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## Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents:

It is hard to believe that the school year is over. The last few months seem to have flown by. Due to construction, the administrative offices will move to the Media Center at Valley Ridge Academy for the summer from June 2 through July 28. The phones will be transferred, so you can reach us by calling 547-8300.

August 1, 2017 is the scheduled move in day to the new building that will house Administration, Media Center,

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#### Nease Mission Statement

The mission of Allen D. Nease High School of Ponte Vedra, Florida, is to provide an excellent, high quality education for a rapidly growing and geographical diverse student population for the northern end of St. Johns County. Our intent is to develop academically capable and socially responsible young adults in a safe, attractive, and stimulating environment, encouraging the highest levels of excellence and professionalism in every endeavor.



**Lisa Kunze**  
**Principal**

*Principal's Message continues...*

Engineering Academy, Hospitality Academy, computer labs, and thirteen regular classrooms. In August we will also have a functioning traffic light at US 1 and Ray Road and a new student parking lot. After we move in to the new building, phase 2 of the construction project will start with D-pod (current Media Center) renovation.

We will have Panther Pick-Up days in August, so please mark your calendar.

12th grade – Friday, August 4, 2017 from 9am to 11am

11th grade – Friday, August 4, 2017 from 1pm to 3pm

10th grade – Saturday, August 5, 2017 – Last names A – L from 8am to 10am

Last names M-Z from 1pm to 3pm

9th grade – Orientation is Saturday, August 5, 2017

Last names A – L from 8am to 12pm

12pm to 1pm— Parent meeting for ALL parents in the auditorium

Last names M – Z from 1pm to 5pm

During Panther Pick-Up students will turn in required forms and receive their school ID, schedule, parking tag (if applicable), and check-out textbooks. If your child is not able to attend, he/she will receive items when school starts.

The first day of school is Thursday, August 10th. I hope everyone has a fun-filled and relaxing summer.

Sincerely,

Lisa Kunze

Principal

## **Nease's Communications Academy students bring home National Television Production awards**

Thirteen of Nease's Advanced Television Production Wired students travelled across the country to test their skills against some of the best in the nation at the 13th Annual Student Television Network Convention in Anaheim, California. The STN convention officially began on Tuesday, March 28th, with the Crazy 8s contest. With multiple categories to choose from, schools had 8 hours to plan, produce, shoot, edit, and deliver a video project. The entire team of Wired students chose to play to their strengths by participating in the Morning News category, which paid off with a 1st Place win in the nationally recognized competition. With the prompt "The Non-Disney Side of Anaheim" the students broke into 4 groups and took to the streets to find stories that didn't revolve around the huge Disney resort in Anaheim. For their lead news story, Tyler Moilanen interviewed local business owners to discuss the economic impact of conventions on the local community. Across town, Emily Ducote pitched a story on the Anaheim Angels spring training with the stadium in the backdrop. To wrap up the newscast, Aubrey Deitch covered the beginnings of Anaheim at the Historic Mother Colony House. The main anchors, Taylor Wilson and TJ Tomkunas, brought the whole show together with great energy from in front of the bustling Convention Center.

Wednesday was filled with ample learning opportunities as the students attended instructional sessions covering various forms and practices in media production led by industry leaders. On Wednesday night Wired students accepted the Southeast Regional Award for Broadcast Excellence for a show they submitted to the competition in December. That show was awarded as the best High School Daily Taped Newscast in the entire Southeastern United States.

On Thursday, the students once again broke into contest mode, with three smaller groups participating in timed contests. The Movie Trailer group had the prompt “incognito” which turned into a 60 second comedy thriller featuring spies. The Commercial Group had a universal selfie stick provided by Xstories to make a 30 second spot. Both groups had 6 hours to produce the projects, with 4 hours of production time and 2 hours of edit time with no adult support. The third group participated in Anchor team, in which the Anchors are given a wire copy (summarization of news stories) and must present the stories in an interesting way without adding information or editing tricks. This team won an honorable mention and had a turnaround time of only 2 hours. That night the team celebrated with dinner and adventure through downtown Disney.

Friday featured the awards ceremony where the students received the fruits of their hard work. The Crazy 8’s award was the last award presented to some very ecstatic Nease students who took the stage to close out the ceremony. After the huge wins the Nease team joined up with Creekside High School students who also attended the convention, and the two St. Johns teams travelled to Huntington Beach for some shopping, eating and respite. The students walked the pier, watched a surf competition, and checked out a truly west coast beach. All in all, the convention was a bonafide success, with Nease students learning from industry professionals, competing and winning in nationally recognized events, and deepening professional relationships with their peers. Next year’s STN Convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee.



## **IMPORTANT!! Textbook returns**

If a student returns a textbook that was not checked out to him/her, he/she will NOT receive credit for turning in the book, which is why it is important that they are aware of each copy that was checked out to him/her at the beginning of the school year. Because this is the last year the media center will be in this building, it is imperative that ALL textbooks are returned at your earliest convenience according to the schedule, so that we have as accurate an inventory as possible. Any library/ textbooks not returned by Friday, May 26th will be marked as LOST and charged to the student's account.

**Landrum National Junior Honor Society Fundraiser  
Attention students and families!**

**Make plans to join your friends and classmates at Tropical  
Smoothie Cafe  
830 N A1a suite 1, Ponte Vedra, FL 32082**

**May 16th & 17th**

**20% OF ALL SALES WILL GO TO Landrum NJHS Chapter TO  
SUPPORT:**

**Cancer Assistance for Parents**

**<http://www.capsfund.org/>**

**ORDER a smoothie**

**SAY "This is for NJHS"**

**ENJOY your smoothie**

**HELP CHILDREN**

**HAVE A GREAT DAY!**

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**SMOOTHIE**  
**CAFE**

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