

# New Dimensions High School Newsletter

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Spring Newsletter

## Principal's News

Happy 2009! The second semester began January 20, 2009 and the school year is flying by! A very important part of this second semester is the state standardized testing program, the FCAT.

Teachers spent the first semester, and are still continuing, to ready your children for this test. The FCAT is such a high stakes test. At the high school level it is used to determine student graduation, and the student scores and their improvement shown on the test are used for determining the school grade.

Parents can be a very important part of their child's FCAT experience by working with them at home to gain extra practice on the skills tested. We recommend that you have your child practice FCAT questions on the FCAT Explorer. This can be accessed by visiting our website and clicking on the FCAT Explorer link.

## FCAT Tutoring:

Ms. Friedenberger and Mr. Cruz are offering free math FCAT preparation tutoring after school. This is open to all students. Please take advantage of this wonderful free opportunity to get that extra help.

In addition to this after school tutoring, all students are being given FCAT preparation during a weekly homeroom session focused on the FCAT Benchmarks.

## FCAT Dates

Please see the following schedule of FCAT testing so that you may ensure that your child is present on the scheduled days.

### February 10, 2009

Grade 10 - FCAT Writing+

### March 10, 2009

Grade 9, 10, and retakes -  
FCAT Sunshine Standards  
Reading

### March 11, 2009

Grade 9, 10, and retakes -  
FCAT Sunshine Standards Math

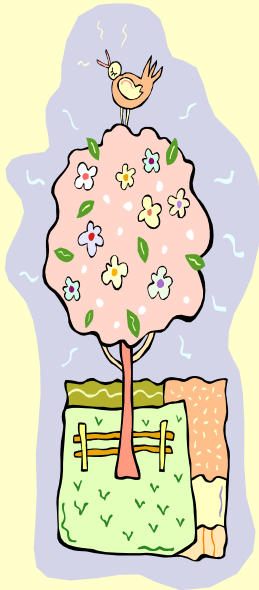
### March 12, 2009

Grade 11 - FCAT Science

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED LETTER  
REGARDING TESTING  
SCHEDULES FROM THE SCHOOL  
DISTRICT. THIS PERTAINS TO  
NDHS ALSO.

## IMPORTANT

FL Department of Ed. security policies state that cellular phones, pagers, and other electronic equipment will be prohibited in test rooms during the testing period. Please see that your child leaves those items at home. Having them in testing areas will result in test invalidation. Violations will also result in sever out of school suspension.



## Scholarship Information on our website:

There is a wealth of information on our website for financial aid and scholarships. Students and parents that are interested in finding out about the scholarships that are available for graduating seniors, please visit our website. Each scholarship opportunity that the school receives is put onto the website so that you may access the information and applications at your convenience. Also, Dr. Grimm has added links to all of the financial aid resources Valencia Community College offers. Please check it out and watch deadline dates!

## Staff Out of Field Assignments:

Please see the attached page for the Spring 2009 Teacher Out of Field teaching assignments and the NCLB Highly Qualified Status report. If you have any questions concerning this report please feel free to call Dr. Cafiero at 407-870-9949.

## New At NDHS: Congratulations...

### *NDHS Teacher of the Year - Ms. Vasilica Margarit*

Congratulations to Ms. Margarit for her outstanding professionalism and dedication to the students of New Dimensions. We are thrilled to have her as part of the NDHS family!

### *Osceola County's Literacy Leadership Team of the Year*

The NDHS Literacy Leadership Team has been chosen by the School District of Osceola County as the Literacy Leadership Team of the Year. We now represent Osceola County in the State finals for State Literacy Leadership Team of the Year. This award recognizes the efforts this team has put forth in supporting reading initiatives and student reading achievement at the school.

## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Pasta for pennies Fundraiser - Feb 2, 2009- - Feb. 28, 2009 - Send in your coins!
  - ◆ Final home basketball game - Feb 3, 2009 at 6:00PM
- ◆ ESOL Parent Leadership Council Meeting - Feb. SAC Mtg Feb 6, 2009 - 7:45 am
  - ◆ Spring Break - April 6 - April 10, 2009
  - ◆ Prom: May 16 , 2009 - Contact Mrs. Alford for information
  - ◆ Spring Project Fair - April 23, 2009 - 6pm - 8pm
- ◆ Graduation: Friday June 4, 2009 7:00 pm - Iglesia La Nueva Jerusalen  
4925 Old Pleasant Hill Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34759

We're on the Web!

[www.newdimensionshs.com](http://www.newdimensionshs.com)

Teacher	Area(s) of Certification	Endorsement(s)	Teaching Assignment(s)	Out of Field Teaching Assignment	Deemed Highly Qualified
Paul Surko	Math 6-12, Chemistry 6-12	Reading Endorsement In Progress	Physical Science, Earth Space Science		Yes
Sonia Albaladejo	Language Arts 6-12	Reading Endorsement	Language Arts, Intensive Reading	ESOL*	Yes
Michelle Alford	Language Arts 6-12		Language Arts	ESOL*	Yes
Jaimie Toland	Language Arts 6-12	ESOL and Reading Endorsement In Progress	Language Arts, Intensive Reading	ESOL*, Reading**	Language Arts – Yes Reading, ESOL - No
Scott Engel	Chemistry, Biology		Zoology, Anatomy and Physiology. Environmental Sci.		Yes
Ralph Barrett	Middle Grades Math, Biology, PE, Health, Ed. Leadership	CAR-PD in progress	Biology		Yes
Marguerite Cashen	Social Science 6-12, ESE K-12	Reading Endorsement In Progress	DE Psychology, American Gov., Economics, DE Student Success		Yes
Bickramjit Oodhican	Technology Education 6-12		Technology Studies 1, 2, 3		NA
Benjamin Griffith	Social Science 6-12	Reading Endorsement In Progress	World History, American History		Yes
Phyllis Hill	Business Ed 6-12		Computing for College and Careers, Digital Design 1,2, 3		NA
Ramon Cruz	Math 6-12		Geometry, Algebra 2		Yes
Ryan Adams	Physical Education, Health	Reading Endorsement In Progress	Personal Fitness, Health, Team Sports, Weight Training		NA
Sarah Friedenberger	Math 6-12		SAT Prep, Pre-Calculus, Informal Geometry		Yes
Christian Soto	Music 6-12		Chorus, Band, Musical Theater		NA
Lionel Landuyt	Spanish, Latin, French		Spanish, Latin, French		Yes
Nicole Aquilano	Dance K-12	Reading Endorsement In Progress	Dance Technology 1-3, Ethnic Dance, Dance Repertory 1		NA
Vasilica Margarit	Social Science 6-12		Law Studies, Constitutional Law, Career Research/Vol. Public Service.		Yes
Theresa Barrett	English 6-12, ESOL, Media Specialist	Reading Endorsement	Intensive Reading, Media Specialist		Yes
John Timmerman	Social Science 6-12, Ed Leadership, Elementary Ed 1-6		World Geography, World History, Career Research/Vol. Public Service		Yes
Leslie Dubin	Math 6-12, Educational Leadership		Algebra 2, Algebra 1		Yes

\* ESOL Endorsement in progress    \*\* Reading Endorsement in Progress

If you have any questions concerning any of the dedicated NDHS staff please call Dr. Cafiero at 407-870-9949.