

Sir William Osler High School

Soaring Eagle Update

2 May 2025

Dear Osler Community,

Welcome to May! This week, we were pleased to welcome parents and caregivers to our workshop on Self-Care. We are looking forward to our next workshop on May 7th – details are on the next page.

Please note we have a 1pm Dismissal coming up on May 5th for our monthly Staff Meeting/PLC.

Monday, May 5th is also Red Dress Day - the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S). Information about the significance of this day is on the next page.

As the weather warms up, our students may go on more community walks or enjoy time outside. Please consider sending sunscreen and a hat for your child to be kept at school for when they are needed.

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
May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8	May 9
1pm Dismissal (Staff Meeting/PLC) Red Dress Day		Swim Program Osler School Council Workshop 6pm		
May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
		Swim Program		
Monday, May 19 th : Victoria Day holiday (no classes) Tuesday, May 20 th : Year-end Zoo Trip		Wednesday, May 21 st : Osler School Council – 7pm Thursday, May 22 nd : Best Buddies Trip		

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>

Osler School Council Workshop Presentation: Wednesday, May 7th from 6:00-9:00pm

A facilitated conversation circle to build a personalized transition plan for your child (with Zoe Kariunas, MSW, with years of experience in the disability sector)

One of the biggest sources of stress and mental health challenges for parents is the uncertainty about what comes after high school. They're often overwhelmed with information but receive little guidance on how to interpret and apply it.

Our facilitation session is designed to support parents in working together to create a personalized transition guide for their children. This hands-on, collaborative process equips parents with practical tools for navigating the journey ahead while also building a sense of connection and community. It helps parents feel less alone and more supported as they move through this important stage together. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Please note:

1. We have **limited spots**. A maximum of 8.
2. Please register ASAP using the link below.
3. There will be a potluck from 6:00 - 7:00 pm
4. Facilitated discussion from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Registration: <https://forms.gle/iKi9Gedwy2RxLpfC8>

Red Dress Day: Monday, May 5th

Each year on May 5, the Toronto District School Board joins communities across Turtle Island in observing Red Dress Day – the National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S). This day is a time for remembrance, reflection, and ongoing commitment to justice and reconciliation. In recognition of the National Day of Awareness for MMIWG2S, flags will be lowered at all TDSB administrative sites.

The day was inspired by The REDress Project, an art installation by Métis artist [Jaime Black](#), which uses red dresses to symbolize the lives lost and the systemic violence experienced by Indigenous women, girls, and Two-Spirit people. Today, red dresses hanging in windows, from porches, and in trees have become a powerful visual reminder of this national tragedy.

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, May 5th, 2025**.

School Council Meeting

Our next School Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 21st at 7:00pm. All parents and guardians are welcome. Hear about the plans at Sir William Osler and have your say about how the year will look.

The meeting will be held virtually. The link will be sent by email to parents.

Information about the school council can be found at:

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

Upcoming Parent/Guardian/Caregiver Engagement Session: Strategies and resources to support students with ADHD

Special Education and Inclusion will host a session to explore strategies and resources to support students diagnosed with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

Date: Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am

OR

Date: Thursday, May 29, 2025

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Please see this [flyer](#) for more information.

ASD Summer Skills Development Program

The summer session of the ASD Skills Development Program will run from **July 2-25 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Please see the [ASD Summer Skills Development Program - Parent Letter](#) which includes the [link](#) for registration for families of students with ASD going into Grades 4 -10 (currently students in Grade 3 - 9). Registration deadline is **Friday, May 30, 2025**. Spaces in the program are limited and enrollment is on a first-come first-serve basis.

Drewry School Council Workshop: Sunday, May 4th

Please see the attached flyer for a workshop organized by Drewry's School Council, "Empowering Parents: Life as an Adult". Registration information is included on the flyer.

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 14th, 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.

Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair: This Saturday!

Please see the attached flyer for the Ward 20 EcoSchool Fair on Saturday, May 3rd. 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: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#) .

Please register by April 25, 2025 Additionally, please note: Walk-in's are also **WELCOME!**

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

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 [IMPACT – Innovative Methods for Parents/Caregivers Today!](#)

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

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.