

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

07 March 2025

Dear Osler Community,

As we head into March Break, we are so proud of our amazing students and their excellent work so far this semester! This week, a group of students visited the Kortright Centre to learn about maple syrup production. Another group participated in Special Olympics Bocce Ball on Wednesday and showed wonderful team spirit.

Please see the attached flyer for upcoming events organized by Osler's School Council. We regret that the workshop with Laura Maxwell has been cancelled.

Applications for summer school for students in our DD program are now open – please see the next page for details. Please note that Osler is not a location for summer programming this year, but Osler students who receive a space in the program will be placed at another location.

We hope you all have a great Break, and we look forward to seeing students again on Monday, March 17th!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March Break – March 10 to 14				
Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day Spirit Day: Green Day	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20 Tier 3 Badminton at Osler Grad Photo Day	Mar 21 World Down Syndrome Day Osler Earth Hour
Mar 24 Student of the Month	Mar 25 Best Buddies Trip	Mar 26 Epilepsy Awareness (Purple Day)	Mar 27 Variety Village Track Meet	Mar 28
Wednesday, April 2 nd : ASD Awareness Day – Tie-Dye Day Thursday, April 3 rd : 1pm Dismissal (Family-Staff Interviews)		Monday, April 7 th : 1pm Dismissal (Family-Staff Interviews) Wednesday, April 9 th : International Day of Pink		

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>

Special Education and Inclusion Summer School 2025

The Toronto District School Board (TDSB) will once again offer summer school programs from July 2nd to 25th for students currently enrolled in the Developmental Disability, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and Physical Disabilities Intensive Support Programs (ISPs). Please see this [information flyer](#) for details.

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Visit our [summer school website](#) for more information.

Secondary DD Application

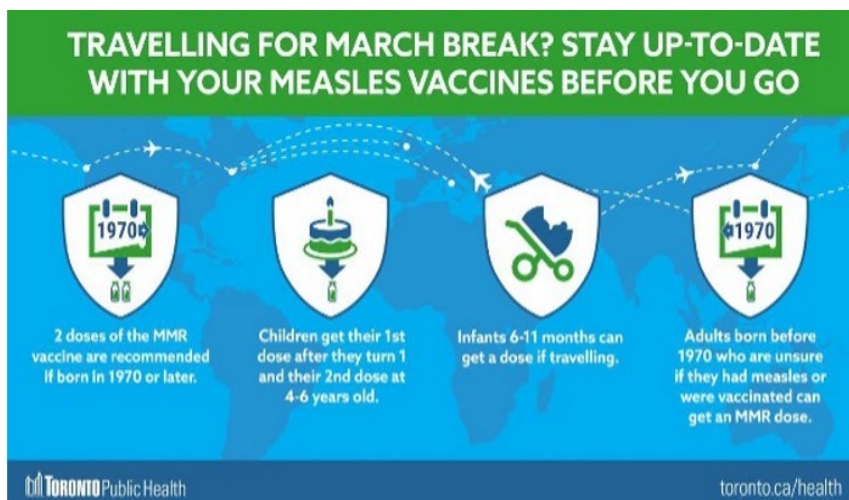
Various Locations across the TDSB (Please note that Osler is not a location for summer programs this year)

Applications must be submitted by Friday, April 25, 2025.

March Break

Monday, March 10 - Friday March 14 is the March Break for all Secondary and Elementary TDSB Schools. There will be no classes for the week and the school will be closed.

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/tpb/bookings) 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 \(ICON\)](#) or by speaking with their primary health care provider.

To learn more, visit toronto.ca/immunization.

Questions?

Contact TPH at 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.

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.

Employment/Post-21 Programs

Please see the attached flyers for programs available through Tropicana Community Services and Sunflower Developmental Services. Please note that these programs 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 information. Any comments or inquiries regarding the linked websites should be directed to the organization.

Geneva Centre – March Break Day Camps

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The Geneva Centre for Autism has availability for our March Break Day camps. The camps will be located at 3036 Danforth Ave. and 112 Merton St. in Toronto.

We are a not-for-profit centre and an international leader in the delivery of clinical and recreational programs for autistic children, youth, and adults with locations in midtown and eastern Toronto.

March Break Social Skills Program – Now Open!

📍 Locations: 112 Merton Street & 3036 Danforth Avenue

\$100 off at the 3036 Danforth location

📅 Start Dates: March 10 – March 14, 2025

Highlights:

- Focus on social, emotional, and communication skills
- Clinician-led sessions providing practical tools for real-world interactions
- OAP funds accepted
- Goals and needs-based programs available such as Learn to Play, Let's Be Friends, and Exploring Feelings & Emotions

[Learn More and Register](#)

Summer Camp – Opens March 6

📍 Locations: 164 Merton Street

📅 Dates: Weekly sessions available from June to August 2025

Highlights:

- 1:1 staff support to meet individual needs
- Engaging activities like games, music, art, baking, sensory play & more
- Daily community outings to parks, museums, nature trails & pools
- Safe, structured, and inclusive environment with subsidized options available

[Learn More and Register](#)

Special Education & Inclusion Parent/Guardian Newsletter

Please see the [March 2025 newsletter at this link](#). All newsletters for parents/guardians/caregivers can be found on the [external TDSB site](#).

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.

World Down Syndrome Day 2025

WDSO is marked each year on March 21. The 21st day of the 3rd month signifies the triplication of the 21st chromosome which causes Down Syndrome.

TDSB staff and students are encouraged to 'Rock Your Socks' to raise awareness and create a single global voice advocating for the rights, inclusion and well-being of people with Down syndrome.



We encourage students to wear mismatched socks on Friday, March 21st, or draw pictures of mismatched socks to stir up conversation and remind people that things that are different are still beautiful and wonderful!

[Down Syndrome Fact Sheet \(DSAT\)](#)

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.