



Friday, July 16, 2010

Dear New Way Community,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the warm sunny days, wherever you may be! Savor these lazy summer days, as school time is fast approaching. On August 16<sup>th</sup>, our campus will be buzzing with Bulldog spirit!

New Way has been filled with a flurry of activity this summer, including many exciting changes. As we prepare for the upcoming year, I want to let you know about some of these changes. Working with our Board of Directors, New Way's long-term strategic goals have guided our planning for the 2010-2011 school year.

With these goals in mind, we are excited to announce that Michael Walker will be taking on a new role as the fulltime Head of Upper School- grades 7-12! He will be instrumental to the visionary process, which will enhance both the academic and extracurricular programs. In addition, Mr. Walker will emphasize the importance of character building and personal conduct with our junior high and high school students. He will be working closely with the Upper School staff, faculty, students, and families to make New Way Academy's Upper School the best it can be. In addition, "Coach" Walker has formed the first ever New Way high school football team.

In addition, we are excited to announce that Abbey Fief's role as Director of Development will expand this fall. Ms. Fief will lead New Way's expansion efforts in the areas of marketing, outreach, and increasing our community and post-secondary programs, as well as continuing her efforts to raise funds for the school. In her new role as the Director of Advancement and Outreach, she is looking forward to teaming with our families, as well as the community at large to increase New Way's presence in the Valley.

New Way's Board of Directors are incredibly dedicated to the success of our school. Their work is never-ending, yet always focused and strategic. In collaboration with the Board, I am excited and energized as Mr. Walker and Ms. Fief take on their new roles which will allow for the expansion of learning that has already taken place since New Way opened its doors in 1968.

Please watch for an invite to a Parent Meet and Greet coming in August. I invite you to join other New Way parents at this time for an overview of the school year and to answer any questions you may have.

Until then, keep cool and enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Gutierrez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Dawn Gutierrez  
Head of School