

PANTHER PRESS

Allen D. Nease High School

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Dear Panther Families,

We are already 3 weeks into the 2nd semester! Although the weather has been cold (and please remind your students to dress in weather appropriate clothing!), the activities at Nease are heating up.

A HUGE SHOUT OUT to Ms. Combs, our amazing Academy Coordinator, and our student Academy representatives who put on our Academy Night this past Wednesday, January 22. A SHOUT OUT to Ms. Kennedy as well, who presented information on our prestigious IB Diploma Programme! We had a FULL HOUSE for the event, STANDING ROOM ONLY, with approximately 850 parents/students in attendance! The School District definitely saved the BEST for last when scheduling all of the high school Academy Nights. It was a PROUD DAY TO BE A PANTHER!!

Also heating up is our planning for next school year. Registration Presentations will be occurring from January 27th- January 31st in ELA classrooms. No ELA? Pick up student verification sheet in C Pod with Ms. Paventi. Course registrations will commence from February 3 - February 28th in ELA Classroom. [CLICK HERE>>](#) FOR THE SCHEDULE! No ELA course? Schedule an appointment via the QR code provided with your student verification sheet. More information regarding course registration can be found on the front page of the Nease website under 2025-2026 Course Registration Information.

Check out the links above to go straight to a Panther Press category! Let's have a great week Panthers! Thank you for all that you do for our Panther Family!!

Trevor Abbs
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, January 28

- IB Booster Meeting @ 9:45am

Friday, January 31

- Teacher of the Year Banquet

Tuesday, February 4

- PTSO Meeting @ 7:30a

Wednesday, February 5

- Last Hurricane Makeup Wednesday!

Friday, February 14

- Teacher PD/Planning Day (Student Holiday)

Monday, February 17

- President's Day (Student/Teacher Holliday)

Tuesday, February 25

- ACT School Day (Student Holiday)

PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week at a Glance

January 27 - February 1

Monday, January 27

GREEN DAY

- Wrestling Dual @ St. Augustine

Tuesday, January 28

GOLD DAY

- JV Wrestling @ Beachside 5p
- Boys Basketball vs Bishop Kenny 6/7:30p
- Girls Basketball @ Bolles 6/7:30pm

Wednesday, January 29

HURRICANE MAKEUP EXCEL

- Department Chair Meeting 7:35a
- Wrestling Dual vs Terry Parker *Sr Night
- Tennis @ Lake Nona Invitational (Orlando)
- Girls Varsity Basketball @ Bartram Trail 6pm
- Boys Weightlifting @ Pedro Menendez

Thursday, January 30

GREEN DAY

- Girls Basketball vs Hilliard 6/7:30pm *Sr Night

Friday, January 31

GOLD DAY

- Teacher of the Year Celebration
- ROTC Area 10 Regional Drill Championship
- Boys Basketball @ Toco Creek 6/7:30p
- Girls V Basketball @ Toco Creek 6:00pm
- Cheer @ FHSAA States (RP Funding Center, Lakeland)

Saturday, February 1

TOK (11th & 12th students) to UNF - Ethics Bowl

Boys Wrestling @ Stanton Invite

JV Wrestling @ Regionals (Yulee)

Nease Pantherettes - Wide World of Sports UDA Regionals

GENERAL UPDATES



TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO PRE-ORDER YEARBOOKS!

Online orders for a yearbook will end on **Feb. 1st**. After that, there will only be a few copies available for purchase at distribution in May. Don't miss out on your copy of Nease's nationally-recognized yearbook!

You'll want to remember state championships, playoffs, ROTC competitions, IB, clubs, student life — all the things that happen in this special school year! Go to yearbookordercenter.com today!



CAP AND GOWN PHOTOS

If you would like to have your senior cap and gown photos done, Leonard's Studios is offering a number of sitting dates. These photos are optional, and only for those students who would like these for their own use. They are not for school or yearbook use. Call 1(800)215-4852 or visit Leonards.com to schedule.

St Augustine Studio: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/StAugCapGown>

- February 15th; 10am-3pm; 4 slots per 15 minutes
- March 8th; 10am-3pm; 4 slots per 15 minutes

Jacksonville Studio: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/JacksonvilleCapGown>

- February 15th; 10am-3pm; 4 slots per 15 minutes
- March 8th; 10am-3pm; 4 slots per 15 minutes

GENERAL UPDATES



The **BRAVE** Summit is a one-of-a-kind event exclusively for Florida high school students.

This empowering experience is designed to help youth cultivate mental wellness and resilience. Through meaningful community collaboration, we provide students with the tools and resources to navigate life's challenges confidently.



DATE: WEDNESDAY MARCH 26TH, 2025

TIME: 3-7 PM



LOCATION: ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE



COST: FREE!

Transportation will be provided to/from Nease.

To Register go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/brave-summit-2025-tickets-1007755603137?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

or scan the QR code.

See Ms. Bourquin in I-102 for more information



SCAN ME

GENERAL UPDATES

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

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Allen D. Nease Administration

TRADITION LIVES HERE!!



ACADEMY INFORMATION

Academy Night at Nease!!

A THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING ACADEMY TEAM FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!



Communications Academy Students are Invited to UF's College of Journalism & Communications Workshop at the University of Florida

Florida high school students are invited to attend a CJC On the Go workshop at the University of Florida on Saturday, February 22nd. The program will begin at 10am and end at 2:30pm in Weimer Hall. Students will get a chance to tour our facilities, see a college presentation, interact with current college students, and participate/learn in two skills/concepts workshops. Lunch will be included. Parents and advisers are welcome to visit UF and Gainesville while their students participate in this workshop. Registration will be limited to 50 students. Please use the link to RSVP by February 14th (registration will close when the event hits capacity): [engage with students and alumni](#), participate in a virtual learning session, and attend an informational college presentation. Please use the link to RSVP by February 14

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. You can learn more about summer internships here: <https://cte.stjohns.k12.fl.us/internships/>

You can submit a summer internship application online now through January 31st: <https://forms.office.com/r/FKin5Wr02s>

IB INFORMATION

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, January 28th at 9:45AM** in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

Attention Junior IB Parents! Looking ahead to warmer weather and spring activities, we wanted to provide information on the upcoming IB Pinning Ceremony for Juniors. It will take place on **March 27th** in the Nease Performing Arts Center. The ceremony begins at 6PM. This is a time-honored tradition where the seniors officially welcome the juniors into the IB program. It is a beautiful ceremony, and one you won't want to miss. So, mark your calendars, and we will see you there!

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.



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.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

2025-2026 COURSE REGISTRATION



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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 during 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.

Thursday, February 20
Rutgers University-New Brunswick
10:00-10:30 a.m.

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



NEASE ATHLETICS

As our Winter sport seasons come to a close, the Spring sports have just begun!

Links for Spring Sports Pay-to-Play Athletic Fee

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

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

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/Sb6x6uO>

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>

NEASE ATHLETICS

Boys Basketball Senior Night CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!



GENERAL UPDATES

THE BRIAN BOURKE FOUNDATION

THE ANNUAL BB GOLF TOURNAMENT MARCH 10TH 2025

THE PALENCIA CLUB:

600 PALENCIA CLUB DR,
ST. AUGUSTINE, FL
32095

REGISTRATION:

11:00AM

SHOTGUN START:

12:30PM

REGISTER BY FEB 23RD

\$175

Individual Golf Registration Fee

\$700

Foursome Golf Registration Fee

Registration includes entry into the tournament and dinner afterwards in the clubhouse.

All proceeds go to The Brian Bourke
Foundation Scholarship Program

For more information, go to

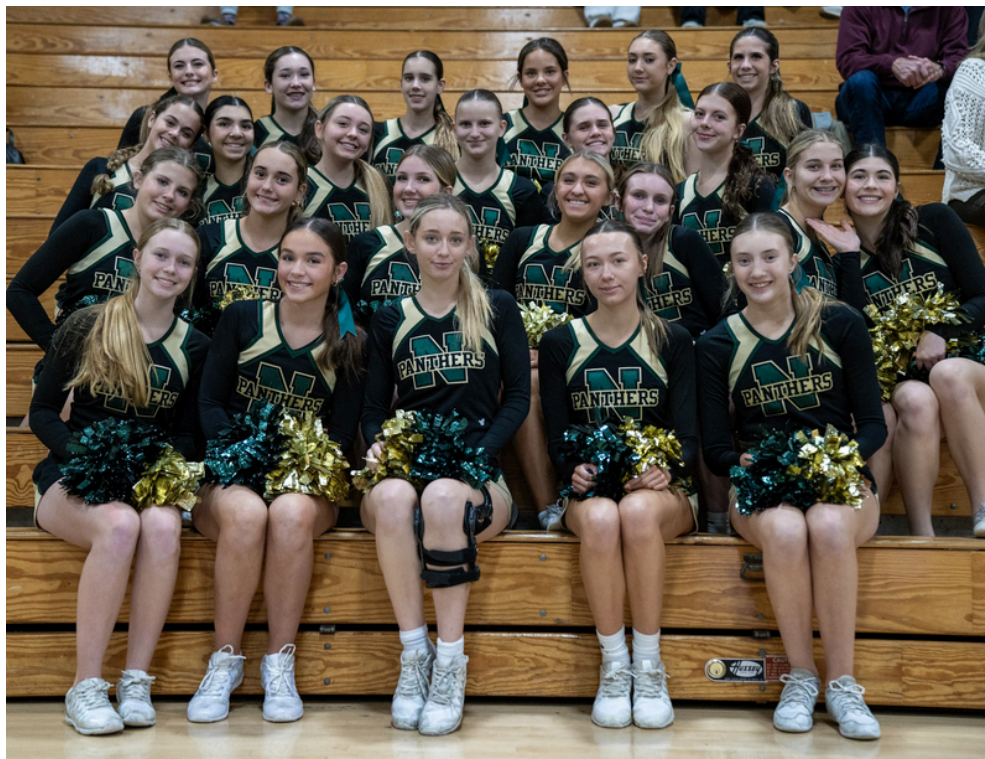
<https://www.thebrianbourkefoundation.org/pages/the-annual-bb-golf-tournament>

Student LIFE

Model UN Competition
Each student representing a
country in a mock
United Nation Meeting



JV Cheerleaders



SENIOR LIFE

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
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:



MEDIA CENTER

Carolyn Milian – School Librarian Media Specialist

Lorna Patterson – Media Clerk

Media Center phone number – 904-547-8367

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



HOLIDAY READING BINGO!

Bingo boards and reading logs will be due this Friday, Jan. 27th, 2025. For more information, please [click here](#) to take you to our “[Holiday Reading Bingo](#)” 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

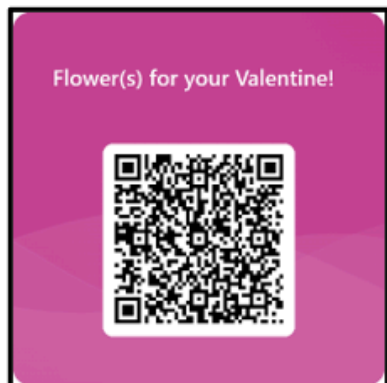


Scholastic Book Fair! Our Scholastic Book Fair is up and running! Students can come to the media center anytime this week and peruse the dozens of titles and other great items available in our book fair. If they can't find what they want – they can also order **online** through our book fair! **The ONLINE book fair is open until Feb. 6th!** Items are shipped for FREE to your home! This is a fundraiser for our media center and every purchase helps us raise funds to help support our program! PARENTS – we also need some help running the fair through the week. Please click on the link below to sign up to help us out for a few hours this week. Please reach out to me with any questions!

[CLICK HERE>>](#) for Parent Volunteers Sign Up

[CLICK HERE>>](#) for the Online Book Fair (open through February 6th)

Panthers Read Valentine Flowers Fundraiser!



Our book club is selling pink carnations for \$2 each for students to send to their favorite Valentine and put a smile on their face. Flowers will be beautifully wrapped with tissue and ribbon and a note attached and 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 scan the QR code or click on this link to order!

<https://forms.office.com/r/cXGbYELayN>

MEDIA CENTER

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! Please remember ALL volunteers MUST be approved to be on campus.

[Volunteers Black History Month Celebration](#)

PANTHERS!! Get your “Panther Café CeilingTile”! This is your chance to IMMORTALIZE yourself in our library!

**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. Millan **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. Millan in the media center for your order form and instructions!

ALL students can 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.

THE VERTICAL

THE NEASE VERTICAL

What's better than flowers for Valentine's Day?



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.

ORDER NOW THROUGH FEBRUARY 6, 2025

Go to :

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20242025-Nease-Crumbl-Cookie-Fundraiser/Se1Zlhz>

to order or scan the QR code.



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[SchoolPay - Checkout](#)

PTSO NEWS

The Nease PTSO is so excited to once again be offering two SAT Boot camps on campus, led by two of our amazing teachers, Mr. Binns (English) and Mrs. Gebauer (Math). Below is all the pertinent information, as well as a QR code link for registration and payment.

Math SAT Boot Camp

One day rapid-fire math session led by Mrs. Gebauer (kelli.gebauer@stjohns.k12.fl.us). There will be a 30 min break for lunch (pack your own lunch, not provided by school)

- When: Sunday, February 23rd
- Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm
- Where: Nease High School - Panther Hall
- Cost: \$170 (this is a fundraiser for the Nease PTSO - NO REFUNDS)
- <https://neaseptso.givebacks.com/store/items/1153960>



Verbal SAT Boot Camp

One day English boot camp led by Mr. Binns (craig.binns@stjohns.k12.fl.us). There will be a 30 min break for lunch (pack your own lunch, not provided by school)

- When: Saturday, February 22nd
- Time: 9:00am - 4:00 pm
- Where: Nease High School - Media Center
- Cost: \$170 (this is a fundraiser for the Nease PTSO - NO REFUNDS)
- <https://neaseptso.givebacks.com/store/items/1153961>



PTSO NEWS

PANTHER PARTNERS

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**GOLD
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2024 - 2025

NEASE PTSO

 Smiles by
DR CRAIG HADGIS
ORTHODONTIST

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NEASE PTSO

ONE DAY **SAT** BOOT CAMPS

VERBAL

with Mr. Binns

Saturday, February 22nd
9am - 4pm

MATH

with Mrs. Gebauer

Sunday, February 23rd
9am - 4pm

seats are limited

NEASE PTSO FUNDRAISER

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!

