

New year, new school



Trinity Middle School Principal Aaron Barr talks on camera about the new school and what it has to offer. COURTESY OF TIM MOODY

Trinity Middle to kick off its first academic year on Monday

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Newly minted Trinity Middle School is set to make its official debut on Monday.

The school's principal, Dr. Aaron Barr, expressed excitement about the start of a

new in-person school year at the community's brand-new state-of-the-art facility in Archdale.

In the flurry of final preparations for the school year and a new facility, Barr has been busy finding the best educators from Braxton Craven Middle School and Archdale-Trinity Middle School.

"We have a good mix of teachers from both schools who have been in the Trinity community for years and are full of Bulldog pride," Barr said.

Barr explained that the faculty are offering a variety of classes outside of

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the typical academic curriculum of language arts, mathematics, social studies, science, and physical education, and are also offering band, chorus, art, Spanish, Minecraft coding and agriculture. Students will be exposed to many possible career paths as they explore the middle school curriculum.

When discussing the features of the school, Barr described that the open design of the spaces was “phenomenal” and praised the openness of the media centers and cafeteria. Barr also commented on the large windows, bright natural light, and open design of the buildings that illuminate the grounds.

“The classrooms are large and have plenty of space for students to work individually or in small groups Barr noted. “Science labs are placed throughout the building and allow students and teachers to have spaces designed for specific instruction.”

Barr also stated that students will enjoy the openness of the building, the new smells, the bright lights as well as the unique experience of being the first to attend the school.

Despite lingering concerns around masking, vaccinations and other precautions, Barr maintains an optimistic perspective on the school’s upcoming school year. He expects students are ready to return to a somewhat normal school situation.

He also expressed that the staff at Trinity Middle School are eager to welcome students to the facility but was doubtful it would take much time for students to fall into predictable routines.

Barr stated that the process of watching the school go from blueprints to brick and mortar was “such a great experience.” He stressed that seeing the excitement and sup-



One of the unique aspects of the new Trinity Middle School is its open floor design.

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port from the community [about the school] was a spectacular thing to witness.

“No matter where you went you met someone who was excited about the project or had a child or grandchild that will be in the school,” He said. “Meeting these people and making personal connections with the community members who have waited for this school for such a long time was so rewarding.”

Planning a project of this scale was not without difficulties. Barr noted that there were many hands involved in the construction and planning phases and many people working hard to make sure everything went well with the project.

Other stakeholders and community members echoed the general excitement expressed by Barr.

“We are so excited and honored to be a part of history in the making with being the first students and parents to attend its inaugural year,” Kimberly Cates, a parent of a rising middle school student at Trinity Middle School, said.

Cates also reflected that the school is truly a bright spot coming out of such an unpredictable year and expressed gratitude to the Aldridge family for the gift of the land Trinity Middle rests on.

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