

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

21 February 2025

Dear Osler Community,

We have had another great week here at Osler! We were very happy to be able to make up our dance from last week – everyone had a great time! We wish you a great long weekend! Our Wednesday Swim Program was running this week, and our Tier 1 Basketball team made Osler super proud at their tournament on Thursday!

The end of next week marks the beginning of Ramadan. Ramadan is the holiest month in the Islamic Calendar. During the month of Ramadan, many Muslims around the world abstain from food and water from sunrise to sunset for 29 or 30 consecutive days. We wish everyone in our community who will be observing, Ramadan Mubarak!

Our Swim Program will run again this coming week, on February 26th, and will then pause until after the March Break. We also have other fun events like Carnival Capers and the Lieutenant Governor Games coming up.

We hope you all have a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26 Swim Program	Feb 27 Carnival Capers (period 3/4)	Feb 28 Lieutenant Governor Games @ Variety Village Ramadan begins
Mar 3 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Mar 4 Field Trip Kortright Centre	Mar 5 Swim Program Special Olympics Bocce	Mar 6	Mar 7
Monday, March 10 th to Friday, March 14 th : March Break (no classes)			Thursday, March 20 th : Tier 3 Badminton @ Osler	
Monday, March 17 th : St. Patrick's Day/Spirit Day – Green Day			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.

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, March 3rd, 2024**.

TDSB Virtual Community Fair For Parents/Caregivers of Children, Youth and Young Adults with Special or Complex Needs

Topic: Let's Talk about Transition to Adulthood

Adulthood Transition Planning can be very challenging for Parents/Caregivers of Young Adults with Special/Complex Needs. Please Join Us as We invite Lead Adult Transition Agencies as they share some Crucial Steps in this Planning Process. Help set up your Young Adult for Success as he transitions from TDSB. This is Part 1 of a 2 Part series where Part 1 will focus on Funding requirements and Part 2 will focus on Community Agencies sharing about their Recreational, Social, Life Skills or Employment Programs.

Speakers: Ontario Disability Support Program, Developmental Services Ontario, and Passport Funding Program.

When: Monday, February 10th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and the same information will be repeated on **Monday, February 26th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 255 846 447 429

Passcode: 3BWFVF

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For more information send email to virtuallfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

Or call Larena Case at 416-570-3314 or Maria Antonia Aymerich at 416-524-1930 or Vanessa Wong at 647-229-0730.

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.

Trustee Consultation

TDSB Trustees and Staff from the Research and Development department will be hosting five public consultation sessions across the city on the [draft policy](#) for the Learning Opportunities Index (LOI). These sessions ensure families, students, and community members have the opportunity to learn more about the LOI and how it is used to support schools. There will be opportunities to ask questions and share feedback. Please see the attached flyer for details and dates/locations for sessions.

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.