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904-547-8300 - Main Office

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

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Message from Mrs. Kunze

I hope you noticed the new Nease logo at the top of this page. Over Nease's 35 year history, there have been several panther logos, depending upon who was the football coach at the time. We have worked with the Dalton Agency in Jacksonville to design our own logo, which we will trademark. We hope you like it!

You should be seeing grades entered into HAC in all courses. The teacher expectation from me is that grades will be entered on a weekly basis. The grading categories are summative (80%) and formative or general (20%). Grades entered in the summative category are assessments that show what students know or not know at the end of the unit. These assessments can be a written test, an essay, a project, a performance, etc. Anything that would demonstrate their final knowledge on the standards for the unit. The formative or general category will consist of classwork, homework, and quizzes. If you have any questions about grades, please contact the teacher first.

The front office has been receiving many phone calls regarding incorrect attendance. If your child is late to class and the teacher marked them absent, you will receive the automated call. Instead of contacting the front office, please email the teacher asking them to correct. The teacher will correct the error, if notified within 48 hours.

We have a new transcript request process. If you or your child would like to request a hard copy of the transcript or an electronic copy to be sent to a university. Please complete the [transcript request form](#) and deliver to the transcript request tray on the guidance counter in C-pod. Requests for transcripts cost \$2 and must be paid at the time of the request.

The cafeteria will no longer be open after school starting next week. Only \$20 worth of items have been purchased in a week, so it is not practical to pay someone to stay late.

For birthdays we are no longer allowing sheets to be hung on the outside fence. Sheets will be cut down if hung. Instead, PTSO will be offering to hang a message in the new courtyard for a cost. Birthday wishes, congratulatory messages, etc can be made and hung. A form with instructions will be coming soon from them.

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](#)

Every student should be logging into and using Schoology daily. Directions on how to log in can be accessed here: [Schoology Log-in directions](#) Students can ask any of their teachers for help with Schoology if needed.

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.

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!

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!!

Senior, Aneesh Shink, won an essay contest with Wharton School of Business and completed a summer internship with them. Click on the link below to hear an interview with Aneesh.

It's Back to School time for high schoolers and college students alike! Diana Drake, Managing Editor of Knowledge@Wharton High School website, joins Host Dan Loney to discuss how the site is an evolving resource creating tools for educators and students to use in their daily lives, including an update on the Summer Essay Series and the "Comment and Win" Contest. **Aneesh Shink, winner of the Summer Essay Series, also joins us as a Knowledge@Wharton High School ambassador in his home state of Florida on Knowledge@Wharton.**

<https://soundcloud.com/user-414944777/d-drake-a-shinkre>

Mark your calendar - Important Dates

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

Upcoming Testing Dates:

September 13th & 14th – Alg. 1 and Geometry EOC

September 19th – Biology and US History EOC

September 21st – FSA Writing Retakes

September 25th & 26th 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 [August Calendar](#) and [September Calendar](#) to view participating schools. Limit of 5 on-site visits per year.

Tuesday, September 5th:

- Elon University, 10:45-11:15, Media Center
- Florida Southern, 11:45-12:15, Media Center
- Florida State University, 12:40-1:30, PAC

Wednesday, September 6th:

- University of Central Florida, 9:30-10:00, Media Center
- Rollins College, 12:15-12:45, Media Center
- College of Charleston, 1:00-1:30, Media Center

Thursday, September 7th:

- Mercer University, 10:05 – 10:45, Media Center
- Samford University, 1:00-1:30, Media Center

Friday, September 8th:

- Florida Atlantic University, 10:00-10:30, Media Center
 - University of South Florida, 11:30-12:15, Media Center
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IB News

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

Seniors

- 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!!

· We are looking for nominations for the Morehead-Cain Merit Scholarship, Jefferson Scholarship, & Danforth Scholars Program. Please let Mrs. Kennedy know through email if you would like to be considered.

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

Juniors

· 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!

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.

[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

All Academy students must fill out and turn in their annual Academy contract. Contracts were due by September 1st. If your student has not yet turned in a contract, please have them pick one up from their Academy teacher, fill it out, and return it ASAP. Contracts were emailed home via Naviance, and can also be printed from 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

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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.

COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT 2017
Sponsored by the St. Johns County School District

When: Wednesday, September 6

What: Presentations 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
College & Career Representatives will be present 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Where: St. Augustine High School
3205 Varella Avenue
St. Augustine, FL 32084

For more information visit: www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/gpc/college

Media Center

Media Specialist: Carolyn Milian
Media Para: Lorna Patterson

WE ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN before school, after school, and of course during Excel/lunch time starting Tuesday, September 5th!

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 missed the "Yalfest" informational meeting, please visit the Media Center webpage for information. A deposit of \$100 along with the "Student Information Form" is due by **Friday, Sept. 8th** to reserve your spot. Only 50 spots are available so don't wait!

Stay updated on all the Media Center happenings, by visiting the Media Center website frequently.

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.

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 4th

*HOLIDAY! Enjoy your day off!

Tuesday, September 5th

* 8:30am - NHS club meeting in PAC

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in PAC courtyard

Wednesday, September 6th

*Yearbook Field Trip

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in PAC courtyard

*EXCEL Time - 12pm - Mu Alpha Theta meeting in PAC (Mrs. Davis)

*EXCEL Time - Student Council meeting in C-pod

*AWAY: 4pm - Girls Golf vs Bishop Kenny

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Thursday, September 7th

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in PAC courtyard

*4:15pm - SAC meeting in Panther Hall

*6pm - SAT Prep w/Ingwerson

*HOME: 4:30pm - Girls Golf vs Creekside at Palencia

*HOME: 5:30pm - JV Volleyball vs St Augustine

*HOME: 6:30pm - V Volleyball vs St Augustine

*AWAY: 5pm - Girls & Boys Swimming vs Bolles at Bolles

*AWAY: 6pm - JV Football at Bishop Kenny

Friday, September 8th

*NJROTC Color Guard Field Trip to Cimmeron CC

*EXCEL Time - Homecoming Dance tickets on sale in PAC courtyard

*HOME: 7pm - V Football vs Bishop Kenny

*AWAY: 12:30pm - Boys Golf - Titan Classic at Palm Coast Conservatory - Watson Course

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.

The **Interact Club** will have their first meeting on Thursday, September 7th during Excel Time in Ms.

Cushman's classroom (Panther Hall Room 138). If you are a freshmen or sophomore, please stop by Ms. Cushman's classroom to have your planner signed beforehand.

Nease is starting a DECA chapter! All interested students please come to our informational meeting on Friday, September 8th during Excel Time in Ms. Cushman's classroom (Panther Hall Room 138). If you are a freshmen or sophomore, please stop by Ms. Cushman's classroom to have your planner signed beforehand.

Happenstance meeting on Tuesday, September 5th in B-108 during EXCEL A.

National English Honor Society meeting on Tuesday, September 5th in B-104 during EXCEL time.

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.

National Honor Society News:

Attention all CURRENT Senior members of NHS- the first meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 5th at 8:30 a.m. in the PAC. ALL current Senior members MUST be there and please make sure you have your student ID as this is how we will be taking attendance for the remainder of the year. If you cannot make the meeting you MUST notify one of the officers or Mrs. Milian. Many important items and plans for this year will be discussed.

And a reminder to all eligible upperclassmen who have received an invitation to join NHS – please remember that your COMPLETED resume is due to the media center by Friday, Sept. 8th at 4 p.m.
NO LATE RESUMES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

French Club is meeting (Tuesday September 5th) during Excel Hour, first session and then every 2 weeks in E-107. Come and learn something new about French culture !

On Tuesdays:

French Honor Society invites everyone to have lunch (first session) and speak French at E-107. Come, practice and chat with friends!

On Wednesdays:

French Honor Society is meeting (Thursday August 31st) during Excel Hour, first session and then every 2 weeks in E-107 during first Excel Hour.
Come and help organize our next activity!

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](#)

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

The St. Johns County School District (SJCSD) 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 Sum erix, 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.

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