

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

06 December 2024

Dear Osler Community,

It has been a busy week at Osler! Tuesday, students participated in the Osler Olympics and had a great time. On Thursday, our Special Olympics Basketball teams competed in a tournament and not only played very well, but showed great sportsmanship. Thursday afternoon, we also hosted a dance workshop during Period 4 which was lots of fun for everyone!

On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our next School Council meeting. The meeting will be held virtually beginning at 7pm. We hope you can join us to hear about what is happening at Osler, and to offer feedback and input on future plans. The link for the meeting will be emailed to parents on Wednesday.

We also have our Festive Brunch next Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a beloved Osler tradition and is followed by our Holiday Dance during Period 4. We also look forward to seeing everyone's holiday shirts that day!

We are always available if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Dec 9</b>	<b>Dec 10</b>	<b>Dec 11</b> Swim Program School Council 7pm	<b>Dec 12</b> Girls' Basketball Fest	<b>Dec 13</b> Festive Brunch & Holiday Dance Spirit Day: Holiday Shirt Day
<b>Dec 16</b>	<b>Dec 17</b> Best Buddies Trip	<b>Dec 18</b> Locker cleanout	<b>Dec 19</b> Movie Trip	<b>Dec 20</b> Talent Show
Monday, January 6 <sup>th</sup> : Classes resume Monday, January 13 <sup>th</sup> : 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) January 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> : IPRC Level 1 Meetings		Wednesday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> : Semester 1 ends Thursday, January 30 <sup>th</sup> : PA Day (no classes for students) Friday, January 31 <sup>st</sup> : First day of Semester 2		

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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## 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>

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## Bake Sale Items

Any items purchased from our Bake Sale will go home with students on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you do not wish for your child to bring home the items, please contact the office to arrange alternate pick up.

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## Autism Supports and Services Within the Developmental Disabilities Sector

As part of the Social Work Department, Social Workers facilitate the Developmental Disabilities Virtual Connect for Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities and/or Complex Needs. For this event, please join us as we invite Community Agencies to Talk About Autism Supports and Services. Identify the best suited to support the needs of your child. 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: Geneva Centre For Autism, Autism Ontario, Lumenus Community Services, Strides Toronto, and SAAC Autism Centre.

When: Monday, December 9th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

and the same information will be repeated on

Monday, December 16th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Flyer is [attached](#).

THIS IS A ZOOM MEETING .

[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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## Winter Weather & Student Transportation

It's sometimes necessary to cancel student transportation, classes and/or programs because of [severe weather](#). On rare occasions, it may be necessary to close schools, administrative offices, or sites and when schools are closed, there will be no staff (such as principals and teachers) on-site to supervise students. Any decision to cancel buses, classes and/or programs or to close sites is not taken lightly and when this happens, information will be posted on the [TDSB home page](#) and on TDSB social media by 6 a.m.

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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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## 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/>.

### 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.