



New  
Dimensions  
High School  
January 29, 2011

## Congratualtions to NDHS - an "A" Rated School

### Directors' Notes:

We would like to thank all of our teachers, students and their families for a great first semester of the 2010-11 school year. The second semester is upon us and is a very busy time, particularly due to the State FCAT assessments. Please make sure you read the testing schedule and make sure your students are getting a good night sleep and are prepared for their FCAT exams. Please have them log onto FCAT Explorer to practice between now and the March assessment. Our school website has a link to the program for your convenience.

### 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 Feb. 1, 2011 at 6:00 pm. If you would like more information on the SAC, please call 407-870-9949.

### NDHS Earns an "A"!!

Based on the new high school grading system, New Dimensions High School has earned an A for the 2010 school year!

The revised high school grading formula now includes multiple components:

- FCAT performance in reading, math, writing, and science;
- College Readiness in reading and math, as measured by SAT/ACT/CPT;
- Participation and performance in rigorous courses, including Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, International Baccalaureate, and Industry Certification classes; and
- Overall Graduation Rate and At-Risk Graduation Rate.

Thank you to the entire NDHS Learning community for making this happen – teachers, students, parents, and community stakeholders!

### Out of Field Teacher Report

New Dimensions High School is pleased to report that there the only teacher teaching out of field for the spring semester is Ms. Bilella. Ms. Bilella is certified to teach Language Arts, which she is currently assigned, but is out of field for ESOL, but is compliant as she currently working on her ESOL endorsement.

## Athletics

From the Athletic Director, Cathy Esposito:

NDHS Boys Tiger Basketball Boys will host and compete in the district 2A finals tournament here on our home court.

Semi-Finals will be played on Tuesday Feb. 8, 2011, and the District 2A Finals game will be held Saturday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Both games will begin at 7:00 pm. Come out and support your Tigers!



Please help us continuously improve NDHS. Visit our website at [www.newdimensionhs.com](http://www.newdimensionhs.com) and completing the parent or student survey. The survey is very user friendly and will only take minutes to complete. We greatly appreciate your support. Together we can make NDHS the best school in the District!!

**Congratulations  
Mrs. Michelle Alford,  
NDHS Teacher of the  
Year!!!!**

## FCAT Approaching!!!

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

Grade 10 – FCAT Writing+

Wed, March 30, 2011

Retakes – Math

Thur. March 31, 2011

Retake - Reading

April 11-12, 2011

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade reading

Wed April 13, 2011

Grade 10, Math begins and runs for 4 days

Wed. April 13, 2011

Grade 11 – FCAT Science

May 9, 2011

Field Testing – End of Course Biology Exam  
– all students enrolled in Biology this year

Mon. May 16, 2011

Begins End of Course Algebra Exams

May 3-13, 2011

AP Exams

## IMPORTANT

**FL Department of Ed. security policies state that cellular phones, I-Pods, 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 severe out of school suspension.**