# PANTHER PRESS

ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL FALL EDITION

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Visit our website: Allen D. Nease High School Website



Dear Panther Families,

This edition of the Panther Press finds us quickly approaching the end of the 1st semester. It has already been an amazing year of success for Nease High School students! This past Friday, our NJROTC had their Annual Military Inspection. Our program received the highest possible marks in EVERY category of the inspection. Further, guest inspector Commander Jonathan Shaw, Area commander, shared that Nease High School produces more Military Academy placements than ANY other high school in the Nation! A monumental shout out to Warrant Donato, Master Chief Spears, Gunnery Sergeant Hanson, and our student leaders who continue to make our program the flagship of excellence!

As this end draws near, we highly recommend that students stay on top of their grades in HAC and communicate with their teachers. Further, please make sure that your student takes FULL advantage of the EXCEL periods. We will have 3 more EXCEL periods over the next two weeks. This time is specially allocated with the intention of helping your student(s) find success.

Please note that we will be running alternative bell schedule on Thursday, December 18 and run a traditional "Wednesday Early Release Schedule" on Friday, December 19. **FINISH STRONG PANTHERS!!** 

Trevor Abbs, Assistant Principal Allen D. Nease High School

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

### Wednesday, December 11

• District Academy Showcase @WGV Renaissance 3:30 - 7PM

### Thursday, December 12 (GREEN)

- Nease Band Concert @6:30 PM
- Last Summatives in English & Science

### Friday, December 13 (GOLD)

• Last Summatives in English & Science

### Monday, December 16 (GREEN)

• Last Summatives in Math & Social Studies

### Tuesday, December 17 (GOLD)

- IB Booster Meeting 9:45 AM
- Last Summatives in Math & Social Studies

### Thursday, December 18

- Straight 7 w/ 3 lunches bell schedule
- REMEDIATION DAY

### Friday, December 19

- Wednesday EARLY Release Schedule
- END OF 2ND QUARTER/1ST SEMESTER

See the weekly
Athletic Calendar in Athletics

# PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

## Monday, December 9

### **Green Day**

- PTSO Monthly Gift Card drawing
- JV Wrestling@ Beachside
- Boys Soccer @ Christ Church Academy V only TBD 5:30PM
- Girls Soccer @ Christ Church Academy TBD 5:30PM

# Tuesday, December 10

### **Gold Day**

- · Girls V Soccer vs West Nassau 6PM
- · Cheer @ St Augustine County Competition
- Boys Soccer @ Sandalwood 5:30PM/7:20PM
- Boys Basketball @ Creekside 6PM/7:30PM
- Girls Basketball vs St. Augustine 6PM/7:30PM

# Wednesday, December 11

### Hurricane Make -Up EXCEL (Full Day Bell Schedule)

- High School Showcase WGV 3:30PM-7PM
- American Sign Language Social 3:30PM
- · Boys JV Soccer @ Mandarin 6PM
- · Girls Weightlifting County Championship @ SAHS

# Thursday, December 12

### **Green Day**

- · Boys Basketball @ Fortegra Invitational TBD 5PM
- Boys Soccer vs Bishop Kenny 5:30PM/7:20PM
- Girls Basketball vs Bartram Trail 6PM/7:30PM
- Track & Field Parent / Player Meeting Cafeteria 6PM
- Band Concert 6:30PM

# Friday, December 13

### **Gold Day**

- GYM CLOSED for RESURFACING
- Girls Basketball @ Fleming Island 6PM/7:30PM
- ROTC Area 10 Orienteering Regionals 4PM
- Boys Basketball @ Fortegra Invitational TBD 5PM
- · Boys Wrestling@ Bobcat Round Robin (Buchholz) 5PM
- Mr. Nease 6:30PM

### Saturday, December 14

- · Cheer @ UCA Regionals
- ACT -7AM
- · Girls Wrestling@ Own the Ocean (Ponte Vedra) 8AM
- · Boys Wrestling@ Bobcat Round Robin (Buchholz) 8AM









# **GENERAL UPDATES**

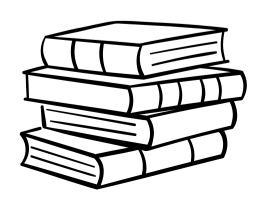


The manager of the retail strip across the street from Nease informed us that any student parking in their lot will be towed! DO NOT RISK BEING TOWED!

A YEARBOOK MAKES A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT! Purchase a yearbook for your child before prices go up on January 1! Go to <u>yearbookordercenter.com</u> and enter code 15476 to order the nationally-recognized Nease yearbook. We will soon have to finalize our book count, so make sure you don't miss out!



The time for our science fair is quickly approaching. All students that have filed their paperwork with Mr. Smith need to bring their completed science fair boards and all accompanying documents to his room (H105) between December 9 - 11. Judging will take place over the 12th and 13th.



Any Government student taking the Florida Civics Literacy Exam (FCLE) on Monday 12/16/24 or Tuesday 12/17/24 is welcome to attend the upcoming review sessions with Mr. Tomlinson:

- Wednesday 12/11/24 during Excel A/B (starts at 12:15 PM-You may bring your lunch) in D-007
- Thursday 12/12/24 during 7th Period in D-007
- Friday 12/13/24 from 8am-9am in the PAC

# YOUTH LEADERSHIP JAX

See Application and Reference form links below



Learn what is needed to ensure that the First Coast remains a place for you and others to thrive.

City Council Simulation@City Hall

# Who CanApply:

· Freshmen with minimum 3.0 GPA



- · Meet Peers from other High Schools
- In-depth learning about and exposure to Jacksonville's communities
- · Resume Builder
- · Behind the Scenes Tours
- · Learn from Community Leaders
- Excused Absence from School to Participate on Program Days



Field Trips Downtown

# **Apply Today**

- · Submit two items for the application:
  - 1) 2026 Youth Leadership Application Packet
- 2) 2028 Youth Leadership Reference Form
- Submit Application to:

Missy Kennedy; drop off in front office OR email to missy.kennedy@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Deadline to Apply:

January 7th, 2025



Youth LJ Participants 2025

https://www.leadershipjax.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/2026-Youth-LJ-Application-Packet.pdf

# **NEASE PTSO NEWS**





# TEACHER APPRECIATION GIFT CARD DRIVE



THE PTSO IS SPONSORING A STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST NEXT MONTH.

WE ARE ACCEPTING GIFT CARD DONATIONS TO PRESENT TO OUR FANTASTIC STAFF!

WE AIM TO GIVE EVERY STAFF MEMBER AT LEAST A \$25 GIFT CARD.

Please consider donating Gift Cards in increments of \$25 -Target & Amazon are RECOMMENDED, you can drop off your donation in a sealed envelope marked NEASE PTSO Staff Appreciation.

or you can Venmo your donation

>>> please donate by 12/6





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# **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. 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**

Dr. Hadgis and team specialize in providing quality orthodontic care and Invisalign® braces for children, teens, and adults with the personal and professional care you expect and deserve!

904-797-6453 www.DrCraigOrtho.com

# SCHOOL COUNSELING INFORMATION

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 <a href="https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/">https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/</a>.

- Mary Alfano A-G
- Laura Baloga H-O
- Svetlana Thompson P-Z
- Laura Marshall Student Advisor
- Erich Hoffman IB & DE Students

# **COLLEGE VISITS**

Juniors and Seniors can register for college visits through the link below. 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.

Monday, December 9, 2024 Landmark College: 10:30 a.m. Link to sign up for College Visit:

https://forms.office.com/r/XJvzXsaP2y



# **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.

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 <a href="https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/List-of-Scholarships20242025.pdf">https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/10/List-of-Scholarships20242025.pdf</a>



Academy Intent to Return Process:

Continuing in a program or dropping one for 2025-26

### Before winter break!!

All Communications, Hospitality, and Engineering Academy students will be asked to indicate if they want to remain in their current Academy for the 2025-26 school year by signing an Intent to Return roster.

If the student checked "Yes," than that student will be automatically re-enrolled in the Academy for 2025-26. The student will also receive a recommendation to move on to the next level Academy course, as long as they are meeting Academy requirements. If an Academy student checks "No" on the roster to indicate that they do not want to continue in the Academy next year, a Program of Interest Drop Form will be sent home with those students in January.

The drop form must be completed by the student and parent and returned to Mrs. Combs in order to remove the student from the program for 2025-26. If you have any questions about the Intent to Return process, please reach out to Jaime Combs at Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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.





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JAN 22, 2025

# NEASE'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Visit our campus and learn about the Programs of Interest & Career Academies that Nease has to offer rising 9th and 10th graders

# **SCHOOL TOURS / 5:30 PM**

Enjoy a walk around Nease's campus, led by an Academy Ambassador

# GENERAL INFORMATION SESSION / 6 PM

Get an overview of our Programs of Interest & Career Academies and learn about the application process

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS / 6:40 & 7:00 PM

Meet the Instructors and learn more about the programs that might be the best fit for you



NEASE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM DOORS OPEN AT 6:00PM

Come out and support a great cause as Nease Hospitality and DECA host the return of Mr. Nease! Tickets will be available on GoFans next week.

# Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Students Learn Theme Park Design the Disney Way

Nearly 50 Academy of Hospitality & Tourism students got an inside look at Walt Disney's theme park design process, by taking part in a special course led at the Magic Kingdom. They learned the "levels" of creating an immersive experience for guests, and even had the chance to design their own original theme parks. This was a great chance to get a peek into another aspect of the hospitality and tourism industry, and then they had the chance to fully enjoy the Disney guest experience by soaking in the ambiance, rides and food at the Happiest Place on Earth for the afternoon.





# **Volunteer Hours Opportunity**

Academy of Hospitality & Tourism business partner, The St. Augustine Aquarium, is looking for student volunteers to assist with their Nights of Lights Under the Sea event. Students can sign up to volunteer at the event on December 14th and earn service hours.

Sign up here: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAE2FA5FBC70-53529357-nights#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D44ACAE2FA5FBC70-53529357-nights#/</a>

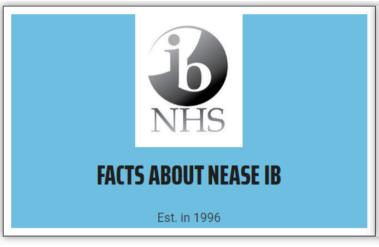
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# **NEASE IB INFORMATION**

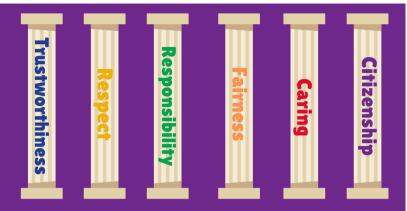
Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, December 17th at 9:45AM** in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

It is never too late to join the IB Boosters. You can go to our website - <a href="https://neaseibboosters.org/join-the-booster">https://neaseibboosters.org/join-the-booster</a>. 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.



- 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.

# STUDENT LIFE





December- A Person of All Characters



Scan the QR code to nominate a student today!



Beachwalk and help raise money for Nease SGA! SGA helps to fund studen: life activities and support clubs and community events on campus!

\*BJ's will donate to SGA for every membership that uses our promo coc

CALL, VISIT MEMBERSHIP OFFICE, OR SCAN QR CODE FOR ONLINE! New Members – only \$20 for the Club Card OR \$60 for the Club+ Card. (Normally \$55 and \$110)

Renewals - \$50 for the Club Card OR \$100 for the Club+ Card. (We will add the 12 months to your current expiration date)

### WWW.BJS.COM/ADNHS

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MISS NEASE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

# Congrats. Miss High School Sweetheart



The Miss Nease Scholarship Program would like to extend a big congratulations to our Miss Nease Sweetheart. She recently competed against all the greater Jacksonville area schools and was crowned Miss High School Sweetheart! Go Maddie Recent School Sweetheart!

NEW ST. JOHNS CLUB ADDRESS = 115 BEACHWALK BLVD

Planned opening = Later this year, however you can get bonus Pre-Club opening time as you will have access to existing clubs & BJs.com prior to your membership start date which mirrors the St. Johns, FL club opening date.

# MILLIE'S MEDIA CENTER NEWS

### HOLIDAY READING BINGO!

IS BACK!! Students will have the opportunity to read a variety of books, articles, listen to podcasts, etc. and earn some of these prizes in this year's "Holiday Reading Bingo" program. Bingo boards and reading logs will be due on **Friday, Jan. 27th, 2025**, so there's plenty of time to earn prizes! Below is the Bingo board and the prizes students can earn. Students would need to complete the online "editable reading log" to document all their selections on our media center webpage. For more details, please **click here** to take you to our "Holiday Reading Bingo" page on our media center webpage. Students can also access everything for Holiday Reading Bingo in my Media Center Schoology group page in the "Resource" tab. And of course, students can always can also contact me directly in the media center for additional questions. Have fun and let's READ-READ through the Holidays!





Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367 Email: <u>carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

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# **NEASE ATHLETICS**

# **Girls Weightlifting**

12/4 Meet Results

- Olympic:
  - ∘ Nease 61
  - Episcopal 27
- Traditional:
  - Nease 55
  - ∘ Episcopal 32



Carolina Paulin extended her own 119lb School Record in the Snatch and earned the Olympic Total record.

The Girls will compete 12/11 at St. Augustine High School in pursuit of a County Championship title.

### Girls Basketball

HOMETOWN HEROES' NIGHT Thursday, December 12th

Any First Responder, Active or Retired Military, and Teachers will get FREE ADMISSION and a chance to win a \$100 Gift Card at Halftime of the Varsity Game.

Come support our Girls Basketball Teams and support our local Heroes.

Game times JV 6:00PM, V 7:30 vs. Bartram Trail

# **Track & Field Girls Distance**

The Nease Girls Track & Field Distance Team (800, 1600, and 3200) will begin in-person winter conditioning on Monday, December 9, from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM at Nease High School. Sessions will continue on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays through December 23, leading up to winter break. For further information, please contact Coach Heidi Johannesen and Coach Dennis Harrison at <a href="Measegirlsxc@gmail.com">Neasegirlsxc@gmail.com</a>

# Girls' Lacrosse Pre-Season Conditioning

If you are interested in playing lacrosse, conditioning has started! Questions? See Coach Fifield in PH205.

# **Tennis**

Tennis tryouts will be January 13th - 15th from 4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Any student athlete wanting to try out must have a physical and athletic clearance. Please go to neaseathletics.com and complete your athletic clearance.

# **NEASE ATHLETICS**







Congratulations to Will Chaves and Mr. Tusing for winning the Nease Athletic Leadership Council (ALC) pickleball tournament after a close championship game with Maddox Gotham and Coach Gurowski! The tournament was a fundraiser put on by the Athletic Leadership Council. All proceedes are being used to sponsor local children's wish lists for Christmas though The Foundation of Community Hospice & Palliative Care. Thank you to all who participated and attended the event!

The impressive trophies were designed by Logan Kupka and made by Mr. Beale! Logan is a junior in the Transportation Technology Club and the Stellar Academy of Engineering. Thank you Logan!





# Seniors, register below for your senior-exclusive monthly events!

### DECEMBER

Wear your pajamas to school and join us in the media center during Excel A or B on Wednesday, December 11th for a holiday party! Drink hot cocoa with marshmallows, customize your popcorn with a sweet toppings bar, and watch a holiday classic!

SIGN - UP HPRP

# A Guide to Senior Year

### IMPORTANT DATES

August 28	Senior dues must be paid to purchase a Grad Bash ticket
September 18	Senior portraits must be taken for yearbook
October 12	Homecoming in the Nease courtyard
October 28	Senior panoramic photo in the Nease gym at 9am
November 21	Senior ads must be purchased for yearbook
December 1	Caps and gowns must be ordered by Herff Jones
December 1	Grad announcements must be ordered through Herff Jones
April 17	Prom at Deerwood Castle
April 25	Grad Bash at Universal
April 21-25	Senior week activities
Spring TBD	Cap and gown pick up
May 17	Graduation at UNF Arena



### WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Homecoming
- Prom
- Grad Bash
- Senior Week
- Lights Out!



QR code for senior dues:





# 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



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





# **FORTIFYFL**

## **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 <a href="https://getfortifyfl.com/">https://getfortifyfl.com/</a>.

