

Friday October 27, 2023.

Good afternoon Osler Community

Cross Country  
Field Hockey  
Spooktacular

**Kindergarten Registration**  
**Kindergarten Choice District and Grade 1-7 District Choice Program Registration**

## CROSS-COUNTRY FINAL MEET

Last Thursday, our outstanding cross-country athletes showcased their talent and sportsmanship at the district meet held at Trout Lake, competing against elementary school teams from across the district. Their hard work, dedication, and determination shone brightly, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments! 🌟👏

But our victory lap isn't complete without all our jerseys returned! A friendly reminder to all athletes: If you haven't yet, please make sure to return your washed jerseys to Ms. Shirai in Room 108 as soon as possible. Go Team! 🏆💪

- Ms. Tayler, Ms. Jackson, & Ms. Shirai





## **Field Hockey**

THIS IS FIELD HOCKEY: The Vancouver Hawks have come to Sir William Osler this week to teach the students some fundamentals of the Sport. If students are interested they may register from November 15th for the SPRING SESSIONS (APRIL TO JUNE) PLEASE visit the website [www.vancouverhawks.com](http://www.vancouverhawks.com). Grants to cover the costs are available through [kidsportcanada.ca](http://kidsportcanada.ca)



YOU ARE INVITED TO OSLER'S

# HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

MONDAY | 5:00 - 7:00 PM  
OCTOBER 30

DANCE PARTY WITH DJ SAGE  
HALLOWEEN MOVIE  
COSTUME CONTEST  
GAMES & PRIZES  
TASTY TREATS

MAIN SCHOOL ENTRANCE ON SELKIRK

We are looking forward to seeing everyone for **Osler's Halloween Spooktacular on Monday, October 30th!**

**Entry Fee:** 2 Tickets per person

**Games:** 1 Ticket per Play (guaranteed prizes)

**Concession Items:** 1-5 Tickets per Item

**Ticket Value:** 1 Ticket = \$1 (cash only at the event)

**Your entry fee includes:**

DJ Dance Party

Halloween Movie

Costume Contest Entry with Prizes

Mystery Box Guessing Game with Prizes

**\*\*Please note the entrance to the Spooktacular is the main school entrance on Selkirk St\*\***

**Kindergarten registration for children born in 2019 begins on November 1.**

All kindergarten applicants are required to submit an application to their English catchment elementary school. This includes families who wish to apply for choice programs (Early French Immersion, Montessori, Indigenous Focus School, Early Mandarin Bilingual, Nootka Fine Arts) and/or make a cross boundary application to attend a non-catchment school.

The priority registration period for Kindergarten opens on **November 1** and closes on **January 31**. Students who submit an application within this priority period will be accommodated before late applicants.

Applying for kindergarten is a **2-step process**:

**Step 1:** Online Application (ApplyNow)

- Completion of an online application form (<https://applynow.vsb.bc.ca/>) school year **2024-25**

**Step 2:** Verification of documentation

- Contact your English catchment school office to set up an appointment your supporting documentation.
- Bring supporting documentation to your English catchment school during your **scheduled appointment**.

**Supporting documents needed:**

1. Proof of residence in Vancouver
2. Child's birth certificate
3. Immigration documentation (if applicable)
4. Immunization records
5. Court orders/documents (if applicable)

If you want to apply for a Choice Program or cross-boundary, you must first apply to your English catchment elementary school. Choice Programs and Cross Boundary applications will begin to be accepted in early 2024.

In the event there are more in-catchment applicants than available space\* at the school, the following process will be used to prioritize enrolment:

**Kindergarten Applications Received Between November 1 and January 31**

1. **In-catchment** kindergarten applicants with siblings in attendance at the school (and who will be attending next year) will be placed first.



**1 Apply Online**

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**2 Visit your catchment school with necessary documents**

office

2. The names of all other in-catchment registrants will be entered into a **random draw** for the remaining kindergarten spaces.
3. Students who cannot be accommodated will be placed on a waitlist in the order in which their name was drawn.
4. Between January 31 and the second Friday in June students on the ordered waitlist will be accommodated as space becomes available.

### **Kindergarten Registrations Received AFTER January 31<sup>st</sup>**

In-catchment kindergarten students who apply **after** January 31 will be accommodated if there is space. If there is no space, their names will be added to the bottom of the existing waitlist.

**Note:** There will be **no priority** given to registrants with siblings if they register after January 31.

**For more information on kindergarten registration visit:** <http://www.vsb.bc.ca/kindergarten>

\* Available Space includes physical capacity, resources, staffing, or educational programs available or planned for a school as defined by the District (Administrative Procedure 300).

### **Kindergarten District Choice Program Registration:**

- All K District Choice applications are done through the K District Choice Program Application website: <https://kchoice.vsb.bc.ca>
- The K Choice site opens for families on January 9, 2024, and closes on February 2, 2024, and this is currently noted on the site.
- Parents/guardians must first register at their English catchment school prior to applying for a K District Choice Program, and will require the PEN number generated through the English catchment application process to apply for K Choice; even children with siblings concurrently attending a choice program school **MUST** register at their English catchment school **AND** then apply through the K Choice website
- Questions? Check out the VSB website information: <https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/5195/priority-kindergarten-registration>

### **Gr 1-7 District Choice Program Applications:**

- District Choice Programs have various entry points (eg. Gr 1 entry for Early French Immersion and Early Mandarin Bilingual, Gr 6 entry for Late French Immersion, varying entry points for Montessori, Fine Arts, Indigenous Focus, Late Mandarin Bilingual). For Early French Immersion and Early Mandarin Bilingual the entry points are K and beginning Gr 1, unless the student is already in a similar program, speaks French/Mandarin, etc.
- Application for Gr 1-7 District Choice programs is done using a paper form that parents/guardians complete and send or bring directly to the District Choice Program school for which they would like to apply. The form and website details the entry points for various grades in Choice Programs. The updated application will be posted online for families shortly. The **priority application period** for Gr 1-7 District Choice Programs begins November 1, 2024, and ends January 31, 2024.
- Gr 1-7 District Choice Program application forms must be received by the District Choice Program school by the last day of January (Jan 29, 2024) to be considered in the priority grouping.

- Application forms received after the last day of January will be date stamped by the District Choice Program School, and students waitlisted in order of application received. Waitlists are maintained at the school.
- Questions? Check out the VSB Elementary Programs website:  
<https://www.vsb.bc.ca/page/26694/elementary-programs>

Next Tuesday October 31 is Halloween. We encourage students to dress in their costume if this is practiced with your family. A reminder that images of weapons do not have a place at school. Please follow these guidelines while out trick or treating and choosing your costume.



Enjoy the weekend,  
Rosemary Thomas  
Principal at Osler



Ms. Roopra's Division 9 class enjoying the gorgeous Fall weather and beautiful leaves around Osler!