



One and Indivisible

Addison Leschber, Ryan Grisham, 8th, Hannah Grady, and Lindsey Olsen, 7th, lead the Texas pledge. "I hope that we'll have a lot more kids there," Lindsey said. "I want to see Thrall grow." The new high school is scheduled to be open for the start of the 2017-2018 school year.

Faith in the Future

Leading the prayer, Ashley Porter, 10th, bows her head to begin the groundbreaking ceremony. "It means that we finally get to move on and create new memories in a new building," Ashley said.

“Thrall is the best kept secret in Texas!”
– Tommy Hooker, superintendent

Breaking News

Community gathers to celebrate construction

A row of new silver shovels glimmered in the early Saturday morning light. A crowd of community members, parents and students gathered to witness history being made. Representatives from each grade level lined up, shovels in hand, to break ground on the new high school.

“I was hoping I wouldn’t be struggling to get the dirt out of the ground,” Markell Irvin, 12th, said. “I was kind of proud and jealous at the same time because our class had been waiting on a new school for years.”

Among those representing middle school was NJHS member Addison Leschber, 8th. “It was like ‘wow this is the beginning of what’s going to happen,’ ” Addison said. “It’s fun to know that there’s going to be a new high school when I’m in high school.”

Kerrigan Hooker, one of the three 5th grade class presidents, helped represent elementary.

“I was wondering what the new school would be like,” Kerrigan said. “It would probably be bigger and more like one place instead of kind of scattered.”

On Superintendent Tommy Hooker’s count of three, students, board members,

staff members and contractors plunged their shovels into the ground and turned the soil in sync.

The new high school was part of a \$14,187,863 bond that also included renovations to the elementary campus. Principal Travis Dube said this investment will change Thrall for the better.

“We are building something that is going to be nice and stay with our budget,” Dube said. “It shows the students that the community is willing to invest in them and their future success.”

The high school will include nine classrooms, three science lab rooms, a band hall, ag shop, cafeteria, library, a gym, and two additional tennis courts.

Hooker said the ceremony demonstrates a commitment to the school and to the community.

“These will be fundamental projects that will make lasting improvements throughout the district,” Hooker said. “Our students and faculty deserve a world class school and the community will get to have pride in using it in the future!”

Story by Bailey Thelen

Ground Breaking



In-Sync

Representatives from high school to elementary turn the dirt. Pictured are: Markell Irvin, 12th, Kenneth Kruse, 11th, Sarah Gautreaux, 10th, Leroy Aleman, Amity Holubec, 9th, Madison Pokorny, Kerrigan Hooker, Faith Patschke, 5th, Lindsey Olsen, Hannah Grady, 7th, and Ryan Grisham, 8th.

First Class

As the school song plays, FCCLA representative Dylan Ging and FFA representative Wesley Strnad, 10th, show their pride. “It has an impact on me knowing that I’ll be the first class to graduate from the new school,” Dylan said.