There’s plenty of summer happenings at A-T schools

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Teachers have yet to return to Archdale-Trinity Schools, but the halls are far from deserted. At all schools, workers stripped, scrubbed and waxed floors in preparation for the first day of classes for students on Monday, Aug. 29.

New administrators at the helm of local schools include Assistant Principal Michelle Ford at Archdale-Trinity Middle School and at Trinity High School, Principal Dr. Brian Toth and Assistant Principal Shea Grosch.

The summer camp program at Trindale Elementary School has kept campers busy with field trips, crafts, games and harvesting vegetables from the school’s garden.

And athletes at high schools have already begun pre-season conditioning and practices.

First day for teachers is Thursday, Aug. 18.

Open House will be held at all area schools.

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Elementary Schools open house is Thursday, Aug. 25. Times are as follows:
- Archdale Elementary — 4 to 6 p.m.
- Hopewell Elementary — 4 to 6:30 p.m.
- John Lawrence Elementary — 4 to 6 p.m.
- Trinity Elementary — 4 to 6 p.m.

Open house for middle schools is Tuesday, Aug. 23. Times are:
- Braxton Craven — 4 to 6 p.m.
- Archdale-Trinity Middle — Tuesday, Aug. 23, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Bullfrog Camp for rising 7th graders is from 2 to 4 p.m.
- High School open house is set for Wednesday, Aug. 24:
  - Trinity High — 5 to 7 p.m.
  - Wheatmore High — 5 to 7 p.m.

Freshman orientation for rising ninth-graders and their parents will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at Trinity High School.

Freshman orientation will be held for rising ninth-graders and their parents from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 11, at Wheatmore High School.

In anticipation of the arrival of teachers and students later in the month, Wesley Gray and Davy Crabb strip, clean and reapply wax to floors in the science hall at Trinity High School.

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Above: Walls and halls at Trinity High School were painted over the summer. Pictured here, a painter does final touch-up work on the interior of the gymnasium. Left: New Assistant Principal Michelle Ford moved into her new office at Archdale-Trinity Middle School Monday. She earned her Bachelor of Music and Music Education at the University of North Dakota. She also holds a masters in Education, Curriculum and Instruction and Specialist in Educational Leadership from UNC-G.

Above: At Wheatmore High School, practice sessions have begun for football, cross country, volleyball and tennis. Pictured here, during a morning practice session, Avery Matthews prepares to connect with a tennis ball on the courts.

Left: Over the summer, some students continue to pursue knowledge and skills that will help them in their career goals. Jillian is one of four agriculture students who spent the summer interning at Trinity High School. Pictured here, she grinds a fresh MIG weld on a livestock grooming stand that will be used in an upcoming 4H livestock show. Jillian is also certified in pharmaceutical grade stainless steel welding.

At Wheatmore High School, members of the cheerleading squad do warm-ups and practice cheers for defense and offense. Proudly wearing their Wheatmore colors are, from left, Jazzyn, Caitlyn and Sierra.