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Visit our Website

Message from Mrs. Kunze

What a busy week! Rumors are running rampant in regards to our lunch changes. I would like to encourage anyone who has questions to get the facts before believing comments written on social media. We encourage parents/guardians to attend a tour of a lunch period, so you feel more comfortable.

Lunch times:

Mondays & Fridays:

A lunch (11:48 - 12:21) - please check-in in main office by 11:43am

B lunch (12:43 - 1:16) - please check-in in main office by 12:38pm

Wednesdays:

A lunch (11:21 - 11:54) - please check-in in main office by 11:16am

B lunch (12:10 - 12:43) - please check-in in main office by 12:05pm

If you can't make a tour and have questions, please call or email myself or an Assistant Principal.

The decision to change lunches was with input from the leadership team and faculty. The mandatory study hall for 9/10th graders that we started the year with was not working, so the teachers asked us to revisit the lunch schedule. We had 9/10th grade teachers trying to work with students who needed extra help and manage their study hall. We had also created an inequity among the teachers because the 9/10th grade teachers had to manage a 26min study hall that 11/12th grade teachers did not have. No one wanted to eliminate EXCEL time as we all value the opportunities it provides students, but no one wanted to return to EXCEL time 5-days a week like last year, since there were many issues with students having that much free time.

We decided to go with the blended schedule with 2 days of EXCEL and 3 days of 2-lunches. Students have EXCEL Time on Tuesdays and Thursdays with 60mins to eat lunch, receive help from a teacher, complete make-up work, work in the media center, or attend a club meeting.

On Mon/Wed/Fridays when students are in 2 lunches, there are designated areas where they can be, so we are not disrupting instructional time for students in class. The designated areas are the cafeteria, the M-pod courtyard which has picnic tables, the amphitheater, and the courtyard behind C-pod where restrooms are located. There are doors in the breezeways that we are closing, so students remain in these areas. We used one scissor gate Monday and Wednesday in a breezeway without a door, but we will no longer use it and placed a person in the breezeway on Friday. Every door that we are closing is available for egress. We are not locking or fencing students into any area. The Fire Marshall has inspected and stated that we meet all requirements for Florida Building Code and Life Safety Code.

[Bell Schedules - Hybrid 2 lunches & EXCEL Time](#)

The Nease administration has been made aware that students are using nicotine dispensing devices (vaping). We want to make sure that parents and students are aware of the harmful effects of vaping, since these are being sold with fruit flavors and advertised as only using water vapor. Parents and students also need to understand the school and St Johns County Sheriff's Office consequences. If a child is caught in possession of a vape pen and/or oil or caught using the device on school property, he/she will receive ISS or OSS. From the SJCSO, students will receive a county citation, a fine, and will be required to attend an 8-hour tobacco-related class.

The more researchers look into the physical effects of nicotine and other e-liquid chemicals, the more troubling the whole vaping scenario becomes. Whether through smoking tobacco or sucking on an e-cigarette, nicotine affects the brain's 'reward' system by increasing dopamine concentrations. It also mimics the body's acetylcholine neurotransmitters, causing the body to release noradrenaline (norepinephrine). Both dopamine and noradrenaline are what give the user that euphoric 'comfort feeling' that is so addictive. In addition, the **data suggests that nicotine can affect associative learning and alter memory processes**, both of which can increase its addictive qualities. Nicotine addiction happens because users are quickly conditioned to depend on nicotine to positively enhance their mood and to avoid unpleasant withdrawal symptoms, including irritability, anxiety and stress. The US Surgeon General has stated that exposure to nicotine can harm a developing foetus by adversely affecting the development of the brain and lungs in newborns. Nicotine absorption by the mother can also result in low birth weight, premature delivery and even stillbirth. Nicotine has even been found to be a potential contributor to sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

What's more, **nicotine has also proved to be a potential 'gateway' drug for other addictive substances**. An experiment with mice showed that nicotine has what's known as a "priming" effect in the brain for cocaine, making the latter drug more powerful and addictive in nicotine-exposed mice. This finding correlates with data showing that the majority of people who start using cocaine do so while smoking cigarettes.

Tests of glycerine and propylene glycol, the main agents in e-cigarette liquids, show that, at vaping temperatures, both break down into various carbonyl compounds, including formaldehyde and acetaldehyde—both of which are known carcinogens. Propylene glycol generates more carbonyls than glycerine, and the higher the vaping voltage, the higher the formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and acetone levels. In many of the e-cigarettes tested, more than 2 per cent of the total solvent molecules from propylene glycol were converted into formaldehyde-releasing agents at higher concentrations than nicotine itself. **One study has suggested that long-term inhalation of gaseous formaldehyde through vaping may present five to 15 times the cancer risk as smoking ordinary cigarettes.**

Flavouring chemicals in e-liquids such as diacetyl (DA) and acetyl propionyl (AP) have been found in nearly three out of four e-liquids tested. While certified as safe for food consumption, both DA and AP can cause respiratory disease if inhaled. In addition, many flavouring agents are aldehydes, a class considered to be 'primary irritants' in the lungs.

Click below if you would like to read the entire article.

<https://www.wddty.com/magazine/2017/february/the-new-dangers-of-vaping.html>

Don't forget to **pre-order a Yearbook!** They are now \$85. Order now at www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter order # 15476.

We had to move picture retakes that were scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 25th, since we have not received pictures yet from Cady Studios. Pictures should be returned sometime next week to students. If they do not like their picture or do not receive a picture, then they need to have their photo taken on Tuesday, November 7th. There was a technology glitch with over 300 picture cards, so even though these students had their picture taken on the original day, they will not receive a picture this week and will need to retake their photo on the 7th. Cady Studios has apologized for this inconvenience.

The boys basketball team is having a fundraiser at Dicks Wings in Nocatee on Saturday, November 4th noon until close. Dicks will donate 20% of the sales back to the boys basketball team when the customer turns in the [Nease flyer](#). Thank you in advance for supporting Boys Basketball!

On **Nov. 7th**, National Honor Society will begin selling poinsettias as one of their fundraisers for this year. Sooooo....**BEFORE** you all start shopping for your holiday plants, **PLEASE** keep in mind that our NHS students are going to be selling them. Delivery of plants will be Saturday, December 4th.

Toys for Tots Fundraiser

Nease will participate in a county-wide competition against the other high schools in a collection for Toys for Tots. The competition starts November 1st and ends December 3rd. The school with the most toys collected will have bragging rights for an entire year and a 5ft trophy to proudly display. Let's go Nease!!!

Policy Reminder:

Students are not checked out after 3:20pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays or Fridays OR after 2:20pm on Wednesdays. If you need to check-out your child early, PLEASE submit the [Early Dismissal Form](#) and your child will be waiting for you upon arrival.

If your child will be missing school for any planned reason and you would like to see if the days could be excused, you must submit a [Pre-Excused Absence Request Form](#).

Good News!!



Senior, Jonathan Valyou, was recognized by Commissioner Stewart at the State Board Meeting held at the FSCJ Downtown Campus on Wednesday, October 18th. The Commissioner recognized 2 students from each local county who have overcome obstacles to achieve academic success. Jonathan, is currently a senior in IB who is 5th in his class with a 4.7 weighted gpa.

Girl's Gdf

We are the Champions!!!

The day started when Our Captain calling us to the huddle. She said This is it. This is what we've been waiting for. You all can do this. Focus on your own game and not on Ponte Vedras. If you have a bad hole, let it go, forget about it. Then Katherine ended it with, "You guys are the greatest. I love you all, let's go do this". **And they did!!!** We beat PVHS by 7 shots. Katherine and Sophie tied for first place individuals. Play off at hole #1. Green shirts next to Katherine side by side making the long walk to #1 a Par 5. Good tee shots. Sophie over the green in 2. Katherine on the right side of the green about 25 feet in 2. Sophie pitches up about 28 feet. Sophie putts pass the hole 4 feet. Katherine putts and hits the center of the hole and spins out 2 feet away! Sophie misses her putt and Katherine sinks her putt for birdie and the Win!!!

Katherine Jakeway individual "Champion of Regionals"!!!!

I followed these girls today and they played their hearts out. Grinding out plenty of pars and birdies. It was a thrill to watch them. Here are their scores:

Nease		Ponte Vedra	
Katherine Jakeway	71	Sophie Membrino	71
Marissa Cardenas	77	Reni Jancsik	81
Cassie Lustig	79	Megan Burke	85
Isabel Matos	79	Kaleigh Baker	76
Laura Burton	87	Ashley Burke	98
Total	306	Total	313

Congratulations!!!

Cassie and Isabel!!! They shot their all time career low rounds. They both shot 79's.

Girls Volleyball beat Ocala Forest last Wednesday in a Regional Quarterfinal game. They will play Vanguard this Wednesday at home. Please come out and support them!

Coaches or Team Moms of sports/clubs can email Mrs. Kunze at Lisa.Kunze@stjohns.k12.fl.us by 4pm on Thursdays with any good news for their sport/club. Please use Arial font size 12. Thank you!

Mark your calendar - Important Dates

Report cards issued - Tuesday, October 24th **DATE CHANGED BY DISTRICT TO OCTOBER 31st.**

November 10th - Veteran's Day is now a regular school day due to Hurricane Irma.

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

SAC News

SAC Chair - Christina Talbot

School Advisory Council dates for 17-18.
As always, this is a public meeting, and all are welcome to attend.

NEW MEETING DATES & TIME
Meetings will be from 8-9am on the following dates.
November 9th
December 14th
February 8th
March 8th
April 12th
May 10th

PTSO News

PTSO Meeting Dates
Meetings start at 2:30pm in Panther Hall

November 14th
December 12th
January 9th
February 13th

Interested in writing a birthday or congratulation message to your child on the marquee? Complete the form and submit to main office for PTSO ONE week PRIOR to the message appearing on the marquee.

[Announcement Form for Marquee](#)

Testing

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

NHS ASVAB Test 2017

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) will be administered on Thursday, November 9th in the PAC at 9:15 AM. There is no charge to take this test.

You must register to take the ASVAB Test through SignUpGenius, as there will be no other area to sign-up. **Deadline to register for the test is Thursday, November 2nd.**

To learn more about the ASVAB Test, go to <http://www.asvabprogram.com>

ASVAB Signup Page:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0F4EA5AB2BA3FF2-nhsasvab2

Winter administration dates for State EOC's.

Tuesday, Nov. 28th & Wednesday, Nov. 29th: Alg.1 & Geometry EOCs (Computer Based)

Thursday, Nov. 30th: Biology & US History EOCs (Computer Based)

Friday, Dec. 1st & Monday, Dec. 4th: Makeup EOC Days (Computer Based)

Friday, Dec. 8th: District Created Alg. 2 EOC (Computer Based)

Monday, Dec. 11th: Makeup - District Created Alg. 2 EOC (Paper Based)

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](#)

College Visits

Monday, October 30th

- None

Tuesday, October 31st

- None

Wednesday, November 1st

- None

Thursday, November 2nd

- Marymount University, 11:15-11:45, Media Center Classroom
- SCAD, 12:00-12:30, Media Center Classroom

Friday, November 3rd

- None

Juniors and seniors, sign up using Naviance for college visits. 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 [October Calendar](#)

IB News

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

- Juniors & Seniors! Please sign up in Naviance for college visits. Print out the confirmation page to use as your pass. You must get permission from your teacher to be out of class BEFORE you go to the visit. See the [November calendar](#) to view participating schools. Limit of 5 on-site visits per year.
- Please make sure community service hours are being turned in to Mrs. Kennedy, so that it can be updated in eSchool.
- **Parents! If you would like more information to join or have questions about IB Booster meetings, please contact our co-presidents, Lyn Wolfe & Amrita Bhargava at neaseib@gmail.com. The next IB Booster meeting is scheduled for November 15th at 9:30 in the Media Center Classroom.**

Seniors

- Make sure you are exploring each college/universities admissions page as to their due dates for forms and recommendations. Allow 2 weeks (10 working days) for teachers and Mrs. Kennedy. This includes school reports and transcripts. Turning your gold envelope to Mrs. Kennedy is what triggers her to completing forms in Naviance. If you have questions, please stop by to ask.
- Please use this [IB Assessment Timeline](#). This will help with planning ahead and seeing what "big ticket" items are on the horizon as you move forward in earning the IB Diploma. My suggestion would be to add the dates that apply to you (the classes that you take) to your planner, phone calendar with an alert, etc. These dates are firm dates and will not be adjusted unless unforeseen events occur, such as a weather event. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Kennedy.
- Last payment (250\$) is due on November 16th. Please turn in to [Mrs. Kennedy](#).
- Senior Class Service Project: Habitat for Humanity Build Dates are scheduled for November 18th, December 2nd, and December 9th.
- Upcoming [Scholarship](#) Deadlines:
 - See link above with directions as to how to submit your *request for nomination*.
 - Villanova- [Presidential Scholars](#) (November 1st)
 - University of Miami- [Academic Scholarships](#) (November 1st)
 - [Jacksonville Scholarship Council](#) (no nomination needed)- Due Nov. 13th
 - [Robertson Scholars Leadership Program](#) (no nomination needed)-Due Nov. 15th

Juniors

- Please use this [IB Assessment Timeline](#). This will help with planning ahead and seeing what "big ticket" items are on the horizon as you move forward in earning the IB Diploma. My suggestion would be to add the dates that apply to you (the classes that you take) to your planner, phone calendar with an alert, etc. These dates are firm dates and will not be adjusted unless unforeseen events occur, such as a weather event. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Kennedy.

- Informational Meeting for SOUPer Bowl will be on ****October 31st** (change in date)** in the PAC during EXCEL time. Mark your calendars for our Junior Year Service Project.

Sophomores & Freshman

- Nominations for the [Youth Leadership Jacksonville Program](#) will be soon. Information packets will be available to interested Sophomores and Freshman in Mrs. Kennedy's office. Still waiting on these packets from the organization. A date will be given as to when the packets may be picked up by the students.

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

Academy News

For the latest Academy news, read the October edition of the Nease Academy Newsletter:

[October Academy Newsletter](#)

Upcoming Academy Field Trips:

- Ripley's Believe It or Not – Digital Information Technology students in Hospitality and Digital Design (November 2nd)
- St. Augustine Civil Engineering Tour – Stellar Academy of Engineering CEA students (November 7th)
- IceMen Hockey Event and Marketing Tour – Communications Academy Sports Media, Communications Academy Digital Design students, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Marketing Management students (Field trip forms out now)
- Leonard's Studio – Communications Academy Digital Design students (November 20th)
- Universal Studios – Academy students with submitted field trip forms (November 30th)

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

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

Guidance Distribution:

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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.

Schedule Changes – Virtual or Traditional School Campus

Schedule changes at the beginning of the year are governed by each school's drop/add policy. After 21 days, students who change their schedule will receive the Withdrew Passing (WP) or Withdrew Failing (WF) determined by their average in the course to that point. An example: A student with a 54% at the time of withdrawal, would receive a WF while a student with an 84% at the time of withdrawal would receive a WP. Withdrawing from an honors or AP course is also denoted with the WP or WF designation, but cannot be done until after the midpoint of the course.

Completion of Virtual School Courses for Semester 1:

All virtual school courses must be completed by December 21, 2017 in order for the grades to be reflected on the first semester transcript. All virtual school courses completed after this date will not be reflected with the first semester grades.

CTC Third Annual High School Showcase

All interested Nease students are invited to the Third Annual High School Showcase held at FCTC St. Augustine campus on Thursday, November 16th. Students are invited to visit two career and technical education programs of their choice to interact with current students and program instructors. Additionally, each program is set up with stations and activities for the visitors to experience what it is like to be a student in the program.

The annual showcase is designed to give prospective students a tour of the campus and programs, as well as

for current students to share their experiences with visitors. If you are interested in joining us, please see Mrs. Gledhill in the Guidance Office before Monday, October 30, 2017.

Sign up now to be a mentor or mentee during this year's Generation WOW to be held on November 1, 2017, at the University of North Florida. Generation WOW connects the leaders of today with the leaders of tomorrow, giving young girls the opportunity to understand the value of mentorship, leadership, self-esteem, and the building of a personal network. "Helping girls realize their potential and their power and place in this world allows them to create change—not only now, but in the future," says Generation W and Generation WOW founder Donna Orender.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/generation-wow-2017-jacksonville-registration-32513038373?aff=erelexpmt>

Could your child benefit from ACT or SAT Prep?

[ACT & SAT Prep - Flyer](#)

Do you need help in your courses? Are you tired of the overpriced private tutors that charge \$50 an hour? Not only that, but they also probably haven't seen a high school curriculum in years. At Top Tier Learning we have a qualified team of students, including 2 National Merit Semifinalists. We are 100% student run and tutors have excelled in the classes they teach. If you don't want to dive headfirst into a lesson package, no worries! We also offer \$10 trial lessons. You decide where you meet and how often you want tutoring. If you have any questions feel free to email us at:

pontevedrabeach@toptierlearning.com

For more information on our branch managers and tutors, you can visit our branch website at:

<http://toptierlearning.com/collections/ponte-vedra-beach-fl>

Scholarships Available - please click on the link below. When viewing the list, click on the logo to read information for each scholarship.

[List of Available Scholarships](#)

Upcoming [Scholarship](#) Deadlines:

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Media Center

Media Specialist: Carolyn Milian

Media Para: Lorna Patterson

The "Florida Teen Reads" for this school year are all in and ready to be checked out! Please check the media webpage for updated information on prizes and rewards you can earn this year!

All students should have all their textbooks by now (except for one math class). I will be sending out an email later this week to all students indicating all the textbooks and their barcode numbers that have been assigned to them for this school year. Please confirm that you have these books and remember that students are responsible for their care and return at the end of the school year. If there are any discrepancies or concerns, please contact Mrs. Milian in the media center as soon as possible.

After school tutoring has begun in the media center on Mondays, Wednesdays and **NOW THURSDAYS**. Any student who needs help with subject areas or homework help can show up for extra help from our National Honor Society members. This is a **FREE** service and a great resource for all our students. If a student is in need of tutoring services but cannot make our times, please contact Mrs. Milian to inquire about other days and times that might be more convenient.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us or call 547-8367. Have a great weekend and don't forget to READ-READ-READ!!

Seniors Only

Thank you Seniors for showing up during EXCEL B last week for the senior panoramic. Cady Studios will send information out mid-March to order the panoramic for a cost around \$25.

Don't forget to pre-order a Yearbook! They are now \$85. Order now at www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter order # 15476.

ATTENTION SENIORS! Yearbook Needs Your Senior Quote!

Paste: <http://bit.ly/panthersquote2018> into Your URL, fill out the Google Form and Submit!

It's super easy! You just have to think up a stellar quote!!

Quotes must be appropriate—no acronyms or inappropriate references allowed!

DUE FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th!

ATTENTION SENIORS!!!!!!!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 725,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. The application process opens on October 1, 2017.

Step 1 : Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org/SSFAD/bf to find out how to qualify for Bright Futures.

Step 2: Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org and submit a completed error free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) during your last year of high school.

The 2017-2018 Bright Futures Student Handbook: Initial Eligibility Requirements can be found at the following link:

<http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/PDF/BFHandbookChapter1.pdf>

There is a community service requirement for the Bright Futures Scholarship Program awards. If you have community service hours that you have not turn in to your School Counselor, please turn them in so they can be entered into the system. There is a community service form available on the Nease website under the Guidance department link.

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. **The link to pay dues online is now working on the senior page of the Nease website.**

CAP and GOWN

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

Happenings at Nease this week

Monday, October 30th

- 6:30pm: YMCA Youth in Government
- AWAY: Swimming Regionals
- AWAY: Girls Golf - State Championship

Tuesday, October 31st

- Report Cards available in HAC
- Marine Science FT to Guana (Lasko)
- EXCEL Time A & B: GSA Meeting in Panther Hall courtyard
- EXCEL Time A: SOUPer Bowl meeting
- EXCEL Time A: Engineering Guest Speaker in Hunter's room
- 4pm - Hi-Q meet in Media Center
- AWAY: Boys Golf - State Championship
- AWAY: Girls Golf - State Championship

Wednesday, November 1st

- AWAY: Girls & Boys Golf - State Championship

- HOME: 7pm - Volleyball vs Vanguard

Thursday, November 2nd

- ASL Guest speaker in PAC all day (Mayer)
- Communications Academy FT to Ripley's
- Marine Science FT to Guana (Fagan)
- EXCEL A: Freshman Pizza Social in gym sponsored by LInk Crew
- 6pm - SAT Prep

Friday, November 3rd

- Marine Science FT to Guana (Fagan)
- 8am - Driver's Ed
- AWAY: 7pm - Football at Bartram Trail HS

Saturday, November 4th

- Boys & Girls Varsity C/C Regional Meet at Alligator Lake
- Band Competition at Oviedo HS
- NJROTC Orienterring Meet at Blythe Island State Park in Brunswick, GA

Student Life

Students ARE allowed to wear Halloween costumes on Tuesday as long as they are within the dress code, there are no masks, or play weapons.

Toys for Tots Fundraiser

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Disney Dreamers Academy is a 4-day, power-packed event in which 100 select high school students, ages 13 to 19, are inspired, motivated and prepared to dream big.

Disney Dreamers experience:

- Inspirational guest speakers with immersive presentations
- Career activities ranging from animation, journalism and entrepreneurship to culinary arts and zoology
- Networking and interviewing opportunities

Disney is currently seeking students with a winning combination of attributes. We're looking for potential Dreamers who reflect strong character, positive attitude and persistence to take advantage of opportunities.

<https://www.disneydreamersacademy.com/be-a-dreamer/apply/>

Brain Tumor Walk

Volunteers are needed for a Brain Cancer Awareness 5k that is being held at the World Golf Village on November 11, 2017. Below is the information that has been provided to by the National Brain Tumor Society. They are the ones hosting the event.

Date: November 11, 2017

Location:

World Golf Village

[500 S Legacy Trail, St. Augustine, FL 32092](#)

Event Day Program

8:00 AM: Registration Opens

9:00 AM: Survivor Walk

9:15 AM: 5K Race/Walk Start

10:30 AM: Awards Ceremony

11:30 AM: Event Ends

Rain or shine, the event will go on!

Volunteers are essential to the Brain Tumor Walk! Thank you for your dedication to the brain tumor cause. Training is provided when you arrive.

We will do our best to match you with your preferred volunteer role; however, due to demand this is not always possible. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at volunteer@braintumor.org

Set-Up Crew (Day Before Event) 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Help with unloading and placing boxes and supplies in the tents in preparation for event. Organize tables in their tents and place tablecloths on the tables. Must be able to lift up to 20 lbs.

Registration and Check-In 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Set up the Registration and Check-In tent. Check-in pre-registered participants and register new Walk-ups. You

may also be responsible for collecting donations. A mandatory registration training will take place in the morning before registration begins.

Line Monitors 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Assist and support registration tent with crowd direction and control in the lines. A mandatory registration training will take place when you arrive. At the end of the event, you will organize and pack supplies in the tent and assist with clean up.

Greeters/Parking 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Welcome attendees, answer questions, and direct people to the Registration tent. Direct all vehicles to the drop-off area in order to unload passengers. A briefing about parking options and shuttle stop information will take place as applicable. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time.

Honor and Celebrate Tent 7:00 AM – 11:00AM

Assist participants in writing messages and hanging photos of loved ones on the Hope and Memory banners.

Route Marshals 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Direct walk participants from the start/finish line safely around the course and back. Volunteers will assist with road crossings, directions, crowd control and information.

Volunteer Check-in 6:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Assist the volunteer committee member with checking in all volunteers for the event. Provide site maps, directions and other key items for the volunteers. Organize and pack remaining supplies after the event.

Survivor T-shirt Tent 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Assist in the set up of the Survivor T-shirt tent and distribute special event Survivor T-shirts to participants. At the end of the event, you will take inventory on sheet provided, pack supplies and assist with clean up.

Water Stop #1 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Set-up and breakdown water stop for event day. Distribute water to participants

Water Stop #2 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Set-up and breakdown water stop for event day. Distribute water to participants.

Set-Up Crew (Day of Event) 6:30 AM – 8:00 AM

Help with unloading and placing boxes and supplies in the tents in preparation for event. Organize tables and hang signage. Must be able to lift up to 20 lbs.

Food Area 7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Assist in setting up the food area on-site. Monitor and help distribute food to participants. Organize and pack remaining supplies after the event. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time.

Breakdown/Clean-up 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Organize and pack supplies and assist with clean up. Must be able to lift up to 20 lbs.

Donation Volunteers 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Take general event donations in the form of credit, cash and check at the Registration/check-in Tent.

For full event details, you can visit the website at: <http://events.brainumor.org/florida-brain-tumor-walk/>

Any interested students can contact Dianne Fenton directly via email at: fentondm@gmail.com

Great Decisions, brought to us by World Affairs Council Jacksonville <http://www.worldaffairscounciljax.org>, is a non-partisan high school enrichment program on foreign affairs that fosters critical-thinking, conversation and decision-making skills. College professors and high school teachers co-facilitate the monthly sessions at school, and encourage students to drive the conversation, ask questions and share opinions. Additionally, interactive program components off campus provide students the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge in peer discussions. For content information see http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions

If interested, please join the Schoology group, "Great Decisions Nease" access code 5VTWW-9SNBQ. All events and opportunities will be announced through that Schoology group.

Please note that Great Decisions, The World Affairs Council of Jacksonville, and the Foreign Policy Association are not officially affiliated with Nease High School nor with the Saint Johns County School District. They offer these timely and relevant events to the community free of charge, and I believe they are valuable because they bear on the material taught in many of the courses here at Nease.

Contact me (Mr. Smith) at Nease for more information H.A.SMITH@STJOHNS.K12.FL.US

Nease Clubs

Attached is a list of clubs at Nease High School with Sponsor's name, meeting location, and meeting date/time. If you have any questions, please contact the Club Sponsor.

[List of Clubs for 17-18](#)

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 Tara Cushman - 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

2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption- Science

The St. Johns County School District curriculum department representatives and adoption committee members are currently conducting the review process for the 2017-2018 Instructional Materials Adoption for Science. The materials listed in the chart below are available for review by our teachers and the public. The core resources that have been submitted for evaluation have come from the state adoption consideration lists. AP materials that will be reviewed are from College Board recommended materials.

Some print materials may be available for review. If you would like access to the available printed materials or require assistance reviewing the online resources, please call the Instructional Resources and Media Services office at 904.547.3947. Materials are available for review from 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM when district offices are open.

[SJCS Science Instructional Materials – posted 10/19/17](#)

(Click above to follow a link to access the resources or go to:

<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/media/textbooks/adoption/>) This document may be revised throughout the review process. Please check back for updates.

Please note the following Florida statute regarding instructional materials that pertains to parent input regarding adopted materials:

F.S. 1006.28 (1)(a)(3) Each district school board must establish a process by which the parent of a public school student may contest the district school board's adoption of a specific instructional material. The parent must file a petition, on a form provided by the school board, within 30 calendar days after the adoption of the material by the school board. The school board must make the form available to the public and publish the form on the school district's website. The form must be signed by the parent, include the required contact information, and state the objection to the instructional material. Within 30 days after the 30-day period has expired, the school board must conduct at least one open public hearing on all petitions timely received and provide the petitioner written notification of the date and time of the hearing at least 7 days before the hearing. All instructional materials contested must be made accessible online to the public at least 7 days before a public hearing. The school board's decision after convening a hearing is final and not subject to further petition or review.

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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