



Sir William Osler Elementary School

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Hello Osler Families,

Welcome Back Sir William Osler Families! As the 2025-26 school year quickly approaches, we are excited to welcome students back to class on **Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025.**

Bell Times are 9:15 AM-3:35 PM

Nutrition Breaks are 10:55 AM -11:35 AM and 1:15 PM -1:55 PM, 20 minutes inside/20 minutes outside

Beginning the new school year can be a time of excitement, nervousness and energy for students, staff and families alike.

But the start of the school year at Sir William Osler is also a time of new beginnings filled with opportunities for all students to experience a sense of belonging, engage in dynamic learning and reach their full potential.

To help Sir William Osler families prepare for their child(ren)'s return to the classroom, we would like to share the following information:

First Day: Students in Grades 1-8 will enter the school yard/pavement area at the back of the school and back field, where they will be greeted by their homeroom or period one teacher prior to the 9:15am bell. Parents are welcome to accompany their child(ren) on the first day of school. However, after September 2nd parents are asked to not wait on the playground with their child during the morning drop off.

- Each teacher will be holding a *sign with their class grade and name* on it for students to find. There will be staff circulating with class lists to further support and clarify student placements.
- Students will enter and exit the building via their designated entrance/exit doors (staff will communicate with students on the first day of school.)
- Junior Kindergarten (JK) and new Senior Kindergarten (SK) students have their pre-arranged visits with their teacher on **Tuesday September 2nd**, ready to start full day on **Wednesday September 3rd.**
- Senior Kindergarten (SK) students who previously attended Sir William Osler will begin on **Wednesday, September 3rd.** They will be dropped off at the K fenced area. Staff will be at the gate to welcome students and parents. ECE and EA staff will escort students directly into their classrooms upon arrival.

Staff Supervision: Each morning, students will be supervised by staff, wearing orange safety vests, on supervision duty on the back field, paved playground, and K entry areas starting at 9 am. Staff will also be supervising and supporting student dismissal at the front/back/playground/field at 3:35pm until 3:50pm. Students Gr.1-3 (unless on buses) can be met by parents on the back playground when the dismissal bell



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rings. Parents will be able to enter and wait on the playground just before the dismissal bell. If you are meeting your child, designate a spot to meet on the playground so they know where to find you. It can get busy for a few minutes when everyone is leaving! Students meeting parents at the end of the day, are asked to clear the back playground/field area by 3:50 pm to make space for the YMCA's after school program.

Parking Lots: Families will be expected to park/drop-off/pick-up children in the **lower lot only**. *Please do NOT park or drive into the upper lot. This is only for busses, daycare agreements, and disability permits. We do not want to have students entering the lot simply because they see their family vehicle there. *It is a serious safety concern.*

Transportation: School buses will continue to unload and load in the same area as in previous years (upper parking lot bus lane). Hamilton Wentworth District School Board (HWDSB) provides students with safe and secure transportation for eligible students by HWSTS. This may take the form of traditional school buses, school purpose vans or Hamilton Street Railway transit. For more information, visit HWDSB's [Transportation webpage](#). If your child qualifies for transportation, please remember to re-check information prior to sending your child(ren) to their assigned pickup location on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, as changes can occur.

***Courtesy seating** requests will be considered in the month of October. Please visit <https://www.hamiltonschoolbus.ca/service.aspx> and complete the courtesy busing form and provide same to the office.

Dogs on Property: Please do NOT bring family dogs onto school property during school hours including arrival and dismissal. There are bylaws to keep all staff, students, community members safe while on school property. As much as we all love our furry companions, we do not want to have any animal-related mishaps and/or negative experiences for anyone. If you have a certified service dog please contact administration.

PPM 128:

Code of Conduct: HWDSB is committed to making each one of its schools a caring place that is safe for learning. Every student deserves to feel and be safe in a school, on the school grounds, on the school bus and at school events and activities. Visit HWDSB's [Code of Conduct webpage](#) to learn about these changes.

Family Communication: Staying connected with your child(ren)'s schools, the Board and services matters. HWDSB offers many ways for parents and caregivers to stay connected. To learn how you can access the most up-to-date information, visit [HWDSB's Parent page](#). We also invite families to keep up with HWDSB by [subscribing to email updates](#) or following HWDSB [on social media](#).



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School Messenger: Osler and all HWDSB schools use **SchoolMessenger** to notify families about unexplained absences, as well as other important announcements. Families can use the free [SchoolMessenger app or website](#) to choose how they wish to receive these messages.

School Cash On Line: Please be sure to register if you have not already done so by clicking the link <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/secondary/supports/school-cash-online-2/>

Make sure you have access to the **Parent Portal**. <https://www.hwdsb.on.ca/parent/> **Update your student verification form on the Parent Portal and this will ensure that your contact information is current.**

Please contact your child(ren)'s school and speak with Mrs. Hitch or Mrs. Scime in the office if you are having any difficulty.

Student Dress Guidelines: HWDSB Student Dress Guidelines help to foster positive and inclusive learning environments. Developed with extensive student input and community consultation, these guidelines focus on equity, dignity, and well-being for every student. They can express themselves freely, without fear of bias or discrimination. Visit hwdsb.info/student-dress to learn more.

Volunteer Opportunities: Sir William Osler and HWDSB values and appreciates dedicated volunteers who share their time and talents in support of healthy, positive and flourishing school communities. If you are interested in exploring volunteer opportunities at Osler please have your volunteer forms and vulnerable sector screening. Links are provided [How to volunteer? We need you! | Sir William Osler Elementary School](#).

School Council: If you are interested in being part of School Council at Osler please connect with the Administration Mrs. R. Bratuz or Ms. L van der Put for information about nominations and elections. Please see HWDSB's [Volunteers in Schools](#) page for more information.

At Sir William Osler, we are committed to partnering with our families to ensure that your child(ren)'s school experience reflects HWDSB's values – dignity, trust, compassion and joy. We are committed to ensuring your child(ren) are celebrated for who they are, experience safe and caring school environments and are supported to achieve their own academic success and positive learning outcomes.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school at 905-628-1588 or the school website [Sir William Osler Elementary School \(hwdsb.on.ca\)](http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/sirwilliamosler)

Sincerely,

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