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### Principal's Message

The birth of Jesus was an event that showed God's love for us. To be born man, to live as man, to teach us lessons on how to live and love, then to be crucified so we could live only touches on the depth of the love our God has for us.

As we work with each other and our children we need to keep in mind Christ's message of love and forgiveness - it is through these teachings that we can transform our world.

These past four months have been a joy for the staff at Austin O'Brien as we worked with our students. Their good work in their classes, participation in school events and assistance to those less fortunate has been wonderful to observe.

So this Christmas give your children a big hug and remember they are not finished "becoming" yet. Also remember the best thing we can be is a good example for them.

The staff of Austin O'Brien Catholic High School wish all our Austin O'Brien Catholic high school family the best of Christmas'

Sincerely,

Hugh MacDonald

### Inclement Weather

Radio stations will carry announcements regarding yellow bus cancellations due to inclement weather conditions. Every effort will be made to have messages broadcast no later than 6:30 am. A route can take 50% longer in adverse weather conditions. Parents are advised that if a bus does not arrive within 20 minutes of its scheduled time, they are to assume the bus is not coming. Parents would then need to make alternate arrangements to get their child to school.

The District does not have a Cold Weather Policy in which parents are contacted in the event of bus delays because there are not sufficient resources.

We are attempting to go green and save some trees! If you do not have access to a computer please let the office know and we can print the necessary information for you.

**For updates please check our website under "Parent Corner" and in Powerschool under "School Bulletin"**

Austin O'Brien is offering advertising in the 2009-2010 yearbook in return for a donation to help cover costs of publication. Income tax receipts are available upon request.



## DECEMBER 2009

### Be informed!

**Here are some websites to help your son or daughter have a successful year at AOB.**

#### Austin O'Brien Website

It is updated on a regular basis. Check our website [www.austinobrien.ecsd.net](http://www.austinobrien.ecsd.net)

Some of the links you may access are:

Programs we offer

Information on scholarships, post secondary, graduation requirements

Football, Sports teams, AOB music site, Art gallery

District Calendar, AOB Calendar, **Exam schedule**

#### Alberta Education

Great source of information for students and parents. Check out their website <http://www.education.alberta.ca> Click on the Students or Parents link

For information on Scholarships and Bursaries

[www.alis.gov.ab.ca](http://www.alis.gov.ab.ca)

#### Exam Bank

The Exam bank is a great tool for students to use to further their knowledge in a particular course by taking advantage of the practice exams that are written to the same standards as diploma exams for all grade levels.

The website is [www.exambank.com](http://www.exambank.com)

**User name is austinobrien**

**Password is ecsdaob**

### Powerschool - Parent Portal -LIVE

<https://powerschool.ecsd.net>

The Parent Portal of Powerschool is a website for parents/guardians and students to monitor attendance, grades, assignments and test dates. Click on a blue link to get further detailed information. Check out the "school bulletin" for upcoming events and news. **If you do not have your username and password please contact the school.**

It is so nice to see a lot of parents and students are taking advantage of this site.

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

*"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord".*

Luke 2:10-11

In a time when our culture gets wrapped up in the crazy frenzy that we call Christmas, we are invited to remember that Christ is the reason for this season. If we could all focus less on buying, rushing and stressing and focus on celebration, time with friends, family and those in need, it would change the entire mood of Christmas. The reading from Luke says, "I bring you tidings of great joy" not tidings of unbelievable stress and debt!

This Advent at the school, we have been putting emphasis on preparing ourselves for the birth of Christ inwardly rather than outwardly. As a society, we have become really good at our outward preparations, putting up decorations and making lists. It should be a time to prepare our hearts and minds to focus on the gift of salvation that was given to us 2009 years ago in a manger. As part of our preparation the entire school was invited to take part in a mass at the Basilica on December 15th. The trip went very well in both establishing a sense of a faith community and in turning the focus onto the Christ Child for the holidays.

On behalf of all of the staff at Austin O'Brien, I wish you all a peaceful and restful Christmas holiday with plenty of time spent with God and family.

Mrs. Cuglietta



## Bus Schedules during exams

During exams the Yellow and ETS bus specials will run as usual in the A.M.

In the P.M. Yellow buses will run.

There will be no ETS school bus specials in the P.M. but we will have a shuttle bus leaving Austin O'Brien @ 3:35 p.m. going to Rex-all Place, Abbotsfield Mall, and Clareview Station on the following dates:

Jan. 14, 15, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28

Jan. 18-20 there will be regular classes so the ETS bus specials will run in the afternoon.

Next SAC meeting Jan. 20th @ 7 pm

All are welcome! Your input is important!

Exam schedule for January is posted on our website [www.austinobrien@ecsd.net](http://www.austinobrien@ecsd.net)

## JANUARY EXAM SCHEDULE

(posted on the website)

There are no classes for students Jan. 14 & 15. Only students writing the following exams attend these days.

### JANUARY 14

English 30-1 & 30-2 Part A 9:00 a.m. -12 noon

English 20-1 essay exam 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

English 10-1, 10-2 and 20-2 essay exam will be written during class time.

### JANUARY 15

Social 30-1 Part A 9:00 a.m. -12:00 noon (new curriculum)

Social 30-2 Part A 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Social 20-1 and 20-2 essay 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 pm

Social 10-1 and 10-2 essay exam will be written during class time TBA.

There will be regular classes Jan. 18-20th

Exams go from Jan 21-28th

Grade 11 students will be writing CCATS exams on Jan 25th. 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon. A letter was mailed home Dec. 15/09.

Students do not need to attend school if they are not writing exams. Please return your books for semester 1 and pick up your semester 2 books during exam week.

Jan 29th - PD day for staff

Mon. Feb. 1 - Semester 2 begins Day 1

## Textbook Returns & Pick -Up

Please return all textbooks to the Bookroom only, located at the north end of the main hall. All textbooks must be returned and outstanding fees paid prior to receiving books for the 2nd semester.

Textbooks must be picked up prior to February 1st, the first day of regular classes

### Book Room Schedule

Jan. 21 -28 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

During the week of Feb. 1-5 the Bookroom will be open 7:45 a.m. - 8:10 a.m., lunch hour, and after school until 4:00 p.m.

Feb. Bus passes will be available for purchase from the Bookroom from Jan 21-28th.



Many blessings for 2010!