

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

14 February 2025

Dear Osler Community,

We have had another exciting week at Osler! We were very pleased to see a number of parents and caregivers at our School Council meeting this week. It is always great to hear from our community as we plan future initiatives!

Our Best Buddies had a wonderful time at Toronto French School this week. The next Best Buddies trip is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25th, to Ripley's Aquarium.

We know that many students were disappointed that Thursday was a Snow Day, especially because it was Red and White Day and the day of our dance. We have re-scheduled both Red and White Day AND our dance for **Friday, February 21st**. The dance will take place during Period 4 as usual.

We are also pleased to offer our Swim Program again for the next two Wednesdays, February 19th and February 26th.

We wish you a great long weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 17 Family Day Holiday (no school)	Feb 18	Feb 19 Swim Program restarts	Feb 20 Tier 1 Boys Basketball	Feb 21 Red and White Day Dance (Period 4)
Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Swim Program	Feb 27 Carnival Capers	Feb 28 Lieutenant Governor Games @ Variety Village
Wednesday, March 5 th : Special Olympics Bocce Monday, March 10 th to Friday, March 14 th : March Break (no classes)			Thursday, March 20 th : Tier 3 Badminton @ Osler Friday, March 21 st : World Down Syndrome Day	

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.

School Council Event: Empowering Parents Through AI & Assistive Technology

The Osler School Council is hosting a 2-session event on how AI can be harnessed by families to support students with disabilities. The workshop is on-line with a limited in-person option hosted at Osler. Participants need to register with the link on the attached flyer, which includes additional details on the event. The link to the workshop will be emailed to registrants.

March Break Programs

Please find attached some flyers for March Break programming, available through various agencies. Please note that these services are operated by organization(s) outside of the TDSB. These organizations are solely responsible for the operation and information found on their sites. Providing these resources does not imply any endorsement of the organization or the information. Any comments or inquiries regarding the linked websites should be directed to the organization.

Post-21 Programs

Please find attached some flyers for Post-21 programming, available through Sunflower Developmental Services. Please note that these services are operated by organization(s) outside of the TDSB. These organizations are solely responsible for the operation and information found on their sites. Providing these resources does not imply any endorsement of the organization or the information. Any comments or inquiries regarding the linked websites should be directed to the organization.

Statutory Holiday (Family Day)

Monday, February 17h is a statutory holiday for Family Day. There will be no classes held.

Individual Education Plan & Safety Plan

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Safety Plans (if applicable) are exceptionally important documents that help guide the programming for each student. The development of the IEP for Semester 2 occurs over the next several weeks. The IEP is also reviewed at each report card cycle in April and June.

Parents & Guardians have an essential role to play in the development of the IEP. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to you to discuss the development of the IEP. In addition, please feel free to connect with your child's teacher as well. Teachers' email address can be found at:

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

Further information can also be found in the TDSB Special Education Parent Guides:

<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Learning-Equity-and-Well-Being/Special-Education-and-Inclusion/Parent-Guides-to-Special-Education-and-Inclusion>

Special Education and Inclusion February Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers

The Special Education and Inclusion Department is pleased to share the [February Newsletter for Parents/Guardians/Caregivers](#) that highlights some relevant resources and information for families.

Upcoming Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Engagement Session: Navigating Transitions

The following are the dates for the upcoming parent/caregiver/guardian session being offered by the Special Education and Inclusion Department. These repeat sessions will focus on the support and services available for students with special needs and disabilities, both within the TDSB and through external organizations.

Date: Wednesday, March 5th - Day (AM)
Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Date: Thursday, March 6th - Evening (PM)
Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Please see this [flyer](#) for registration information.

Ongoing Health and Safety Information

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.