



New
Dimensions
High School
January 29, 2010

Welcome back to NDHS - a "B" Rated School

Directors' Notes:

We would like to thank all of our teachers, students and their families for a great first semester of the 2009-10 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. 2, 2010 at 6:00 pm. If you would like more information on the SAC, please call 407-870-9949.

Out of Field Teacher Report

New Dimensions High School is pleased to report that there are no teachers teaching out of field for the spring semester. All fulltime instructional staff members are certified in their field of instruction.

NDHS wins National Award

U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools newest ranking includes **New Dimensions Charter High School**, named in the Bronze category in their annual report which ranks public high schools to find the very best across the country.

U.S. News has ranked America's Best High Schools for three consecutive years by using a three-step process that analyzes first how schools are educating all of their students, then their minority and disadvantaged students, and finally their college-bound students based on student scores on statewide tests, Advanced Placement tests, and International Baccalaureate tests. The methodology is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are bound for college, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show that the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

U.S. News and its partner in the project, School Evaluation Services, examined 21,786 public high schools this year to analyze academic and enrollment data to find the very best across the country. These top schools were placed into gold, silver, bronze, or honorable mention categories.

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

Athletics

From the Athletic Director, Ryan Adams:

Congratulations to Senior Emmanuel Francois for scoring his 1000 career point in Basketball. Emmanuel is only the second player in school history to complete the task and has led the NDHS Boys' Varsity Basketball team in scoring for 3 consecutive years averaging 18.4 pts per year over that span, earning him First Team All County Honors in 2009. His four year career point total for JV and Varsity is on pace to surpass 1400 points.

NDHS will compete in the district tournament at Lakeland Christian Friday February 12 - 13th with both games beginning at 7pm.

Thanks to our Business Partners

- Signature Promotions
- The Trophy Shop
- Horace Mann Companies - Leon Sturk



New Business Club Opening!

New Dimensions is officially starting our chapter of **FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America)**. Student/members will acquire leadership skills, win recognition at conferences, become part of a team, gain community service experience, improve or enhance job skills, network and meet new people, meet business professionals, earn scholarship money, compete in business skill events. For more info see Ms. Hill, Adviser.

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, February 9, 2010

Grade 10 - FCAT Writing+

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

Grade 11 - FCAT Science

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.

IMPORTANT!!!! Parent and Students Surveys now Available

Please help us continuously improve NDHS. Visit our website at 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
Ms. Jaimie Toland,
NDHS Teacher of the Year!!!!**