

AUSTIN O'BRIEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear AOB Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! Thank you for choosing Austin O'Brien Catholic High School! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and rejuvenating summer. After an amazing school year full of learning, hard work and various activities, everyone deserved a beautiful summer reconnecting with family and friends.

I especially would like to greet our grade 10 students who are starting a new journey in their education. How exciting that you are starting senior high school! I would also like to welcome our returning grade 11 and 12 students, along with all new students joining the AOB community. I look forward to meeting all of you on your first days at school and working with you and your families to make your time at AOB the best it can be.

This year's ECSD theme is "Rooted in Joy", and we are looking forward to growing together in faith and community, and experiencing joy with you in academics, sports, arts, and other great school activities at AOB. Austin O'Brien has an outstanding reputation in academics, athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities. Be sure to get involved to make your time at AOB as memorable as it can possibly be! 😊

Welcome, as well, to all our parents and guardians! I encourage you to join our School Advisory Council (SAC) to be more involved in your child's education. At the start of September, please keep a look out for an invitation to our first meeting of the year. I hope you can join us!

I am honored to serve as principal of the Austin O'Brien school community. I previously served as an assistant principal at AOB for seven years and left as I began my principal journey five years ago. I am so happy to be returning to a school that has always held a very special place in my heart. AOB has long been a community I care about, and I am genuinely excited to be working with the students, staff and families at Austin O'Brien in the coming school year.

Please see important information about the school start-up below.

See you all very soon!

Sincerely,

Anna Gomez
Principal

Important School Start-up Information:

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.** Make it a daily habit.

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 in itself has so many important dates and activities throughout the year. <https://austinoobrien.ecsd.net/> Students can access PASSWORD Reset, their school email, PowerSchool and more on our website.

Bus Passes/ARC Cards

ARC Card Reloads can be made through Parent PowerSchool and will automatically be added to the physical card that your student has, as long as the card was issued through an ECSD school. Never had an ARC card before? The initial card is free of charge but should you lose it, it breaks or is stolen, a replacement must be purchased in the business office at a cost of \$6. Cards purchased outside of the school will not be accepted. The payment is for the month it was purchased only (for example, the September payment is valid only for that month, no matter when it was purchased). Often payments can take up to 48 hours to be applied, so don't delay. (Don't have Parent PowerSchool? see below for instructions)

2026-2027 Student Schedules: Students and/or Parents should sign into PowerSchool starting August 17th and no later than August 20th, 2026, to review their schedule for the upcoming school year. If they need course changes, there is only one way to do this this year. Please make an appointment with the Conference Manager/School Soft. This is Not connected to PowerSchool so if you have never booked an apt 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 appointment. Students try not to wait till the first week of school to meet with your grade coordinator to change schedules. Your grade coordinator might change, and they are very busy the first couple of weeks.

Tuesday, August 25th - Wednesday, August 26th - 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>

Wednesday, September 2nd – ***Grade 10 Only Day & New to the Country Orientation*** – Grade 10s are expected to be at school and ready to learn by 8:15 am and will have a full day. Dismissal time is 3:15 pm. They will be introduced to the AOB family. Grade 10s 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, 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 today for the grade 10s that day. (Hamburgers)

Thursday, September 3rd – ***Welcome back ALL students***. Official first day of school for ALL grades. Grade 10s, Grade 11s, and Grade 12s are expected to be at school and ready to learn by 8:15 am. This is a **regular Thursday class schedule**. The school start time is 8:15 am and the dismissal time is 12:00 pm. Lifetouch is here for school photos and IDs.

Friday, September 4th – Second day for all students, and a **regular full day class schedule**. The school start time is 8:15 am and the dismissal time is 3:15 pm on Thursdays. Lifetouch is here for school photos and IDs.

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 Cards can be picked up 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 you have had to verify your child's information and contact information along with your signature. In a few weeks you will be notified that this is ready to take care of on line. You will go onto your Parent Power School Account and on left side you will click School Engage-VERIFICATION. You will be notified daily via emails, text messages and calls until this is completed, so thank you for your quick response to this matter.

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.

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 if you never have before: <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public>

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**

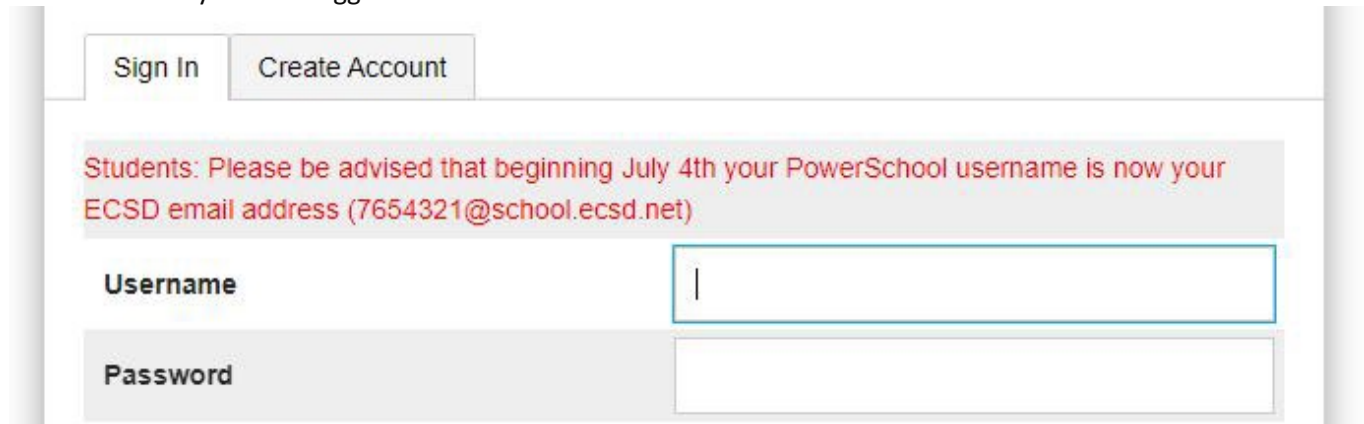
Password – Parent12345

First Lettes 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.

The image shows a PowerSchool login interface. At the top, there are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". Below these buttons is a red text message: "Students: Please be advised that beginning July 4th your PowerSchool username is now your ECSD email address (7654321@school.ecsd.net)". Underneath the message are two input fields. The first field is labeled "Username" and contains a single vertical bar character "|". The second field is labeled "Password" and is currently empty.

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>

Bus passes/ARC cards can be purchased on Parent PowerSchool and then picked up with a school id in the Business Office.

WIN/Generations Program: If your child is in the **WIN program** or **Generations Program** the school fees and start dates may be 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://www.ecsd.net/8402>.

Hours of Operation for the 2026-2027 school year as follows.

	Mon-Tues-Wed-Fri	Thursday	
Warning Bell	8:15 am	Warning Bell	8:15 am
Block 1	8:22 am -9:53 am	Block 1	8:22 am- 9:15 am
Block 2	9:55 am – 11:26 am	Block 2	9:17 am- 10:10 am
Lunch	11:26 am – 12:06 pm	Block 3	10:12 am- 11:05 am
Block 4	12:11 pm – 1:42 pm	Block 4	11:07 am- 12:00 pm
Block 5	1:44 pm – 3:15 pm		