

September Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERIM GRADES RELEASED

September 14th

ACADEMY CONTRACTS DUE

September 24th

FREE TUTORING AVAILABLE FOR STUDENTS

As of September 16th, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring every Tuesday and Thursday after school in the media center from 4-5 p.m. This is open to ALL students and no appointments or reservations are necessary.

If you need help in a particular subject and would like to get tutoring during Excel, you can ask your teacher for an Excel tutoring pass.

In another new development, this year National Honor Society students will also be offering SAT/ACT preparation tutoring as well.

If a student can't make it to tutoring after school on Tuesdays or Thursdays or during Excel, NHS also offers tutoring before school or during lunch, but an appointment needs to be made in advance. See Mrs. Milian in the Media Center for a tutoring appointment if you'd like to make arrangements to get help before school or during lunch.

This is a great chance to get free help in any subject you're struggling in! Remember to keep those grades up during the first quarter to set yourself up for success in semester 1!

Academy Students and Parents,

While we were all hoping for a "normal" year, it seems like the 2021-22 school year will come with its own unique scenarios and situations. But, that doesn't mean that our students can't get hands-on, project-based learning opportunities which help them develop their skills and experiences in preparation for their future careers! A new venture at Nease provides the chance to do just that. Read on for more.

If you ever have Academy questions, please feel free to ask:

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-Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator

THE BIG BOX BRINGING ALL THREE ACADEMIES TOGETHER

In the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, students in the Marketing and Entrepreneurship classes learn about starting a business, and running a business, from all angles. Instructor Tara Amato wants to give these



Spirit Box
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NEASE HOSPITALITY ACADEMY

students real-world experience, which is exactly what all Career Academies aim to provide for their students. Enter: The Spirit Box. Pioneering this program in the state of Florida, Nease's Academy of Hospitality & Tourism is launching their Spirit Box soon. This custom vending machine will contain goods for students to purchase during the school day. From custom spirit gear to school supplies,

these products will be available in the Spirit Box, located in the cafeteria. While the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism students will be stocking the box, noting best sellers and slow-movers, where will the goods come from? This is where things get collaborative! In a first-ever move, all THREE Nease Career Academies will be contributing to one project on campus. Students in the Digital Design Academy will be designing and printing custom Nease spirit wear and goods, including t-shirts, water bottles, mugs, and more! TV Production students in the Communications Academy will produce commercials to run on Wired which will advertise available and limited-time products. Over the in Stellar Academy of Engineering, students will harness the power of our 3D printers to create original spirit items, including paw print earrings.

We are so excited to get this new venture off the ground, and to pioneer the effort in the state of Florida. The Spirit Box is endorsed by DECA, which is a Career and Technical Student Organization aimed at preparing emerging leaders and entrepreneurs to be college and career ready. Nease's DECA chapter, affiliated with our Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, has brought home several regional and state awards, and we look forward to the business experience of running the Spirit Box to further aid in their expertise in the areas of business, entrepreneurship, and marketing.

SEEKING ACADEMY AMBASSADORS

If you're a Junior or Senior in the Communications Academy, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, or the Stellar Academy of Engineering, you're invited to submit an application to become a Nease Academy Ambassador. Ambassadors represent Nease's Academies at school and district events, help prospective students and parents, and earn service hours. Applications are available from Academy teachers and are due by **September 24th**. They can be turned in to the front desk (just ask that they be put in Mrs. Combs' mailbox), or scanned and emailed to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

ACADEMY CONTRACTS ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 24TH

Academy students have a number of exciting opportunities presented over the course of their high school experience, but they are also held to a higher standard when enrolled in our programs. All students are required to turn in a signed Academy Contract each school year. Contracts will be distributed via the Academy classes, and must be returned with both the student and parent/guardian signatures by September 24th. Academy contracts stipulate the behavioral and academic standards by which all students must abide. The first instance of breaking the contract results in



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HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

If you work in the field of Communications (TV Production or Digital Design), Engineering, or Hospitality and Tourism, let us know! We would love for you to join our Advisory Board, be a guest speaker, or become a potential field trip site host.

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ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

PRINCIPAL

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Ms. Shobe, 10th grade

Mr. Bailen, 11th grade

Mrs. Burney, 12th grade

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Mr. Charles Gomes

Athletic Director

Mrs. Kristen Conway

Athletic Secretary

Academy Probation, which lasts for a semester. If a student violates the contract again while on probation, he/she may be removed from the program immediately, or at the end of the semester, depending on the violation. If you have any questions regarding the contract, ask Mrs. Combs.