

# Sir William Osler High School

## Soaring Eagle Update

4 April 2025

Dear Osler Community,

Welcome to April! This week, students enjoyed a few jokes on April Fool's Day, and our Floor Ball team played very well on Wednesday at Albert Campbell CI. We were also very happy to welcome so many Osler families and caregivers to our Family-Staff Interviews on Thursday evening. We hope you were also able to visit the Agency Fair and gather some helpful information.

Please note that our next 1pm dismissal is on Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, for our monthly Staff Meeting/PLC. Next week, we will also be marking the International Day of Pink on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, and our "Disney Day" spirit day on Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

We are always available if you have any questions or concerns. We wish you a great weekend!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr 7 1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC)	Apr 8	Apr 9 International Day of Pink Swim Program	Apr 10 Tier 1 Badminton	Apr 11 Spirit Day: Disney Day Term 3 ends
Apr 14 Term 4 begins	Apr 15	Apr 16 Swim Program	Apr 17	Apr 18 Good Friday holiday (no school)
Autism Acceptance Week (see next page for details)				
Monday, April 21 <sup>st</sup> : Easter Monday statutory holiday (no school) Tuesday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup> : Earth Day/Osler Clean-up		Thursday, April 24 <sup>th</sup> : Boys Basketball Fest (at Osler) Monday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> : Red Dress 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>

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## 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 summer school location for summer programs this year)

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

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## Osler's 50th Anniversary

Planning is underway for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Our school Website has a page for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which provides details for the celebrations that will be taking place June 5 – June 7, 2025.

We are looking for donations for our Silent Auction Items. If you or someone you know may be able to assist, please contact Mrs. Boyd and she will be able to provide you with a donation letter. We appreciate everything our families can do to help make this a great event.

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## International Day of Pink: Wednesday, April 9th

April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 is the International Day of Pink! International Day of Pink began in 2007 when a teenager faced homophobic bullying at a Nova Scotia high school for wearing a pink t-shirt and students organized to wear pink as an act of solidarity. It is now a day of action on the second Wednesday in April every year.

Discrimination takes many shapes, whether it's based on race, age, disabilities, gender or sexuality. The 2SLGBTQIA+ community is no stranger to the bullying and violence that stems from hateful beliefs. While progress has been made towards removing these social barriers from our society, discrimination still persists. So, every year, on the second Wednesday of April, we urge people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, we encourage our Osler community to wear a pink shirt and be part of the movement!

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## Autism Acceptance Week

April is Autism Acceptance Month!

Osler is planning a special week of Autism Acceptance Spirit Activities, beginning on Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>:

- **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Magnificent Mind Monday:** Autism is a neurological variation, which means the brains of people with autism work differently, and that's amazing! Celebrate how amazing it is that all our minds work in different, wonderful ways by wearing a fun hat!
- **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Neurodiversity Tuesday:** To celebrate the beauty in the diverse spectrum of the human mind, wear rainbow and/or tie-dyed clothes to school!
- **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – What's Your Passion Wednesday:** One characteristic of autism is to show incredibly focused passion for topics of interest. What are you passionate about? Dress to show something you love!

- **Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Sensory Friendly Friday:** Autistic people can have a variety of sensory sensitivities. Dress up today in your most comfy clothes (including pajamas!) and/or wear sunglasses!

We look forward to celebrating autism acceptance and neurodiversity with everyone!

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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>

Our next early dismissal (1:00) for the PLC/Staff Meeting is **Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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### **Future Planning for Children/Youth/Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities**

As you work to create meaningful goals for your child, it's important to consider resources that will support their growth and well-being. Learn how to set goals and access essential resources to support their financial future, foster independence, and ensure successful integration into the community, helping them live fulfilling lives.

Speakers: Community Living Toronto – Person Directed Planning (PDP), Holland Bloorview, Partners For Planning (P4P), Family Services Toronto, and Dream Serenade (please see [Flyer](#) for details)

When: Monday, April 14th, 2024, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon  
and the same information will be repeated on  
Monday, April 28th, 2024, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

THIS IS A ZOOM MEETING

JOIN ON YOUR COMPUTER OR MOBILE PHONE APP.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE MEETING](#) or use the link below.

<https://tdsb-ca.zoom.us/j/94015815609?pwd=ZvXKxODRuh6GCza1hVFINDGaxj1UQ.1>

Meeting ID: 940 1581 5609

Passcode: 445164

Phone In: +16475580588 Or +16473744685 – Canada

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### **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.