



10550 Ray Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

904-547-8300 - main office

Office Hours: 8:30am to 4:45pm

Teacher Work Hours: 8:30am to 4pm

[Visit our Website](#)

## Message from Mrs. Kunze

We made it through the first two days! We have some growing pains to work through, but the students were fabulous and I think very excited to enter the new building, which will now be called Panther Hall. THANK YOU to everyone who voted!

We have increased our enrollment, which means more students trying to get through the breezeways between the pods between classes. We are asking students to be respectful of their peers and walk on the right side like they were trained to do in middle school. We have a bad bottle neck by the old media center (D-pod) because students can't go through the parking lot to get around the building like before. We will brainstorm some possible solutions, but we need students who are going towards the back of the campus to walk around the gym and M-pod to help alleviate some congestion.

Traffic on Ray Road has quite honestly not been good the last couple of days as everyone is learning which gate to enter.

Turning onto Ray Road from US 1, the gates are...

1st gate - District Health Clinic ONLY. PLEASE do not turn into this gate. Their parking lot is fenced off from ours and is very small.

2nd gate - Entrance to STUDENT Parking Lot for all students traveling from US 1.

3rd gate - Entrance to STUDENT Parking Lot for all students traveling Old Dixie. Students need to be in the right hand lane at Old Dixie and Ray Road and will cross Ray Road into the STUDENT Parking Lot.

4th gate - Entrance to PARENT drop-off and pick-up loop and VISITOR parking.

5th gate - Bus loop ONLY - NO PARENTS ALLOWED EVER!!

6th gate - Teacher parking lot

7th gate - Service entry for deliveries, teacher parking, and district bus garage. We know parents have used this for drop-off and pick-up for band and sports, but now that the parent loop is completed, ALL parents need to use the parent loop.

When parents drop-off or pick-up in the new parent loop, we need to get as many vehicles in the loop as possible to get vehicles off of Ray Road. The parent vehicles sitting on Ray Road are blocking the buses from getting through.

We are asking that you please be courteous to others by...

\*pulling all the way forward to the car in front of you (even in the afternoon - your child can walk)

\*driving yourself instead of allowing child to drive and then adult moving to the driver's seat

\*having backpack, lunches, sports equipment with them in the vehicle and not in the trunk

\*giving good-bye hugs and kisses before you get in the loop

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Items your child may still need...

Lockers - being sold at lunch in the PAC courtyard - \$5

Gym uniforms - being sold by PE coaches during class - \$10 for shirt, \$10 for shorts

Planners for 11th & 12th - will be sold this week during lunch in the PAC courtyard - \$5

TI 30Xa calculator for Algebra, Geometry & LAM - sold before school or during lunch in room 203 - \$15 (cash or check)

ID cards - if your child did not receive an ID card last week, he/she can get their picture taken for a card during lunch in the Media Center in Panther Hall. The first ID is free. Replacements IDs are \$5. Students are expected to carry their ID with them at all times.

Textbooks have been moved to the NEW Media Center in Panther Hall. Students may check-out textbooks during lunch or after school until 5pm. We are OUT of the textbooks listed below and will work with the other high schools to get their extras. If there are no extras within the district, then additional textbooks will be ordered, but this goes through the district and will take some time.

- Anatomy & Physiology (Honors)
- Anatomy & Physiology (standard) – very few left
- Physical Science standard
- Chemistry (honors and pre-IB)
- Alg. 1 Honors
- Alg. 2 Honors
- AP Statistics
- APUSH
- AP Gov
- AP Psych
- 9th Gr. English

Students will attend Expectation Assemblies on Monday and Tuesday along with participating in required drills - tornado, intruder, fire, and bomb threat. The Expectation PowerPoint will be posted in next week's Panther Press.

The cafeteria will be open after school starting this Monday until 4:15/4:20pm to accommodate students who need a drink, protein bar, or snack before their after school practice or activity.

Those of you with student drivers given spots in the grassy area of the football stadium, construction is occurring to make this space better. We were originally told it would be completed this weekend, now we are being told sometime this week. We have temporarily relocated those students and will let them know when to move to their new parking space. Thank you for your flexibility while this improvement is completed.

### **YEARBOOKS for 17-18 can be ordered now!**

Go to [www.yearbookordercenter.com](http://www.yearbookordercenter.com) and enter school code 15476.

Yearbooks are only \$75 if ordered BEFORE September 15th and will increase in price after the 15th.

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## **Good News!!**

Two former Nease NJROTC cadets now lead major university ROTC programs. Former NJROTC cadets Maddie Stenzel and Will Duncan have been selected as battalion commanders for the Yale University and University of South Carolina Navy ROTC programs for the 2017-18 year. These two former Nease standouts are responsible for the entire cadet corps activities and programs at these universities. We are so proud of our former PANTHERS!!

**Nease JROTC on the cover of the 2017 Cadet Field Manual.** The Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps, which was just distributed across the nation to the 573 JROTC program, features Nease's varsity drill team on the cover. The picture was taken during the 2016 Mandarin 12-team Sanctioned Drill Meet, which incidentally Nease captured first place.

[2017 Cadet Field Manual Cover](#)

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## **Mark your calendar - Important Dates**

Tardy Policy starts - Monday, August 21st

**Open House - Tuesday, August 29th starting at 6pm - follow your child's schedule and meet all of their teachers. There will be an "Applying to a Florida State School" seminar starting at 5pm in the PAC for anyone interested. The presentation will be 45mins with a 15min question & answer period.**

Labor Day - No School - Monday, September 4th

Interim Date - Tuesday, September 12th - PLEASE check grades in HAC

Underclassmen Pictures - Tuesday, September 19th

Homecoming Football game vs Creekside - Friday, September 22nd

Homecoming Dance - Saturday, September 23rd

1st Quarter Ends - Friday, October 13th

Planning day - No school for students - Monday, October 16th

Nease College Fair - Wednesday, October 18th from 6-8pm in gym

Report cards issued - Tuesday, October 24th

Last day of 2nd quarter/1st semester - Thursday, December 21st - It is very important for students to be present through exams. Make-ups will not be administered until January and could affect record card grades.

Winter Break - Friday, December 22nd through Friday, January 5th

2nd semester starts - Monday, January 8th

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## Testing

Testing Coordinator - Cynthia Messenger

Email - [Cynthia.Messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Cynthia.Messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

**The State EOC for Algebra 2 no longer exists effective July 1, 2017.**

All students needing to take the Algebra 2 EOC retake will have the opportunity to take the District created Algebra 2 EOC the end of August and/or early September. This would include students who have never taken the Algebra 2 EOC but were enrolled in the course prior to July 1, 2017 or those who have taken the Algebra 2 State EOC and are choosing to retake the assessment for grade forgiveness.

**The deadline to email Mrs. Messenger to inform her that you need to take the exam is Friday, August 18th.**

## Policy Reminders

There are several students that are dropped off very early in the mornings and remain on campus well into the evening waiting for their ride. There is only adult supervision on campus from 8:30am to 4:45pm every day.

If your child has prescription medication that must be taken throughout the day, the attached form below must be completed and returned to Nurse Morrison. By District policy, students are NOT allowed to care prescription medication on them.

[Authorized medication form for prescription medication](#)

If your child uses over the counter medication throughout the day, he/she is allowed to care as long as the attached form has been completed.

[Over the counter medication form](#)

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## Seniors Only

Graduation Rehearsal (REQUIRED) - Thursday, May 17th from 10am to 12pm at UNF Arena

Graduation - Monday, May 21st at 7pm at UNF Arena

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## What is happening this week at Nease?

### Monday, August 14th

- \* Expectation Assemblies for 9th & 12th
- \* Required drills for tornado & intruder
- \* Informational meeting for anyone interesting in auditioning for the fall drama production in the PAC from 4-5pm

### Tuesday, August 15th

- \* Expectation Assemblies for 10th & 11th
- \* Required drills for fire & bomb threat

### Wednesday, August 16th

### Thursday, August 17th

## Friday, August 18th

\* Varsity Volleyball Pre-season Classic at Sandalwood HS (continues Saturday)

\* Varsity Football Kick-off Classic at Yulee HS - 7pm

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## Student Life

### From Mrs. Senyszyn:

Supplies French students will need for this academic year 2017-18: 3-ring binder with 5 dividers (syntax; vocab; readings; essays; pictures)

- loose-leaf paper
- pencils and/or highlighters (4 colors)
- pens (only blue or black)
- Miscellaneous: tissues

### Algebra2 Calculator Policy has changed!!

Algebra2 Honors: Students will need a graphing calculator. (TI-84 recommended)

Algebra2 Standard: Students may choose to have a scientific or a graphing calculator. (scientific: TI-30Xa recommended, graphing: TI-84 recommended)

If students have any questions regarding calculator options, they can ask their teachers.

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## Nease Athletics

Nease has 24 sports teams for students to join. There are fees to participate in sports with a one-time athletic fee per year.

### Fall Sports - Start date of July 31st

Cross Country - Boys & Girls - Coach Ted DeVos

Football - Coach Tim Krause

Golf-Boys - Coach Michael Kypriss

Golf-Girls - Coach Bobbie Beattie

Swim - Coach Gustavo Calado

Volleyball - Coach Don Watson

### Winter Sports

Basketball - Girls - Coach Sherri Anthony - Start date of Oct 30th

Basketball - Boys - Coach Josh Bailen - Start date of Nov 6th

Competitive Cheerleading - Coach Melissa Fraum - Start date of Oct 9th - tryouts were April 25th

Soccer - Boys - Coach Fred Hallett - Start date of Oct 23rd

Soccer - Girls - Coach Jay Shepherd - Start date of Oct 16th

Weightlifting - Girls - Coach Tim Dennis - Start date of Oct 9th

Wrestling - Coach Craig Muckle - Start date of Nov 6th

### Spring Sports

Baseball - Coach Jeremiah Klosterman - Start date of Jan 29th

Lacrosse - Boys - Coach Max Gurowski - Start date of Jan 29th

Lacrosse - Girls - Coach Holly Ventimiglia - Start date of Jan 29th

Softball - Open - Start date of Jan 22nd

Tennis - Boys/Girls - Coach Michael Kypriss - Start date of Jan 22nd

Track & Field - Coach Bernie Blue - Start date of Jan 22nd

Weightlifting - Boys - Open - Start date of Jan 8th

All of the FHSAA paperwork required for your student to participate in sports at Nease are located on the website under the "Forms" tab. Tryout information is listed on the Nease Athletic website. Paperwork MUST be turned in BEFORE a student can tryout for a team.

[Nease Athletic Website](#)

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## From the District

If you have an extenuating circumstance and need to request special bus transportation, please click on the link below to read procedures.

[Transportation Waiver Process](#)

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