

September Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

I hope the 2016-2017 school year has gotten off to a great start for all of our Academy students! This year will bring many unique opportunities through class projects, competitions, guest speakers and field trips. Field trips to IMAX, Whetstones and Sally Corp have been arranged for our Engineering students. Our Communications Academy Digital Design students are also headed to Sally Corp, while TV Pro students are invited to WJXT for a broadcast workshop seminar. Some of our Hospitality Academy students are headed to the Hilton Garden Inn and Flagler College. Students will learn about these opportunities in their Academy classes, depending on which field trips are available to which courses.

We will also be offering monthly guest speakers for our Academy students, so that Nease's future professionals can learn from those who are finding success in their targeted industry now. Emails will be sent home via Naviance regarding guest speakers. Speakers will be scheduled to come in during Session A of Power Hour, to allow all interested Academy students to take part in the event without missing out on instructional time. I hope that your student takes advantage of all the enrichment activities which will be offered through our Academy programs this year.

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Academy Coordinator

INSIDE THE CAREER ACADEMY CLASSROOMS

What's been going on in the Communications, Engineering, and Hospitality classes in the first month of school? Our Academy teachers catch us up on what's been happening inside the classrooms.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERIM GRADES RELEASED

September 12th

COLLEGE APPLICATION PRESENTATION

September 13th, 6:30 in PAC

POWER HOUR

Power Hour is a wonderful opportunity for students to get extra help, have study time, meet with clubs, or attend special events, without having to come in early, stay late, or miss classes.

Each subject/department at Nease offers extra help and open lab time either during A session or B session. Here's a look at when each subject area offers assistance:

Session A 11:41-12:12

Math, Science, Academies,
Fine/Performing Arts

Session B 12:12-12:40

Science, English, World Languages

COLLEGE APPLICATION PRESENTATION

Nease Juniors, Seniors, and their parents are invited to attend a presentation by Darla Neal, of College Admissions Services, on the College Application process. The open session will take place on Sept. 13th, at 6:30, in the PAC.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Tara Cushman – Digital Information Technology, Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism, Technology for Hospitality and Tourism

The St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism has been busy the first month of school. Our Technology in Hospitality class has just finished up their Planning and Budgeting project for a Disney vacation. Using the Microsoft 2016 Suite they were able to create a travel itinerary for a family of four, staying within their family's given budget, to Walt Disney World. Students got to experience firsthand all the details that a Disney Vacation Specialist has to take into consideration when planning a trip and how a having a tight budget makes planning ahead very important. Meanwhile, our Intro to Hospitality class has been practicing the importance of Consistent Quality Service and how much good (or bad) service can effect a business. As we head into September we will be learning about the past of tourism, especially here in St. John's County, and how important the Tourism Industry is to Florida.

Students also got the opportunity to celebrate the 100th Birthday of the National Park Service during the last weekend of August. As part of the celebration The Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine was open for free to all visitors and many students took advantage of this opportunity and visited our local National Park during their free time. This month, all St. John's County residents can ride the Old Town Trolley in St. Augustine for

free. Many Hospitality Academy students will be taking advantage of the "free ride", so if you see a teen with a sign that reads "NEASE HOSPITALITY", please stop and talk to them about our Academy!



FREE TUTORING AVAILABLE

If your student needs extra help in any subject, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring right after school, every Tuesday and Thursday, in the Media Center. Nease provides Activity Buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well, so students have late transportation home, if they are zoned for Nease.

NHS upperclassmen provide the free tutoring in just about every subject, and a teacher is also present.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

If you work in the fields of Communications (TV Production or Digital Design), Engineering, or Hospitality and Tourism, we would love to invite you in as a guest speaker, or as a potential field trip site host.

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STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

Tim Gilboy -- Introduction to Engineering Design, Principles of Engineering

In all of the Stellar Academy of Engineering courses classroom procedures were established, the classes discussed what engineering is and what engineers do in multiple disciplines, and they worked on measurements and units. Introduction to Engineering Design students also spent time learning about the engineering design process. Principles of Engineering students started working on the district-wide Project Green competition and are getting an introduction to the various Engineering disciplines in the industry. The Principles of Engineering students were also invited to take part in a field trip to Sally Corporation next week, to see how the company designs, creates, and manufactures animatronic characters for theme park rides. Finally, the Stellar Academy of Engineering is also thrilled to welcome our second instructor, Morgan Hunter, to our program. Ms. Hunter has a degree in Civil Engineering from Ohio State University and has taught both math and science during her career in education.

COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

Holly Bourquin -- Journalism (Newspaper)

Journalism 1 students have been learning the basics of print journalism and news writing. They began the year by considering the question, "What is News?" Students have also studied what makes content newsworthy, the basics of news writing, and are now working on understanding how the First Amendment impacts journalism. Journalism 2-4 are the classes that produce Nease's newspaper, The Vertical, and Happenstance, an annual literary magazine. The students are already hard at work on the first issue of The Vertical for this school year. Students are also actively recruiting advertisers and sponsors for our publications. Both publications are fully self-funded through these student-led efforts. If you're interested in becoming an advertiser or sponsoring our publication, please let us know the advertising deadline for issue one is September 16, 2016.

Holly Farson – Journalism (Yearbook)

We are off to a roaring start with 150 books pre-sold and plans for promoting Yearbook sales each month. Many thanks to Lisa Dowling with Leonard's Studios for hosting our photographers to a fabulous conference about sports photography and composition on August 31st. They all raved about how much they learned! Later this month, Cady Studio's will be sending a photographer to work with the photography staff one on one on the field and in the gym to perfect their technique.

We are really excited about our theme this year. Our cover will be something totally new, never been done in this area before! My editor staff is training 22 new staffers this year and we've broken into editor groups so they can take the newbies under their experienced wings! Our first



INTERIMS ONLINE THIS YEAR

Student interim reports will be released on Home Access Center (HAC) this year, instead of being printed and given to students. Interims will be available on September 12th. For more information on HAC, see this website: <http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

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10th & 12th Grades

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ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Matt McCool

Athletic Director

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Athletic Secretary

deadline is October 25th, so will have staffers out on the campus interviewing and photographing students soon!

Jacqueline Soto – Digital Information Technology, Digital Design 1-3

Exciting things are afoot in the Nease Digital Design program! In Digital Information Technology, students learned about the basic components of a computer. They were interested in learning the parts of the computer that actually make it work. We have since moved on to learning our new Office Suite, 2016. We are currently utilizing Shapes to draw masterpieces in Microsoft Word. Students are in a competition to see who can utilize Shapes and turn in the best drawing. Who will win? Only time will tell! In Digital Design 1, students focused on design careers. They narrowed down their research to one design career and learned what it takes to embark on that particular career. We are about to commence on our Photoshop journey, which students are excited about. In the Digital 2 and 3 classes, students are utilizing Illustrator and InDesign to review the importance of Copyright Laws, as it pertains to design. They researched real-life copyright violations and created articles to explain them. In Digital Design 4, students are currently using Illustrator to create the NHS Digital Design program's logo, all the while slowly compiling their best work for their e-portfolios.

Justin Cooler – TV Production 1, Advanced TV Pro (Wired)

The TV Production 1 students have been learning about the history of television and television terminology. In preparation for their first video project, they will learn shot composition and start learning how to use the professional editing software, Premiere Pro, next week. Many fun and creative group video projects will follow. Advanced TV Production A.K.A. *Wired* classes have been back in action producing a daily news show that's gotten a great response from students and staff! Students have been adjusting to a new work flow this year and additional responsibilities for the show and are coming along great! They just completed their 1st full week of *Wired* which airs every day online and broadcast over the school's closed circuit. *Wired Daily Shows* can be viewed on Mr. Cooler's Teacher website.

Geoff Stephens – TV Production 1, Advanced TV Pro (Sports Media)

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NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR?

You can set up an appointment with a guidance counselor by calling the guidance department secretary, at 904-547-8321.

You can also find great information on the guidance website:

<http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

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