



10550 Ray Road, Ponte Vedra, FL 32082

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

Teacher Work Hours: 8:30am to 4pm

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## Message from Mrs. Kunze

We made it through the first full week! Students attended expectation assemblies and participated in required drills - tornado, intruder, fire, and bomb threat. We also had a Junior Ring Assembly and Senior Graduation Assembly. If your child did not attend, there are extra packets in the front office.

Our PTSO is looking for parents/guardians willing to assist in different capacities. If you are interested, please contact Melinda Conrad at [lindyc28@gmail.com](mailto:lindyc28@gmail.com)

Due to a resignation right before pre-planning, we have a substitute in AP European History and World History. I have selected Kevin Sacerdote for this position. My hope is that he will be cleared and ready to start sometime the week of August 27th.

We have been continuing to enroll students, which has left us without seats in Geometry. We will be collapsing a Liberal Arts Math section this weekend to create another Geometry section. This will cause some of your children to have a schedule change. We apologize for these changes, but Geometry is a class under the class-size amendment that we must keep at 25 or less.

I met with the Senior Class President and Vice-President Friday and we compromised on an early release dismissal time for students. Seniors will be allowed to leave 7th period 3 minutes early to get a head start on the traffic.

On Monday to help with congestion on campus, the portables will start releasing 1 minute early each period. When cameras are installed in the stairwell towers of Panther Hall, then we will exit part of the upstairs through one of the towers, which will ease the congestion at the outdoor stairwell.

Everyone has had 7 days to find their classes and figure out their routes. Starting Monday, August 21st, students are expected to be in class on time every period. Students that are late, will have their ID scanned and will receive a consequence. Students that drive to school need to be in class on time (9:15am) as well. On the 4th tardy to 1st period, students will lose their parking pass for 1 week. The 5th tardy will result in loss of pass for 1 month and the 6th tardy will result in pass being taken for 45 days. Students need to leave home earlier or not stop at Starbucks, Dunkin' Donuts, or Tropical Smoothie.

There are still lots of issues with traffic on Ray Road. Representatives from the Sheriff's Office, PSA Department, and District Transportation observed traffic Friday afternoon. Their observations and recommendations are below.

1. **Panther Plaza:** To avoid the parent loop, dozens of children crossed Old Dixie on the turn between cars and buses, which was extremely unsafe. Recommend enforcement by the SJSO and the school as possible.

From Kunze: If you are one of the parents parking on Old Dixie or using Panther Plaza, please stop as you are putting your child in harms way.

2. **PSA Direction:** Parents/guardians/school staff departing NHS are resisting the PSA's direction to turn right on Old Dixie vice proceeding straight on Ray Road. Request that the school alert parents/guardians/staff to follow the direction of law enforcement without hesitation or delay.

From Kunze: Please follow all directions of the PSA. If parent/guardian vehicles turn right onto Old Dixie, then we can direct students out of their parking lot to US 1. This will allow the traffic to move faster.

3. **Traffic Light:** Traffic has optimized the light to the max extent possible. PSAs are no longer posted on

U.S. 1. PSAs displaced up Ray Road to assist with parent and student traffic.

4. **Buses blocked on Ray Road:** Some parents are entering the parent loop and stopping when they see their child instead of pulling all the way forward. Pulling forward allows more vehicles in the loop, so buses can get to the bus loop.

From Kunze: PLEASE pull forward in the parent loop.

5. **Students that can ride the bus, should ride the bus to reduce the number of parent/guardian vehicles.**

Work on the new "grass" parking lot by stadium is almost done. Drainage issues were fixed, the land leveled, and crushed concrete was poured. The bumpers with numbers will not be installed until Monday late afternoon, but we want students to go ahead and park in the lot starting Monday, so teachers can get off of Ray Road. On Monday, students that are assigned to this area, just need to park anywhere until bumpers with numbers are there on Tuesday.

EVERY student needs to carry their ID with them at all times. Students new to Nease should have had IDs printed through their English class this past week. Students that do not have their ID on them will be required to have one printed at a cost of \$5.

The district has purchased Schoology for every secondary school in the district. This system replaces Edmodo for posting assignments and resources. EVERY student has been given a username and password and should be checking Schoology DAILY. The teacher expectation from me is that all assignments must be posted by 5pm. In the near future there will be parent log-on access, but until then parents must use their child's username and password.

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

### **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!!**

Varsity Football beat Yulee Friday night!! GO PANTHERS!!!

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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)

Attached is the AP/IB testing calendar for May. The dates and times of these exams are set by outside agencies and we cannot change them. PLEASE do not schedule appointments or vacations during this time.

[AP/IB Testing Calendar - May 2018](#)

## Policy Reminders

Below is a pre-approved absence form that needs to be completed and submitted ONE week in advance of a planned absence such as family reunion, club soccer tournament, etc.

[Pre-Approved Absence Form](#)

Student parking is a PRIVILEGE not a right. Students need to follow all of the parking rules and regulations or their parking pass will be taken. The biggest offense right now is speeding in the parking lot. The speed limit is 10 miles/hour.

[Parking rules and regulations](#)

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## IB News

IB Coordinator: Missy Kennedy

I will be visiting Senior student's English class within the next two weeks to discuss the college application process.

Start saving your money!!! The Senior New York Trip will be here before we know it. Our date for the trip is tentatively planned for February 15<sup>th</sup> - February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Our first IB Booster meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

[AP/IB Testing Calendar](#) May 2018.

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## Guidance News

We have added an additional counselor, so please use the alpha breakdown to know who your child's guidance counselor is this year.

A through De Mrs. Vartanian - Cynthia.Vartanian@stjohns.k12.fl.us  
Di through J Mrs. Gibbs - D'Erica.Gibbs@stjohns.k12.fl.us  
K through M Mrs. Harden - Daphne.Harden@stjohns.k12.fl.us  
N through Se Mrs. Gledhill - Michel.Gledhill@stjohns.k12.fl.us  
Sh through Z Ms. Mayor - Vanessa.Mayor@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Please contact your child's counselor if you need to schedule a parent/teacher conference with ALL of your child's teachers. If you just need to meet with one teacher, please contact the teacher directly.

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## Seniors Only

### SENIOR PICTURES

All seniors must have their senior picture made for the Yearbook by Cady Studios by **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Go to [www.cadystudios.com](http://www.cadystudios.com) for more information and to make an appointment.

### CAP and GOWN

Seniors attended an assembly with Rhodes Jostens on Thursday to learn about items to order for graduation. There are extra packets of materials on the counter in the front office.

This year we will be using RENTAL gowns from Rhodes Jostens instead of purchasing a gown. The cost is \$21. The order form is a little confusing, because there are expensive packages advertised in large blocks at the top of the form. You are welcome to purchase one of these packages, but what is REQUIRED is listed at the very bottom of the form as...

8. Cap/Gown/Tassel/Medallion - \$37.95

IF you have a cap and tassel from an older child, then all that is required is....

9. Gown only - \$21

Representatives from Rhodes Josten will be on campus the following days and times to receive orders.

Friday, August 25th from 11:40-1:15pm and 2:50-4pm

Wednesday, August 30th from 11:40-1:15pm

Tuesday, September 19th from 11:40-1:15pm

LAST DAY - Tuesday, October 10th from 11:40-1:15pm

LAST DAY to pay for senior orders - Thursday, February 22nd.

Senior delivery date - Thursday, March 8th for last names A-L

Friday, March 9th for last names M-Z

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 21st

\* Tardy policy starts

### Tuesday, August 22nd

\* Link Crew Club Meeting from 12:37pm to 1pm

\* 5:30pm JV & V Volleyball vs Creekside AT Nease

### Wednesday, August 23rd

\* 3:15pm Soccer Team Meeting

\* 6pm - SAT prep w/Ingwerson

### Thursday, August 24th

\* Rhodes Josten representatives present for Ring Orders (11:40-1:15pm; 2:50-4pm)

\* 5:30pm - JV & V Volleyball vs Ponte Vedra AT Nease

\* 6pm - NJROTC Parent Night

\* 7pm - JV football vs Ponte Vedra AT Nease

### Friday, August 25th

\* NJROTC field trip to NAS JAX

\* Fundraisers start for Chorus (Cookie Dough) & Band (Mulch)

\* Representatives from Rhodes Josten present for Senior Graduation orders (11:40-1:15pm & 2:50-4pm)

## **Saturday, August 26th**

\* Boys and Girls Cross Country participates in Spikes & Spures Classic in Bunnell

## **PLAN AHEAD**

Tuesday, August 29th - OPEN HOUSE - Starts at 6pm

**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.**

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## **Student Life**

Support your Panthers this week!!! Volleyball and Football games at home!

Saint Augustine United, a local non-profit organization is sponsoring a 5K (Feel the Love 5K) here in Saint Augustine to raise money for a local charity. Last year, we raised money for a local mom who needs a heart transplant. This year our recipient is Swamp Haven Rescue. We are in need of volunteers for our run on September 09 to help with water stations, intersections and handing out packets . I have attached a flyer about our run and interested volunteers can contact Cristan Raz at [raz.cristan@gmail.com](mailto:raz.cristan@gmail.com) or 843-309-5769  
[Swamp Haven Feel the Love flyer](#)

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## **Media Center**

Media Specialist: Carolyn Milian

Media Para: Lorna Patterson

Welcome back to school!! We are so excited about this new year with our brand new media center and all the great resources and opportunities that will be available for all our students. We are not yet open for free student access because there is still much moving, organizing, and setting up that still needs to be done. My goal is to be up and running for all our students by the time we return from the Labor Day weekend. In the meantime, please keep checking the media center website for updates and information to help get you through these next few weeks.

I do have one very exciting event coming up very soon that I would like to make sure all our students and parents are aware of and make sure you mark on your calendars. For the first time in our school history, on November 9th, I will be taking a group of our Nease **PASSIONATE READERS** to Charleston, South Carolina on a 2 night/2 day field trip to attend "**Yallfest**", the **largest** young adult literature festival in the country! More than 70 authors will be on hand to meet and greet thousands of young adults who will descend on the city that weekend! Please click on this link so you can read more about it on my website: <http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/yallfest/>

I will be hosting an **informational meeting** for all students interested in attending and parents are welcome to come gather information as well! The meeting will take place on **Tuesday, August 29th at 8 p.m.** right after Open House in the new media center. **The trip will be open to only 50 students, so space will be limited and it will be first come, first serve.**

**Students still have time to turn in their summer reading bingo cards and reading logs this week! We've extended the deadline until Wednesday August 23rd.**

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or phone at 547-8367 with any questions or concerns. Have a fantastic school year and don't forget to READ-READ-READ!!

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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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Call 904-547-3354 or email Jennifer Wills at [jennifer.wills@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:jennifer.wills@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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