB or Sir William Osler High School.

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.