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Visit our website: [Allen D. Nease High School Website](https://www.allendneasehighschool.com)



Dear Panther Families,

I hope you and your families and homes remined safe during Hurricane Helene. There has been much devastation from Florida up through the Carolinas and Tennessee. On a personal note, I have been in Tampa helping with family whose homes have been decimated due to flooding. Despite the loss of power, internet and communications at some points, I am moved by the strength of community. I am grateful for good people who don't think twice about figuring out ways to help. It may be offering labor, food, water or just a hug, but it makes a difference.

Our own Nease community has had its share of angst and grief. We are beyond grateful for the outpouring of love and support for each other.

Respectfully,

Gina Fonseca

Principal

Allen D. Nease High School

We are Nease!

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, September 30

- **Rescheduled game:**
- **NHS Varsity Football v. Buchholz 7PM**

Tuesday, October 1

- **IB Parent Mix 'n Mingle**
 - **5:30PM MC 146**

Monday, October 7

- **DATE & TIME CHANGE**
 - **SPECIAL PTSO Meeting, 6PM PAC**

Friday, October 11

- **End of the 1st Quarter**
- **Football Varsity vs Bartram Trail *Homecoming**

Saturday, October 12

- **Homecoming Dance @7PM**

See the weekly Athletic Calendar in Athletics

National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

Congratulations to our juniors and seniors who were inducted into the Nease chapter of the National Honor Society!

Thank you to the Nease NHS officers and sponsor Sam Morrison for a wonderful ceremony!



XC - Cross Country Congratulations

The boys and girls cross country teams both had excellent performances at the Adidas XC Challenge in Raleigh North Carolina this weekend. Many of the kids got personal records and they represented Nease in a meet that hosted high schools from 5 different states!



GUIDANCE/SCHOOL COUNSELING INFORMATION

School Counselor Update

Students needing to see their school counselor may come by **C Pod** to make an appointment or check the availability of their school counselor. For any immediate concerns, students can notify the guidance secretary to ensure timely support from a school counselor. Students and parents can also reach out to their school counselor via email. See the links on our Guidance webpage <https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>.

Students with last names **F-K** or **L-P** with any counseling needs can visit C Pod and see any counselor available at this time.

- Mary Alfano A-E
- Laura Baloga F-K (currently on leave)
- TBD L-P
- Svetlana Thompson Q-Z
- Erich Hoffman - IB Students

XELLO Information:

If any students/parents are looking for written directions on how to apply to college via XELLO, attached are the 3 handouts that can help.

- [CLICK HERE>>](#) for College Application Document Request Procedures
- [CLICK HERE>>](#) for College Application Steps through XELLO
- [CLICK HERE>>](#) for Gold Envelope Log Sheet for College Applications

See the next page for upcoming College Visit



2024 – 2025

COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY
& TRADE/VOCATIONAL SCHOOL
PRESENTATIONS

Universal Technical Institute (UTI)
October 1 / 9:30a



Appalachian State
October 8 / 2:00p



Furman University
October 21 / 11:00a



Look for more
Universities, Colleges, &
Trade/Vocational
Schools with dates to
post soon!

Students must pre-enroll using the QR codes.

Presentations are **available to Seniors and Juniors**

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

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

Links attached:

Universal Technical Institute Nease Campus Visit - [UTI](#)

Appalachian State University - [ASU](#)

Furman University Nease Campus Visit - [Furman U](#)



First Coast
Technical College
Your Future Comes First

8th Annual Showcase

Thursday, November 7, 2024

Deadline to register is October 15th!

Learn more about education and career opportunities in:

- Automotive
- Landscape & Turf Management
- Cosmetology
- Plant Nursery Management
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- HVAC
- Aircraft Fabrication
- Diesel
- Dental Assisting
- Practical Nursing
- EMT/Paramedics
- Firefighting
- Welding
- Cyber Security

REGISTER HERE

FCTC 8th Annual Showcase
November 7, 2024



Tentative Schedule

9:15AM Bus Leaves Nease High School

10 AM – arrive to FCTC's Character Counts Conference Center

10:20 – 11:30 – Welcome, Students visit 2 programs

11:30 – 12 PM – Closing; Dismiss from FCTC campus

12:45PM Bus Arrives Back at Nease High School

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Mini-Internship Day For Stellar Academy of Engineering

Juniors and Seniors in the Stellar Academy of Engineering have the opportunity to take part in a mini-internship on Monday, October 14th (teacher planning day), from 9 am to noon. There are four opportunities to sign up for. Students will sign up for Stellar, KLS Martin, or Gulfstream Design Group by using this Sign Up Genius Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA8AD2FA3FC1-51692197-stellar>

If students are interested in signing up for the opportunity at Haskell, they must use Haskell's direct link below. For all opportunities, students must provide their own transportation to and from these internship sites.

1. **Stellar:** A global design and build engineering firm. Students who sign up will meet at Stellar Headquarters at 2900 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257. Students will tour Stellar's Headquarters and hear presentations from engineers in several different departments. Up to 12 students can participate. Students must wear business casual clothing.

2. **KLS Martin:** Students will meet with Biomedical engineers and see KLS Martin's brand new facility, where surgical and medical devices are designed and manufactured for use in healthcare facilities. Meet with a Nease graduate and current biomedical engineer who will show you the opportunities that exist in this field. KLS Martin is located at 11201 St Johns Industrial Pkwy S, Jacksonville, FL 32246. Up to 10 students can participate. Students should dress in business casual clothing, wear pants and closed-toe shoes for this mini-internship opportunity.

3. **Gulfstream Design Group:** This local design firm welcomes Nease students for summer internships, and has even hired students as part-time and full-time employees upon graduation from Nease's Engineering Academy. This mini-internship will allow you a closer look at all that goes on in a civil engineering firm. Gulfstream Design Group is located at 2225 A1A S Suite A2, St. Augustine, FL 32080. Up to 5 students can participate. Students should wear business casual clothing.

4. **Haskell:** Haskell is offering a mini-internship event separate from our school-based offerings. This event runs 9 -1:30 pm. Haskell is located at 111 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32202. To take part in this event, you you must sign up for it here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?>

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SIGN UPS CLOSE FRIDAY, OCT. 4TH. Once you have signed up for an internship, you will receive a parent permission form which must be returned to your engineering teacher, or dropped off at Mrs. Combs' office in C-pod (C-101), no later than Thursday, October 10th.

Upcoming Academy Field Trips

Here are the field trips we are currently planning for. Please keep in mind that field trips are often designated for certain courses or grade levels in each Academy program to align with curriculum, and are not always open to every student:

Academy of Hospitality & Tourism:

Old Town Trolley Tour Experience 10/1/24 | Disney Storytelling & Customer Experience Tour 10/30/24

Communications Academy:

Sally Corp Dark Ride Design (Digital Design) 10/8/24 | Full Sail TechFest On-Campus Field Trip (Digital Design & TV Production) 10/9/24 | UNF College of Communications Campus Tour (TV Production) 10/17/24 | Florida Scholastic Press Association District 2 Regional Seminar @ UF (TV Production) 10/25/24 | Disney Storytelling & Customer Experience Tour (Digital Design) 10/30/24

Stellar Academy of Engineering:

Northrop Grumman Manufacturing Day 10/7/24 | UNF College of Engineering Campus Tour 10/22/24 | Sally Corp Dark Ride Engineering Design 11/5/24

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.

NEASE IB PROGRAM

IB Program Information

Due to bad weather, our first IB student social has been rescheduled to Thursday, October 3rd. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. If you are volunteering, please plan to be at school by 10:30AM. If you are donating drinks, please remember to bring them in a cooler and on ice. Students should plan on bringing cash to purchase lunch. In addition, membership incentives (e.g. drawstring bags, magnets, t-shirts) will be distributed during lunch so students should come by the table to pick up their membership items. NOTE: Stoles will not be distributed until Senior Banquet.

IB exam registration for juniors and seniors will be happening soon through TOK. Students will come home with a paper to sign to help with the discussion of what exams students will take this year (if any) and what the testing sessions will look like for students in May. Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Kennedy if you have further questions.

IB Booster Information

The IB Booster Mix 'n Mingle for Freshman/Sophomore parents/guardians is **Tuesday, October 1st from 5:30-7:00PM** in the Nease Media Center room 146. This is a parent-only event and an opportunity to meet fellow parents/guardians, create a network of individuals progressing through the IB program together, and understand a little more about what the IB Boosters does to help your students and staff.

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 24th at 9:45AM** in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

Thank you to all who have joined the IB Booster club! Your membership makes everything we do possible. If you haven't joined, there is still time. You can go to our website, <https://neaseibboosters.org/join-the-booster> . For our senior families, your Gold membership comes with a senior stole your student will wear at graduation this May.



FACTS ABOUT NEASE IB

Est. in 1996

- ✓ First graduating class was in 1998.
- ✓ Admission is competitive, drawing from the entire county.
- ✓ 90 students graduated in 2023, making a total of 1,744 Nease IB graduates in 26 years.
- ✓ Currently, 398 students are enrolled in the program: 86 Seniors, 83 Juniors, 102 Sophomores, & 125 Freshman.
- ✓ All 169 Seniors and Juniors are full diploma candidates
- ✓ **50% of parents & 57% of grandparents are originally from foreign countries.**

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist

Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk

Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367

Email: carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us



PANTHERS READ BOOK CLUB!

We will be holding our very first book club meeting of the year this Friday, Oct. 4th, from 4-5 p.m. in the media center. The book the club has selected for this month is Truly Devious by Maureen Johnson.

On Friday, we'll start discussing the book, have snacks and a little Halloween craft for our members to work on in groups. Please remember that all club members must have a parent permission form on file with me before they can participate in the club. Please email me if you need a form. We look forward to a great start to our monthly book club meetings. All meetings will take place the first Friday of each month.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES THAT HELPED with our 4th Annual "Hispanic Heritage Month"



celebration in the media center this past Wednesday. It was our biggest and best celebration yet and we couldn't have done it without the AMAZING parents that donated foods, drinks, and volunteered to help out with the event! The students had a wonderful time sampling a variety of delicacies from around the 21 Hispanic nations of the world. We had several arts & crafts stations where they had a chance to make tissue paper flowers, papel picado, Ojo de Dios, coloring "Day of the Dead" masks, or making

buttons with the flags of the Hispanic nations. And of course, we had FABULOUS Zumba instructor Awilda Quezada teaching our students how to Zumba! Remember – Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15th so please keep learning and celebrating the many contributions of this culture and its peoples to our modern world!

PANTHERS!! Get your "Panther Café Ceiling Tile"! 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.

PANTHER CAFÉ CEILING TILES!

This is your chance to have your artwork immortalized in our media center!

For a donation of \$20 you can choose a ceiling tile from our Panther Café in the media center and create and design it however you choose. It MUST be school appropriate. You can design it to look like a book cover, an inspirational or motivational message, a quote, or other art design. A draft of your design MUST be presented to Mrs. Milian first for approval. Once approved, \$20 must be paid in a check or money order made payable to Nease HS or cash. Please see Mrs. Milian in the media center for your order form and instructions!



Thank you for all the wonderful donations and help with National Hispanic Heritage Month!!



IMPORTANT NEASE PTO NEWS

**NEASE COMMUNITY
MILLAGE
REFERENDUM
MEETING** 

OCTOBER 7, 2024
6:00PM
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Nease High School - PAC
Performing Arts Center

 WWW.STJOHNS.K12.FL.US/VOTE/

The Nease High School Community Millage Referendum meeting will be held on **Monday, October 7th, at 6 p.m.** in the PAC. The meeting is open to the public. **Learn why the two issues on the November ballot are crucial for the future of St. Johns County schools.** Take advantage of this opportunity to get informed. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to attend. Click here for more info: <https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/vote/>



PANTHER PARTNERS



Bronze Panther Partners Spotlight

At King of Pops Ponte Vedra, we work really hard to be an example of a business doing good. Our purpose is to create Unexpected Moments of Happiness.

We are the Wrights, a husband-and-wife team in Ponte Vedra, Florida. We've traveled the world and are now back home to bring delicious treats to cool off our community. Follow our rainbow umbrella to find your unexpected moments of happiness.

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www.kingofpops.com

javonncwright@gmail.com

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Everythingsignsllc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT NEASE PTSO NEWS



EXCEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

NEASE PTSO

EXCEL is a 60-minute break on Wednesdays for students to have lunch, attend club meetings, seek help from teachers, or retake summative exams.

We need 20 volunteers on EXCEL Wednesdays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:25 p.m. Volunteers will receive training before their first shift and a Nease EXCEL T-shirt to wear while volunteering.

Join us in making EXCEL a success for our students!

Sign up: signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/9040845A8A92AA31-49800876-nease

Please sign up with your legal names so we can cross-check approved volunteers!

Volunteers will need to be registered using the SJCS D link. stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/#?lang=en

Thank you for supporting Nease High School.

Student **LIFE**

NEASE HS HOMECOMING COURT VOTING

SEP 23-27 - ONLINE VIA FORMS

- VOTING IS OPEN TO NEASE STUDENTS ONLY
- MAY ONLY VOTE ONCE
- WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SEP 28
- THERE WILL BE VOTING FOR QUEEN AND KING OCT 7-11



Student LIFE

NEASE HS
HOMECOMING
10 • 12 • 24

7:00 - 10:30 PM

NEASE OUTDOOR COURTYARDS

Tickets:

- \$25 per ticket (student)
- \$30 per ticket (guests)
- Student tickets, purchase on GOFAN (one per transaction)
- Ticket sales Sep 30 - Oct 10

Guests:

- Guest tickets must be purchased in person from Coach Case in D-27. Before school, after school, and during Excel
- Guest tickets are \$30 each (card or apple pay only)
- Must have completed form when purchasing ticket
- Forms available in front office or outside D-27

No refunds.

All attendees are subject to search for security.

Homecoming is hosted by the sophomore class and any remaining funds will be used for future HOCO deposits, student and faculty activities.

Sunset

ON THE MEDITERRANEAN





Grad Bash

If you paid your senior dues by August 23rd, you will be eligible to purchase a Grad Bash ticket on October 16th. Tickets are \$230 and will be sold on a first come, first service basis. There are only 300 tickets available and they will sell out!

National English Honor Society

Next meeting is October 9th Excel B in B102.

Check your email this weekend for more information.

SENIOR PORTRAITS & YEARBOOKS

RESERVE YOUR YEARBOOK!

Last year we ***sold out*** of yearbooks, so make sure you get one early, and at the best price! Go to yearbookordercenter.com and search for Allen D. Nease High School. Prices will go up **Nov. 1**, so don't miss out!

SCHOOL PICTURE INFO!

If you wish to purchase your child's school photos but didn't pre-order, go to www.leonards.com or call (904) 209-3300. If your child missed getting a photo taken, retakes are scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 23**.

SENIOR ADS - SPACE IS LIMITED!

A limited number of Senior Yearbook ads are now available. 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 1st**, and there is limited space. Go to yearbookordercenter.com and enter code **15476**.

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ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING

Free tutoring provided by the National Honor Society on Wednesdays from 3-4pm in the library

Semester 1 Dates:

September 4	October 23
September 11	October 30
September 18	November 6
September 25	November 13
October 2	November 20
October 9	December 4
October 16	December 11

REGISTER



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NEASE ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS WEEK

30	1	2	3	4
4pm-8pm Girls Golf @ SJGCC (Beachside)	6pm-9pm Volleyball JV/V @ Oakleaf 6/7pm		5pm-8:30pm Swim & Dive @ Bolles	Cross Country @ Ponte Vedra
			5:30pm-8:30pm Volleyball JV/V vs Tocoi Creek 5:30/6:30pm	

**Nease Panthers v. Buchholz High School has been rescheduled to
Monday, September 30 @7:00pm.**

Panther Student Pass Now Available on the GoFan app

\$75 Passes are good all school year 2024 – 2025 for all sports except Boys Basketball and Varsity Football Games. Use this QR code to check it out!



Girls Weightlifting

Important Dates:

September 25th: Parent Information Night @ 6pm in the Media Center

October 7th: First Practice @ 7am in the Weight Room.

Athletic Clearance must be completed and approved prior to October 7th

Questions? Contact Coach Schoeneman.

Sean.schoeneman@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Sign-up Form QR Code



**[CLICK HERE>>](#) for updated information from the Nease
Athletics department.**

Nease Girls Basketball Skills Camp

5th-8th Grade

Prepare for your school team tryouts

****Register by 10/31 and receive our limited-edition camp shirt****



Saturdays

Nov. 9th, 16th and 23rd

1PM-3PM @ Nease High School

\$50 per session/\$125 for all three

First 10 sign-ups get VIP tickets to cheer on the Nease girls at their biggest home game!

Questions: neasegirlsbb@gmail.com

Register Here:

<https://leagues.bluesombrero.com/fifesports>



BAILLEN BASKETBALL SKILL WORK SATURDAYS

9-10:30AM

@ Nease High School

Co-Ed/3rd-8th graders welcome

**\$40/session
or
\$260/all 7
sessions**



Dates:

Session 1: 9/14

Session 2: 9/21

Session 3: 9/28

Session 4: 10/5

Session 5: 10/12

Session 6: 10/19

Session 7: 10/26

Register now:

www.Joshbailenbasketball.com

or

**Venmo @Josh-BailenBasketball
(Names/Dates attending)**



FALL MULCH DRIVE

Order by
September 28th
Deliver on
October 12th

\$5.00

PER BAG
2 cubic ft. each

TO ORDER:



Scan QR code
or visit our website
www.neaseband.org/mulch

BLACK * BROWN * RED * PINE BARK

FREE DELIVERY

with purchase of **5 BAGS or MORE** to **Local Neighborhoods:**
Nocatee • Palencia • World Golf Village • Durbin • Julington Creek
Beachwalk • AND Surrounding Areas

NOT ABLE TO SPREAD MULCH - DROP IN DRIVEWAY ONLY

*Less than 5 bags of mulch must be picked up
at the Nease Bus Loop on Oct 12 in the morning.*



DONATE BLOOD

SJC School Transportation Department
Saturday, October 12
8:00 AM - 11:00 AM

All donors will receive*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Halloween T-shirt**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

Fact: Only 3% of those who are eligible actually donate blood.

Donors
Receive



- PLUS -



- PLUS -



Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now and use sponsor code **31769**



ID REQUIRED

*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information please visit oneblood.org/details.

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Share your power.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

“ARE YOU IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOURS?”



Bring a friend and join us in unloading pumpkin trucks at:
Mandarin United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch
11270 San Jose Boulevard South

No special skills required!

You must wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get dirty!

Volunteers will earn an average of 2–3 hours per truck.
Volunteer forms will be signed at the end of each truck unloading.

Opportunity Dates

Saturday, September 21st, 2024 - 8:00 am

Saturday, September 28th, 2024 - 8:00 am

Saturday, October 12th, 2024 - 8:00 am

Saturday, October 19th, 2024 - 8:00 am

Wednesday, October 23rd, 2024 – 4 p.m.

Sign up at this link

<https://signup.com/go/PMLsKKK>

For more information, please contact

Paula Coker Jones

904-837-3385

pcokerjones@mumc.net



We look forward to seeing you in the Pumpkins!!

FORTIFY FLORIDA

FORTIFYFL IS A WEBSITE AND APP DEVELOPED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE. ANY STUDENT, EDUCATOR, PARENT OR MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC CAN REPORT SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERNS DIRECTLY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS ANONYMOUSLY AND EASILY THROUGH THE FORTIFYFL APP OR AT [HTTPS://GETFORTIFYFL.COM/](https://getfortifyfl.com/).



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