

# In the TMA Spotlight

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**MR. DAVID HERZIG**

*High School*

*Science Teacher*

*National Honor Society Advisor*

**MRS. WENDY HERZIG**

*6th Grade English Teacher*



Wendy Herzig is a true “Cane” – she was actually born on the campus of the University of Miami. Perhaps being a “Hurricane” has lent to her obsession with tropical systems; she eagerly anticipates the beginning of the hurricane season! At the age of four, her father, an ex-heavyweight boxing champ, brought the family to Orlando to open *Malcolm’s Hungry Bear* restaurant. At the *Hungry Bear*, Wendy remembers watching many press conferences and had opportunities to sit and talk with lots of entertainment and sports celebrities such as Arthur Godfrey, Roy and Dale Rogers, John Tesh, George Foreman, Parcels, etc.. When her father began making professional boxing matches, many school evenings were spent doing homework ringside at the Orlando Sports Stadium. Wendy also

squeezed in tennis, swimming, creating artwork, cheerleading, editing the high school newspaper, and ballet. After graduation, she helped manage her father’s restaurant for many years and then became employed by WFTV, Channel 9.

In October of 1989, Wendy married her best friend, David Herzig, who was an administrator of a Christian school (the very one she graduated from years before). While in college, Wendy taught weekly life skills classes through the Salvation Army to teenage girls from the public housing projects. Longing to feel that impact in others’ lives again, she left her job at WFTV and took a position teaching English. After thirteen years of marriage, David and Wendy adopted their sons Jonathan and James in 2002. During that same year, Wendy followed her husband and joined the TMA family teaching sixth graders.



David Herzig was born in Massachusetts and moved to Orlando in 1968. He was a Boy Scout and did camping trips in the I-Drive area before it was a road! David was the second person in the state of Florida to earn all his Webelos badges. His father worked in wholesale plumbing supply and his mom worked in the cafeteria at Tangelo Park Elementary School. David graduated from New College of Florida in Sarasota, with a degree in Natural Science and began teaching in 1982. He taught Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Algebra, Geometry and Math Analysis and became an assistant principal in 1989. He joined the teaching staff of TMA in 2002 and in 2008 completed his Master’s degree in Science Education at UCF, where he is a member of the UCF Academic Honor Society.

David has a passion for cooking and even caters weddings on the side. He enjoys big band music, jazz, black and white classic movies, science fiction, nautical adventures and biographies. As a family, the Herzigs love going to the beach, spending time with their dog, and seeing the latest movies.