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Dear Panther Families,

Senior Night festivities have been a highlight of this week's celebrations. It has been a pleasure to celebrate and recognize our seniors for their dedication to our Fall Sports and activities. A sincere thank you goes out to our **2025**SENIORS for their commitment to our Nease Culture and Traditions.

Throughout the week our seniors have been recognized for their sportsmanship and camaraderie. I truly enjoyed all the traditions that makes Nease so special!

Swimming has an AWESOME chant that made them the envy of other swim teams.

It was also heartwarming to see our parents, guardians & family members walk with their senior at Friday Night's football game, as their bio was read aloud.

Mostly, it was hard to keep the tears of nostalgia and pride back, as football, cheer, dance, band, volleyball and the Nease Pep squad paraded across the field arm and arm. What a memorable night!

PLEASE see the important **SCHOLARSHIP** information below.

Thank you and have a great week Panthers! Gina Fonseca, Principal Allen D. Nease High School

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 23

• PSAT (see details below)

Thursday, November 7

 Rescheduled Varsity Football Nease v. Bartram Homecoming Game

Friday, November 8

ASVAB Test (see details below)

Saturday, November 9

• Homecoming Dance 7PM

See the weekly
Athletic Calendar in Athletics

UPDATED SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

By now our seniors are well underway applying to colleges and postsecondary opportunities. Please be sure to check out our **SCHOLARSHIPS** link in the guidance section each week for updates to important scholarship opportunities.

I have added the link below for students and parents to review.

We have extended the deadline date for the Lombardi and Stamps Scholarships to October 31st.

If you are interested in these or any of the scholarships in the attached link, **AND** it requires a nomination from our school.

Please follow these steps:

- Click on its icon link to view the scholarship criteria and eligibility requirements,
- Submit a one-page essay to your school counselor
- Include HOW you meet the criteria
- WHY you should be nominated.
- Students will be selected by a committee and notified once they are selected.

See your School Counselor for any questions!

Click here for up-to-date Scholarship Opportunities https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/List-of-Scholarships20242025.

Good News

Panther Pride Marching Band Finishes Its Season This Saturday!

Congratulations to The Nease Panther Pride Marching Band for reaching 3rd place in the Orange Park Band Invitational! Our amazing band performed their rendition of *Anasataia* with precision and excellence! Our Panther Pride Marching Band will be concluding its 2024 season with their performance at the Florida Bandmaster's Association Music Performance Assessment this Saturday, October 26th at Bartram Trail High School! The event begins at 2:00pm with Nease performing at 5:20pm. Come out and see bands from all over St. John's County and surrounding counties.

Tickets are only sold at the event at the gate and are \$10 CASH ONLY.

Come out and support our musical Panthers that have been working so hard the whole season!



NJROTC

Congratulations to the NJROTC! The Sports Team took 1st place this Saturday at the match in Georgia and the Precision Team took 3rd place! We are very proud of our Cadets!!

PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 21

Green Day

Boys Golf @ Fletcher PVIC Lagoon D& D café

Tuesday, October 22

Gold Day

IB Booster Mtg UNF College of Engineering Field Study HiQ Team Competition- Columbia High School, Lake City

Wednesday, October 23 PSAT Day (No EXCEL)

Wrestling Parent Meeting - PAC 6AM

Thursday, October 24

Green Day

Lunches: IB Social

Girls Golf @ Jax Beach (Providence)

West Point - NE Florida Congressional District FL05

Friday, October 25

Gold Day

FSPA Fall Workshop- Combs Band to Tocoi Creek Football Varsity @ Tocoi Creek HS

Saturday, October 26

NJROTC - Mandarin Sanctioned Drill Meet Cross Country @ JV Championships Marching Band to BTHS for MPA

IMPORTANT PSAT INFORMATION

Please Read

PSAT Date is this WEDNESDAY, Oct 23rd. ALL of the 10th graders and the 9th & 11th who registered will test on Wednesday, October 23rd. To provide the best testing environment for students and to have enough teachers to administer the exams, students not testing have the option to take a digital learning day at home. All students will be given an assignment from their teacher that will be submitted. Students not taking the PSAT who choose to attend school, will be able to work in the cafeteria and use a laptop to complete online assignments.

We will NOT accept an online early dismissal for Oct 23rd. Please be sure student pick-up the early release form from the main office or print from the link below.

For students testing:

If you would like your child to leave after testing at 12:45pm on October 23rd, an early release form **MUST** be signed and submitted on Oct 23rd for your child to leave campus. You can **print** the form or have your child **pick up a form** from the main office. **CLICK HERE>> for the form.**

All things PSAT-NMSQT:

https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/psat-testing/

October 23, 2024, PSAT-NMSQT Room Location Lists:

11th Grade: 11th Grade PSAT Locator List 10th Grade: 10th Grade PSAT Locator List 9th Grade: 9th Grade PSAT Locator List

Approved Calculators

STUDENTS MUST HAVE A PHOTO ID!

The October 23rd PSAT administration your student is registered to take will be here before we know it! Make sure your student is prepared by having them take advantage of the following resources:

PSAT Practice Tests*: https://satsuite.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt/preparing/practice-tests

DUAL ENROLLMENT SPRING INFORMATION

Spring registration is OPEN!

Registration forms are due to Mrs. Kennedy AND Mrs. Newman by **October 28, 2024**. The earlier the submission, the better. All information has been posted on the DE Schoology page. To register for courses, please follow the next steps.

Registration selection/course availability instructions:

VISIT THE FOLLOWING SITE: https://web.sjrstate.edu/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/registration

Select: Browse classes Select term: Spring 2025

Enter the course prefix in the <u>SUBJECT</u> category box

Select **CRN** section that fits into your schedule

Record **CRN** section on the Registration form provided in this email

COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REGISTRATION FORM: <u>CLICK HERE>></u> for the form (Can be found on DE Schoology page). You must provide alternate sections. Need help? See counselor in C Pod.

Email your registration form to Mrs. Kennedy <u>missy.kennedy@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> and Mrs. Newman. <u>amy.newman@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Do not upload to DE portal in Schoology.

Registration form due by October 28, 2024.

Follow up with logging into your SJRSC account and check schedule. Instructions are provided on the DE Schoology Page.

**If you do not see your classes 2 weeks after the processing date listed below, check to see if the CRN section you chose is full. If so, fill out another registration form if you didn't get into any of your classes. If you got into one of your classes but missing others, fill out an adjustment form or stop in and see me for assistance in counselor corner.

SJRSC Timeline for processing registration forms

October 1 - Spring registration begins; students with 45+ college credit earned (that's Monday!)

October 4 - Spring registration; students with 20+ college credit earned

October 8 - Spring registration; 0+ college credits earned

We will send out textbook information when it opens up to request your spring materials.

ASVAB TESTING INFORMATION

NHS ASVAB Test Friday, November 8, 2024

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) will be administered on **Friday, November 8th** in the GYM at 9:15 AM. There is no charge to take this exam.

You must register to take the ASVAB Test through SignUpGenius, as there will be no other area to sign-up. The deadline to register for the test is Friday, November 1st.

THIS EXAM IS FOR 10th, 11th and 12th GRADERS ONLY

To learn more about the ASVAB Test, go to http://www.asvabprogram.com

ASVAB Signup Page: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA5AB2BA3FF2-51873805-nhsasvab



ACADEMY INFORMATION

Stellar Academy of Engineering Mini-Internships

On the recent teacher planning day, nearly 20 of our Stellar Academy of Engineering students spent their morning seeing real-world engineering at work. Three of our Academy Advisory Board business partners offered to open up their offices to our students. Stellar, KLS Martin, and Gulfstream Design Group hosted students for this mini-internship opportunity. Students had the chance to meet with professional engineers, learn more about opportunities in the industry, tour the offices (and the brandnew manufacturing facility at KLS Martin), and at Stellar, they even had the chance to take part in an onthe-spot design challenge. A huge thank you to our partners for creating these opportunities for our students!













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 the curriculum, and are not always open to every student:

Academy of Hospitality & Tourism:

Disney Storytelling & Customer Experience Tour 10/30/24 | Flagler College Partnership Resort Management Tour 11/19/24

Communications Academy: Florida Scholastic Press Association District 2 Regional Seminar @ UF (TV Production) 10/25/24 | Disney Storytelling & Customer Experience Tour (Digital Design) 10/30/24 | Sally Corp Dark Ride Design (Digital Design) 11/5/24 | Full Sail TechFest On-Campus Field Trip (Digital Design & TV Production) **Working to reschedule**

Stellar Academy of Engineering: UNF College of Engineering Campus Tour 10/22/24 | Deck the Chairs Set-Up Event 11/15/24

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

Need parking? Need an amazing idea for a birthday/holiday present? Get ready to place your bids! An online auction for parking spot #40 will start on Friday, October 25th @ 10AM and end on Sunday, October 27th @5PM. The auction is open to **ALL** Nease students.

https://www.32auctions.com/IBParkingSpot40



Nease IB Program Information

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, October 22nd at 9:45 AM** in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

Our next IB student social is **Thursday**, **October 24th**. 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 10:30 AM. If you are donating drinks, please remember to bring them in a cooler and on ice.

Below is a sign-up for help with drinks and volunteering. If you sign up to bring drinks, please put the drinks in a cooler *WITH ICE*. The cooler/drinks can be dropped off in the front office prior to 10:30 AM on the morning of the social. Your cooler will be placed back in the front office after lunch so you can pick it up after lunch or when school ends. Volunteers should arrive by 10:30 AM and plan to stay for the duration of the event (~1 PM). IB Students: IB Pizza Lunch Social - October 24, 2024 (signupgenius.com)

It is never too late to join the IB Boosters. You can go to our website - https://neaseibboosters.org/join-the-booster Thank you to all who have already joined! Your membership makes everything we do possible. For our senior families, your Gold membership comes with a senior stole your student will wear at graduation this May.

NJROTC

You are cordially invited to the United States Military Academy Admissions Event. A unique opportunity to delve into the world of West Point. RSVP using the link below to reserve your place for what will be a great opportunity to learn more about the Academy, whether it is the right fit, and how to apply. Captain Philip Wubbolt, West Point Southeast Region Commander for Admissions, will be our guest speaker. For those with open applications to attend the United States Military Academy, CPT Wubbolt represents you and your application on the West Point Admissions Board.

Event Details:

Date: 24 October 2024Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

• Location: Allen D Nease High School PAC

RSVP: https://apply.westpoint.edu/register/PonteVedraAIM2024

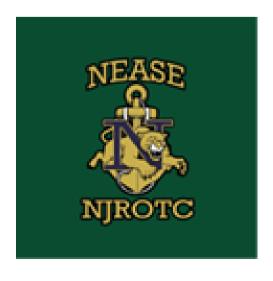
During the Admissions Brief, we will discuss:

- 1. What West Point Offers: Learn why West Point stands as a premier institution for leadership development, academic excellence, and character growth.
- 2. Life as a Cadet: Gain firsthand insights into the daily life of a West Point Cadet, including academics, athletics, and leadership training.
- 3. The Application Process: Understand the steps to apply to West Point and gather valuable tips to enhance your application.

Please see the above-detailed information on the event. Space is limited, so be sure to secure your spot at the event and RSVP as soon as possible.

We eagerly anticipate welcoming you and your families to an evening filled with inspiration and information!

Respectfully,
Michael Donato, CWO3 USN (Ret)
NJROTC Senior Naval Science Instructor



GUIDANCE/SCHOOL COUNSELING INFORMATION

School Counselor Information

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. Check-in with guidance secretary April Paventi and she can assist.

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

Click here for up-to-date Scholarship Opportunities https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/List-of-Scholarships20242025.pdf

NEASE COLLEGE VISITS Don't Miss These Opportunities!

Juniors and Seniors can register for college visits through the link below. A list of all available visits is available in the Panther Press each week and advertised on WIRED. Students are allowed 5 visits per year. If more are necessary, please see Ms. Paventi in guidance. Students will receive a pass in the first/second period indicating time and location of visit. This pass should be shown to the teacher PRIOR to the visit. Students should NOT miss summative assessments to attend a college visit. Visits will take place in Panther Hall Conference Room 104, unless otherwise indicated on pass.

Upcoming visits:

Monday, October 21st Furman University: 11 A.M.

Friday, November 15th SCAD: 11:30 A.M.

LINK TO SIGN UP FOR COLLEGE VISIT: https://forms.office.com/r/XJvzXsaP2y



NEASE ATHLETICS

Winter Sports - Please get your Athletic Clearance submitted!

Prior to participating with a Nease High School athletic team, all students are required to complete the athletic clearance process.

Please keep in mind that the FHSAA requires all student-athletes to view free NFHS video courses on concussions, heat illness, and sudden cardiac arrest (see instructions below). Signatures on the EL3 form indicate that your athlete has completed these three video courses. The FHSAA also requires that all student-athletes have at least a **2.0 unweighted GPA** to be eligible for participation.

For step-by-step athletic clearance instructions please visit:

https://neaseathletics.com/athletic clearance/

Winter Sports Pay-to-Participate Athletic Fee Links

Girls Soccer: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-GIRLS-SOCC/ScSjv8M

Boys Soccer: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-BOYS-SOCCE/ScNIZ0j

Girls Basketball: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-GIRLS-BASK/SeqVdjn

Boys Basketball: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-BOYS-SOCCE/ScNIZ0j

Girls Weightlifting: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-GIRLS-WEIG/SbxLCkM

Girls Wrestling: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-GIRLS-WRES/SC7U6M

Boys Wrestling: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Winter-2024-Pay-to-Play-BOYS-WREST/SlwKXS

Boys Basketball Tryouts - In the Gym

Anyone trying out must have Athletic Clearance Monday 10/28/24 - JV 6-7:15PM & Varsity 7-8:30PM Tuesday 10/29/24 - JV 6-7:15PM & Varsity 7-8:30PM

Girls Basketball Tryouts- In the Gym

Anyone trying out must have Athletic Clearance Monday 10/28/24 4:00 - 6:00PM Tuesday 10/29/24 4:00 - 6:00PM

Boys & Girls Track & Field

For those of you interested in trying out for and potentially making Nease's 2025 Track & Field team, pre-season conditioning begins November 5th from 4:00-5:00pm and will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at the same time until the end of the year.

Please email Coach Swisley for any questions or concerns pantherperformancetf@gmail.com

NEASE ATHLETIC EVENTS THIS WEEK



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











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 <u>yearbookordercenter.com</u> and enter code 15476.



PLEASE REVIEW IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Rescheduled Varsity Football Game

The Nease v. Bartram Varsity Football Game has been reschedule for Thursday, November 7th. Start time 7 PM. *Homecoming Court will be announced* during half-time. The theme is TOGA OUT!

Homecoming Dance

The Homecoming Dance has been rescheduled for **Saturday**, **November 9th**. If students have purchased tickets for HoCo, the ticket will also be transferred. We apologize to students who may not be able to attend due to the date change. We will release a refund request form next week that students can complete if they need a refund.

Spirit Week will continue the week of **11/4-11/8** leading up to the Homecoming Dance.

Nease Homecoming Dance - Tick et Refund Request



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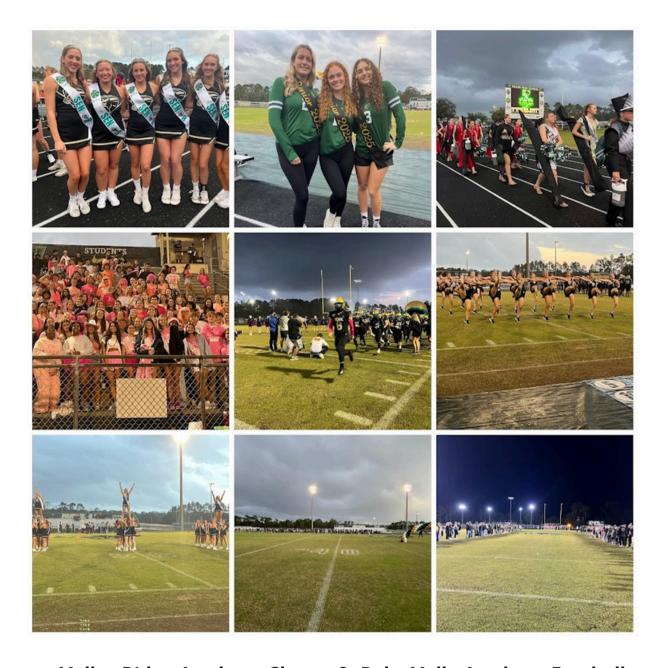
SENIOR NIGHT Nease Swim Team







FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS & SENIOR NIGHT



Valley Ridge Academy Chorus & Palm Vally Aacdemy Football Building Panther Traditions together!







FRIDAY MORNING PEP RALLY



















Interested in Becoming a Peer Leader for Sources of Strength?

Sources of Strength is a school-based program that exists at each SJCSD high school. It is considered an "upstream prevention program" that works to increase social support and connectedness between students (and trusted adults). The idea is that building up these protective factors builds in prevention to mental health issues, bullying, substance abuse, and suicide.

We just wrapped up a great Sources of Strength Week where we shared information about the program with our Nease community! We are now looking for our next Peer Leaders. If you are interested in joining us to help foster a community where everyone is accepted, supported, and helping those who are struggling and encouraged in help-seeking behavior please fill out the interest form:

https://forms.office.com/r/0myyUJZWCa

Need Wrapping Paper, Gifts, Treats, or Home Decor? Shop Here and Help the Nease Student Newspaper

The Vertical, Nease's student-run newspaper, is officially kicking off our fundraiser with Charleston Wrap® – and we need YOUR help! Did you know that our student newspaper is 100% funded by advertising and fundraising efforts? Fundraisers like this one are how we can afford to print the paper and purchase the tools and supplies we need to run our award-winning newspaper. In our shop, you'll find Charleston Wrap's famous wrapping paper and more than 1500 quality products to choose from. Enjoy great gifts like candles, kitchen & housewares and tech gadgets, and more! Shopping here gives you access to unique, quality products and supports the Nease student newspaper! We appreciate all of your support and encourage you to spread the word to your friends & family, near and far! The more people who shop, the more money we can raise for our organization!

Thank you and happy shopping!

https://registercw.com/gateway?organizationMidasId=27941

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RESERVE YOUR YEARBOOK!

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

Student



TUES OCT 29

6:00pm - 8:30pm NEASE HS STADIUM

Tables will be open 6:00-8:00pm

Bring a lawn blanket and join us on the field from 8:00-8:30 for a screening of It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown!

Come in your costumes and kick off your Halloween with the clubs and sports teams of Nease High School! There will be over 40 tables of games, contests, arts, crafts, and treats!

Student

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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

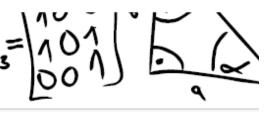
Semester 1 Dates:

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

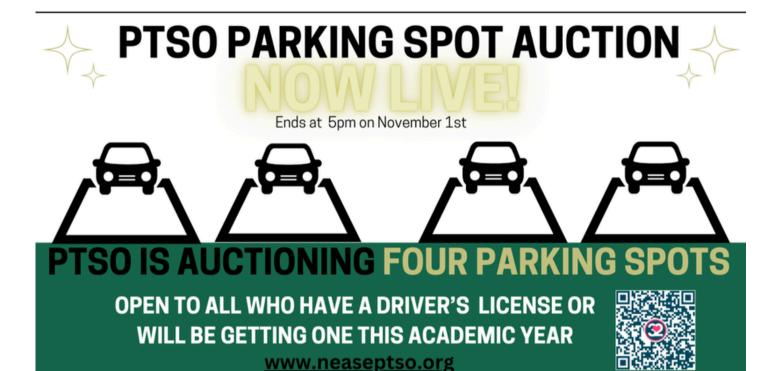
REGISTER







NEASE PTSO NEWS



The PTSO is pleased to announce an auction for **4 parking spots** with proceeds directed towards Teacher Mini-Grants. These mini-grants allow Nease teachers to request essential materials, equipment, and technology. The PTSO is dedicated to making a meaningful impact on the lives of our students and educators.

NEASE PTSO FUNDRAISER SUPPORTING TEACHER MINI-GRANTS

The auction starts at 5 pm on October 18th and will end on November 1st at 5 pm.

Bid now! https://www.neaseptso.org/

NEASE PTSO SPOTLIGHT



Gold Panther Partner

With 20 years of experience, All American Acupuncture, treating pain with acupuncture especially sports injuries and migraines. Other treatments available are cupping, laser, and shockwave.

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<u>Allamericanacupuncture@gmail.com</u>

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904-797-6453 www.DrCraigOrtho.com

IMPORTANT NEASE PTSO NEWS



One Day SAT Boost Camps | Open to all SJC Students

These one-day boost camps are offered to help students reach their best SAT scores for college applications and bright future qualifications. SPACE IS LIMITED. 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.



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: <u>signupgenius.com/?#!/showSignUp/9040845A8A92AA31-49800876-nease</u> Please sign up with your legal names so we can cross-check approved volunteers!

Volunteers will need to be registered using the SJCSD link. <u>stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply/#?</u> <u>lang=en</u>

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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/.

