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## First Day Back at 'Construction High School'

Students and staff at Carlsbad High School are learning to live with construction.

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[Carlsbad High School](#) will hardly be recognizable when construction is complete, but until then, getting to class on the first day of school can be a bit of a maze.

"I went seven wrong ways this morning trying to get to class and got in trouble for being late," said Matt Turner, an 11th grade student. "By the time the construction is done, I'll be out of here so there's no benefit to me."

But for 10th grader Jason Story the construction is a good thing. "I think it's cool because the school will look nice like a college," he said.

Construction crews have been busy with the transformation all summer and were present on the first day of school, too. "The new classrooms should be open late fall to early winter," said [Devin Vodicka](#), assistant superintendent of business services for the Carlsbad Unified School District. In the meantime, students have been in portable classrooms the past couple years.

Construction will bring a new quadrangle area, cafeteria, gym, wrestling building (opening in November), sports fields, and a student parking lot where Lancer Hall currently stands. For now, students park in the nearby neighborhoods, which the [District](#) admits neighbors aren't happy about. The parking lot should be complete by the spring.

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