



# Tiger News

## NDHS RENOVATIONS ARE COMPLETE

Every year Dr. Grimm and Dr. Cafiero spend time making sure that New Dimensions High School is well-equipped and up-to-date in improved facilities and technology.

This year, New Dimensions' Directors, Dr. Grimm and Dr. Cafiero, have been working to complete renovations started at the beginning of the summer. Aside from having rooms painted and floors waxed to a glass finish, the Internet and Wi-Fi capabilities have been upgraded. New Dimensions has also purchased a new portable laptop computer lab. Teachers will be able to use the new computers in their rooms so that students have more access to the Internet and computer use.

This year we have added a canopy over the newly renovated front lobby and have added some landscaping in the front of the school. For security reasons, the administrators had installed high-end surveillance cameras throughout the campus and in the buildings.

The teachers are very happy this year to have three new smart boards. In addition, New Dimensions High School purchased 11 more metal coated picnic tables to replace the aging wooden tables. Special thanks to Mr. Ramkalawan, parent of Ryan Ramkalawn, and other volunteers for helping assemble the new metal picnic tables.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL: CALLING ON ALL PARENTS AND STUDENTS!

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a wonderful avenue for you to become involved in your student's academic life. The November 3, 2015 SAC meeting will be to help parents prepare their student for their senior year at NDHS and for college.

If you would like more information on the SAC, please call #407-870-9949 or visit our web page.

Charter School Parent Liaison for New Dimensions High school is:

Ryan Adams #407-8704600

## NDHS PARENT OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 1, 2015

6:00—8:00 PM

- Visit Students' Teachers
- Visit Scholastic Book Fair
- Balfour Rep for Sr. Rings & Graduation Cap & Gown  
4:00-6:00PM
- Athletic Parent Meeting at 5:30PM

Thank you for your support!

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Book Fair
- October & November SAC meeting
- Parent Survey Needed
- New Teachers
- History Bowl

## NEW DIMENSIONS WELCOMES OUR NEW TEACHERS



### Book Fair Dates:

**September 25-October 2**

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging children to read every day so they can lead better lives.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is part of a reading event that brings to school a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read. Giving children access to great books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more. And like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they'll get.

**Mr. Adams** grew up in the Orlando area but has worked in Michigan the past three years as a middle and high school athletic director as well as coach. Mr. Adams is a graduate of Grand Valley State University with undergraduate degrees in Marketing and Finance and a graduate degree in Secondary Education. Prior to becoming an athletic director, Mr. Adams worked in the private sector. In addition to teaching physical education, Mr. Adams will be coaching JV Boys Basketball and Boys and Girls Track and Field.

**Ms. Bonilla** was born and raised in Queens New York and has lived there all her life. A product of the New York School System Ms. Bonilla graduated from The City College (CUNY) in 2009 with a Bachelor of the Arts Degree majoring in Spanish. While attending City College Ms. Bonilla was captain of her soccer team and was named All-Conference Player of the Year for her leadership and demeanor on the pitch. She also endeavored in the Basketball team for City College.

This is Ms. Bonilla's first year here at New Dimensions and she will be teaching Spanish 1 and 2 along with coaching the Boys Soccer team.

Go Tigers!!!

**Mr. Farms** teaches Principles of Biomedical Science, Human Body Systems, Anatomy & Physiology, Marine Sciences, and Forensics. He graduated from the University of Northern Colorado with a B.A. in Social Sciences and later received his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from the American College of Education.

In 2015-2016 Mr. Farms started his fifth year as a licensed teacher. Prior to New Dimensions High School, he was a US Marine, owned a food truck company, taught English and Biology and was the dean for a local high school. In addition to teaching he also works in South America as a mentor and tutor for at-risk youth.

**Ms. Marrillia** is a native Floridian. She graduated from Dixie M. Hollins High School in St. Petersburg, Florida. She then went to St. Petersburg College where she earned her Associates in Arts Degree before transferring to University of South Florida. Ms. Marrillia earned her B.A. in English Literature in 2004. Prior to beginning her teaching career and joining the NDHS staff last January, Ms. Marrillia worked in various fields, including journalism and working as a paralegal.

Ms. Marrillia currently teaches Career Research and Decision Making, Journalism and Debate. She is the faculty sponsor of the Yearbook, newspaper and Debate Team. Ms. Marrillia is looking forward to inspiring her students in both the art of the written and spoken word.

**Mrs. Rainey** is from Atlanta Georgia where she attended Valdosta State University. There she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. After leaving Valdosta, she attended Embry Riddle where she earned two Master Degrees - one in Logistics and Supply Chain Management and the other in Aviation Aerospace Management.

Mrs. Rainey is currently returning from an extended maternity leave. She previously taught Chemistry at Cypress Creek High School for several years.

Mrs. Rainey looks forward to working with the entire New Dimensions community.

**Mr. Toy** was born in Kansas City, but raised in South Florida. He attended the University of Central Florida where he earned BAs in Criminal Justice and Political Science, as well as a Masters in Criminal Justice. After graduating from UCF, he worked as a police officer and private security manager before becoming a teacher in 2010. He also has been a criminal justice instructor at a private university in Miami.

Mr. Toy is the Athletic Director at NDHS and is looking forward to teaching Government, Economics and Psychology and is very thankful to be teaching at New Dimensions.

## NDHS BELIEVES

New Dimensions High School Beliefs:

- Every student can be successful
- Everyone is a lifelong learner
- Every student can exceed expectations
- Every student is capable of obtaining and applying knowledge
- Everyone is capable of fulfilling his or her lifelong dreams

## BOOK FAIR DATES

Book Fair Dates: September 25–October 2, 2015

Shopping Hours: 8:30 am – 4:00pm

If you're all booked up during Book Fair week (or just want to keep shopping), be sure to visit the Book Fair online at

**[www.scholastic.com/fair](http://www.scholastic.com/fair)**. The online Book Fair is available for an extended time from September 25 – October 2, 2012.

Find an expanded selection of books for the whole family—preschool to adults.

Share your Book Fair with family and friends by sending wish lists or eCards

All orders ship to school for **FREE** and each purchase benefits our school

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE CLASSROOM?

The Biomedical Science (BMS) students recently analyzed a crime scene and are now diagnosing the particulars of what happened in a simulated death. We are only starting week four of school and they have already tested for unknown substances, identified the fingerprints and shoeprints of suspects, compared blood samples of suspects, examined suspect's hair samples, developed a crime scene sketch, tested the body for time of death, and blood splatter analysis. "These guys work at a very advanced level that will help them prepare for college level coursework" said Alan Farms, M.Ed., Project Lead the Way Biomedical Sciences & Anatomy Teacher. "Just another days work for our ambitious Biomedical students!"



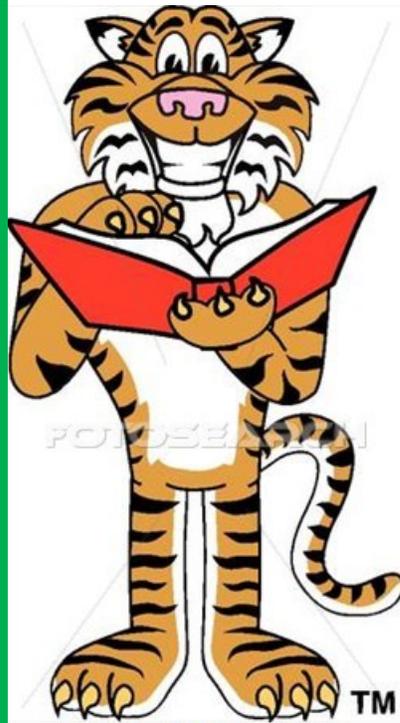
In Principles of the Biomedical Sciences

(the first of four courses in the Biomedical Sciences Program) students investigate various health conditions including heart disease, diabetes, sickle-cell disease, hypercholesterolemia, and infectious diseases. They determine the factors that led to the death of a fictional person, and investigate lifestyle choices and medical treatments that might have prolonged the person's life. The activities and projects introduce students to human physiology, medicine, and research processes. This course provides an overview of all the courses in the BMS program and lays the scientific foundation for subsequent courses.

Students completing the Biomedical Sciences Program are eligible to take the Biotechnician Assistant Credentialing Exam (BACE) offered by Biotility at the University of Florida. Students in the Biomedical Sciences Program may also qualify to earn college credit from the following universities, upon successful completion of the BMS curriculum and satisfaction of individual university requirements:

- University of West Florida
- Missouri University of Science & Technology
- Stevenson University
- Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI)
- Augustana College

If you are interested in the Biomedical Sciences Program please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Farms. Also, if you are a medical/health care professional that would like to volunteer your time as a speaker or are interested in donating consumable lab supplies, please email Alan Farms at [farms@newdimensionshs.com](mailto:farms@newdimensionshs.com).



## TIGER WRITING CENTER

The Tiger Writing Center is a free afterschool resource for all New Dimensions High School students. At the Tiger Writing Center, Mrs. Mills will assist students who wish to learn or review the different sections of the writing process. Each week a new topic will be introduced—ranging from introductions to MLA citations. The Tiger Writing Center is open every Tuesday school is in session, beginning September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:10pm to 4:55pm.

## TIGER TUTORING

Tiger Tutoring is available on Thursday afternoons from 4:00-5:00pm. It is a free after school resource for all New Dimensions High School students. If you need help with a particular problem or need someone to help you study for a test, please contact Mrs. Arguelles for assistance.

## STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The goal of Student Council is to motivate students to get involved with their school culture by giving them a voice in its extracurricular activities. Class officers and club representatives work side by side with staff and administration in cultivating a healthy and active school environment. We are currently involved with elections for all class officers. Members of Student Council are expected to be active students as well as active participants and involvement with the government requires at least a 2.0 GPA (3.0 for officers) and no referrals.

## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

At New Dimensions, we participate in the time-honored tradition of National Honor Society. This prestigious organization requires students to achieve and maintain a 3.5 weighted GPA, as well as participate wholeheartedly in helping the community through volunteerism. Students who qualify will be sent an application for the organization. After a rigorous selection process through student-run committees, the next generation of leaders in community service are invited to become lifelong members. This organization focuses on bettering local, as well as global communities through enthusiasm for academics, fundraising, and volunteering. Some of our projects include collecting money and food for the homeless, as well as traveling the state to assist with non-profit organizations. National Honor Society builds leaders of the community. If you are interested in supporting these altruistic students, please contact Ms. Torrence at [torrence@newdimensionshs.com](mailto:torrence@newdimensionshs.com).

## SENIOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE

New Dimensions High School has instituted a successful and very beneficial program, for a second year, designed to address the needs of Seniors as they prepare to graduate and enter college. Miss Dubin is leading this new course, the **Senior Success Initiative**. This course is a required course for all NDHS seniors. Students will not only be working on their Senior Project, they will also be working on SAT and ACT preparation, meeting with college representative, and many other important and exciting activities.

If you are interested in a particular visitation from a college representative, please see Miss Dubin. In addition, Miss Dubin can help students with the SAT and ACT vouchers as well as the college application vouchers.

Please watch your emails for the **Daily Dubin** for up-to-date information!

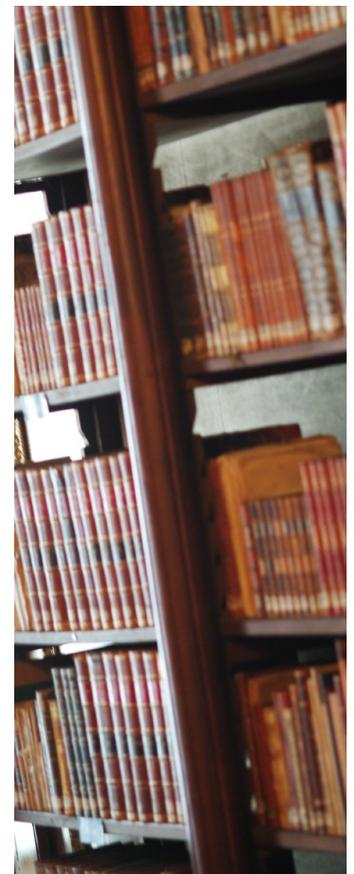


*Our students are our future!*

## NDHS HISTORY BOWL

This year NDHS is sponsoring our first History Bowl teams. The History Bowl is a national quiz bowl tournament that challenges students on a wide variety of historical topics, from ancient and world history to US and pop cultural questions. Our two teams currently consist of Brandon Beard, Brian Beard, Greg Delva, Ariel Garcia, Sheldon Levy-Browne, Issac Paz, Shahzar Qureshi, and Pedro Rodriguez. Enrollment is currently open for any student that wishes to join. Our first competition is November 14<sup>th</sup> at the South Florida Regionals in Miami, Florida before we go for the Central Florida Championship in early 2016. We are planning to not only compete in Miami that Saturday, but also have the student tour the University of Miami campus the Friday before. Should our teams do well enough, they will qualify for the National Championship in Washington, DC sometime in May of 2016.

The team has set up a GoFundMe account to help our small roster cover the expenses of registration and equipment. If you wish to help out this fledgling group, please donate at <https://www.gofundme.com/NDHSHistory>



## NEW DIMENSIONS

### HIGH SCHOOL

The mission of New Dimensions High School is that learning is participatory, involving hope, curiosity, and commitment so that action becomes a legitimate result of learning.

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## OUT-OF-FIELD TEACHER REPORT

To be "highly qualified," teachers in core academic subjects must be fully certificated by the state, hold a bachelor's or higher degree from an accredited or approved institution, and demonstrate subject matter competency for each core academic subject assigned.

Teachers must major and take subject content courses as required by the Florida Department of Education and have a passing score on Florida subject area examinations, or hold advanced certificates. Teachers of multiple subjects must be "highly qualified" in each of their core subject teaching areas.

New Dimensions High School is proud to inform you that all its teachers but two are Highly Qualified. In order to be considered highly qualified, Mrs. Torrence, our Language Arts teacher, is currently working on her Florida ESOL endorsement; Mrs. Mills is currently working on her ESOL endorsement.

In addition, we currently have two full-time substitute teachers. Mrs. Rainey is teaching Chemistry and Physical Science. The other full-time substitute is Miss Navarro who is teaching English 3 and 4.

## SPORTS NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

We encourage all students to participate in Interscholastic Sports as part of their school, academic, and lifelong resume. Research shows that students who participate in school sports are more successful in life. The following are the objectives of our athletic department.

- **To teach the concept of teamwork.**
- **To develop good sportsmanship**
- **To enhance the interactions and skills of each student athlete**
- **To teach students how to be successful in life through preparation and hard work.**
- **To develop desirable health habits**

**Sports Physical for Athletics:** ALL students must have a current year sports physical on file in order to participate in any athletic program at NDHS. Currently we have an arrangement with a local Clinic that will perform the sports physicals for \$15 and donate the money to our athletic department. Please see Mr. Toy for more information. The documentation forms for the required FHSAA sports physical and the other required forms shown below can be found on our school website under the Link for ATHLETICS: [www.NewDimensionsHS.com/Athletic\\_Forms.html](http://www.NewDimensionsHS.com/Athletic_Forms.html)

**Athletic Sports' Fee:** The fee for students to play sports at NDHS is an annual fee to help cover costs associated with having an athletic program. The 2015-2016 athletic sports fee is a one-time fee for the year of \$50 for as many sports as the student athlete chooses to participate in. There is a cap of \$100 for families with more than two children at the school participating in FHSAA sports. Please see our Athletic Director, Mr. Toy, regarding sports fees.

**Sports Accident Insurance.** NDHS requires all students who participate in interscholastic sports to have proof of personal insurance coverage or obtain the 24/7 Accident Coverage that is offered through School Insurance of Florida. This was provided in student first day packets, but we still have some pamphlets available. The cost of this insurance for the duration of the school year and through the summer is approximately \$45 at this time. The insurance can be obtained by contacting School Insurance of Florida at P. O. Box 784268, Winter Garden, FL 34778-4628 or calling #407-798-0290.

## UPCOMING SEASON START DATES:

Soccer - October 5, 2015 for boys

Soccer— October 12, 2015 for girls

Basketball - October 26, 2015

Weightlifting - October 19, 2015

## NEW DIMENSIONS HIGH SCHOOL

### SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

- ⇒ **Respect athletes, coaches, officials and fellow spectators.**
- ⇒ **Refrain from taunting, booing, heckling and the use of profanity.**
- ⇒ **Respect the decisions made by contest officials.**
- ⇒ **Attendance at athletic contests is not a license to be obnoxious or to verbally abuse others.**
- ⇒ **Leaving a contest prior to its conclusion, with expectations of returning, is not permitted.**

### SPORTS OFFERED AT NEW DIMENSIONS IN 2015-2016:

- Girls Volleyball
- Girls Soccer
- Boys Soccer
- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball
- Boys Varsity Basketball
- Girls Weightlifting
- Boys and Girls Track and Field
- Girls Tennis and Boys
- Girls Cross Country

### PLEASE HELP US CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE

Please visit our website at [www.NewDimensionHS.com](http://www.NewDimensionHS.com) and complete the parent survey. Click on the link to the survey from the home page. We greatly appreciate your support. Together we can make NDHS the best school in the District!!

### CLUBS & SPONSORS

Art Club....Lynn

Athletic Director...Toy

Basketball Varsity ...Vargas

Basketball JV....Adams

Book Club ....Mills

Business Partner Liaison...  
Sosa

Chamber Choir ...Decker

Chamber of Commerce ...  
Barrett, & Dubin

Chess Club...Barrett

Cross Country ... Adams

Dance ...Lynn

Debate Team ....Marrillia

Dreamers & Doers ...  
Timmerman & Dubin

Environmental Club...  
Arguelles

Film Club...Parrella

Freshman Class .... Navarro

Golf Tournament....  
Decker, Sosa, Marrillia,

Arguelles, Bermudez

History Bowl.... Parrella

Interact Club... Timmerman  
& Dubin

International Club...  
Torres & Parrella

Junior Class....Decker & Torres

National Honor Society....  
Torrence & Navarro

## CLUBS AT NDHS

### The Interact Club

Parents! Does your child need volunteer hours? Students, are you looking for volunteer opportunities? Looking to belong to a group interested in helping others? Do you want to make your school, community, or world a better place? If so, you should think about joining the Interact Club at NDHS.

Over the years, the Interact Club has worked to raise funds to bring motivational guest speakers to New Dimensions such as Marc Mero and Patrick Grady. Those speakers addressed our school concerns by providing great positive energy programs to our students about

Recognizing and Preventing Bullying, Drug Awareness, Performance Enhancing Drugs, Being Accountable and Taking Responsibility.

Members have spearheaded numerous canned food drives at school to help stock the Osceola County Council on Aging food bank.

Members earn volunteer hours at the same time if you are a member at meetings and all our activities.

### CLUBS & SPONSORS CONTINUED...

Ryla .... Timmerman & Dubin

Senior Class ....Mrs. Timmerman

Sophomore Class... Mills

Stop Bullying Committee....  
Dubin, Torrence,  
Finnucan

Student Council/Gov't.....  
Parrella

Student of the Month ...Sosa & Sanchez

Tennis ...Barrett

Tiger Tutoring .....Arguelles

Tiger Writing Center ... Mills

Track & Field....Adams

Volleyball....Finnucan

Weight Lifting ... Arguelles

Yearbook & Newsletter ...  
Marrillia

*“The Interact Club encourages NDHS students to become involved with our community.”*

## STUDENT & PARENT RESOURCES

### PROGRESS REPORTS

Be on the lookout for mid-term Student Progress Reports coming home on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. Contact your child's teacher if you should see anything that is a concern. If you want real time access to grades and grade book messaging to teachers, please register for ENGRADE to send your child's teacher a message of check grades at any time.

### ENGRADE

We encourage all parents to take advantage of our online grade book and communication tool. Parents may access their child's grades at any time through ENGRADE. All students have ENGRADE accounts and we hope that all parents see the advantages of registering for an ENGRADE account as well. Many teachers require it. Parents with more than one child attending NDHS only need one account, but need a unique access code for each child.

### TIGER TUTORING & TIGER WRITING

Parents, please encourage your child to take advantage of our Tiger Tutoring on Thursdays from 4:00 – 5:00pm. Ms. Arguelles is the coordinator if you need more information. Student volunteers, who are strong in a particular academic discipline, stay after school to help fellow students struggling in their classes or who just need some extra help. Tiger Tutoring meets in the Cafeteria. Tiger Writing meets Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00PM.