

(continued)...well prepared for post-secondary training as a result of our academic program and its emphasis on laboratory work. Many students experience the latest in technology in our career and technology lab. Each year a high percentage of our graduating class will enroll at the University of Alberta. Many other students continue their education at a variety of other post-secondary institutions.

Students at Austin O'Brien enjoy a library and resource centre where they are welcome to use the computers to either access information from our network or explore the internet. The school also houses the Stedward Fitness Centre. A full-time fitness instructor, who works with disabled community members operates the centre. Our students enjoy the equipment and can benefit from personal fitness instruction from our school Chaplain, Mrs. Cuglietta or from the Stedward Fitness Instructor.

We have three District Programs housed at Austin O'Brien. The Ukrainian Bilingual program brings in students from all over the city to study Ukrainian Language Arts and Ukrainian Religion. The remainder of their schedule is filled with required subjects and options from our course list. New to Austin O'Brien this year is the Polish Bilingual Program. It will also provide Polish Language Arts instruction to students and allow students to study religion with emphasis on Polish traditions and culture.

Our school is also home for the Educational Experiences students. These students are mentally challenged and spend time together learning life skills. They are also involved with work experience in our community. We are also pleased to welcome some of them to our academic classes

Austin O'Brien also houses the Senior High Golf Academy. Students may enroll in this academy whether they have had previous experience in a Golf program or not. The philosophy of the school directs students to develop all of their God-given gifts and talents to the fullest. Our school motto is "Many gifts, one Spirit".

We aspire to graduate students who are prepared and confident to lead happy productive lives and, in turn, to share their lives with others.