

Building Up to a New School Year

Making Renovations to Classic Leander

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Every school year, there's something new, whether it be new students, new scheduling, or new classes. This year, the thing that's new is not only the parking lot and band field, but plans for a science building.

"The school needs to hold 2,400 kids, right now it holds 1,980," Brad Mansfield, principal, said. "The facility only holds that many, not including the portables"

The building will have two floors and will contain 16 new labs (eight labs on each floor).

Labs such as Mrs. Scarborough's room will be split in half and turned into regular classrooms.

"The labs like in Mr. Squires room, that room shouldn't be a science lab; it's way too small. Mrs. Reyna's room is how they should look," Mansfield said.

There will even be a bridge that joins the 800s to the new building and a walkway to the 700s.

"It'll all look nice; it'll finally create a front of the school," Mansfield said.

Not only will the new building provide new science labs, but it will also provide a new front of the

school, complete with the main office where parents will be able to check in. Where the main office is right now will be moved into the new building and those offices will become a part of the commons. The counselors' offices will not be moved.

"It's going to be exactly like Rouse's, it's going to look a lot like that. It's going to be a lot safer to check people in and out," Mansfield said.

The front of the school, where the sliding doors and trees are, will become a courtyard. Students will be able to eat outside, like they do now, but it will be covered and have furniture, plus a green area for science classes to plant plants.

"Some of these trees are going to stay, that big oak out there, it's beautiful, I mean I don't want to get rid of it," Mansfield said.

With construction comes a new plan for traffic flow. Drop offs are near the Performing Arts Center, the small parking lot beside the stadium near Bagdad Road, and in the back of the school. The building should be complete by the 2014-2015 school year.

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The new building being worked on during school hours.

What was planned for traffic flow due to construction.

