

Trinity Enjoying Benefits of New Spaces on Campus

This summer saw significant campus revitalization at Trinity High School! These exciting projects enhanced our athletics facilities, parking and especially the classrooms and labs on campus. Below you will find brief descriptions of some brand-new spaces on campus:

■ **The Traditional Program** has transformed part of the third floor of Sheehan Hall into two new flexible learning spaces. **Shannon Barr**, Traditional Program Director, and **Lucia Simpson**, Traditional Program Counselor, spent time researching the best designs and teaching tools for students with learning differences, as well as consulting with Traditional Program teachers and with an out of state high school designed for students with learning differences (Currey-Ingram Academy in Brentwood, TN). Every detail, from the lighting and wall color to the seating, was chosen with intent and purpose. The rooms have several options for sitting or standing and have everything a technologically enhanced classroom could want. Each room has a brand new interactive white board and tables designed for students to use and plug in their laptops with ease. While they are very technologically friendly rooms, students will also have opportunities to use the spaces for hands-on activities or to write directly on the new white board tabletops. Collaborative work will be a large focus, but there are also areas designed for independent work. Barr and Simpson considered every learning style while designing these new spaces and want them to be practical for use among all content areas.



■ **The Lab** adjacent to F332 was initially designed to be a small chemistry lab with sinks and faucets on each table. For more than 20 years that lab has been used by aerospace, engineering and physics classes. Unfortunately, physics teachers found the table tops unsuitable for experiments. The ACE Mentoring and Electronics Clubs, led by **Mr. Joseph Chittisery Mathai (Mr. CM)**, also found that space unacceptable for their needs. Last year's ACE Mentoring project, presented at the ACE Gala at the University of Louisville, was about a possible redesigning of this lab space. **Dr. Mullen** instantly approved this project and renovations began mere weeks after the presentation. Teachers and club moderators are delighted with the newly designed lab space. With flat tabletops with stand mounts and new shelves, this space is now suitable for students to perform physics experiments. Mr. CM is excited to work with students in the Electronics Club and the ACE Mentoring program in this new space.

■ **Trinity's TTV news studio** had renovations were underway this past summer in Trinity's TTV news studio! The new equipment, recently installed by production company NewTek, will repave an old path and forge a new direction for students interested in both broadcast news and remote sports telecasting. The updated TriCaster video-switcher board and new audio mixer will serve **Mr. Tyler Harris'** broadcasting students as they continue to produce weekly newscast programs and award-winning journalistic stories, in addition to enriching **Mr. Adam Klein's** preparatory video production courses. This equipment, together with live-replay functionality and graphics interfacing, will also benefit **Mr. Chad Waggoner H'20** and **Mr. Michael Garrett** in their newly coordinated live-streaming program, where students will work to remotely broadcast home games to the newly installed *Daktronics* video scoreboard.



■ **The Professional Development Space** is for teachers because they never stop learning. That's why this year teachers are especially excited Trinity has dedicated a new space solely for their professional development. The new professional development center will soon be located where our Advancement Offices previously resided. When they moved to the rotunda area, space was available for our teachers. The new professional development center will be a space for faculty to partake in individual and small group training, provide centralized access to teaching supplies and set aside a quiet space to work when needed. The Dean of Faculty, **Mr. Joe Henning H'06**, and other faculty members will conduct training sessions for numerous topics including technology use and classroom best practices in a variety of areas. There will also be a conference room with modular tables and seating, a lounge area for small group meetings and numerous workstations for faculty use. The area was designed with input from faculty and with an eye towards being a functional, yet comfortable location for meetings and work. The space will be overseen by Mr. Henning whose office will also be in the space, but it will be busy throughout the school year and summer. Ultimately, our students will benefit most as our great faculty becomes ever stronger in their practices. We know of no other school around with such a space focused on teacher learning. *We are blessed!*

