

Comal Independent School District

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Three new schools opening in August

The Comal ISD will open two brand new campuses in August, and a third will have a new look.

Timberwood Park and Morningside elementary schools, and Mountain Valley Middle School, will give the CISD a total of 21 campuses in its rapidly growing district.

Timberwood Park Elementary, located at 26715 S. Glenrose Rd., is in a scenic part of northern Bexar County. It will relieve overcrowding at Specht Elementary.

"We couldn't be happier with the campus," Timberwood Park Elementary principal Dr. Sean Maika said. "There's definitely a buzz in the community about this school."

Morningside Elementary, located at 3855 Morningside Dr. in New Braunfels, will relieve overcrowding at Comal Elementary.

"It seems like just yesterday that we broke ground on the site," Morningside Elementary principal Jodi Cox said. "I can't wait to see all the smiling faces walk through the Morningside Elementary doors on the first day of school."

Mountain Valley Middle, the former Mountain Valley School (which previously housed grades K-6), will now be home to grades 6-8 at the same location at 1655 Sattler Rd., in Sattler. The campus was closed during the 2007-08 school year for renovations.

"This is going to be a beautiful campus that will be a centerpiece in the Sattler area," said MVMS principal Scott Hammond. "We really feel it will bring not only students but everyone in the community together."

The capacity at both new elementary schools is 824 students, while the capacity at Mountain Valley Middle, which will still be under construction when it opens, is about 1,000 students. All three new schools were funded through the \$189 bond package approved by voters in December 2005.

The Comal ISD is the sixth-fastest growing district of its size in the state, and has seen an increase of about 1,000 students per year over the last five years.

“It’s certainly an exciting time in our district,” Comal ISD superintendent Dr. Marc Walker said. “With the approval of bond issues in both 2005 and 2008, voters have given us the opportunity to grow and meet the needs of the large Comal ISD community.”

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