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Dear Panther Families,

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to the second semester and have got off to a great start!

We kicked off 2025 with our Student Expectations meetings. We met with each grade level to review the rules, policies, and expectations for all our Panthers.

We did reinforce the importance of getting to class on time and appropriate dress. Please help support both the tardy and dress code policies. A link is attached below for parents to review the schoolwide expectations.

We also emphasized finishing strong academically for every grade level. Seniors need to stay focused to maintain their transcripts. Senior rank will be run at the end of this month.

Please note there will be a Parent Registration Meeting for current Nease students on 1.21.25 and our Academy night for rising 9th & 10th graders on 1.22.25. Hope to see you there!

Have a great 2025!! Gina Fonseca, Principal, Allen D. Nease High School

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, January 13

• FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2) begins

Wednesday, January 15

- Hurricane Wednesday Makeup Day
- On-Campus Visit from J-Tech Institute 12 pm

Monday, January 20

 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Student/Teacher Holiday)

Tuesday, January 21

• Parent Registration Meeting for current Nease Students

Wednesday, January 22

- Makeup Green Day
- Nease Academy Night

PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week at a Glance 1/13/2025

Monday, January 13 Green Day

FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2) Girls Soccer @ Wolfson 5:30/7:20p Boys Volleyball-Open Gym Night

Tuesday, January 14 Gold Day

FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2) Boys Basketball @ Episcopal 5:30/7p Boys Soccer @ Beachside 5:30/7:20p Girls Basketball @ Bishop Kenny 5:30/7pm

January 13 - January 18



Wednesday, January 15

Hurricane Make-Up EXCEL (Full Day Bell Schedule)

FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2)
Dual Enrollment Registration - PAC 11:30
ALC meeting - Gym 12:00p
Nease County Cheer Competition - GYM, Wrestling Room, ROTC 4p
Girls Soccer @ Spruce Creek (leave at 3:30p) 5:30/7:20p
Northrop Grumman HIP Year 1 Student Facility Tour - Field Study 3:30 p
Girls Weightlifting @ Bartram Trail

Thursday, January 16 Green Day

FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2) Boys Soccer @ Mandarin 5:30/7:20p

Friday, January 17 Gold Day

FAST Progress Monitoring ELA (PM2)
Cheer @ FHSAA Regionals
Girls V Soccer vs Fernandina Beach 5:30p
Boys Soccer vs Fernandina Beach 7:20p
Boys Basketball @ St Augustine 6/7:30p
Girls Basketball @ Ponte Vedra 6/7:30p

Saturday, January 18

HOSA field study to Tocoi High School Girls Wrestling @ Brawl at the Beach (Fletcher) Boys Wrestling @ Trojan Invite (Lincoln Boys JV Basketball @ Mandarin vs Ribault 12p St. Augustine Dance Academy)

GENERAL UPDATES

SPRING MUSICAX COMES TO NEASE

We are happy to announce that Nease High School is working in partnership with Apex Theatre Studio to present the timeless musical, "The Sound of Music (Junior Edition)", on our stage this spring. This email is to serve as an invitation for your student to join us for auditions for the beloved musical. We are looking for enthusiastic actors and singers of all ages to bring this classic to life!

If your student would like to audition, please look at the details below:

DIRECTOR INFORMATION:

• SHOW DIRECTOR: Mr. Joshua Sewell

• EMAIL: apextheatrejax@gmail.com

INFORMATION ZOOM MEETING:

• WHEN: Monday, January 29th

• TIME: 7:00 pm

• ZOOM LINK: bit.ly/NeaseSoundofMusic

AUDITION DATE:

• WHEN: Monday, February 17th

• TIME: 4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

• LOCATION: Nease Performing Arts Center (PAC)

• WHAT TO PREPARE:

o Auditioning students should prepare a song from "The Sound of Music" or another Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. NO CONTEMPORARY MUSICALS.

o An audition packet will become available prior to the audition date. This packet will be discussed during the January 29th Zoom Meeting.

*Please note that these times are tentative. It will be to the director's discretion if it is necessary to hold more rehearsals.

Please reach out to Apex Theatre Studio via the email provided above if you have any questions or concerns about the process.

Thank you so much for your patience this year. We are hopeful that this partnership will help grow our Theatre program moving forward.

Allen D. Nease Administration

TRADITION LIVES HERE!!



REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR THE 25-26 SCHOOL YEAR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

Mandatory Dual Enrollment Meeting

During Excel in the PAC

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

FOR CURRENT 9TH, 10TH, & 11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

6:00pm – 7:00pm Nease High-PAC

Open House



Get a head start on your career pathway while in high school with Dual Enrollment, Secondary Electives or Early Career options. Fast-track your path to success by learning a trade or skill.

2025 Dual & Secondary Enrollment

Tuesday January 14, 2025 at 6 PM Building C



Recruiter@FCTC.edu - (904)-547-3354 - FCTC.edu

ACADEMY INFORMATION

Current 9th Graders Are Eligible to Apply to Begin an Academy/Program of Interest for 2025-26

Current 9th graders are invited to apply to a Career Academy/Program of Interest at Nease, or any St. Johns County High School, for the 2025-26 school year. Students will be able to submit an application via HAC if they want to be considered for acceptance into an Academy/Program of Interest that they are not currently enrolled in for the 2024-25 school year. Remember, students zoned for Nease cannot apply to an Academy at another high school if Nease offers the same program. Academy Applications will open on HAC on January 6th, and close January 24th, at 5 pm. Reach out to Mrs. Combs if you have questions.



ACADEMY INFORMATION

Academy Seniors: Time to Order Academy Graduation Cords

Academy graduation cord orders are available to order online, now through January 31st, via Sign Up Genius and Schoolpay. First, sign up to pre-order your cord here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA8AD2FA3FC1-54269309-academy
Then head here to pay \$8 for your cord (link is also available in the Sign Up Genius): https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20242025-Nease-Academy-Cords/ScSEf2Z
Please sign up with the student's name under the Academy they have been enrolled in for at least 3 years,, so that an Academy cord can be ordered for you. Cords cost 8 dollars. If you do not order your cord and pay before the January 31st deadline, you will not be able to get an Academy cord for graduation. Please make sure you only sign up for the Academy you have been enrolled in for at least 3 years. If you sign up under the wrong Academy, the wrong color cord could be ordered for you. Communications Academy students get blue cords, Engineering Academy students get red cords, and Hospitality Academy students get aqua cords.

Academy Juniors: It's Time To Talk About Summer Internships

Juniors in the Stellar Academy of Engineering, Communications Academy, and the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism are eligible to apply for a summer internship. The summer internship application window is open now. See the information below on the process and timeline. Mrs. Combs with host an optional informational meeting on the summer internship process. It takes place this Wednesday, January 15th, during Excel A in Mrs. Soto's Digital Design classroom, room 233, located upstairs in Panther Hall. You can submit a summer internship application online now through January 31st: https://forms.office.com/r/FKin5Wr02s

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

COLLEGE VISITS

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

Wednesday, January 15th J-Tech Institute-12:00 p.m.

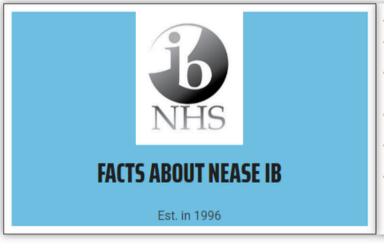
Link to sign up for College Visit: https://forms.office.com/r/XJvzXsaP2y



IB INFORMATION

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held Tuesday, January 28, 2025 9:45 AM-10:45 AM 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 - 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.



- 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.



Girls Soccer

Girls Soccer celebrated Senior Night Friday, January 10th with a win over Sandalwood 4 - 0!

Girls Weightlifting

1/8 Meet results

Olympic

Nease 54 Beachside 30

Traditional

Nease 59 Beachside 34 FSDB 6

Links for Spring Sports Pay-to-Play Athletic Fee

Baseball: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayBASEBALL/SbsIuXK

Softball: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlaySOFTBALL/SegJwec

Boys Lacrosse: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayBOYS-LACROS/Sdx8kcV

Girls Lacrosse: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayGIRLS-LACRO/Sb6x6u0

Boys Tennis: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayBOYS-TENNIS/Sc6Gte

Girls Tennis: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayGIRLS-TENNI/Scg8Jkl

Track: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayTRACK-AND-F/SeefZRJ

Boys Volleyball: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayBOYS-VOLLEY/Sb2E3zS

Boys Weightlifting: https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Spring-2025-Pay-to-PlayBOYS-WEIGHT/S5GaHG

Tennis

Tryouts are Monday, January 13th through Wednesday, January 15th from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at the tennis courts. Must have athletic clearance to participate in tryouts.

<u>Baseball</u>

Interested in trying out for spring baseball?

Tryouts will be January 13th - January 15th right after school at the baseball field!!

All students must have Athletic Clearance to try out. All forms can be found on the Nease Athletics Website. If you have any questions you can speak to Coach Hatcher in Panther Hall 218.

Boys Lacrosse

Voluntary Strength / Conditioning Monday, January 13th – Friday, January 17th 4:00 – 5:00pm. Neal Weight Room.

Boys Lacrosse

Tryouts are Monday, January 20th - Tuesday, January 21st, 4:00 - 6:30 pm.

Nease Lacrosse Field.

Questions, reach out to Max.Gurowski@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Girls Lacrosse

If you are thinking about trying out for Girls' Lacrosse, come to the tryout meeting. Wednesday, January 15th during Excel B in Panther Hall 205 - Coach Fifield's Room

If you can not make the meeting, please stop by to talk to Coach Fifield or send an email: <u>Melissa.fifield@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>

Tryouts Monday, January 20th (time TBD) and Tuesday, January 21st after school until 6:00 pm Must be cleared through Athletic Clearance in order to tryout!

Softball

Tryouts Tuesday, January 21st - Friday, January 24th 4:30-6:30pm at Nease Softball Field.



Sprints & Jumps: Coach Swisley pantherperformance@gmail.com

Girls Distance: Coach Johannesen neasegirlsxc@gmail.com

Boys Distance: Coach DeVos theodore.devos@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Throws: Coach Darner rdarner5@gmail.com

CONTACT THE EVENT COACH FOR TIMES AND LOCATIONS



TICKETS \$10 ON GOFAN

NEASE GYMNASIUM

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE: CHICK-FIL-A & PIZZA NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK 5:15 START 5:30

PERFORMANCES BY:



Come support your Nease cheerleaders!!

Nease students, show your Student ID and get in FREE!

NIROTC

CONGRATULATIONS! 1st Place Drill Meet

Results:

Meet Overall - 1st Place
Athletics - 1st Place
Academics - 2nd Place
Personnel Inspection - 1st Place
Unarmed Exhibition - 1st Place
Armed Exhibition - 1st Place
Armed Basic - 2nd Place
Color Guard - 1st Place

Individual Results:

Male Push ups

Brandon Gear - 1st place, Murilo Leal Rodrigues- 2nd place, Willie Thompson - 5th place Female Push ups

Tied for 1st: Natalia Lotinsky, Sydney Lewis, Zoey Wagner; Audrey Jovel - 2nd place, Katelyn Pitches - 3rd place

Male Sit Ups

Aiden Kennedy - 1st place

Female Sit Ups

Scarlett Daniels - 1st place, Carrie Hendricks - 2nd place, Emma Newman - 3rd place



MEDIA CENTER

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>

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Welcome back to the 2nd half of our school year and the BUSIEST semester for our media center and all the activities/events we have planned! Please be sure to stay tuned to the Panther Press and have your students check our media center Schoology group page in the upcoming weeks with MANY contests and events planned in our media center.

HOLIDAY READING BINGO!

Bingo boards and reading logs will be due on <u>Friday</u>, <u>Jan. 27th</u>, <u>2025</u>. For more information, please <u>click here</u> to take you to our "<u>Holiday Reading Bingo</u>" page on our media center webpage. You can also contact me directly in the media center for additional questions.

CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK FLORIDA! - Jan. 27th through Jan. 31st

This is a statewide event where schools across the state are invited to host and participate in events and activities focusing on literacy. Below is a small sample of some of the events we will be hosting during the last week of January throughout our school so start marking your calendars! More fun events will be added as the days go by. If you have any questions about them, please email me for more information!



- Scholastic Book Fair! in our media center from Jan. 24th through Jan. 31st. More information will be coming and online ordering will be available!
- Door Decorating contest teachers will be invited to participate with their students to decorate their classroom door in the jacket or theme of their favorite book, author, or favorite reading quote/phrase. 1st place prize is their choice of a Primo Pizza class pizza party or ice-cream sundae party, or a 'Smores making party. 2nd place will choose from the remaining 1st period prizes, and 3nd place will receive the remaining prize from 1st and 2nd place!
- <u>Reading in Unusual Places</u> students will be asked to create innovative and dynamic images of themselves reading in unusual places. Submission details will be provided in next week's Panther Press and on my Media Center Schoology group page. Students and faculty members will vote for their favorites and the top 5 votes will receive gift cards to spend!

TEXTBOOKS AND MEDIA FINES

I will be sending out overdue notices AND fines notices for outstanding balances sometime next week. If your student has any textbook or library fines on his/her media account. PLEASE take care of these as soon as possible, <u>ESPECIALLY JUNIORS & SENIORS!</u> Juniors and Seniors with any fines on their account will **NOT** be allowed to purchase prom tickets and Seniors will not receive graduation tickets until these fines are satisfied. If your student still has a book that has been charged to his/her account, as soon as they return it to the media center, these fines will be deleted from their account. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

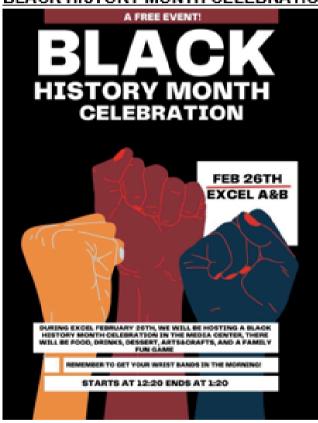
Panthers Read Valentine Flowers Fundraiser!

Our book club will be selling pink carnations for \$2 each for students to send to their favorite Valentine and put a smile on their face! Flowers will be delivered on Thurs., Feb. 13th during 1st period since there is no school on Valentine's Day.

The LAST DAY to order is Fri., Feb. 7th and money must be brought to Mrs. Milian in the media center by Feb. 12th, the latest - cash or checks made payable to Nease HS only.

Please click on this link to order! https://forms.office.com/r/cXGbYELAyN

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!!



February is "Black History Month" and our "Black History Month" celebration will take place Wednesday, Feb. 26th in our media center on from 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m during Excel. We will allow 100 students to come in during that time to celebrate with us by picking up a wristband during the morning between 8:45 a.m. and noon. We invite our students to come to our celebration and sample delightful treats from around the U.S and many nations of African-American ancestry, participate in arts & crafts, listen to some wonderful music, and have some other fun activities/events showcasing this beautifully rich and diverse culture. We are hoping we can have some of you help us make this a FANTASTIC experience for our students!

How can you help? We'd love to have a variety of foods from the different regions and nations for our students to simply taste. If you are willing and able to donate a dish or drink, please click on the link below to sign up. Please understand, we are NOT asking anyone to cook for 100 students! If you are willing and able to send in

foods/drinks, please plan on something for 10-15 people. Students will simply be having a very small sample of the various dishes. This is NOT a catered lunch for them. I have a "wish-list" of some of the foods the students would like to have, so please reach out to me for more details. Please click on this link to sign up if you can help us out!

Volunteers Black History Month Celebration

If you are not an approved volunteer but would like to be one, please click on this link below to complete a district volunteer application: https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply

Thank you so much for any way you can help and please do not hesitate to reach out to Carolyn Milian with any questions.

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.



COFFEE STATION DONATIONS!



continue this little "perk" for our students.

The CHILLY weather has arrived and we like to help our students keep warm by stopping at our <u>FREE</u> coffee station & hot chocolate station set up in our media center with a Keurig to serve themselves a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate in the mornings, during lunch, or after school. Please help us out by donating any of the items below so we can keep this going as a FREE service for our students.

- K -cups (assorted)
- 10 oz. or smaller coffee cups (lots)
- Hot Chocolate packets (LOTS!)
- Bags of small marshmallows
- 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

THE VERTICAL



THE NEASE VERTICAL



If you're looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your Nease student, friend, love, or favorite faculty member, The Vertical, the Nease student newspaper, has got you covered! Send a Crumbl Cookie Gram!



EACH COOKIE GRAM IS INDIVIDUALLY BOXED, ADORNED WITH A MESSAGE OF YOUR CHOICE, AND DELIVERED DURING THE SCHOOL DAY ON FEBRUARY 12TH FOR JUST \$8.







PTSO NEWS





NEASE PTSO

NEASE EXCEL

This is a monthly reminder of an excellent volunteer opportunity at Nease! We are looking for Volunteers during EXCEL time for the remainder of the 2025 school year. EXCEL is 60 minutes each Wednesday for students to eat lunch, attend a club meeting, seek help from a teacher, or retake a summative exam.

Please remove your name from the list if you have signed up to volunteer and can not attend.

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

Stock the Lounge!

Thanks to your PTSO memberships, we're spreading the love with a snack drop for our amazing Nease teachers and staff! Your support fuels more than just snacks—it fuels a stronger Nease community! Not a member yet? It's never too late to join and help us keep the goodies (and good vibes) going!

Join today: https://www.neaseptso.org/home

PTSO NEWS



Gold Panther Spotlight

Woolsey Morcom is uniquely positioned to provide you with the excellence associated with a large law firm, higher-end outcomes, and the litigation skills of long-time trial lawyers. Our team prides itself in offering unparalleled client service and is committed to helping you reach the ultimate and justified legal outcome. Experienced litigation attorneys headquartered in Nocatee specialize in personal injury, family law, commercial litigation, criminal defense, and first-party property. https://www.woolseymorcom.com/

Bronze Panther Spotlight

Huntington Learning Center is a tutoring and test prep center conveniently located just 10 minutes from Nease High School. We specialize in delivering personalized 1:1, data-driven ACT/SAT prep programs, as well as AP/IB and subject matter tutoring for a variety of classes both in the center and online. 904-819-6901 https://huntingtonhelps.com/locations/st-augustine-fl/ 701 Market St STE 107A, St. Augustine, FL 32095



Girls Weighlifting Girls Senior Night













August 2024

SENIOR INFORMATION LETTER

Class of 2025

A Guide to Senior Year

IMPORTANT DATES

| August 23 | Senior dues must be paid to purchase a Grad Bash ticket |
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| September 18 | Senior portraits must be taken for yearbook |
| October 12 | Homecoming in the Nease courtyard |
| October 23 | 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 |
| May 13 | Rehearsal 1PM - UNF Arena |
| May 17 | Graduation at UNF Arena |



WHAT TO EXPECT:

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



QR code for senior dues:



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 https://getfortifyfl.com/.



ATTENTION DRIVERS!!

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!

