



ARCHBISHOP O'LEARY HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Archbishop O'Leary,

Welcome to O'Leary. This is an excellent school, with an excellent reputation for providing top quality programs and learning opportunities. We continue to be a growing school, that has a very positive culture, one that works to build connections. The 2020-2021 year will be an exciting one, with prospects available in all areas to become involved with, for all students in grades 10, 11 or 12.

We have included the following information for school opening:

- Registration Information
- Course changes will be done through scheduled Team Meetings with your **Student Administrative Coordinator**, or done through email.
- Lifetouch Photo Order Form (please bring a separate cheque payable to Lifetouch) Digital form will follow later.

First Day

Grade 10 students have their first day of classes on **Wednesday, September 2** for a full-day orientation. All students will begin regular classes on **Thursday, September 3, 2020** using the Day 1 schedule.

Teacher Advisor (TA) for Grade 10

Your primary contact for Grade 10 will be your TA. Your TA will be sending you updates throughout the year, so it is imperative to provide your TA with your contact information - especially email addresses. You are encouraged to communicate with your TA and classroom teachers to regularly inquire about student progress and attendance. The opportunity to access teachers throughout the term replaces the traditional parent/teacher interview process at Archbishop O'Leary. The most effective means of communication with staff is via email, and as you likely know, our District email format is simply firstname.lastname@ecsd.net.

Report Cards (PowerSchool)

In an effort to safeguard our environment and to promote much more accurate and efficient reporting practices, Archbishop O'Leary will again be endorsing the use of paperless reporting. **Please ensure that you access PowerSchool at <https://powerschool.ecsd.net/public> on a continual basis** for real time evaluation and attendance results.

Student Registration

Below are our mandatory registration days. Students are expected to take their photo for their required ID cards, pick up lanyards and their textbooks. Fees may be paid online through Parent Powerschool or in person during registration.

- August 26 - Grade 10 Registration and all Soccer Academy Students
- August 27 - Grade 12
- August 28 - Grade 11

Times to be determined.

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT THE SCHOOL ISSUED LANYARDS AND ID CARDS ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL TIMES IN THE SCHOOL...NO EXCEPTIONS.

The Registration process may change depending on restrictions from AHS. Please check our website periodically for any updates.

If you do not have a course schedule on the day of your registration because you are new to our district, please come to the office and we will print one out for you.

Course Changes

A great deal of time and effort is required of school staff to ensure each and every O'Leary student timetable matches the courses requested. However, depending on your core course and option choices this is not always possible.

Course changes will only be made for the following reasons:

- Incomplete schedule - missing required courses for high school completion and/or post-secondary registration
 - Course conflict
 - Change in course mark necessitates a change in course stream (i.e. 30-1 to 30-2)
 - Course(s) completed during summer school
- Course changes will not be considered for reasons other than those listed above
- Please note that you must have your course changes completed before you go through the registration process (i.e. Picking-up textbooks, photos, school ID)

Course changes can be made by booking an appointment with your Student Administrative Coordinator to meet through Microsoft Teams.

- **To save time, you can also email your Student Administrative Coordinator your course changes to continue the concept of social distancing and Alberta Health Services guidelines.**

Student Administrative Coordinator

You will have a Student Administrative Coordinator who will also be linked to you for the duration of your time at O'Leary, until you graduate. The Student Administrative Coordinators for next year will be as follows:

Student last name beginning with:

A-D Coordinator - Mr. Duncan Buchanan - Duncan.Buchanan@ecsd.net

E-L Coordinator - Mrs. Lorraine Spenrath - Lorraine.Spenrath@ecsd.net

M-R Coordinator - Mr. Gary Armstrong - Gary.Armstrong@ecsd.net

S-Z Coordinator - Mrs. Dana Hutton - Dana.Hutton@ecsd.net

School Recommendations for Academic Programs

In Math, Social Studies and English as a student must have 60% or more in order to remain in the Academic stream. If you do not meet this recommended minimum prerequisite, you must either upgrade your current course or switch to the general stream.

Your planning this year must focus on your exit plan from high school. Planning should include a review of the graduation requirements and the entrance requirements of the post-secondary institution you would like to attend after high school or the course requirements that your particular job may require, to enter into the workforce. If you need assistance with this planning, please arrange a meeting with a school counselor or contact the post-secondary institution directly. You may also call upon our Career Education Specialist (Mrs. Venne in the Success Centre). She can help you plan a career search process or help with the development of a career portfolio.

Program Information Evening (Meet the Staff)

Please mark your calendars as we are hosting a Program Information Evening on **Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm** in the O’Leary HUB. This is an opportunity for your parents to meet your TA; classroom teachers, administrative links and to learn more about O’Leary. This is also an opportunity to become a contributing member of the School Advisory Committee (SAC), that is comprised of parent volunteers. The SAC will be present at this evening event and will meet right after the Information Evening at 7:30 pm.

The staff of O’Leary look forward to welcoming you for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the school front office staff or the Student Administrative Coordinator for clarification at 780-476-6251.

Sincerely,

Todd Eistetter
Principal

Grade 10 Orientation Day - Wednesday, September 2, 2020

8:30 - 9:15	TA time
9:30 - 10:15	Opening mass
10:30 - 11:15	General assembly in HUB (student cafeteria)
11:15 - 11:55	BBQ lunch provided by Student Services
12:00 - 2:45	Orientation/Mock timetable activities

Regular Classes for all students – Thursday, September 3, 2020

8:15	First bell
12:00	Dismissal

All schedules are dependent upon the guidelines given by Alberta Health Services regarding the pandemic. Any updates to this will be posted on the school website.

All Edmonton high schools will utilize the quarter system for courses and not the usual semester system. Students complete 2 courses in a quarter, using a schedule of 110-160 minute blocks per course, per day, for approximately 40 instructional days. Exams follow each quarter.

This essentially takes a semester and breaks it into half.