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Office Hours: 8:30a.m. to 4:45p.m.

Teacher Work Hours: 8:30a.m. to 4p.m.

Visit our Website

Message from Mrs. Kunze

School will be closed Monday, September 11th due to Hurricane Irma. We hope that everyone remains safe throughout the storm.

The district has turned off HAC and all school websites until schools resume.

A very good website to keep you updated on Hurricane Irma and what is happening in St. Johns County is the St Johns County Emergency Management website.

<http://www.sjcemergencymanagement.com/>

The school district is going through accreditation this year, so each school is required to survey their parents. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey for us. Thank you in advance for your time and feedback!

<http://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/28705/19972>

We will not be posting interim grades this year, since parents and students can view grades through Home Access Center (HAC) 24/7. Giving interim grades was very valuable before HAC existed, but now grades should be continuously monitored throughout each quarter. Remember that grades should be updated weekly by each teacher. If you have questions or concerns about a grade or assignment, please contact the teacher first.

Applications for National Honor Society have been extended to Friday, September 15th. Please ensure all applications are given to Mrs. Milian in the Media Center by the 15th. No late applications will be accepted.

Students interested in attending Y'all Feast in November with Mrs. Milian have until Wednesday, September 13th to turn in the student info form and deposit.

National Honor Society tutoring starts on Monday, Sept. 18th after school.

Tutoring is on Mondays from 4-5 p.m. and Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. in the media center.

Tutoring is absolutely FREE for Nease students. Students do not need to make an appt. or reservation.

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

[CLICK HERE to order your mulch](#) or see a band student.

YEARBOOKS for 17-18 can be ordered now!

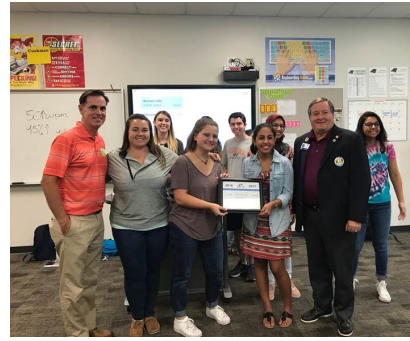
Pre-order the 2018 Yearbook for \$75 online at www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter school code 15476. Yearbooks are only \$75 if ordered BEFORE September 15, 2017. The price will increase after the 15th.

Good News!!

Click below to read the article on Senior, Katherine Carlo, who was 1 of only 225 high school students across the United States to be chosen as Bank of America's Student Leaders. Way to go Katherine!
<http://staugustine.com/living/community/2017-08-30/nease-senior-completes-exclusive-national-leadership-program>

Nease Panthers demonstrated grit last night against Bishop Kenny. Even though we lost, they had an incredible comeback to end the game 21-20. Way to play hard Panthers!!

The Nease Interact Club was awarded the Zone 34 Interact Award at the Rotary International Convention for their service projects during the 2016-2017 school year. They were one of only six schools recognized for Zone 34, which covers all of Florida and Georgia. Congratulations to Nease Interact!!!



Mark your calendar - Important Dates

District Interim Date - Tuesday, September 12th - PLEASE check grades in HAC, if you don't regularly do so.
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

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.

SEPTEMBER 7th 2017 - **CANCELLED AND MOVED TO 9/14 at 8am**

OCTOBER 5th 2017

NOVEMBER 2nd 2017

DECEMBER 7th 2017

NO MEETING IN JANUARY

FEBRUARY 1st 2018

MARCH 1st 2018

APRIL 5th 2018

MAY 3rd 2018

Proposed September Agenda

- Welcome: Call to Order: 8am
- Member/Potential Member Introductions:
 - If teachers did vote in favor of adding Juanita Farmer as co-chair, then we need to nominate and accept.
 - If Nease community voted to add Chris MacEwan and Elizabeth Teelon as members, then we need to nominate and accept.
 - Paperwork-SAC composition forms: *Due to district 10/28*
- SAC Training Powerpoint
- Finance Report: Juanita Farmer
- Preview and Vote: Request for funds Megan Welch

- Preview: 2017-2018 School Improvement Plan: *Due to district 9/16*
- Preview and Vote: Future Meeting Dates and Times: *Due to district 10/28*
- Review SAC By-Laws-on our SAC page to discuss next meeting
- Principal Update: Ms. Kunze
- New Business/Questions and Answers
- Adjourn

Proposed items for next meeting October 5th will be

Vote: NHS SAC by-laws

Begin Needs Assessment Review

PTSO News

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

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

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

[Announcement Form for Marquee](#)

Testing

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

Upcoming Testing Dates:

Dates below are NEW. All dates were pushed back due to Hurricane Irma.

September 21st & 22nd – Alg. 1 and Geometry EOC

September 26th – Biology and US History EOC

September 28th – FSA Writing Retakes

October 2nd & 3rd – Reading Retakes

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, as 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

This week, many students were tardy to class without their ID. Students need to have their ID on them every day. If they need it and don't have it, we are printing a new one for \$5 or placing them on the debt list for \$5. Please help them remember.

We have had too many dress code violations this week. Our dress code is very reasonable and easy to follow. The issues are jeans with holes that are 4" above the knee and shirts that expose the stomach. After a warning, dress code violations are considered defiance.

2nd offense - 1 lunch detention

3rd offense - 3 lunch detentions

4th offense - 1 day of ISS

5th offense - 2 days of ISS or Saturday School

6th offense - 1 day of OSS

Dress code violations will restart 2nd semester.

College Visits

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 [September Calendar](#) and [October Calendar](#)

Thursday, September 14th:

- University of North Florida- Nursing Program, 11:00-11:30, Media Center
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IB News

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

Upcoming Dates for all IB Students:

· 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.

· 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 [September Calendar](#) and [October Calendar](#) to view participating schools. Limit of 5 on-site visits per year.

· Please make sure you are turning in your community service hour documentation to Mrs. Kennedy, so that it can be updated in eSchool.

· IB Booster Meeting for Parents: 9:30 a.m., September 20th, Media Center Production Room.

Juniors

· IB Pinning Ceremony- October 24th at 6:30 in the PAC.

· [Junior Class](#) service project will be the Third Annual SOUPer Bowl held February 1, 2018. Details about volunteer opportunities will be coming later this fall, there will be many ways to get involved both prior to the event as well as the day of. An immediate need and we are looking for help starting now!!!

*Are you a savvy user and designer of Word Press Websites?

*Are you available to meet 1-2 times per week, either before school or during EXCEL Time?

Please email Mrs. Dykstra, abdykstra@sbcglobal.net, if you are experienced with Word Press and would like to help out the SOUPer Bowl team!

Seniors

· IB Pinning Ceremony- October 24th at 6:30 in the PAC. Sign-ups to select Juniors will be placed in Ms. Williams' room next week.

· Please block off your preferred date for our service project with Habitat For Humanity. We will build on November 18, December 2 and December 9. Sign-ups will be circulated closer to the Build Days, so stay tuned!!

· CAS 2nd [Interviews](#) began on September 7th with Mrs. Kunkel. Please make sure you are prepared for your meeting.

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

[Scholarship Information](#) - *If you are interested in any of the scholarships on link AND it requires a nomination from our school, please click on its icon link to view the criteria and eligibility requirements, then submit a one page essay to your guidance counselor on HOW you meet the criteria and WHY you should be nominated. Apply early!*

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

Academy News

For the latest Nease Academy News, check out the latest edition of the monthly Career Academy Newsletter at neaseacademies.com

Upcoming Academy Field Trips:

Flagler Legacy Tour – Academy of Hospitality & Tourism (Field trip forms for Introduction to Hospitality students available now)

Sally Corporation – Stellar Academy of Engineering, Principles of Engineering students (September 26th)

Sally Corporation – Communications Academy Digital Design (September 28th)

Whetstone's Chocolate Factory – Stellar Academy of Engineering, Introduction to Engineering Design students (October 10th and 12th)

Leonard's Studio Tour – Communications Academy Digital Design (October 19th)

Castillo de San Marcos – Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Intro to Hospitality and Marketing Management students (October 19th)

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

Hospitality & Tourism Marketing Management students (November 14th)

Academy teachers will provide more information about field trips, as well as field trip permission forms, at least 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

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.

Did you miss the presentation on How to Apply for a State University in Florida on the night of Open House? If so, below is the PowerPoint from the presentation.

[PowerPoint: Applying for a State University in Florida](#)

The next presentation from Mrs. Rayback and Mrs. Neal is on Conquering the Coalition Application & the SSAR. Please join them in the PAC from 6:30-7:30pm on Thursday, September 21st.

Is your child currently taking Dual Enrollment courses this semester? If so, he/she MUST attend one of the meetings listed below on Thursday, September 14th. The 2nd semester dual enrollment courses will be available on the 17th.

* EXCEL Time A in auditorium

* EXCEL Time B in auditorium

* 5:30pm in Media Center classroom

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 5:30pm for anyone interested in learning more about Dual Enrollment. The meeting is specific to Spring 2018 Registration, but will provide an overview of the Dual Enrollment Program. A representative from St. Johns River State College will be present to answer questions! Students must have at least a 3.0 unweighted GPA and qualifying test scores in order to apply for the program.

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Tutoring is absolutely FREE for Nease students. Students do not need to make an appt. or reservation.

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

[Available list of Scholarships](#)

AES Scholarship Deadline Is Approaching

The deadline for the 12th annual AES Scholarship is October 6, 2017.

Visit our website at <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>

The winner(s) will be announced within 2 weeks of the deadline.

Each winner will be personally notified by email.

Applying to College

How do I begin?

Find out what goes into an application and begin collecting the materials needed. It is recommended that you create a folder for each college you are applying to. At the front of each folder, put a checklist of what you will need for the application.

How many colleges should I apply to?

Five to eight colleges is the recommended number. The colleges you apply to should be ones that you will be happy to attend.

Should I apply early?

It depends. If you are sure about what college you want to attend, early action or early decision may be a good choice. If you are not sure, you may want to keep your options open because some early application plans require you to commit early.

Should I use an online or paper application?

You will need to check with the college admissions office to see which is preferred. Most colleges prefer online applications.

Should I send additional material?

It is best that you only send what is requested of each college. Colleges spend a great deal of time creating their applications to make sure they get all the information they need for each applicant.

Media Center

Media Specialist: Carolyn Milian

Media Para: Lorna Patterson

The café area is still closed, but students can check out books and use the computers for research, homework, and printing. Remember printing is .10 per page for black and white copies and .25 per page for color copies. Students may check-out up to 5 books and keep them for 2 weeks.

There is absolutely NO food or drinks allowed in our brand, new media center.

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

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.](#)

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.

[Due to Hurricane Irma, we will work with Cady Studios to ensure everyone who had to be rescheduled is included in the yearbook.](#)

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.

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, September 11th

*No School due to Hurricane Irma

Tuesday, September 12th

*8am - Driver's Ed class

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in C-pod courtyard for \$15.

*EXCEL Time - Pull-up Competition in Panther Hall courtyard (Sgt Kam)

*EXCEL Time - YMCA Youth in Government mtg in Media Center classroom (146)

*AWAY: JV & V Volleyball at St Augustine - 5:30pm

*Boys Golf - St Johns River Conference Championship at 8am

*Wrestling Information session and Registration at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria - [This meeting will be rescheduled if school has not resumed.](#)

Wednesday, September 13th

*8am - Driver's Ed class

EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in C-pod courtyard

Thursday, September 14th

*8am - SAC meeting

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in C-pod courtyard

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming voting ran by Student Council

*College Visits: 11am - UNF Nursing in Media Center classroom

*HOME: Boys Golf vs Bolles at 4pm - Palencia CC

*HOME: Boys & Girls Swimming vs St Augustine at 4:30/5:15pm at Palencia Pool

*HOME: JV Football vs Bolles at 6pm

Friday, September 15th

*NJRTOC Field trip - JAX Airport

*8am - Driver's Ed
*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in C-pod courtyard
*AWAY: V Football at Ed White at 7:30pm

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.

Wrestling Information session and Registration at 6:30 pm in the Cafeteria on Tuesday, September 12th - **This meeting will be rescheduled if school has not resumed.**

Homecoming Dance Tickets

Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 23rd from 7:30pm to 11pm at Nease.

Tickets are \$15 each and it is a maximum of 2 tickets per person.

They must have their student ID to purchase.

All debts must be cleared prior to buying a ticket.

They must have a guest form filled out for any out of school guest. Forms are available in Mrs. Gruhn's portable (#24), front office, and online...soon.

Link Crew will be hosting a Hurricane Relief Drive to support the American Red Cross to assist victims of Hurricane Harvey and Hurricane Irma. Donations of canned/non-perishable food, clothing, pet food, blankets, and towels can be made September 13th through the 20th in all classrooms.

The DECA Club Meeting has been rescheduled to Friday, September 15th. All updates will be posted on the DECA Schoology page. Please join the group using the Access Code: S5HHG-SKPKG

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Student Council meets the last Wednesday of every month during excel in C-Pod. Freshman applications are due to Ms. O'Connell by 9/15... elections start Monday after Homecoming. Homecoming court nominations will be the week of September 11th with voting the week of homecoming.

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](#)

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:

- Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m. at First Coast Technical College, Building C, located at 2980 Collins Avenue, St. Augustine, FL 32084 **THIS IS THE LAST MEETING!**

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/psatpreplive

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