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# Sir William Osler High School Soaring Eagle Update

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Dear Osler Community,

We have had a wonderful week here at school! We enjoyed celebrating neurodiversity through our Autism Acceptance Week theme days. Our weekly swim program continues to be enjoyed by students, and teachers are working hard to prepare mid-term report cards to send out soon. We also look forward to Earth Day on Tuesday!

This is the last week for families of our students with DD exceptionalities to apply for summer school – applications close on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Please see the next page for details.

Please note that we have the Good Friday and Easter Monday holidays coming up on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. There will be no school on these days.

There are several events coming up at the start of May that are of interest to Osler families, including the Eco Fair, The Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair, and the Toronto Police Games. Please see the pages of this update for more details on these opportunities.

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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25
Easter Monday holiday (no school)	Earth Day/Osler Clean-up	Swim Program	Boys Basketball Fest	Jazz Choir Performance (Period 2)
Apr 28	Apr 29	Apr 30	May 1	May 2
	Osler School Council Workshop 7pm	Swim Program		

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Trustee Manna Wong hosts Eco Fair @ L'Amoreaux Cl Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: TDSB Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair @ John Polanyi Cl

Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: Red Dress Day / National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and 2SLGBTQI+ people

Calendar dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances, please see website for up-to-date events.

# Special Education and Inclusion Summer School 2025 – LAST WEEK TO APPLY

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 <u>information flyer</u> 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.

LAST WEEK TO APPLY

### Osler School Council Virtual Workshop Presentation: Tuesday, April 29 from 7:00-9:00pm

The Osler School Council is presenting an important virtual workshop on Wellness Coaching to support mental health for our families and children. Please see the attached flyer, and register using the link:

https://forms.gle/UGxmVgLW4cdLFycX7

#### **Special Education Graduation Fair**

Special Education and Inclusion is hosting an inaugural grad fair for students with disabilities/special education needs! Please see the attached flyer for information. This event is also catered to students and families who are planning ahead for graduation.

#### Who?

• All TDSB students with disabilities and/or special education needs and their families

#### What?

- In-Person Event Fair
- Information booths featuring:
  - Community support services and post-21 programs
  - Employment assistance agencies
  - Academic institutions and accessibility services' offices

#### When and Where?

- Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- 5:00 pm 8:00 pm
- Avondale Public School (barrier-free site with free parking available)

171 Avondale Ave. Toronto, ON M2N 2V4

Families may pre-register at https://bit.ly/gradfairMay14 and walk-ins are also welcome.

# 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, 2025, from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

and the same information will be repeated on Monday, April 28th, 2025, 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=zvXKxODRuh6GCza1hVFINtdGaxj1UQ.1

Meeting ID: 940 1581 5609

Passcode: 445164

Phone In: +16475580588 Or +16473744685 - Canada

**DOWNLOAD ZOOM** 

#### Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair: Mark Your Calendars!

Please see the attached flyer for the Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The event is organized by Trustee Manna Wong and will be held at L'Amoreaux CI – and Osler students will be participating! Admission is free, and we hope to see you there!

#### **TDSB Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair**

The TDSB Social Work Team will be hosting the inaugural in-person **Navigation Supports: TDSB Developmental Disabilities Resource Fair**.

**Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2025 **Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Location:** John Polanyi Collegiate Institute

Address: 640 Lawrence Ave W, North York, ON M6A 1B1

This event is designed for TDSB parents, caregivers, and their children and youth with developmental disabilities. It offers a welcoming space to explore available supports, connect with others, and engage in meaningful conversations about meeting their unique needs.

#### **Highlights of the Event Include:**

- Information from 30+ developmental sector agencies about services, funding, camps, and more
- Guest speakers from Developmental Services Ontario (DSO), Community Living Toronto (CLT), and Surrey Place
- Opportunities to connect with other parents, caregivers, and families
- Food, giveaways, and family-friendly activities
- Child-minding available upon request
- Drop-in anytime between 10:00 AM 2:00 PM
- Free parking on site

Please see the attached flyer- registration for the event is here: <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u>. Please register by April 25, 2025 Additionally, please note: Walk-in's are also <u>WELCOME!</u>

For more information, email: virtualfairinfo@tdsb.on.ca

# **TORONTO POLICE GAMES: Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Variety Village**

Join us on Saturday, May 10, 2025, for the 41st annual Toronto Police Games at Variety Village!

Children/ youth of all abilities, their siblings, community programs, classes and schools are invited to register for a fun, free day of inclusive games, sports, and activities.

Registration includes free access to team participation, a t-shirt, Barbecue lunch and a medal!

Sign up early and before May 2, 2025 as space fills quickly!

Please see the attached flyer and registration form for additional information and to sign up.

# **Community Consultations**

The TDSB aims to be responsive to the voices of communities by developing tailored action plans, each based on the pillars of the <u>Anti Hate and Anti Racism Strategy</u>. This Spring, TDSB students, families and community members who self-identify as part of the Asian diaspora are invited to attend a community consultation to support a multi-dimensional strategy that affirms diverse and intersectional Asian identities and addresses anti-Asian racism within the TDSB. Learn more.

Dates: April 15 - May 20, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM

Audience: TDSB Students, Caregivers and Community

#### Parent/Caregivers IMPACT Symposiums

Calling all parents and caregivers! The City of Toronto's Community Crisis Response Program and the TDSB Parent/Caregiver & Community Engagement Office invite you to <a href="IMPACT-Innovative Methods for Parents/Caregivers Today!">IMPACT - Innovative Methods for Parents/Caregivers Today!</a>

Join us this May for one of three powerful sessions designed to equip you with the knowledge and the tools to support your children. We'll tackle the most pressing issues facing young people, including:

- Mental Health & Well- being & Vaping Dependency
- Social Media and Cellphone Dependency
- Criminality & Prevention
- Missing Youth & Community Safety

Don't miss this opportunity to connect. Register soon as registration is limited.

Date	Time	Location	Registration Link
Saturday May 10, 2025		David & Mary Thomson Collegiate-125 Brockley	https://lu.ma/ej9m7in1?locale=en-CA
		Drive, Toronto ON	
		The Learning Enrichment	
Saturday May 24, 2025	10:00 am-5:00 pm	Foundation-116 Industry	https://lu.ma/o81k46z4?locale=en-CA
		Street Toronto ON	
		Rosedale Heights School of	
Saturday May 31, 2025	10:00 am-5:00 pm	the Arts- 711 Bloor St E,	https://lu.ma/blthvik1
		Toronto, ON	

#### **Ongoing Health and Safety Information**

# **COVID Self Screening**

The Toronto Public Health COVID Screening tool <u>can be found here</u>. 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.