# PRINCIPAL UPDATE

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The second semester has brought some exciting changes to the middle school and high school. We were able to complete 90% of our move into the new CTE addition. With that the middle school classrooms also shifted further south to make room for the 5th grade to move into our end of the building. Although 5th grade will stay part of the elementary umbrella they now located in the former middle school hall.

High school students are now enjoying classes in the new CTE addition and already doing some exciting things. While there is still some work to be completed within the addition, Welding, Culinary and Health Science classes are in full swing in their new spaces. Additionally, 4 high school teachers moved into new general education classrooms. While some kinks are still being worked out, students and staff are happy about the addition.

#### Culinary

Culinary students are enjoying a new commercial kitchen. They have already showcased some of their skills by catering the Hamlin Hall of Fame banquet.





### **Commons Area**

Dual credit students have a large, bright, open space in the new commons to work on their classes throughout the school day.





## Welding

Welding classes are in full swing in a nice, new shop space. Classes have already helped to finish the space by welding the welding tables and booths. The new shop boasts 16 individual welding booths, plasma cutter and metal working machine.



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### **Health Science**

The Health Science classes have received much of their new training equipment including several simulators. We currently have a CNA, EMT and a baby simulator that are in the form of mannequins. Additionally we have received a vehicle extraction simulator and an ambulance simulator will be arriving soon. It's exciting to think about all of the hands-on training our student have the ability to participate in.

### **Building Trades**

While the Building Trades shop is not fully complete, the class has been making the best of the situation by building tool storage in the new shop while they wait. Once complete, the building trades shop will allow for the building of a house completely indoors.





### **CTE Addition Completion**

While many exciting things are already happening within the CTE addition, it is not fully complete. Once everything is finished, we will be holding open houses for the community to tour the new spaces.

#### Middle School

There has been a lot of focus on the new CTE addition for high school, but we haven't forgotten about our middle school. Middle school students have also had to adjust to new classroom locations with the shifting of spaces. Both students and staff have adjusted well to the move.

We also welcomed a new staff member to the middle school this semester. Mr. DeSalvo joined the staff as a Physical Education teacher and is also filling in for Ag classes in the afternoon while the instructor is on maternity leave. Mr. DeSalvo brings a lot of passion and a new perspective to the PE department.

Finally, once the CTE addition is complete, the current shop space will allow for more middle school CTE opportunities. These opportunities are still in the planning phase. It's always been a great day to be a Charger, but the opportunities that the CTE addition is opening up make it doubly great!