

# Construction to continue through June

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Although there has been a lot of progress with the new sections of Hoffman Estates High School, construction is set to continue through June.

"The new classrooms will enhance and set a tone for our school," said Tom Newton, assistant principal.

All of the construction completed and the construction in the near future will update the HEHS that was built in 1973 and make it more 2008.

With a total of eight new classrooms, 12 renovated classrooms, two huge classrooms, and four new science labs, the south side of the school is getting an extreme improvement.

The new extended part of the school will have eight total new classrooms, including four on the ground floor and four on the second floor.

These new classrooms are very close to completion. Rooms 61-71 are already in progress and rooms 261-271 will be done in November.

The four new science labs will be underway soon. These

rooms include 264-270 and rooms 260 and 275.

With all of this going everyone will be affected. Lockers will be moved as well as many classes. The people who have currently have lockers on that side of the hallway; will have them moved to the new hallway.

On the ground floor, the renovations are underway with new walls, flooring, ceiling, and electrical being added. A brand new sprinkler system also will be added. All this is due to be completed sometime in November.

The construction then heads upstairs to finish what has been started. The current classes in the rooms of 261-271 will be moved downstairs for the crew to be able to clear out the rooms and replace the ceiling, walls, carpet, and electric while also adding a new sprinkler system.

These classrooms are due to be finished by winter break for the classes across the hall to relocate into them as soon as we return from break.

The longest next step of the construction will begin with the creation of the four new science labs. These labs are not due to be completed until around the end of the school year.

In addition to replacing the walls, ceiling and electricity, the crew must run water and gas for the lab tables, run the new sprinkler system and put in tile flooring.

With all of this extra work being done, the plan is to narrow the south hallway by about three feet by adding in a temporary wall that will allow workers to travel between the rooms without going into the hallway.

The science department has recently learned that the old chemistry and physics rooms in the center hallway will also be affected with the construction. Those classes will be moving to biology rooms, which will be a transition.

"It will take a few days to get used to, but it should be alright," said Kristy Depa, Science Department. "We are going to be able to use the rooms the way we want to use them and make them the most effective for learning."

"Teachers are doing a really great job with construction," said Newton. "They are being very adaptable with the plans and I really appreciate the cooperation of them with the moving of the classes."

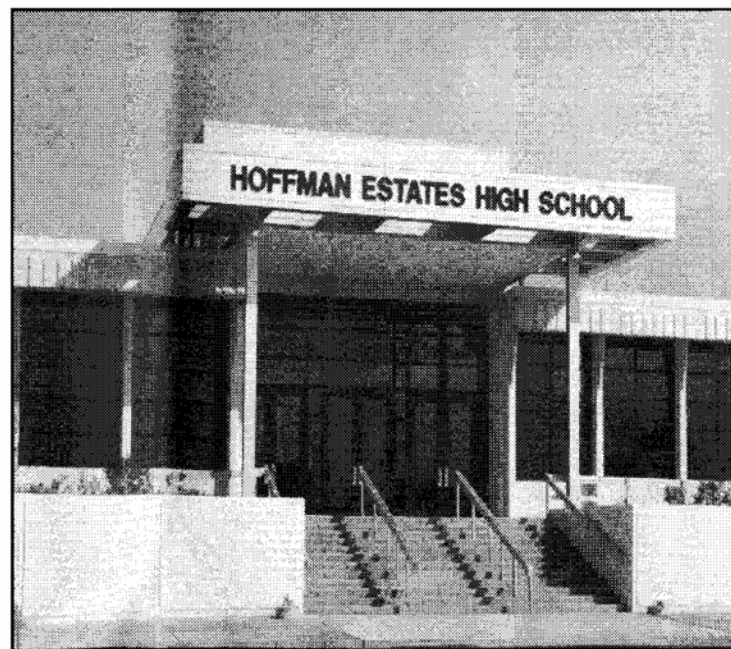
Mark Ahn, English teacher, said he was not originally given

an "ideal classroom." The room did not have a clock or a projector for class use, so he has moved down the hall to another room. He will have to move again when construction moves upstairs.

Moving to a new classroom could be good or bad, he

said. "As long as it has everything students need it will be good to be in a new room," Ahn continued.

Ahn also said the "media center is beautiful" and that this school has a new feel as one walks in with the light shining in and the modern architecture.



Over the summer, Hoffman Estates High School underwent major construction, resulting in a brand-new entrance, new classrooms, cafeteria and media center. Throughout the rest of this school year, Hoffman will continue to be under construction.

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