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Happy Friday Panther Parents,

As we are getting into our groove, there are so many wonderful things happening all over campus, before and after school.

Fall Sports have gotten off to a great start! We wish our student athletes the very best! Including, Golf, Volleyball, Football and Cross Country. Whenever I am able to get my hands on some photos, I may post some pictures here and there. I am sure you can tell that I love to share pics of our amazing students, athletes and school community.

This Wednesday was our 1st **EXCEL** Day. Thank you to the **parent volunteers** who help to make this happen. Our students were great!! Please remind your student that as the year progresses to use this time wisely!

Please be sure to review important **PSAT/NMSQT Testing** information in this edition.

Tonight is our 1st football game. **NHS Panther V. Ponte Vedra Sharks**. Please review the GAME DAY information
with your student sent out over the past few days.

Have a wonderful weekend! Gina Fonseca

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, August 28

• Club Fair (during excel)

Thurs, August 29 - Fri, August 30

• Sr. Cap & Gown and Jr. Class Ring Orders

Mon, September 2

• Labor Day (Student/Teacher Holiday)

Thurs, September 5

• Nease High School College Fair

Thurs, September 5 - Fri, September 6

• Picture Day (Underclassmen)

Friday, September 6

• Sr. Cap & Gown and Jr. Class Ring Orders

Friday, September 20

- Military Appreciation Football
- 4PM JROTC Flag Football Game Before the SAHS v. Nease 7PM

See the weekly Athletic Calendar

REMINDER! Tonight, Friday, August 23 @7:00pm

We will be hosting our first **Varsity Football Game** of the season versus Ponte Vedra High School. We wanted to remind you of event procedures and policies to prepare you for tomorrow night.

ARRIVAL

Gates for the football game will open at 6:00pm.

Parent Drop-Off: If you are dropping off your child at the game, for safety, please use the regular front administration parent drop-off/pickup loop. After the game ends, students should be picked up here as well.

Parking: Please refrain from parking at the businesses across from the stadium as cars may be towed. The Nease High School ROTC will be assisting with parking, so please be respectful to our volunteers and follow their direction.

Student Section Expectations: Students are expected to conduct themselves respectfully while cheering in the student section. **AT NO POINT** will students be allowed to go over to the opponent stands. Any student found acting inappropriately (i.e. throwing items) will be asked to leave stadium grounds and will not be allowed into future home sporting events. **No refund will be issued**. School personnel will be monitoring the student section during the game. If asked, a student must be able to show their student ID upon request.

UPDATED DISTRICT EVENT POLICIES

In preparation for the game, we wanted to remind you of the new St Johns County School District policies regarding game day events:

CLICK HERE>> for UPDATED Event Rules/Procedures

Included in the rules:

No Re-Entry

No outside food or drink

No pets

No backpacks or large bags (see next policy for more information)

CLICK HERE>> for an UPDATED Gameday Bag Policy (CLEAR BAG RULE)

Please note that the above District policies will be in place for Friday AND every school-based event moving forward.

Per the **UPDATED Event Rules/Procedures above**, the Nease campus is a learning and educational environment first. Parents, coaches, and other leaders must respect the rules set forth above and must exemplify positive role models for student athletes and other attendees at this game or event. There will be **ZERO** tolerance for any forms of aggression, verbal harassment or abusive language towards employees, officials, or anyone else attending or competing on the field. Failure to follow these standards will result in you being removed from the event.

FALL SPORTS - WISHING OUR ATHLETES A GREAT SEASON!

BOYS GOLF - CROSS COUNTRY - GIRLS GOLF - JV & VARSITY FOOTBALL

NEASE ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS WEEK

28

Boys Golf @ Ancient
City Classic Marsh
Creek CC

4pm-8pm
Girls Golf @ Palencia
(Buccholz)

4:15pm-8:15pm
Boys Golf @ Pedro
Menendez SJCGC

6pm-9pm
Volleyball JV/V @
Middleburg 6/7pm

5:30pm-7pm Football JV Green vs Creekside 6pm-9pm

Volleyball JV/V vs

Football JV Gold vs

Fletcher 6/7pm

7pm-10pm

Creekside

29

7pm-10pm Football Varsity @ Creekside 30

Cross Country @ Middleburg 31







GIRLS VOLLEYBALL MADE THEIR DEBUT THIS WEEK!

Boys Lacrosse

Fall Ball Registration: <u>npaalacrosse.com</u> Questions: <u>max.gurowski@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Girls Soccer

Pre-tryout meeting – Thursday, **September 12th at 6:30 pm** outside at the tables under the covered space in front of C-Pod.

<u>CLICK HERE>></u> for updated information from the Nease Athletics department.

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Community Service Hours:

Unfortunately, hours cannot be turned in through email. Hours must be submitted in C-POD with a reflection form of the service and confirmation from the service on letterhead.

Senior Students: Please create your **Xello Account**, sign your FERPA Waiver, and assign your counselor.

To access Xello, please sign in through Clever.

On your dashboard click on plans Click on College Planning.. and begin :

Make sure you link Common App and Xello!

Here is a Guide https://xello.mcoutput.com/1374595/Common App Guide Students.pdf

17th ANNUAL NEASE HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE FAIR

Come join us for the 17th Annual Nease High School College Fair on Thursday,
September 5th from 6-8 PM in the Nease gym.

All St Johns County high school students
and their families are invited to attend!

See the flyer on the next page for College & University Presentations at Allen D. Nease High School



2024 – 2025 COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY PRESENTATIONS

NYU August 29, 2024



University of Maine September 4, 2024



Boston University September 19,2024



University of Chicago September 26, 2024



Furman University October 21, 2024



Look for more
Colleges &
Universities with
Dates to Post
Soon!

Students must pre-enroll using the QR codes.

Student will receive a pass the day prior to the scheduled presentation.

Presentations will be held in the Media Center unless otherwise noted on the student pass.

PSAT / NMSQT TESTING INFORMATION Please Read

College Board has decided to go digital. Please see below for specifics on **9th**, **10th**, and **11th** grade test date specifics. Nease High School will administer the PSAT/NMSQT (**Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test - National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**) to students on **Wednesday**, **October 23**, **2024**. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework. The PSAT is also the exam that is used for 11th graders to qualify for the National Merit Scholars Program. Additionally, a score of 430 on the PSAT Math qualifies as a concordant score for the Algebra I EOC.

There is no need to register **10th grade** students, they will receive their test at no cost, through state funding. However, if 10th grade students choose to opt-out please return PSAT-10th-Grade-opt-out-letter to Ms. Messenger in PH 225, or at the front office desk. 9th graders wishing to take the test:

Must be in Geometry or HIGHER

If you qualify to test, you must register online. Please click here to register and pay: PSAT SchoolPay

The last day to pay & register will be Friday, September 13, 2024.

There is NO possibility of testing if payment is not received by this date. Your student's online Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® should be available November 7th from College Board.

Students in 11th grade wishing to take the test must register online. Please click here to register and pay: PSAT SchoolPay The last day to pay & register will be Friday, September 13, 2024. There is NO possibility of testing if payment is not received by this date. Your student's online Score Report for the PSAT/NMSQT® should be available November 7th from College Board.

Students will receive an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys.

Please visit www.collegeboard.org/psat for more information. For scholarship information https://pages.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/why-take-the-psat-nmsqt?SFMC cid=EM371842-&rid=83347539

For access to free PSAT/NMSQT practice resources, including two full-length practice tests. For more information regarding the National Merit Scholarship Program.

Students with a IEP or 504 Plan: Please be sure to complete the accommodation consent request and return to Ms. Messenger by September 2, 2024, in PH 225. This must be processed by this time for CollegeBoard to approve your school-based accommodations. Requests after this date will not be processed and students will test without school-based accommodations. Consent Form If you have already applied for accommodations with CollegeBoard, you do not need to apply again, you retain the accommodations until one year after graduation date. However, if your accommodations change, it is YOUR responsibility to complete a new form and resubmit in plenty of time..

SAT-NCR (Non-College Reportable) Exam - 12th Grade ONLY

This test is for 12th grade students who have not met the FSA Grade 10 ELA and/or the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. Students who participate in this SAT-NCR experience will be granted accommodations (i.e., extended time) in hopes that the extra time will give the student a better chance to acquire the necessary SAT English and Reading (EBRW) score of 480 to meet the FSA Grade 10 ELA graduation requirement and/or SAT Math score of 420 to meet the Algebra 1 EOC graduation requirement. However, because these accommodations are not officially approved by College Board, results earned during a non-college reportable SAT administration cannot be used for admissions or scholarship purposes.

The SAT-NCR will be offered at Nease on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 to 12th Graders ONLY. The cost of the SAT-NCR exam is \$48.00. Payment can be made via this link in School Pay. Payment is due by **Friday, September 13th, 2024.**

Cynthia Messenger, Testing Coordinator Cynthia.Messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us

PSAT/NMSQT°





ACADEMY INFORMATION

Academy Ambassador Applications Available Now

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 due by the end of the day on Monday, September 9th. They can be turned in to the front desk (just ask that they be put in Mrs. Combs' mailbox), or emailed to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Ambassadors who were accepted last year do need to reapply for 2024-25. You can access the application here or pick up a copy from your academy teacher: <u>CLICK HERE>> for the application</u>

Film Festival at The Link

The Link in Nocatee is hosting a Film Festival as part of their Jax Fuse Festival on September 13th and 14th. Learn more here: https://www.jaxfuse.com/film

If students or parents have any questions related to the Academy programs at Nease, students can find me in C-Pod, office C-101, or you can email me at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

IB PROGRAM INFORMATION

Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Hoffman will be visiting Junior and Senior IB Classrooms this upcoming week on Thursday and Friday. Students will gain information regarding the college application process, the Bright Futures Scholarship, FAFSA, Junior and Senior Timelines, Testing Calendars and IB Program Important Dates and Content.

All Pre-IB and IB Students have been automatically added to our IB Schoology Group. Scholarship information, community service opportunities and announcements will be communicated to your students through this platform. More will be discussed at their grade level meetings.

9th and 10th grade Families: Ms. Kennedy and Mr. Hoffman will be visiting your student's English or History classroom in the month of September.

Our first IB student social will be on Thursday, September 26th. More information to come. Parents be on the lookout for a sign-up genius asking for ways you can volunteer during this opportunity sent to your email.

IB BOOSTER INFORMATION

Calling all Nease students and families! Join 80+ colleges and universities from across the country at the 17th Annual Nease High School College Fair on Thursday, September 5th, 6:00-8:00 PM, in the Nease gym. This is your opportunity to meet college representatives in person, ask questions and learn more about their programs.

Need Parking? Current IB student drivers – get ready to place your bids! An online auction for parking spot #39 will start on Friday, August 23rd @ 10AM and end on Sunday, August 25th @5PM.

If your family has a student in the Nease IB/Pre-IB Program, please plan to attend the monthly IB Booster Club meetings! Our first Nease IB Booster Club meeting this year will be held on Tuesday 8/27/24 from 9:45AM to 10:45AM at the Nease Media Center conference room. Please make sure you are an approved volunteer so you may enter the campus.

Media Center News

Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL PANTHERS!

We are so excited to see our returning Panthers and meet our new incoming freshmen! Mrs. Patterson and I are here to support you in every way we can and are looking forward to a great 2024-25 school year. Freshmen, I look forward to meeting all of your during the next few weeks during our Media Center orientation rotations through your English classes. SENIORS!! MAKE IT COUNT!! #wearnease!

MEDIA CENTER HOURS AND ACCESS!

WE ARE OPEN!! With a lot of hustle and "muscle" we were able to get our media center space ready for students before the end of August! The media center will be open every day during the following times: Mondays and Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Thursdays from 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Fridays from 8:45 a.m. – 4 p.m. Students can also eat in our Panther Café during their lunchtime, however, they MUST pick up a lunch pass from us before lunch begins. We will hand out 100 passes per lunch session. We start handing out passes in the morning as soon as the gates are open. *Please note -these hours are subject to change due to availability of staff, but I promise we do our darndest to stay open as late as we can for our students! STUDENTS PLEASE REMEMBER, every time you come in you MUST check in by scanning your student ID at the circulation desk.

ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES OF HISPANIC HERITAGE!! PLEASE READ!

We will be celebrating our 4th Annual "Hispanic Heritage Celebration" in our school media center and we need your help! Did you know that Hispanic and Latino Americans are the largest minority group in the US making up over 18% of our population? National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Thursday, Sept. 15th and runs through Oct. 15th and recognizes and celebrates members of our communities and their ancestors who hail from Mexico, parts of the Caribbean, Central and South American and Spain. During the month we celebrate and recognize all the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. To celebrate our culture, our heritage, and our people, we will be hosting this FUN event in our media center once again on Wednesday, Sept. 25th during Excel time. We would LOVE parent support and help! We are hoping to have a showcase of hispanic foods, music, dress, flags, decorations, arts & crafts stations. If you are able to help us out in some way, PLEASE email me as soon as possible so that I can count on you!! Thank you so much!!



COFFEE STATION DONATIONS!

In our media center we have a coffee station set up with a Keurig for our students to help themselves to a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate in the mornings, during lunch, and after school. With the start of the year, we have no supplies as of yet. If you are willing and able to help donate so we can keep this going for our students, these are some of the items we need:

- · K -cups (assorted)
- · 10 oz. or smaller coffee cups (lots)
- · Creamer (individual packs or powdered. No refrigerated creamers please)
- · Individual sugar packets (no large containers)

Thank you so much for anything you can help out with so we can continue this little "perk" for our students.

PANTHERS!! GET YOUR "PANTHER CAFÉ CEILINGTILE"!

THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO IMMORTALIZE YOURSELF IN OUR LIBRARY! ALL STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE HOME ONE OF OUR CAFÉ AREA CEILING TILES, PAINT AND PERSONALIZE IT, THEN HAVE IT PLACED BACK INTO OUR CEILING FOR A DONATION OF \$20. THE MONEY RAISED FROM THIS FUNDRAISER WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR OUR MEDIA CENTER AND OTHER SPACE ENHANCEMENTS AND MATERIALS FOR OUR STUDENTS, AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE OUR PANTHERS IMMORTALIZED IN OUR CAFÉ AS THESE WILL NEVER BE REPAINTED! CHECK OUT SOME EXAMPLES BELOW! PLEASE CONTACT ME IN THE MEDIA CENTER FOR MORE INFORMATION.



LIBRARY ACCESS FORM

PARENTS, THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR YOUR CHILD IN OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO REACH OUT TO MRS. MILIAN FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Student Government Class Elections are this week! Elections will be Wed-Fri online via a QR code that will be shared around campus. Please take some time to read about all of our awesome candidates!

MEET THE CANDIDATES

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Invitation letters were delivered to eligible students on August 19th and 20th. If you did not receive an invitation and believe that you are eligible, please contact Ms. Morrison at samantha.morrison@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Applications are due by August 30th. RETURNING MEMBERS: Meeting on Wednesday, August 28th at 8:15am in the auditorium"

CLUB DAY

Nease High School extracurricular clubs are a tremendous opportunity for Nease students to participate and explore their interests and grow their circle of friends! The NHS Club Fair will be held during EXCEL on Wednesday, August 28th for all students.

PICTURE DAYS ARE COMING!

Picture days for grades 9-11 are scheduled for Thursday and Friday, September 5-6 through English classes. Students will receive order forms, or photos can be ordered online at leonards.com. Please make sure your students get a photo taken. Students without an English class may come to the PAC at their convenience during the day.

ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Senior Yearbook Ads are now available for a limited time. Recognize your special graduate-to-be with an ad in the yearbook. You can design your ad as you like, and include photos and a personal message. Various sizes are available, but the deadline is November 1. Go to yearbookordercenter.com and enter code 15476.

SENIOR PORTRAITS

Time is running out to get your senior portrait done at Leonard's Studios! In order to be in the yearbook, you must have your portraits done at Leonard's by September 18. Call (904) 209-3300 or visit www.leonards.com for more information.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Attendance Information is on the Nease HS website under the Attendance tab. Please familiarize yourself with important attendance information and the online digital forms for Absences and Early Check Out.

https://www.nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/parents/attendance/

PTSO SPONSORED SAT/PSAT BOOT CAMPS

One-day boot camps are being offered to help students reach their best SAT/PSAT scores for college applications and bright future qualifications. For more information and to register, https://neaseptso.givebacks.com/store?limit=21&live=true. This is a fundraiser for Nease High School PTSO, and we cannot offer refunds to plan for the day properly.



NEASE PTSO FUNDRAISER



Gold Panther Partner Spotlight

Superior Construction is a family-owned and -operated American infrastructure contractor dedicated to providing innovative solutions with industry experts and leaders. Throughout its history, the company's foundation has always been building the infrastructure of America. The company has successfully delivered projects using numerous delivery methods, specializing in design-build. Superior provides unique design solutions, forward-thinking technology, and a safe work environment to create the most value for clients, employees, and the communities we serve. https://www.superiorconstruction.com/

Gold Panther Partner Spotlight

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NEASE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

<u>CLICK HERE>></u> for updated information from the Nease Athletics department.

Boys Lacrosse

Fall Ball Registration: npaalacrosse.com
Questions: max.gurowski@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Girls Soccer

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Nease High School Parent Involvement Opportunities

Welcome to a fabulous new academic year to all Nease parents and families! Get involved in your children's education and support their endeavors by your participation in the following organizations:

All are welcomed to join and participate in the **Nease School Advisory Committee (SAC)** meetings held monthly. The first SAC meeting will be held on Thursday 8/15/24 from 8AM-9AM in the Nease Panther Hall Front Office conference room 104. https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/sac/

The **Golden Panther Booster Club** serves the Nease Athletic Programs and each individual high school sports team also has their respective sport team's booster club with parent volunteers. If your student athlete makes the selection onto their sport's high school team roster, volunteer to support their sports season and make it a successful season for all student athletes!

https://neaseathletics.com/

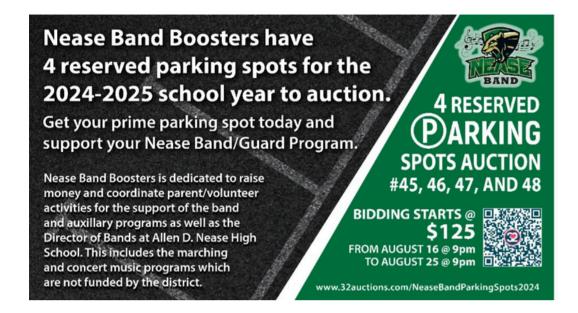
Congratulations to our new **Nease Panther Naval NJROTC** cadets and new cadet families at Nease High School! Learn about this incredible award winning program at Nease High School:

https://sites.google.com/a/navyjrotc.us/nease-panther-njrotc/?pli=1

Please get involved in our Nease High School community! Plenty of opportunities need your support and participation! Model leadership to your Nease Panther by becoming involved! Let's have a fabulous school year together as Nease Panthers! An engaged student and parent community strengthens our Nease High School!

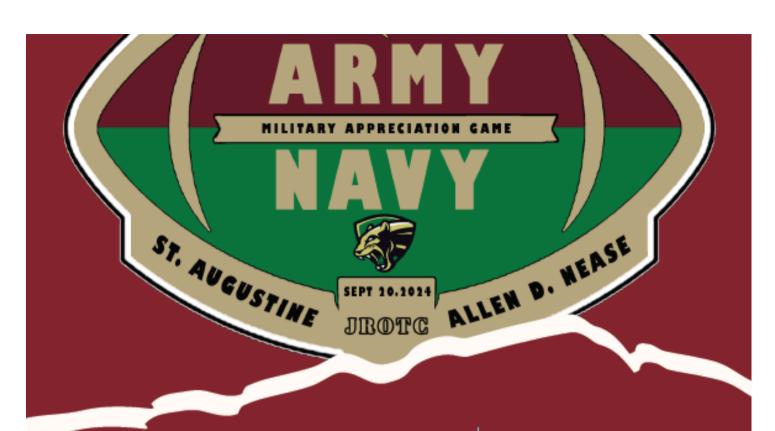
See information about the Nease IB Boosters and the Nease PTSO on the next few pages.

Panther Pride Band









MILITARY APPR<mark>ECIATION</mark> FOOTBALL GAME

Come enjoy military displays, meet local veteran prganizations, and visit with local vendors before the game

SAHS VS NEASE

Friday, September 20, 2024 SAHS HL Brumley Stadium

4:00PM JROTC Flag Football Game 7:00PM Varsity Game Kick-off

Gates open at 3PM | \$10 Admission Free Admission for Veterans & Active Duty Military members with Military ID

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