

New Dimensions High School Newsletter

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Principal's News

A new school year has begun, and thus far it has been a very smooth and wonderful year. We look forward to the rest of the year being just as great.

We are happy to announce that we have a full house this year with 325 students in enrollment. The many new student faces add to the richness of the cultural diversity we enjoy here at NDHS.

Parents also add a very important richness to their child's education and we look forward to your involvement in your child's experience here at NDHS.

There are many important and exciting events coming up in the near future so please mark them on your calendars!

Dear Parents

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.

Get involved in the NDHS SAC. We meet on the 4th Thursday of every month at 6:30 PM in the school media center. The next SAC meeting will be held Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006. This year the SAC Chair person is Ms. Kinisha Rice. If you would like more information on the SAC, please call Dr. Shamsid-Deen at 407-870-9949.

***** **PLEASE NOTE** *****

The Department of Education has released additional FCAT tests that you as a parent can view to gain a better understanding of the rigorous content tested on the FCAT. Please visit www.fl DOE.org and click on the FCAT Home Page. These are great for student practice!!

FCAT News

Eleventh and twelfth grade students who have not yet passed the FCAT, and 11th and 12th grade students new to the state of Florida, will have an additional opportunity to take the test this October.

The FCAT Reading test will be given Monday, Oct. 2, 2006 and the FCAT Math will be given Tuesday Oct. 3, 2006. Both tests will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. in the NDHS Auditorium. Make sure that you have a no. 2 pencil for testing. Mechanical pencils can not be used. It is also important to get a good night's sleep the night before testing and eat a good breakfast the morning of the test.

NDHS Curriculum Coach goes to Washington

Ralph Barrett, former Osceola District Teacher of the Year and current Curriculum Coach at New Dimensions High School, attended the ASCD Leadership for Effective Advocacy Program, September 16-19 in Washington, DC. Following several days of discussing the latest educational trends, demographic changes, and the current political climate in our nation's capitol, Barrett visited with staff members of the offices of Senators Nelson and Martinez, as well as Representatives Mica, Keller, Davis, Weldon and Brown to discuss the initial efforts of ASCD to help formulate legislation dealing with High School Reform. Currently, Barrett serves as president of the Florida Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ FCAT Retakes for 11th and 12th graders only: Oct. 2 - 6, 2006
- ◆ NDHS Blood Drive open to public Oct. 6, 2006
- ◆ PSAT Testing for 10 grade students: Oct. 18, 2006
- ◆ Senior Class Picture retakes Oct. 27, 2006
- ◆ Veteran's Day: Nov. 10, 2006 - School closed
- ◆ Fall Project Night is Monday, Nov. 11, 2006
- ◆ Student Production of "The Batchelor King", Nov. 17, 2006, 7PM
- ◆ Thanksgiving Vacation: Nov. 23-26, 2006
- ◆ The CPT (College Placement Test) 12th grade students: Dec. 7, 2006
- ◆ Christmas Vacation: Dec. 20-Jan. 2, 2007

Teacher News

Make sure you visit your child's teachers by clicking on the Homework.com link on our school website.

Ms. Boujaber's NDHS Teacher and Students Chosen for National Global Studies Project:

Ms. Boujaber has been chosen as one of twenty-five educators nationwide to participate in the 2006 Armenia School Connectivity Program (ASCP) sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the nonprofit, Project Harmony. ASCP will provide Ms. Boujaber and her students the opportunity to engage in online discussions with high school students in Armenia focusing on globalization, economics, environment, culture, democracy, and similar socio-political themes.

Ms. Boujaber has received funding by the U.S. State Department to attend an October conference in Burlington, Vermont where she will join other educators to discuss ASCP and the engagement of students on the web based conference students are also raising money to be donated to needy Armenians. More information about the program is available at www.projectharmony.org.

Prevention Websites for Parents Safe & Drug-Free Schools of Osceola County, Florida

Drug Prevention:

- Mothers Against Drunk Drivers
 - www.madd.org
- Parents. The Anti-Drug
 - www.theantidrug.com
- Partnership for a Drug-free America
 - www.drugfreeamerica.org

Violence Prevention:

- National Youth Violence Prevention Resource
 - www.safeyouth.org
- U.S. Department of Justice
 - http://www.usdoj.gov/whatwedo/whatwedo_pyv.html
- Committee for Children
 - www.cfchildren.org

Bullying Prevention:

- Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop Bullying Now
 - <http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov>
- National Education Association
 - <http://www.nea.org/schoolsafety/bullying.html>

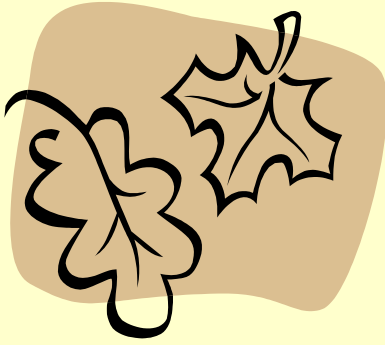
Gang Awareness:

- U.S. Department of Justice
 - <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=1383>
- Florida Department of Corrections
 - <http://www.dc.state.fl.us/pub/gangs/awareness.html>

New Dimensions High School Staff 2006

NDHS Teacher	Subjects Taught 1st Semester	Certification	Out of Field Areas
Kesia Boother	English, Intensive Reading	Language Arts 6-12	Reading**
Sonia Albaladejo	English, Intensive Reading	Language Arts 6-12	ESOL*, Reading**
Bouvier Williams	English	Language Arts 6-12	
Emory Sims	Algebra IA/B	Mathematics 6-12	
Euniz Lochte	Algebra 2, Informal Geometry	Mathematics 6-12	
Paul Surko	Algebra IA, Geometry, Earth Science	Mathematics 6-12, Chemistry 6-12	
Humberto Rodriguez	Anatomy and Physiology. Physical Science, Physical Science Honors	Biology 6-12	Physical Science
Fitzgerald Edwards	Marine Biology, Zoology, Biology Honors	Biology 6-12	
Benjamin Griffith	American History, World History	Social Science 6-12	
Marguerite Cashen	American Gov. Economics, American History Learning Strategies	Social Science 6-12, Exceptional Student Education	
Nicolle Boujaber-Diederichs	Global Studies, Career Research and Decision Making, Voluntary Public Service	Social Science 6-12, Career Placement Specialist	
Ryan Adams	Physical Education, Health	Physical Education	Health
Judith Buma	Chorus, Band, Musical Theater	Music 6-12	
Phyllis Hill	Business Systems Technology, Digital Design, Marketing	Business Education 6-12	
Jimmy Caldwell	Law Studies, Constitutional Law	Social Science 6-12	
Bickramjit Oodhican	Technology Studies	Technology Education 6-12	
Lionel Landuyt	Spanish, French	Latin 6-12	Spanish, French
Shannon Van Gorden	Dance	Language Arts 6-12	
Carrie Brang	Media Specialist	Media Specialist K-12	
* Indicates working on the 300 hour ESOL Endorsement			
** Indicates currently completing Reading Endorsement			

If you have questions concerning any of our dedicated staff members, please call the school at 407-870-9949.



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New At NDHS:

There are two new programs being offered at New Dimensions High school this year. The first is a Dance program. This program is being taught by Ms. Van Gorden. She comes to NDHS from the private sector where she taught dance to students at a community dance studio. Currently students can take Dance techniques and/or Ethnic Dance. We anticipate the program sponsoring some wonderful student recitals.

The second new program being offered is a Law Studies program for students interested in careers in the field of law. Mr. Caldwell teaches this new program in which students can take Legal Studies, Constitutional Law, Court Proceedings, and The Legal System. Students in the program also participate in Osceola County's Teen Court Program. We look forward to both programs expanding in the future.

Athletics...

Girls Volleyball is concluding its season October 11, 2006. Boys Basketball begins Nov. 11, 2006, with our first home game being Mon., Nov. 11, 2006 at 7PM. Come out and support all of our Tiger teams! Don't forget to check the Athletics News link on our NDHS website home page that will provide a lot of information about all of our athletic programs, such game schedules,

We're on the Web!
www.NewDimensionsHS.com

New Dimension s High School Board of Directors:

As a charter school, New Dimensions is a separate school from the rest of the Osceola County public schools. The School Board of Osceola County is our sponsoring agency, however we are run independently and have our own governing school board. Should a parent or member of the community have a concern or complaint that they would like to present before the NDHS Board, feel free to contact our Board Chairman listed below. In addition, our board members are all listed below and you may attend any of our public board meetings, which the dates for these meetings are posted on our website.

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