

AUSTIN O'BRIEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear AOB Student and Parent/Guardian:

Thank you for choosing Austin O'Brien Catholic High School! We welcome all our new students, and we look forward to working with you and your family as you take these new steps in high school. To our returning students, we are excited to continue to improve the learning experience for you and we will rely on your participation as the year unfolds to ensure that all our students have a great year! Austin O'Brien has an outstanding reputation in academics, athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities. We will continue to make our school the best environment by offering you many opportunities to be successful!

In order to start the year off with success, please note the startup procedures that follow. These procedures are different from last year, but I would especially ask all our students/families to read through the details carefully and try to adhere to the dates and times scheduled for your start up. **Please Note: Every parent will be expected to log on to PowerSchool as all communication, payments, Verification forms and student progress are accessed through PowerSchool.**

Austin O'Brien Website

Your journey through high school as a parent or a student will be incredibly fast. You do not want to miss out on anything. Our AOB website is a critical part in how we communicate and advertise events at our school. Grad year has so many important dates and activities throughout the year. <https://austinobrien.ecsd.net/> Students can access PASSWORD Reset, their school email, PowerSchool and more on our website. NEW THIS YEAR! Every Field Trip form will be uploaded to the website so that you can print it off and send it back with your child. How to find them? Click <https://austinobrien.ecsd.net/> then AOB Newsletters and Updates then Field Trip forms-click to expand.

Important Information

Bus Passes/ARC Cards

ARC cards are to be purchased through AOB Business office. Convenience store ARC cards will not work through the schools. This is more convenient for our students, parents and AOB.

2025-2026 Student Schedules: Students and/or Parents should sign into PowerSchool no later than August 20th, 2025, to review their schedule for the upcoming school year. If students need course changes, there is only one way to do this. Please make an appointment with the Conference Manager/School Soft. This is NOT connected to PowerSchool so if you have never booked an appointment through it you will need to **register**. <https://obrien-edm.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> All appointments are over the phone appointments so please leave a phone number that we can call at the time of the appointment.

Students **should not** wait until the first week of school to meet with their Grade Coordinator to change their schedules. Your Grade Coordinator might be able to help with these changes as they are very busy the first couple of weeks and classes fill up quickly. Grade 10 students will have priority in accessing -10 level courses, Grade 11 students will have priority in accessing -20 level courses, and Grade 12 students will have priority in accessing -30 courses. If your child failed a course and wishes to re-take it, this will need to be done either in PASS (please see your Grade Coordinator) or in summer school.

Tuesday, August 26th - Wednesday, August 27th- If your child does not have a schedule, took summer school, needs to make a change to their schedule, or even just has questions for a grade coordinator, please, make an appointment through this link. <https://obrien-edm.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf> DO not show up at the school as this is a phone call appointment.

Tuesday, September 2nd – Grade 10 Only Day & New to AOB Orientation – Grade 10's are expected to be at school and ready to learn by 8:25am and will have a full day. Dismissal time is 3:08 pm. They will be introduced to the AOB staff. Grade 10's will have an opportunity to get their School ID and School Photos during class time. They will also be able to go through their schedule, learn how to use their lock which is provided, take a tour of the school, and participate in activities that have been planned for them. **This is a very important day for them- they should make every effort to be present at school on that day.** Lunch will be provided for the grade 10's on this day.

Wednesday, September 3rd – Welcome Back ALL Students. All Grades (Grade 10's, Grade 11's, and Grade 12's) are expected to be at school and ready to learn by 8:25am. Lifetouch is here for school photos and IDs. School Id's are mandatory. The school start time is 8:25am and the end of the day is 3:08pm and the dismissal time is 12:08pm on Thursdays.

Photo ID is mandatory and is used to pick up textbooks, bus passes and take Exams at the end of the year. Photo ID will be taken on the first few days of school and given immediately. \$5 to replace it.

School Photos with Lifetouch are taken at the same time as Photo Ids and your child will receive a reference number to order School Portraits online.

Textbooks and Lockers will ONLY be given to individual students with Photo ID during the ALOTTED time within their classes. Locker Locks are provided by the school and NO outside locks are permitted.

Arc Card Registrations are in the Business Office with payment or prepaid on Parent PowerSchool with a **School ID ONLY.**

Lifetouch Pictures: <https://my.lifetouch.ca/mylifetouch/#/findmypictureday>

Verifications: Every year since your child was in kindergarten, parents and guardians have had to verify their child's information and contact information and provide a signature. In September, parents/guardians will be notified that this is ready to take care of online. You will go onto your Parent Power School Account and on the left side you will click VERIFICATION. You will be notified daily via emails, text messages and calls until this is completed, so thank you for your quick response in this matter. If this waits until October your child's Wi Fi will be taken away until document completed.

Updated Citizenship Documents: These documents should be brought to the school as soon as you receive them. If you have applied to stay in Canada, please bring in your letter and Receipt of payment to the office.

School Supplies: We do not have a set school supply list but if your child is enrolled in Math 10C or a –1 Math class, they will need a Ti-84 calculator. Most students use binders, loose leaf paper, pens, and pencils for their everyday classes. Locks for the locker are provided and outside locks are NOT accepted.

Student Information: All student information is accessible through **Parent PowerSchool**. This allows for easy daily access to Fees, Attendance, Teacher Gradebooks, and the School Bulletins. If you do not have PowerSchool access yet, please follow the information below. School newsletters and announcements are sent using parent email or cell phone number. This will be the primary method of communicating student progress throughout the year. So please make sure your emails and phone numbers are up to date.

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that they are receiving emails which are typically sent out weekly. Parents and guardians are asked to call the school at 780-466-3161 they are not receiving the weekly emails.

Steps to Log In: <http://powerschool.ecsd.net/>

Log In (We created a Username and Password for you if you have never logged in before)

User Name- (Parents Last Name and First Initial) example: **MillsT**

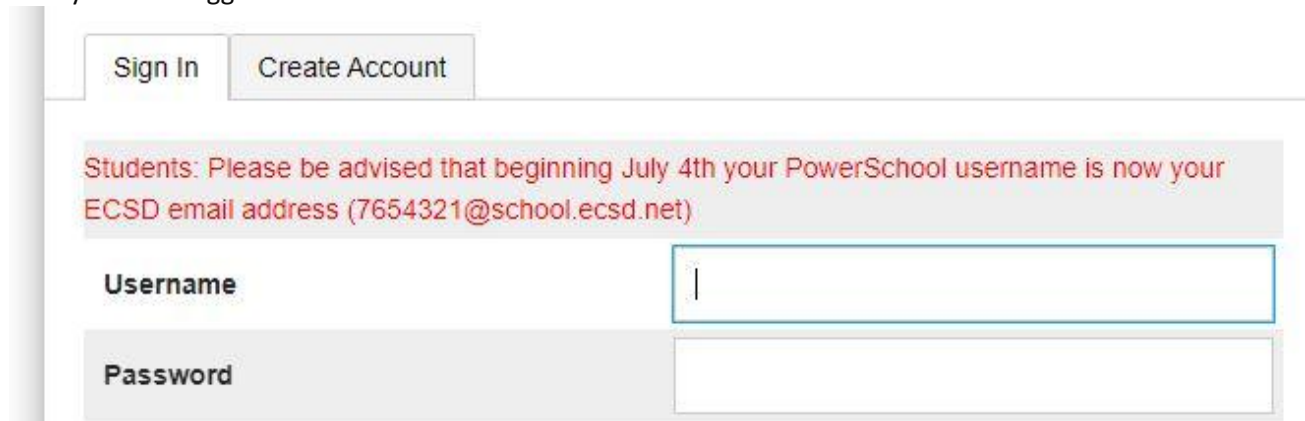
Password – Parent12345

First Letter and last are Capitalized, and you will be asked to change password.

Note: It will ask you to make a new password. Please make it easy for you to remember.

Please call 780-466-3161 or email Jennifer.bowen@ecsd.net after August 19th if you cannot log in to PowerSchool.

New Students: Your PowerSchool will be available once you are physically in our building and Wi-Fi is not accessible until you have logged in at AOB location.



Transportation: Most students use the ETS School Specials. Find your child's best route through

https://www.edmonton.ca/projects_plans/transit/school-special-bus-routes If your child is in the **Spanish Bilingual Program** or the **Ukrainian bilingual Program** and would like to access our Yellow bus please click this link and fill out application.

<https://www.ecsd.net/page/34573/apply-for-transportation>

WIN/Generations Program; If your child is in the **WIN program** or **Generations Program** the school fees and start dates are different. A mail out package will be sent to you personally.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school starting Thursday, August 24th or check out our website:

<https://austinobrien.ecsd.net/>

The Hours of Operation have changed for the 2025-2026 school year as follows:

Daily Schedule

	Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri	Thursday	
Warning Bell	8:25 am	Warning Bell	8:25 am
Block 1	8:30 am -9:57 am	Block 1	8:30 am- 9:23 am
Block 2	10:00 am – 11:27 am	Block 2	9:25 am- 10:18 am
Mentor Minutes	11:27-11:39am		
Lunch	11:39 am – 12:09 pm	Block 3	10:20 am- 11:13 am
Block 4	12:11 pm – 1:38 pm	Block 4	11:15 am- 12:08 pm
Block 5	1:41 pm – 3:08 pm		

Sincerely,

Dr. Susan Coates

Principal, Austin O'Brien Catholic High School