



Welcome back to NDHS

Directors' Notes:

We would like to welcome all students and their families to New Dimensions' 13th year in operation. We are proud to state that the 2009-10 was a great year with many accomplishments achieved, including raising our school grade points high enough to earn an A on the FCAT portion of the high school grading system. The second half of high school grades, based on advance courses offered, ACT/SAT participation and scores, and graduation rate, will come out in November. We are keeping our fingers crossed for that A!

Parents, we ask for your support at home in making sure that your students are taking advantage of the wonderful educational opportunities provided to your children each day. Please see that your children read at home, discuss with them what they are reading, and encourage them to use FCAT Explorer. In addition, please visit our website for many valuable resources.

NDHS Staff

We are happy to introduce to you our new staff members:

Ms. Esposito – Physical Education/Athletic Director, Cross Country Coach

Dustin Gassert – PLATO Lab Facilitator, PE Teacher, Head Basketball and Baseball Coach

Ms. Joostberns – Math and Science Teacher, Volleyball Coach

Mr. Nussbaum – Science Teacher

We welcome all these professional educators to the NDHS family!

School Advisory Council:

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a wonderful avenue for you to become involved in your student's academic life. All schools need constructive input and assistance from parents to make the educational experience for students the best it can be. The SAC invites parents and community members to attend monthly meetings and voice their opinions on pertinent issues that pertain to many areas of the school. The SAC members are also the driving force in school improvement initiatives.

The next SAC meeting will be held Tuesday Nov. 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm. If you would like more information on the SAC, please call 407-870-9949. Our SAC meets the first Tuesday of each month.

Out of Field Teachers

This year we only have several teachers that are teaching out of field. They are all currently working toward getting their certification exams and requirements finished. These teachers are:

Ms. Bilella – Reading (currently finishing Reading Endorsement)

Mr. Mena – French (currently completing certification requirements to add French to certificate)

Mr. Nussbaum - Physical Science (adding Chemistry back to Certificate)

We are working hard with our teachers to make sure that NDHS has the most highly qualified staff possible.

Athletics

From the Athletic Director, **Cathy Esposito**

Athletics play an important part in the life of New Dimensions High School. Young people learn a great deal from participation in interscholastic athletics. Lessons in sportsmanship, teamwork, competition and how to win and lose gracefully are integral parts of our athletic program. Athletic participation also plays an important part in helping students develop a healthy self-concept as well as a healthy body. Athletic competition also improves school spirit and helps students develop pride in their school. If you would like to contact our Athletic Director, please call Ms. Esposito at 407-870-9949. Visit our Athletics homepage on our school website.

Thanks to NDHS Business Partners:

- Signature Promotions
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Congrats to these Students!

Special congratulations are in order to the following outstanding Tigers:

Angelis Martinez, Dominique Mesidor, and George Chinatombly, currently senior students at NDHS, will all be completing high school in June, not only with their high school diploma, but also with their AA Degree from Valencia Community College! They were able to accomplish this impressive endeavor through our VCC Dual Enrollment Partnership. We are so proud of these TIGERS!

Senior/Parent College Info:

In order to increase awareness of and the importance of post secondary education, NDHS held a senior College Night on Sept. 21, 2010. It was an outstanding event with over 150 parents and students in attendance. In addition, seniors at NDHS will receive a weekly program that runs all year focused on college preparedness, scholarship information and other post-secondary opportunities. Seniors are also encouraged to attend College Night at Valencia Community College on October 5, 2010. To promote a college-going atmosphere, schools are encouraged to designate a day to wear a favorite college shirt during College Week. Additional activities that call students' attention to higher education will be available. For more information on the college process, parents and students should attend a second workshop for our parents and seniors on **Dec 7, 2010 6:00 pm in the NDHS Auditorium, or visit Engrade/senior homeroom on our website.**

Upcoming Events

- FCAT Retakes for 11th and 12th graders only: Oct. 18-19, 2010
- Veterans Day 11-11-10 – No School - Holiday
- "It's a Girls World" Field trip to DeVry University on Nov. 15, 2010
- Scholastic Book Fair: 11-15-10 through 11-19-10 in the school media center
- First Home Tiger Basketball game 11-30-10 at 6pm (playing Poinciana High School)
- Book Fair for NDHS at Barnes and Noble (on OBT near Florida Mall) 11-23-09 - 11-29-09
- Fall Project Night is Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010 6-8pm
- Winter Senior/Parent College Info Night 12-07-10 - 6PM
- Winter Dance Recital: Dec. 10, 2010
- Band and Chorus Winter Concert: 1-6-11 7pm
- Musical Theater Production: Pirates of Penzance Jan. 13-14, 2011 at 7pm