



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

OPEN HOUSE is this Tuesday, August 29th. We hope that you can join us!

5pm - Presentation in auditorium titled "Applying to a State University in Florida."

6pm - Parents start Open House in homeroom/1st period

7:45pm - Open House ends

We will have a dub fair during EXCEL time on Tuesday the 29th. The dub tables will remain in place for Open House, so parents can see what dubs are available for students to join.

Additional tables will be set up for PTSO, IB Boosters, PSAT Registration, Yearbook, and Rotary Club.

A huge thank you to PTSO who are providing dinner for our teachers before Open House on Tuesday.

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

PTSO is selling birthday announcements on the marquee in front of the school for \$25. Announcements must be received Monday by noon and will be displayed Tuesday through Monday.

[Birthday Announcement Form](#)

The Rotary will have a presentation on Monday, August 28th during EXCEL time in the Media Center classroom for any current 9th & 10th grader interested in learning more about becoming a foreign exchange student.

National Honor Society invitations were given to students on Friday, August 25th. Students must complete the required information and submit to Mrs. Millian in the Media Center by Friday, September 8th at 4pm.

Students are invited to join National Honor Society if they have a 3.7 weighted cumulative GPA, are enrolled in a minimum of two honors or AP courses, can provide examples of leadership, have fulfilled service hours (20 hours for Juniors, 30 hours for Seniors), and can explain how they demonstrate the pillars of Character Counts. Students who have met these qualifications but did not receive an invitation should see Mrs. Millian.

Every student should be logging into and using Schoology daily. Directions on how to log in can be accessed here: [Schoology Log-in directions](#)

Band Mulch Sales have started. Order your bags before September 29th. Delivery is scheduled for October 14th.

[CLICK HERE to order your mulch](#)

Chorus Cookie Dough fundraiser started today and runs through September 6th. Order your Cookie Dough to use for upcoming holiday events when you need something quick & easy!

Students attended Expectation Assemblies August 14th & 15th. If your child was absent or you would like to view the PowerPoint that reviews expectations, please click this link: [Expectation Assembly PowerPoint](#)

YEARBOOKS for 17-18 can be ordered now!

Pre-order the 2018 Yearbook for \$75 at Open House in front of the PAC! This is the lowest price of the year!! Don't miss out! Bring cash or check! You can also order online at www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter school code 15476.

Yearbooks are only \$75 if ordered BEFORE September 15, 2017. The price will increase after the 15th.

The St Johns County Tax Collectors Office is offering a Phase 2 course for Driver's Education, which includes 27 hours behind the wheel driving class preparing a student for a Driver's License. If you are interested [CLICK HERE](#) for dates and registration form.

Good News!!

We made it through week 2!

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 State University in Florida" 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

Testing

Testing Coordinator - Cynthia Messenger

Email - Cynthia.Messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us

What is the PSAT and why should my child take it?

The PSAT is a practice SAT administered once a year by College Board. Florida DOE pays for every 10th grade student to take the exam, because they feel it is important that students see where they are on a college entrance exam. We encourage EVERY 9th and 11th grader to take the PSAT as well. The PSAT is the only test where students receive their actual test booklet back along with a very detailed answer sheet telling them their answers, the correct answers, and what they can do to prepare for the real SAT. When students take the PSAT exam in 11th grade, the score is used to qualify students for the National Merit Scholarship. Students that earn the National Merit Scholar award in Florida receive cost of attendance at a state university. The PSAT will be administered on Wednesday, October 11th during the school day. The cost of the exam is \$20.

[9th grade PSAT Registration Form](#)

[11th grade PSAT Registration Form](#)

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

When students are not feeling well, we ask that they please see the nurse to call home. When your child texts you from the restroom and you show up, we do not know where your child is located to get them for you. Thank you for talking to your child about this policy to help us help them.

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](#)

College Visits

Juniors & Seniors! College visits begin next week. Please sign up using Naviance. Print out the confirmation page to use as your pass. You must get permission to be out of class BEFORE you go to the visit. See the [August Calendar](#) and [September Calendar](#) to view participating schools. Limit of 5 on-site visits per year.

IB News

IB Coordinator: Missy Kennedy - Missy.kennedy@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Seniors received information ([agenda](#)) on Friday, August 25th regarding college applications, recommendations, Naviance, and the New York Trip. If your student was absent, please see Mrs. Kennedy.

Please make sure you are able to log into Naviance. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Kunkel at Natalie.Kunkel@stjohns.k12.fl.us so that she may assist you.

Our first IB Booster meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. Please join us as we discuss our upcoming year.

*[Intent form](#) & 1st Payment for New York trip is due on September 14th to [Mrs. Kennedy](#).

Our first IB Social (a.k.a. Pizza Lunch) is on September 28th in the Gym during EXCEL time. All grade levels may attend from 12:37-1:32.

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

Academy News

For the latest Nease Academy News, check out the August edition of the monthly Career Academy Newsletter by: [clicking here](#)

All Academy students must fill out and turn in their annual Academy contract. Contracts were emailed home via Naviance, can be printed by [clicking here](#) or hard copies can be picked up in the student's Academy class. The contracts must be turned in to the student's Academy teacher by September 1st.

Upcoming Academy Field Trips:

Sally Corporation – Stellar Academy of Engineering, Principles of Engineering students (September)

Sally Corporation – Communications Academy Digital Design (September)

Flagler Legacy Tour – Academy of Hospitality & Tourism

Whetstone's Chocolate Factory – Stellar Academy of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design students (October)

IceMen Hockey Event and Marketing Tour – Communications Academy Sports Media, Communications Academy Digital Design students, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism

Marketing Management students (November)

Academy members will provide more information about field trips, as well as field trip permission forms, two weeks before the scheduled trips.

The Ponte Vedra Recorder is looking for a student journalist to cover Nease sporting events for the newspaper. If you're interested in seeing your work in professional print and building your journalism portfolio, call the Editor of the Ponte Vedra Recorder, Jon Blauvelt, at 904-686-3943.

If you have any questions or concerns about Nease's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, Communications Academy, or the Stellar Academy of Engineering, please contact Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator, at Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Guidance News

There was a mistake in last week's Panther Press regarding Ms. Mayor & Mrs. Harden's alpha distribution. I apologize for the confusion I caused.
Mrs. Kunze

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 Ms. Mayor - Vanessa.Mayor@stjohns.k12.fl.us - **CORRECTED!**
N through Se Mrs. Gledhill - Michel.Gledhill@stjohns.k12.fl.us
Sh through Z Mrs. Harden - Daphne.Harden@stjohns.k12.fl.us - **CORRECTED**

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.

NAVIANCE - OPEN TO ALL NEASE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Website: <http://connection.naviance.com/allennease/>

Purpose: "Naviance is a college and career readiness solution that helps students align their strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, improving student outcomes and connecting learning to life." Students are able to create a personalized plan to assist in making the right decisions throughout their academic journey. At Nease High School, the Naviance system is also used to send electronic transcripts and for signing up for college visits.

Contact: If you need any help or have questions about your Naviance account or you need information on creating your account, please contact our Naviance Coordinator Mrs. Kunkel at Natalie.kunkel@stjohns.k12.fl.us. You can also contact your School Counselor.

Seniors Only

SENIOR DUES

Each senior is charged \$55 in dues to pay for the cost to cover senior activities and graduation. Each high school is responsible for paying the UNF rental fee, security fees, jumbo tron fees, stage decoration fees, printing of programs & tickets, etc.

The \$55 fee can be paid by credit card online on the Senior page of Nease website or by cash or check made payable to Nease High School. Cash & checks need to be delivered to room 234 in Panther Hall before school starting the week of September 11th.

SENIOR PICTURES

All seniors must have their senior picture made for the Yearbook by Cady Studios by **September 15th**. Go to 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

Tuesday, August 29th from 11:40-1:15pm - **DATE CHANGED!**

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

What is happening this week at Nease?

Monday, August 28th

* Excel Time (12:37) - Rotary Presentation in Media Center classroom

* 5:30pm - JV volleyball vs Bolles AT Nease

* 6pm - Girls Lacrosse parent meeting in room 138 in Panther Hall (door is outside in middle building)

Tuesday, August 29th

*Club Fair during EXCEL time in PAC courtyard

Rhodes Josten representatives present for Graduation & Ring Orders (11:40-4pm) - C-pod courtyard

*5pm - Seminar "Applying to FL state university" in auditorium

*6pm - Open House

*8pm - Informational meeting in the Media Center for anyone interested in Y'all Fest

*5:30pm - JV & V volleyball AT Ed White

Wednesday, August 30th

*EXCEL Time - Student Council Meeting in C-pod conference room (O'Connell)

* 4pm - ROCT Scholarship Presentation - ROTC Building

*6pm - SAT prep w/Ingwerson

Thursday, August 31st

*4pm - Boys Golf AT Fleming Island Country Club

*5:30pm - JV & V volleyball vs Englewood at Nease

*6pm - JV football AT Orange Park

Friday, September 1st

*7pm - V football vs Orange Park at Nease

Student Life

Where can you hang out during EXCEL Time?

[CLICK HERE](#) to view a map. The highlighted areas are acceptable courtyards during EXCEL time. Please remember to pick up your trash and to use the time wisely to seek help in advance from teachers.

Gifted Students attend a "meet and greet" with your gifted consultative teacher, Ms. Alvarez, on Thursday, August 31st during EXCEL time in the Media Center production room - 146. We will take a quick survey and talk about your meetings for the year.

Hi-Q is recruiting members for the trivia team. There will be an informational meeting on Monday, August 28 at either 8:45 am or 4:00 (they choose) in room F-102. We are recruiting for both JV and Varsity, all grades can participate. Our competition season starts in October; for the last few years, one or both of our teams has been undefeated and has come home with a regional and district trophy.

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 or 843-309-5769
[Swamp Haven Feel the Love flyer](#)

Media Center

Media Specialist: Carolyn Milian
Media Para: Lorna Patterson

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/>

There will be an **informational meeting** 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.**

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!!

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 Jerimiah 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](#)

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](#)

First Coast Technical College delivers an awesome education at a very affordable cost. Many people can do it debt free!

See a list of our current programs and start dates at www.fctc.edu

With small class sizes and hands on learning, our students can achieve national industry certifications that immediately raise their earning potential where the jobs are. We pride ourselves on the ability to help our students find employment in their field.

Would you like more information? How about coming on a tour so YOU can see what the excitement is all about!

Call 904-547-3354 or email Jennifer Wills at jennifer.wills@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Three Town Hall meetings have been scheduled to discuss potential Attendance Zoning changes for the two new K-8 Schools currently under construction and opening for the 2018-2019 School Year. K-8 School KK is located at 2135 Palm Valley Road, Ponte Vedra, FL, 32081 and is being constructed using monies from the school impact fees, school proportionate share mitigation fees and the half-cent sales tax passed in November 2015. K-8 School LL is located at 1365 Shetland Drive, St. Johns, FL, 32259 and is being constructed using monies from half-cent sales tax. Other possible attendance zone changes relate to Heritage Park located off of Woodlawn Road and the Sawmill Landing development located off of SR 207, both in St. Augustine.

The meetings will take place as follows:

- Tuesday, September 5 at 6 p.m. at Creekside High School, located at 100 Knights Lane, St. Johns, FL 32259
- Thursday, September 7 at 6 p.m. at Valley Ridge Academy, located at 105 Greenleaf Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL 32081
- Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C, located at 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084

The same information will be discussed at all three meetings. School Board members and district staff will be in attendance and there will be opportunities for public comment.

Proposals are currently being developed and could impact attendance zones and students at Cunningham Creek Elementary, Durbin Creek Elementary, Fruit Cove Middle School, Alice B. Landrum Middle School, Otis A. Mason Elementary School, R.J. Murray Middle School, Ocean Palms Elementary, Palencia Elementary School, Pacetti Bay Middle School, Patriot Oaks Academy, Sebastian Middle School, Switzerland Point Middle School and Valley Ridge Academy.

From Pre-College Programs for Florida - sent to us by the District's Guidance Department
With another busy school year almost here, we wanted to make sure you know about two FREE great events we are hosting for students: **PSAT Prep Live** and **ACT Prepathon**.

Our [PSAT Prep Live](#) is the only free, live PSAT prep program available to students online, and features 16 hours of interactive test prep by our Prep Squad. Students can ask questions and learn key strategies that can help improve their scores.

Also, don't let students miss our [ACT Prepathon](#), 6 hours of free, interactive, online test prep for the September ACT.

Feel free to copy and paste this information or share with your families:

PSAT Prep Live: Register today and gain instant access to online resources for the PSAT. Live lessons begin September 23rd. Register at www.kaptest.com/psatprelive

ACT Prep: Sunday, August 27, 12 PM to 6 PM ET

[Taking the September ACT? Join Kaplan's Prep Squad for 6 hours of free online prep.](#)

The St. Johns County School District (SJCS D) will hold its annual College and Career Night Wednesday, September 6 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium at St. Augustine High School located at 3205 Varella Avenue, St. Augustine.

College and Career Night provides an excellent opportunity for St. Johns County high school students from both public and private schools to receive firsthand information on post-secondary educational opportunities. Representatives from over 75 colleges, universities, armed services, career institutes and trade schools will be available from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Families will find an increased presence of representatives with a focus on

meeting their student's diverse needs and expectations.

The latest information on topics such as the college admissions process, college transition, scholarship and financial aid will also be available during information sessions from 5 – 7 p.m.

While this event traditionally focuses on juniors and seniors, underclassmen are also encouraged to attend.

Many colleges have very selective admissions criteria and students should start planning early.

"We are delighted to provide an opportunity for families to meet with post-secondary representatives from across the state and the nation without having to travel outside of our county," said Denise Sumerix, director for Guidance and Programs of Choice. "I love seeing the excitement that this event creates for our students as they explore their many options and renew their focus on goals."

The event is presented by the SJCSD Department of Guidance and Programs of Choice. For more information, please contact your school's guidance department, visit the website at www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gpc/college/ or call Dana Chapman, Dept. of Guidance and Programs of Choice, at (904) 547-7754.

Name | Company | Phone | Fax | Email | Website

STAY CONNECTED

