

Exciting vistas await students in new school

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NORTH BRUNSWICK — Students used to study in libraries, learn in classrooms, and confer with their instructors in teachers' rooms.

When the township's new high school opens this fall, however, seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade students will conduct research in the material resources center, attend classes in learning centers, and meet their teachers in their work stations.

More than semantics mark changes instituted by the new school, however.

On 43 acres of land off Route 130, the new \$10 million school has utilized the most modern architectural and educational concepts.

But because of a sending-receiving agreement with the New Brunswick school system which does not terminate until 1974, the township's high school age students will not be able to attend the new school.

This fall, and until some agreement is reached among New Brunswick, North Brunswick and Milltown, only the township's 913 junior high school age students will go to North Brunswick High School.

The school can actually accommodate 1,700-1,800 students, according to Robert Bailey, assistant superintendent of schools.

The students to attend the new school this fall have quite an experience to look forward to, according to Bailey and Milton Golaszewski, the school's facilities supervisor.

They will not only have an ideal environment in which to work, but the most up-to-date tools with which to do this work, the two men said.

One of the most exiting aspects of the new school is the National Cash Register computer recently installed in the business education center.

The computer will be used primarily by upper level math students, Bailey said, while the outer section of the computer room will be used for instruction on the use of other data processing equipment.

Report cards, budget, payroll and accounting will be processed by the computer and Bailey said in the future, time on the machine will be leased to community industries.

All the classrooms in the business education center are clustered around a central office where the area coordinator — department head — will sit.

From this central office, the supervisor will be able to observe activities taking

place in all the classrooms while not interfering with classes.

The "multiple purpose" plan for the computer reflects an educational concept employed throughout the new school.

Although the main aim is education, Bailey said it is hoped the school will be as available as possible for community functions.

For example, the olympic-size pool, containing 68,000 gallons of water, will be open to the public in the evenings.

Night classes will be conducted at the school and the community will no doubt take advantage of activities in the 7,500 seat auditorium and outdoor amphitheater which seats 300 persons.

Golaszewski said every space in the building has been designed for actual use.



"There is absolutely no blank space," he said.

One of the most interesting uses of space is seen in the school's "commons" or dining area.

The kitchen, which according to Golaszewski "has everything from pizza pie ovens to potato mashers," can accommodate 400 students at one serving "with no problem."

Tables in the dining room will seat four or six students rather than the "traditional long tables seating 20," according to Bailey. And the faculty and staff have their own dining room which "will one day be ideal for community functions," Bailey pointed out.

On the perimeter of the brick-walled

dining area are a student store, student activities room, and student art gallery.

The whole layout of the school gives an impression of fluidity and space. There are no long corridors or box-like rooms.

From classroom to gym the most modern alternatives have been employed.

Each classroom — air conditioned in the summer and electrically heated in the winter — is equipped with a loud speaker, closed circuit television jack, intra school telephone, audio visual plug and clock in a single wall unit.

The beautifully designed chemistry room even includes a shower in case a student is splashed with chemicals.

Four basketball games can go on at one time in the gym which has a tartan

floor — like astroturf in a solid sheet — and will accommodate 1,500-3,000 spectators.

Outdoor athletic facilities will be somewhat limited this year, Bailey said, because the turf, now in muddy mounds, needs time to properly seed and reseed.

But when the outside athletic complex is finished, it will include basketball, tennis, and handball courts, two baseball fields and a football stadium.

Work is expected to be completed by Aug. 1, according to Bailey, and if the students can get used to writing on blue rather than black boards, they can look forward to quite a new experience.

Tomorrow: North Brunswick's pupils on the move.