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Dear Panther Families,

Please be sure to review our **IMPORTANT DATES** section as we have important upcoming events and changes to our schedule for the next few weeks.

We are continuing with **Course Registrations** through 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!

Have a wonderful week Panthers,
Gina Fonseca
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 12

- **Back to Traditional Early Release**
- (No EXCEL) Makeup Gold Day (on a Wednesday)

Friday, February 14

- Teacher PD/Planning Day (Student Holiday)

Monday, February 17

- Presidents' Day (Student/Teacher Holiday)

Wednesday, February 19

- (No EXCEL) Makeup Green Day

Thursday, February 20

- 8th grade Parent meeting PAC

Tuesday, February 25

- ACT School Day - College Reportable for 11th graders "ONLY"
- SJCS D will be sending out details
- [Click here > "ACT DAY" - NEASE INFO](#)

Wednesday, February 26

- (No EXCEL) Makeup Gold Day

PANTHER WEEK AT A GLANCE

Week at a Glance

Monday, February 10

Green Day

PTSO Monthly Gift Card drawing
Cheer @ UCA Nationals (Orlando)

Tuesday, February 11

Gold Day

Hospitality Jacksonville Airport Tour – Field Study
Boys Lacrosse JV / Varsity vs Fleming Island 6p
Baseball Varsity vs Englewood 7:30p
JV Baseball @ Bartram Trail 6:30p

Wednesday, February 12

EARLY RELEASE DAY SCHEDULE

Gold Day Make-Up

PTSO Nease Wonderful Wednesday
Honor Society Talent Show Auditions 3p
Boys Weightlifting vs Ponte Vedra 5:30p
JV Track @ Bartram Trail 4p
Tennis @ Bartram Trail 3:30p
Baseball Varsity vs Matanzas 6p
Girls Varsity Soccer Potential- Regional Final v. TBD

Thursday, February 13

Green Day

Boys Weightlifting vs Ponte Vedra 5:30pm
Green Day
Holocaust Cattle Car Exhibit – Front Entrance
Girls Varsity Basketball v. TBA Regionals Start Time- TBA
Girls JV/Varsity Lacrosse vs Buchholz 5:30/7p
JV Baseball vs Beachside 6p
Baseball Varsity @ Beachside 6:30p

Friday, February 14

Teacher Inservice Day- Student Holiday

Nease Pantherette Dance Team- DTU Nationals
Girls Varsity Lacrosse vs Oak Hall 6p
Boys Lacrosse Varsity vs Oak Hall 7:30p

February 10 - February 15

Saturday, February 15

Nease Pantherette Dance Team- DTU
Nationals (through Monday 2.17.25)

Sunday, February 16

Marching Band performing at the Daytona
500 International Speedway



GENERAL UPDATES

NHS ASVAB Test – Thursday, March 6, 2025

The ASVAB Career Exploration Program (CEP) will be administered on Thursday, March 6th in the NJROTC Building 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. Deadline to register for the test is Friday, February 28th.

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

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

CLICK HERE > [ASVAB SIGN UP](#)

YEARBOOK SALES — If you missed the deadline to order a yearbook, there will be a limited number of books available at distribution in May. Please stay tuned to Panther Press for distribution dates and other information.



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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 ★ 3-7 P.M. ★ ST. AUGUSTINE AMPHITHEATRE

BRAVE SUMMIT 2025

ALL 9TH - 12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED

LIVE MUSIC AND DJ

FREE FOOD AND GIVEAWAYS

The BRAVE Summit provides a safe place to talk to other high school students in the area about mental health and how to break down stigma while normalizing conversations about mental health 365 days a year.

SCAN NOW TO REGISTER!

Visit [BraveSummit2025.eventbrite.com](https://bravesummit2025.eventbrite.com)

[@brave.mentalhealth](https://www.instagram.com/brave.mentalhealth) #BraveSummit2025



BRAVE SUMMIT 2025

ART & POETRY CONTEST

High school students are invited to submit an original piece of art or an original poem for a chance to win various prizes. The top three winners in each contest will be announced on stage at the BRAVE Summit scheduled for March 26 at the St. Augustine Amphitheatre.

All entries must be submitted no later than Friday, March 7. Winners will be asked to provide their original art piece or original poem for display at the BRAVE Summit.

CRITERIA FOR THE ART CONTEST

Submissions must be hand drawn, painted, or a digital print that can be framed. The piece should be no larger than 11"x14" and fit the contest theme of *Emotions in Color*.

Please submit a photo of your design to bit.ly/BRAVEArt25



CRITERIA FOR THE POETRY CONTEST

Submissions must be an original poem, typed or handwritten, that fits the contest theme of *Unspoken Truths*.

Please submit a photo of your poem to bit.ly/BRAVEPoetry25



Please contact Dannette Korhage at Dannette.Korhage@ufhealth.org with any questions or for more information.

Learn more and register to attend the BRAVE Summit at bit.ly/BRAVESummit2025.

BRAVE

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

AUDITION DATE:

- WHEN: **Monday, February 17th**
- TIME: 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm
- LOCATION: Nease Performing Arts Center (PAC)
- WHAT TO PREPARE:

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

An audition packet will become available prior to the audition date.

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

Allen D. Nease Administration
TRADITION LIVES HERE!!



ACADEMIES

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): <https://forms.gle/esFRs1FFCWUJpSQ7>

They will host a special virtual CJC On the Go workshop via Zoom on Sunday, February 23rd. The program will begin at 10 am and end at 2:00 pm in Weimer Hall. Students will 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: <https://forms.gle/FEdRiRwNncHwZecp7>

All attendees currently in 9th-11th grades will also be eligible to apply for CJC On the Go Scholarships to attend the UF Summer Media Institute in June 2025. These scholarships to SMI are specifically earmarked for students who participate in CJC On the Go programs.

If you have any questions about the Communications, Hospitality, or Engineering Academies at Nease, reach out to Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator, at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us



COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY COURSES

TV Production Strand	Digital Design Strand
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Video Technology 1 Honors• Digital Video Tech 2 Honors - Wired or Sports Media• Digital Video Tech 3 Honors - Wired or Sports Media• Digital Video Tech 4 Honors - Wired or Sports Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Digital Design 1 Honors• Digital Design 2 Honors• Digital Design 3 Honors• Digital Design 4 Honors
<small>*Wired students create our award-winning daily, student-run newscast. Sports Media students learn ESPN-style filming and editing techniques and produce videos for all Nease JV & Varsity teams.</small>	<small>*Digital Design students learn a different Adobe Creative Suite design software every year and produce real-world projects utilizing the software.</small>

IB INFORMATION

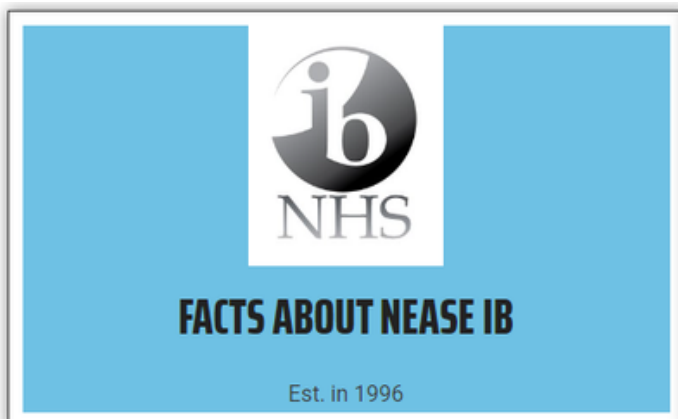
Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 25th** at 9:45AM in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

Our next IB student social is **Thursday, February 27th**. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. Membership incentives can be picked up and community service t-shirts can be purchased during the social.

Attention Junior IB Parents! The IB Pinning Ceremony for Juniors 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!

IB Community Service T-shirts are on sale online through **February 21st**. All IB students participating in the upcoming community service events will need to wear the new blue community service t-shirt. If you have not already purchased a shirt and need one before the next student social, you can go [T-shirt Order Form - Nease High School IB Booster Club](#) and place your order. Instructions for in-school pickup will be provided upon purchase.

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.

SCHOOL COUNSELING

2025-2026 COURSE REGISTRATION



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.

COLLEGE VISITS

Wednesday, February 19th
New College of Florida: 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 20th
Rutgers 10:00 a.m.
FL School of the Arts 11:30 a.m.

Friday, February 21st
Lenoir-Rhyne University: 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, February 26th
United States Naval Academy: 12:30 P.M.

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



SCHOOL COUNSELING



Win a
\$7,000
Scholarship!



The Venus Manly Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to students with documented disabilities like Venus. It's for students who have demonstrated Special Courage to graduate from high school and plan to continue school at a Trade School, Community College, or University.

Continuing in our eighth year, we invite St. Johns County high school seniors with documented disabilities graduating in 2025 to participate by submitting the application and an essay. We will invite up to ten semi-finalists to participate in an interview.

**COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION
ONLINE AT:
CSLStAugustine.org**

✓ Application ✓ Essay ✓ Interview

Essays are
due by
April 6th



Interview
dates: April
20th - 27th

[CLICK HERE FOR THE APPLICATION](#)

STUDENT LIFE

**Congratulation
to the
Nease
High Q Team !**

**North Florida
Conference
Champions**



STUDENT LIFE



TALENT
SHOW

NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

GOT TALENT?

WHAT

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS,
SINGERS, DANCERS: SHOW
US YOUR TALENT AT THE
INTEREST MEETING!

WHERE

NEASE AUDITORIUM

WHEN

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12
STARTING AT 3:00PM

HOW

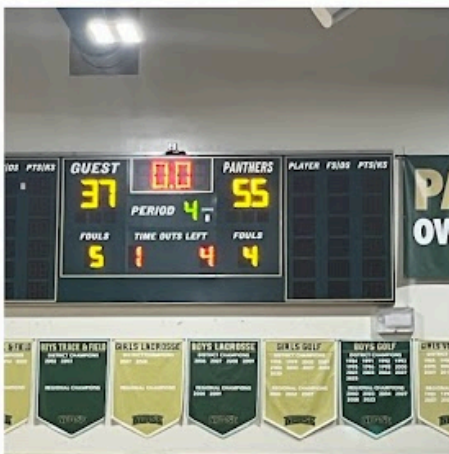
SIGN UP USING THE QR
CODE ABOVE

1ST PLACE WILL WIN \$100! PRIZES FOR 2ND
AND 3RD PLACE AS WELL AS PEOPLE'S CHOICE

NEASE ATHLETICS

Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Girls basketball team for defeating Mandarin High School 55 - 37 to be the 6A District 2 Champions!! Lady Panthers move on to Regional Quarterfinals Thursday, February 13th. Go Panthers!



NEASE ATHLETICS

Boys Weightlifting 2/5 Meet Results

Olympic

Nease - 62

Creekside - 9

Traditional

Nease - 46

Creekside - 46

Congratulations to **Marcelo Lomanto** and **Tyler Martin** for breaking 154lb School Records in the Snatch and Bench Press, respectively!

Nease takes on Ponte Vedra at Home on 2/12 @ 5:30pm in the weight room.

Girls Weightlifting

Congratulations to **Sophie Hunze, Izzy Knight, Haven Boyer, Haley Petersen and Emma Tolly** for scoring top-ten totals at the Girls 3A-1 Regional Championships!

Emma Tolly extended her school records in the Snatch and Olympic Total, while Sophie, Izzy and Haven earned spots on the podium!

Sophie Hunze, Izzy Knight and Haven Boyer have advanced to represent Nease at the FHSAA Girls Weightlifting State Championships on February 15th!

Boys Volleyball

Interested in trying out for the Boys Volleyball team? Tryouts will be held on Monday, February 10th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the gymnasium. Be sure to arrive on time and ready to play!

NEASE ATHLETICS

Girls County Wrestling Tournament



Nease Girl's Soccer



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



Panthers Read Valentine Flowers Fundraiser!

Thank you to ALL the students that have ordered a flower for their Valentine! Please note - ALL 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. Any flowers not paid for by that date will not be delivered on the 13th.

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](#)

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:



PTSO NEWS

Registration is NOW OPEN for our one-day Verbal & Math Boot Camps! Don't miss this opportunity to sharpen your skills and maximize your test performance! Seats are LIMITED.

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>



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

PTSO NEWS



PANTHER PARTNERS



Gold Panther Partner 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/>

Silver Panther Partner Spotlight

At M&K Nail Spa, it's not just about beautiful nails! It is about the care and kindness we put into every service. We can bring your nail art visions to life with quality, care, and creativity.

Please show your support for businesses that make our school community thrive.

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/>.



The advertisement features a dark blue background. At the top left, there are logos for the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Department of Transportation. In the center, there is a red square icon with a white megaphone. Below this, the text "FORTIFYFL" is written in large, white, bold letters, with "SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP" in smaller white letters underneath. Two smartphones are shown: one displaying the app's interface with a keyboard, and another showing a confirmation screen. At the bottom, the text reads: "FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials." Below this, the hashtag "#FORTIFYFL" and the website "GETFORTIFYFL.COM" are displayed in white.

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!

