

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

28 February 2025

Dear Osler Community,

What an exciting end to February! This week was our last Wednesday swim until after the March Break. We had our Carnival Capers event on Thursday and students and staff had a wonderful time playing games! Of course, our trip to Variety Village for the Lieutenant Governor Games was very successful and we are proud of everyone for how they participated and cheered each other on!

We were very pleased to welcome so many parents and caregivers to our session on AI and Assistive Technology this week. Osler's School Council has organized a number of learning opportunities for our community this semester – please see the attached flyer for details.

The end of this month 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 next 1pm dismissal is on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, for our Staff Meeting and PLC. Please see the next page for details.

We hope you all have a great weekend!

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Sir William Osler H.S. -TDSB

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Mar 3</b> 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	<b>Mar 4</b> Field Trip Kortright Centre	<b>Mar 5</b> Special Olympics Bocce	<b>Mar 6</b>	<b>Mar 7</b> Spirit Day: Twinning
<b>March Break – March 10 to 14</b>				
<b>Mar 17</b> St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day: Green Day	<b>Mar 18</b>	<b>Mar 19</b>	<b>Mar 20</b> Tier 3 Badminton at Osler Grad Photo Day	<b>Mar 21</b> World Down Syndrome Day Osler Earth Hour
Tuesday, March 25 <sup>th</sup> : Best Buddies Trip (Ripley's Aquarium)		Thursday, March 27 <sup>th</sup> : Variety Village Track Meet		
Wednesday, March 26 <sup>th</sup> : Epilepsy Awareness – Purple Day		Wednesday, April 2 <sup>nd</sup> : ASD Awareness Day – Light it up Blue		

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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## 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.

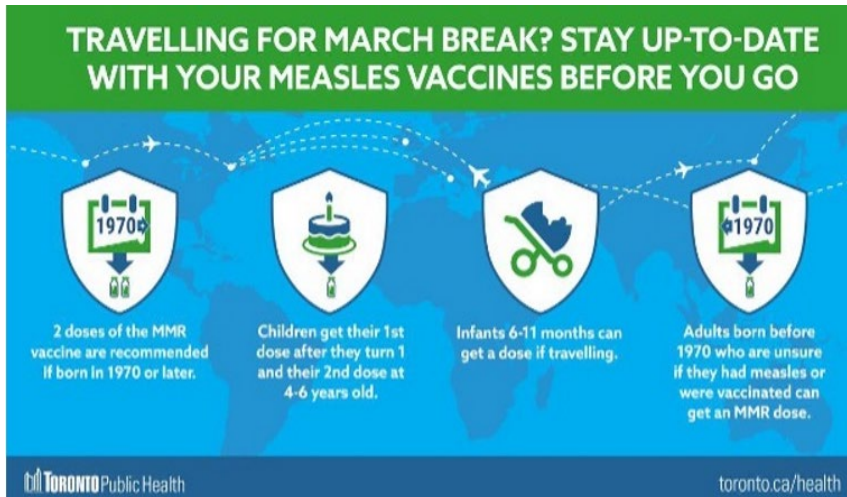
On PLC/Staff Meeting days, students are dismissed at 1:00pm where busses will take students home to their afternoon address. Please ensure you are able to meet your child at this time. Please refer to the attached Calendar of Important Dates or our School Google Calendar for our important dates, including early dismissal dates.

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

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## Travelling for March Break? Measles is just a plane ride away.



Measles continues to spread in many parts of the world and in Canada. If you are planning to travel over March Break, get the best protection for you and your loved ones by staying up to date with your routine vaccines, including the measles vaccine.

These vaccines are available from your health care provider or at a Toronto Public Health (TPH) community clinic for school-aged children, by appointment. Visit [TPHbookings.ca](https://www.toronto.ca/health/tphbookings) for more information.

If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, check their yellow card (Ontario Immunization Record), [TPH's Immunization Connect Ontario \(ICON\)](https://www.toronto.ca/health/tphbookings) or by speaking with their primary health care provider.

To learn more, visit [toronto.ca/immunization](https://www.toronto.ca/immunization).

## Questions?

Contact TPH at [publichealth@toronto.ca](mailto:publichealth@toronto.ca) or 416-338-7600, Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for more information. Service is available in multiple languages.



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## Learn to Swim Program

The Osler Learn to Swim Program is paused until after the Break, and will restart on Wednesday, March 19th at the Stephen Leacock CI swimming pool. Students must have already completed their field trip forms.

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## 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.

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## March Learning Sessions for Staff and Families

Learning and engagement sessions continue to be made available for both staff and families, providing valuable opportunities to explore inclusive and anti-ableist practices and implement concrete strategies in the classroom and at home. These sessions are designed to support student achievement and well-being. Please click this [link](#) to access the sessions being offered.

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## ASD After School Skills Development Program – Spring 2025 Session

The Spring 2025 Session of the ASD After School Leisure Program, available both in-person and virtually, will run every Tuesday from March 25, 2025 to June 10, 2025 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. The program is available to students in Grades 4-10 who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. This program provides an opportunity for students to develop, build and enhance their social communication skills through either weekly in-person or weekly virtual sessions.

Please see the attached [information letter](#) which includes the link for registration for Grades 4 – 10 students with ASD. The registration period will remain open until Friday, March 7, 2025.

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## Programs from Sunflower Developmental Services

Please find below flyers for programs offered by Sunflower. Please note that this service is 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 information. Any comments or inquiries regarding the linked websites should be directed to the organization.



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### 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.