

March Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SPRING BREAK

March 14th-18th

KEEP THOSE GRADES UP!

In accordance with St. Johns County School district standards, Academy students must keep their Academy course semester grade at a 70 or higher. If a student's semester grade is not at least a 70%, a letter will be sent home letting the student and their parent know that they are on Academy Academic Probation for the semester following the one in which they earned less than a 70%. Students must earn at least a 70% or higher for the following semester in order to remain in the Career Academy. If the student earns a grade lower than a 70% for two semesters in a row, that student is released from the Career Academy for the following semester and cannot re-enroll at any time.

If a student needs any academic help, they can get FREE tutoring in any subject from the National Honor Society. Tutoring sessions take place from 4-5 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays, and during Excel Time in the Media Center.

Teachers are also available to assist students during Excel periods on Wednesdays. Students can get help in their Academy classes during Excel A.

Academy Students and Parents,

Can you believe the third quarter is wrapping up? We are barreling towards the end of the school year and our seniors are getting so close to donning their cap and gowns! Students, enjoy the rest of the year but continue to work hard as we enter the last quarter of the 2021-22 school year.

Have a safe and fun spring break!

Jaime Combs
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WIRED WINS NATIONAL BROADCAST EXCELLENCE AWARD



We are so excited to share some excellent news from Nease's Wired news staff, a part of the Communications Academy program. **Wired is once again the winner of a National Broadcast Excellence Award from the Student Television Network!** Instructor Justin Cooler's students submitted our broadcast news shows to STN back in

December, which was judged against other high school broadcasts. In late February, when a group of 17 Wired Students competed virtually in the National Convention for the Student Television Network, they found out that we were selected as a Broadcast Excellence

Winner....making us one of the top 8 school news programs in the nation! It's a



really big deal and a ton of students put in effort to make it happen, along with excellent leadership from Mr. Cooler. Also of note, they took home a first place award for the "personal vlog" competition as part of the STN competition that took place over the weekend of February 18th-20th. Congratulations to Nease's Wired Broadcast News Staff!



STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS TAKE PART IN CONSTRUCTION AND CAREER DAY EVENT



Stellar Academy of Engineering Juniors and Seniors recently attended Construction and Career Day of Northeast Florida. The event was open to 11th and 12th graders who are interested in careers in Construction and/or Engineering. Construction and Career Day organizers provided a charter bus and lunch to all the students and teachers who attended the event at the Jacksonville Equestrian Center. The day included dozens of business partners offering hands-on exhibits, trade show booths, and opportunities for students to interact with

professionals in the fields of Construction and Engineering. Some of the stations included the use of different aggregates in asphalt, how to use tape measures for surveying, safety gear



utilized by linemen working with live wires, water pressure rates in gravity-fed plumbing systems, and, in one of the biggest draws of the event...students had the chance to run heavy construction equipment under the watchful eye of professionals from the industry. In addition to the great, hands-on learning opportunities that the students enjoyed, any junior or senior who attended will be eligible to

apply for the Construction and Career Day college or vocational scholarship during their graduating year.



WAYNE D. HARTLEY SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE TO NEASE ACADEMY SENIORS

Dr. Wayne Hartley (or "Doc Hartley" as his students referred to him) was a well-known and well-respected educator in St. Johns County Schools for almost 30 years. He was born and raised in St. Augustine, graduated from St. Augustine High School in 1962, and after receiving his graduate degrees in History, American Studies and Education, he taught History at Nease and Menendez High Schools for over 20 years. He, along with other business partners, administrators, and dedicated teaching colleagues, pursued funding and designed the first high school Academies in St. Johns County. What began as a vision, a dream, and hard work to establish a few Academies at select high schools has evolved into multiple Academies at all high schools in our district.

Dr. Hartley passed away on January 30, 2021, after a courageous battle with Covid-19. This Scholarship Fund has been established in his memory. Each year, two one-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 each will be awarded to graduating seniors enrolled in an Academy and who wish to pursue additional education. One of the scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, and the other one will be awarded based on need. The scholarships will be awarded to Academy students at Nease High School, Menendez High School and St. Augustine High School (two scholarships to each school). If you wish to apply for this scholarship, print the last page of this newsletter and fill out the information, mailing it in with all required materials to:

Jim Wheeler - INK! (Investing In Kids)

C/O Evelyn Hamblen Center

1 Christopher Street

St. Augustine, FL 32084

Application Deadline is Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

DR. WAYNE HARTLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ACADEMIES

2022 Scholarship Application Form

(IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000.00)

NAME: _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

ACADEMY: _____

STUDENT ID: _____

Please submit the following with this application:

One recommendation letter from an academic teacher or Guidance Counselor

Verification of acceptance to a post High School Academic Institution

Current High School Transcript

PLEASE ATTACH A SHORT ESSAY ABOUT WHAT YOUR PLANS ARE POST GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND WHY YOU BELIEVE YOU QUALIFY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP. PLEASE LIMIT THIS TO ONE PAGE OR LESS.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022. Late submissions will not be considered.

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____