

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

24 January 2025

Dear Osler Community,

As we come to the last week of Semester 1, we are so proud of our students and their achievements this term. Semester 1 will be ending on January 29th, and Thursday, January 30th is a PA Day (no classes). Semester 2 will begin on Friday, January 31st. Students will receive their Semester 2 timetables soon, and staff will be ready to help everyone find their new classes on the 31st.

We have truly enjoyed meeting with so many parents and caregivers this week during our annual IPRC review meetings. We appreciate this important collaboration!

Our next 1pm Dismissal is on Monday, February 3rd, for our monthly Staff Meeting and PLC. We also have a PA Day on Friday, February 14th. Monday, February 17th, is the Family Day holiday and so school will be closed.

We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jan 27	Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31
	Student of the Month Assembly	Last day of Semester 1	PA Day (no classes)	First Day of Semester 2
Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7
1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)		IPRC Level 2 Meetings		
Wednesday, February 12 th : School Council Meeting – 7pm		Friday, February 14 th : PA Day (no classes for students)		
Thursday, February 13 th : Red & White Day and Valentine’s Dance		Monday, February 17 th : Family Day holiday (no school)		

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>

Upcoming School Council Events

Please see the attached flyer regarding upcoming events organized by Osler's School Council. All parents/caregivers/guardians are welcome to attend.

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, February 3rd, 2024**.

Professional Activity Day

Thursday, January 30th is a board wide Professional Development Day for TDSB Secondary Schools. There will be no classes on the PA Day.

TDSB celebrates Family Literacy Day 2025!

January 27th, 2025, is recognized in Canada as a special day dedicated to family literacy, encouraging families to read, explore, and learn together. Family Literacy Day is organized by ABC Life Literacy Canada and celebrated annually. This year, the theme of Family Literacy Day is "Learn to be Green, Together," which is an excellent opportunity to combine literacy with learning about sustainability as a family.

Please visit [Family Literacy Day](#) to learn more about this important day and access relevant resources. Visit our [TDSB Virtual Library](#) for information. Additionally, please note programs being offered in Toronto Public Library locations across the city at [Family literacy day: Toronto Public Library](#).

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](#)

Semester 1 Ends

Semester 1 will end on January 29th. Semester 2 will begin on January 31st. At that time, your child/guardian/ward will have new teachers. Over the next few weeks, your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) will be updated in consultation with you. If you have any questions or concerns about the IEP, please feel free to reach out to your child's new teachers.

Teacher contact information can be found on the school website at:

<https://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler/About-Us/Staff-Information>

Reduce the Spread of Respiratory Infections

Respiratory infections can be caused by different viruses and bacteria and can cause illness along the respiratory tract (e.g., nose, mouth, airways and lungs). They include viruses like influenza, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19, and bacteria like pertussis. Respiratory infections can cause illness beyond the respiratory system, and can make people very sick, especially those with weakened immune systems and seniors, infants and young children, and people who are pregnant. They can spread easily and

their spread often follows seasonal patterns, with more people becoming sick with respiratory infections in the fall and winter.

Everyone has a role to play to reduce the spread of respiratory infections. The actions you take will protect you, loved ones and those most vulnerable in our community.

FIGHT THE FLU & COVID-19

STAY HOME IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS:

- Fever $\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$ and/or chills
- Cough
- Trouble breathing
- Sore throat
- Headache
- Feeling very tired
- Decrease or loss of taste/smell
- Runny nose/nasal congestion
- Muscle aches/joint pain
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Abdominal pain/decreased or no appetite

Stay home until your symptom(s) are improving for at least 24 hours (48 hours if nausea/vomiting/diarrhea) & you do not have any new symptoms.

Toronto Public Health | toronto.ca/immunization

Special Education and Inclusion Transitions Supports Website for Educators and Families

We are pleased to share a new [Transitions Supports website](#) with information and resources to assist students, families, and educators in navigating transitions for entry to school, from grade to grade, from elementary to secondary, and from secondary to post-secondary (and post-21) pathways.

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.