



Friday September 8, 2023.

Welcome Back Osler community!

Important September dates  
Teacher list  
Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> move  
KM Club

Happy Friday and a warm welcome back to all returning families and heartfelt hello to our new families! It has been a warm and sunny summer with opportunities for long summer days and enjoying the outdoors! I hope that you all spent the days enjoying things that you love!

It has been lovely to see the return of our students with smiles and laughter. We are eager to get to know your children and learn along with them ☺



Students in with Ms. Leung are making playdough and then created marble runs and mazes!

## Message from Vancouver School Board

The Vancouver School Board is committed to fostering safe schools that promote mutual respect, cooperation, and social responsibility. There is zero-tolerance for violence, harassment, or disrespectful behaviour in the school community. We strive to make our schools and sites welcoming places for everyone in our community.

As we begin a new school year, we ask that you pause and remember VSB staff are valued community members. Be considerate, and ask, will my actions or words hurt someone?

It is our shared responsibility to ensure interactions are conducted safely and respectfully. Students learn here, and together we can be models for those that are watching.

## Voluntary student Accident Plans

The VSB is offering parents access to two voluntary student accident plans which offer coverage for students and their families against accidental injury. Unexpected medical/dental expenses and critical illness. The two companies that are offering this product are the IA Family Accident Reimbursement Plan (FARP) and Study Insured.

Families can register online to purchase and participate in either of these plans by using the URL's provided below:

<https://www.solutionsinsurance.com/aonbc>

[www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com](http://www.studyinsuredstudentaccident.com)

## Message from the Office

**Reporting Absences:** When informing Teachers through email that your child will be absent, **PLEASE** also inform the office. This will help cut back on the phone calls home.

**The Absentee Line is: 604-713-5159 Osler's two-digit extension is 63**

Thank you



## Students moving to their 2023-2024 Divisions

On Monday September 11, your children will be placed in their division for 2023-2024. Consequently at 3:00 they may be dismissed from a different exit.

**Please ensure that on Monday you and your child have set up a special meeting place at 3:00 to ensure safe reunification.**

**For this one-time only, divisions who typically exit onto Selkirk Street will be dismissed to the undercover area.**

Please ask your child who their new teacher is to mitigate confusion.

Here is list of the 2023-2024 staff and regular entrance and exit:

Division, Grade, Teacher, Room	Entrance/Exit
1 Grade 6/7 Mr. Coutts Rm 215	Basketball Court north doorway
2 Grade 6/7 Ms. Tayler Rm 214	Basketball Court north doorway
3 Grade 6/7 Mr. O'Hara Rm 212	Basketball Court north doorway
4 District MACC TBA Rm 213	Basketball Court north doorway

5 Grade 4/5 TBA Rm 111	Basketball Court central doorway
6 Grade 4/5 Ms. Cogan MTW, TBA RF, Rm 110	Basketball Court north doorway
7 Grade 3/4 Ms. Jackson	Selkirk Street
8 Grade 2/3 Ms. Yamakami (Ms. Leung)	Selkirk Street
9 Grade 2/3 Ms. Roopra	Undercover Area
10 Grade 2 Ms. Jay	Undercover Area
11 Grade 1 Ms. Shirai	Basketball Court central doorway
12 Kindergarten Ms. Papagiannis	Basketball Court central doorway



## Kilometre Club

We're thrilled to announce the return of Osler's Kilometre Club for the 2023/2024 school year! KM Club will take place on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons**, roughly from 3:05 to 3:20. Runners will meet on the basketball courts located at the back of the school.

We invite all interested students, from Kindergarten to Grade 7, [to register online through this link](#). **Our first run is scheduled for Monday, September 18th.**

We will be needing the support of family volunteers who can be stationed at designated corners along the route to assist and guide our athletes. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to run alongside the children, offering encouragement and extra supervision. We appreciate your consideration in volunteering for these crucial roles. Thank you for your support!

For Kindergarten to Grade 7 students interested in joining the Cross-Country team, please listen to the announcements for information about a quick team meeting sometime next week.

-- Ms. Tayler & Ms. Shirai, Your KM Club Organizers



### Calendar Items

I have included the Osler calendar to help with planning for the year. There are also dates each month that pop up! I will endeavour to ensure these are brought to your attention each month.

Here are other dates for September:

Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Meet the Teacher 3:10-4:20 starting in classrooms.

Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> ~ Individual Photo day for students

Thursday September 28<sup>th</sup> ~ Terry Fox Run between recess and lunch

Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> ~ Orange Shirt Day

CALENDAR 2023 – 2024

Sir William Osler Elementary School

School Operation Overview

Number of Days in Session	188
Number of Days of Instruction	181
Number of Days of Non-Instruction	6 Non Instructional Days 1 Administrative Day (June 38)

Important Dates

First Day of School for Students	Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Day in lieu of National Day of Truth & Reconciliation	Monday, October 2, 2023
Thanksgiving Day	Monday, October 9, 2023
In lieu of Remembrance Day	Monday, November 13, 2023
Last Day of Instruction Before Winter Vacation	Friday, December 22, 2023
Winter Vacation Period	Wednesday, December 27, 2023 - Friday January 5, 2024
School Re-opens after Winter Vacation	Monday, January 8, 2024
Family Day	Monday, February 19, 2024
Last Day of Instruction Before Spring Vacation	Friday, March 15, 2024
Spring Vacation Period	Monday, March 18 – Thursday, March 28, 2024
Good Friday	Friday, March 29, 2024
Easter Monday	Monday, April 1, 2024
School Re-opens after Spring Vacation	Tuesday, April 2, 2024
Victoria Day	Monday, May 20, 2024
Last Full Day of Pupil Attendance	Thursday, June 27, 2024
Administrative/School Closing Day	Friday, June 28, 2024

Professional Development and Non-Instructional Days  
(school not in session)

Friday September 22, 2023	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, October 20, 2023	Professional Development Day (Province wide)
Friday, November 24, 2023	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Wednesday January 17, 2024	Professional Development Day (Date set by school)
Friday, February 16, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)
Monday, April 22, 2024	Professional Development Day (District wide)

Parent Conference Dates

Early Dismissal Times

Wednesday October 25, 2023	2:00 pm
Thursday October 26, 2023	2:00 pm
Wednesday February 7, 2024	2:00 pm
Thursday February 8, 2024	2:00 pm

Enjoy your weekend,  
Rosemary Thomas  
Principal at Osler