# PANTHER PRESS

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Dear Panther Families,

The state-funded ACT College Reportable test is an important upcoming assessment for all Juniors on Tuesday, February 25, 2025. As a reminder, the ACT College Reportable test is only for 11th graders. All 9th, 10th, and 12th graders will be allowed an at-home learning day.

To ensure an optimal testing environment, we will allow flexibility to students on this day. High school students who are not participating in the ACT College Reportable test may complete assigned work from home or at school on this day. Assigned work will be due on Wednesday, February 26th, the day after the exam.

Testing will end at 1:30 pm. If you want your child to leave campus at 1:30 pm either as a student driver or parent pick-up. Please print and sign the form on the next page or pick up a form in the front office. Your child will need to KEEP this signed form and submit it to us at the gate to leave campus at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 25th. Students without a signed form will be released at 3:50 pm.

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Let's have a great week Panthers!

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

## Tuesday, February 25

- IB Booster Meeting 9:45 am PH 104
- ACT School Day College Reportable for 11th graders "ONLY"

## Wednesday, February 26

• (No EXCEL) Makeup Gold Day

## Tuesday, March 4

• PTSO meeting 8 am

## Thursday, March 13

• End of 3rd Quarter

#### Friday, March 14

• Teacher Planning Day (Student Holiday)

## Monday, March 17-21

• Spring Break!

#### **ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL**



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## Early Release for ACT

The ACT will be administered FREE of charge to all juniors on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

Students will end testing at 1:30 pm and will have lunch from 1:30 pm to 2:10 pm and then attend their 7<sup>th</sup> period class from 2:15 - 3:50 pm.

If you want your child to leave campus at 1:30 pm either as a student driver or parent pick-up, please sign below. Your child will need to KEEP this signed form and submit to us at the gate to leave campus at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Students <u>without</u> a signed form will be released at 3:50pm. We will <u>NOT</u> check-out students through the main office between 1:30pm and 3:50pm.

Student Number	
Student Name – please print.	
Parent Signature	
Date	

# Panther Week at a glance

# Week at a Glance

# February 24 - March 1

Monday, February 24 Green Day JV Baseball vs Clay 6:30p Saturday, March 1
FHSAA Wrestling to Regionals (Lake Mary) 8a
NJROTC Brain Brawl Championship 9a
NJROTC Drone Championship- Cairo High School 9a
Honor Society Talent Show 4p
Track @ Speziale Invite (PV)

Tuesday, February 25 ACT College Reportable Exam-Juniors

IB Booster Meeting 9:45
Softball vs Matanzas 5/7p
Boys Lacrosse JV / Varsity @ Ponte Vedra 5:30
Girls JV/Varsity Lacrosse vs Beachside 5:30p
Baseball Varsity @ Clay 6:30p
Model UN - Mock Conference

Wednesday, February 26
MAKEUP GOLD DAY EARLY RELEASE

CPR Training for Juniors through US History classes Tennis vs Creekside 3:30p JV Track @ Bartram Trail 4p Honor Society Talent Show Practice 4p Boys Weightlifting vs Beachside/Tocoi 5:30pm

Thursday, February 27 Green Day

Digital Design Leonard's Tour 9:30a Concert Band to MPA 8a Lunches: IB Social 11a Softball vs Creekside 5/7p Girls Varsity Lacrosse @ Fletcher 6p Girls JV Lacrosse @ Ponte Vedra 5:30p Baseball Varsity @ Oakleaf 6:30p JV Baseball vs Oakleaf 6:30p

Friday, February 28
Gold Day

FHSAA Wrestling to Regionals (Lake Mary) 8a
NJROTC Brain Brawl Championship 9a
NJROTC Drone Championship- Cairo High School 9a
Girls & Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs South Walton 6p/7:30p
Baseball Varsity vs Bartram Trail 6:30p

# GENERAL UPDATES

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.

## ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS

The Christ Church Ponte Vedra Education & Scholarship Commission is honored to offer

# 4-Year Florida Pre-Paid Scholarships\* and Financial Grants

for Colleges, Universities and Trade Schools

## Who's eligible?

Graduating High School seniors with strong academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, community service and demonstrated financial need.

For all details and to apply online, go to: https://ccpvb.org/scholarships/

Application Deadline: March 31, 2025

\*Covers Tuition & Fees Only. May be used only at a PUBLIC State College or University in Florida.



Provided by:

The Christ Church Ponte Vedra Education & Scholarship Commission. The Commission has provided over 100 scholarships and grants to deserving students over the last 25 years.



Christ Church Ponte Vedra 400 San Juan Drive



# Congratulations to our Nease High School Finalist in the 2025 competition for National Merit Scholarship Awards

Tu Bui
Ethan Diachun
Sophia Drake
Kaitlyn Glidewell
Hershel Kamat
Pranay Kolukuluri
Braden Leonard

David Lovett
Sheza Mehruf
MacKenzie Moy
Jolie Nguyen
Jessica Pandey
Vasanth Parthasarathy
Likith Tipirneni



# EXTRA

United States Chess Federation Champ, Aarna N. Warekar, an IB freshman recently won the 2025 Women's/Girls State Championship (K-12 category) held on February 15-16, 2025. She will be representing Florida as a delegate at the 13th Annual WIM Ruth Haring National Tournament of Girls State Champions, taking place in July 2025 in Middleton, Wisconsin https://new.uschess.org/haring. Aarna is pictured accepting the Trophy from United States Chess Federation (USCF) President Kevin Pryor. Good luck to Aarna at National!











#### Possible Summer Internship For Juniors Interested in Semiconductors

The Florida Semiconductor Institute (FSI) is pleased to announce a grant-funded semiconductor-focused paid internship program partnering with the NSF-funded Central Florida Semiconductor Innovation Engine. This program will allow university, state college, technical college, and even high-school students from across the state to participate in paid internships for up to 12 weeks. FLATE will lead the recruitment, placement, and management of the Florida semiconductor internship program. We are working with semiconductor-related companies all over the state to prepare for the paid internship program. The organizers will host an information session for students who complete this interest survey. Student Interest Survey Link- <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSIStudent2025">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FSIStudent2025</a>

This opportunity is separate from the school-district-organized Career Academy Summer Internship process. See the FSI flyer and QR Code on the next page.



# ACADEMIES

# In Need of Summer Internship Locations in Communications and Engineering Industries

Parents, if you work in graphic design, video production, public relations, or any type of engineering firm, we are searching for local businesses who are interested in hosting a summer intern. Academy interns work for up to 120 hours over the summer. These positions can be paid or unpaid. In the case of unpaid internships, students earn service hours to apply towards Bright Futures. All student intern applicants are certified in professional software and are only eligible to take part in an Academy internship between their Junior and Senior year.

If your company may be able to take on a summer intern, please reach out to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

## St. Johns River State College Florida School of the Arts Open House

Any students interested in pursuing the arts after high school should consider visiting FLOARTS for their open house! Learn more here: <u>St. Johns River State</u>

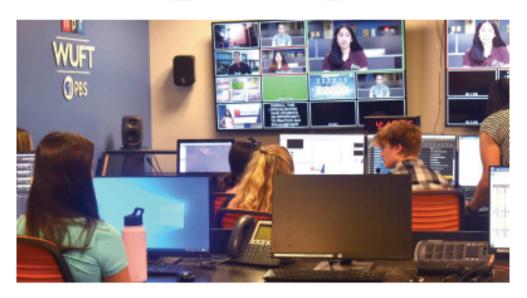
## **Summer Camp Opportunities**

On the next two pages, please view the fliers for information about Summer Camp Opportunities.

# ACADEMIES



# SUMMER MEDIA INSTITUTE



# June 22 - 27, 2025 Gainesville, Florida

Join us this summer for a week-long immersive experience in all facets of communication, from sports reporting to feature writing and filmmaking.

Live in a UF residence hall and work with UF faculty as you connect with students from all over the world.

#### Specializations

Anchoring and Hosting • Broadcast Reporting • Communicating for the Greater Good • Feature and News Writing • Filmmaking: The Reel Narrative • Photojournalism • Social Media: Influencing and Storytelling • Sports Reporting

Registration Closes May 1, 2025



# ACADEMIES



Start Your STEM Journey in Summer 2025!



June 22-28, 2025 • Jacksonville, FL

#### Looking to engage in hands-on learning and fun?

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) is accepting nominations for 40 qualified high school students interested in attending the SAME/Navy STEM Engineering & Construction Camp in summer 2024 at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.

Students will engage in hands-on engineering activities under the mentorship and supervision of SAME professionals, base commands, and other volunteers from the local engineering community. Campers live, eat, and complete activities as squads with support from uniformed servicemembers and STEM-related working professionals.

#### CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Camp lasts one week and costs \$800.
- Camp is overnight; all food, lodging, supervision is provided.
- SAME Camps feature many dynamic activities, including building concrete beams, operating drones and remote-controlled underwater vehicles, using survey equipment, constructing and testing cardboard boats, and more!

(Must be at least 15 years of age to apply; rising sophomore, junior, or senior.)

Application deadline: March 12, 2025.

#### TEAMWORK



#### LEADERSHIP



#### PROJECT MANAGEMENT



#### PROBLEM-SOLVING



## >>>>SAME/U.S. NAVY STEM, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION CAMP<<<<<

#### APPLICATION CRITERIA:

- Rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior in Fall 2025.
   At least 15 years of age at time of camp.
- On a track that will provide a basis for attending an accredited engineering college or university (such as taking appropriate STEM courses).
- Minimum GPA of 3.2 (not required but highly recommended)
- Demonstrated leadership characteristics through participation in extracurricular activities, sports, and/or community activities.
- Physically fit.
- U.S. Citizen.
- Able to provide proof of medical insurance.

#### COSTS & REGISTRATION:

Registration fee for the camp is \$800. This includes lodging, meals, materials, instruction, and mentoring.

Once selected, campers must submit half the registration fee to hold their spot. Sponsorships for the other half of the amount (or more) may be available from SAME Posts.

Sponsorships are not absolutely guaranteed and if not sponsored by a Post, the camper could be responsible for all camp fees and transportation.

## **LEARN MORE / APPLY**



#SAMECAMPS • www.same.org/camps

# IS IN FORMATION

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

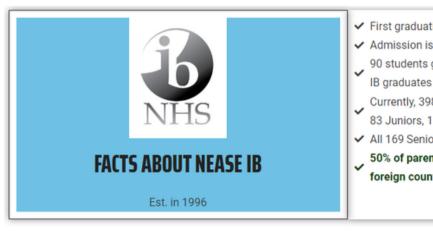
The next IB student social is Thursday, February 27th. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. Membership incentives can be picked up and community service t-shirts can be purchased during the social. Community service t-shirts are required for the upcoming 9th and 10th grade community service event – the Apryle Showers 10K - on Sunday, April 6th.

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 6 PM. 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!

Attention Senior IB Parents! The IB Senior Banquet will be held on May 13th at the St Johns Golf and Country Club. The ceremony begins at 5:00 PM. Stoles will be presented at this event.

Register for the Apryle Showers 10K in Nocatee and support the IB Boosters! The race will be held April 6th. Use the promo code NEASEIB when registering, and the IB Booster Club gets \$5 per runner. See flyer on the next page.



- 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.

# IB INEORMATION





# BEOSTERGUB

Apryle Showers Run Sunday, April 6, 2025

Freshman & Sophomore Nease IB Students will be volunteering at the Apryle Showers 10K Run.

Come join them! Register to run/walk the event. Use the promo code "NEASEIB" (all caps) when registering and the IB Booster Club will receive \$5 per runner.











MEDIACENTER

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



#### **BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION!! DATE CHANGE!!**



Due to a school calendar change, we had to move the date for our celebration to Wednesday, March 12th. It will still be in our media center on from 12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m during Excel.

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 "wishlist" 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.



## Black History Month Celebration Volunteers

Please join us on March 12th to help us host the 2nd Annual Black History Month Celebration at Nease...



signupgenius.com

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>

# AUTHOR DELILAH S. DAWSON IS COMING TO NEASE!

NYTimes bestselling author
Delilah S. Dawson is coming to
meet with all our Writing
Classes and our book club
students on Wed., March 5th
all day! Students will
participate in a presentation
with her about the ins and
outs of the writing process,
becoming a published writer,
and other fun facts. Ms.
Dawson is the author of
Midnight at the Houdini, one
of this year's Florida Teen
Reads and we are excited to



welcome her to Nease! We will be hosting an author lunch in the media center during Excel for any and all students that have read her book or any of her other YA books. She has written books for Disney, the Marvel Universe, and the Star Wars sagas. If your student is interested in participating in one of her presentations during the day or attend the author lunch, please have him/her see me as soon as possible.

# NEASE ATHLETICS

# SPRING SPORTS HAVE STARTED!! COME SUPPORT OUR PANTHERS!!

Boys Weightlifting
2/19 Meet Results
Olympic
Nease - 50
Bartram - 36
Episcopal - 13

Traditional
Nease - 60
Bartram - 21
Episcopal - 15



Congratulations to the following NJROTC students who were recognized by Congressman John Rutherford for a nomination to a United States Military Academy. Ruhi Shanbhag, USAFA, USMA (West Point), USMMA, was awarded an appointment to USMMA, Brandon Gear, USMA, received appointment, Aiden Kennedy, USMMA, was awarded an appointment to USMMA. Eric Drewes, USMA, USNA, Austen Escoffery, USAFA, USNA, Dominic Cigliano, USNA, USMA, USAFA, USMMA.



# SCHOOL COUNSELING





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

Link to sign up for College Visit:

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











BFLOW

## PTSO Open Positions for 2025-2026

Want to make a difference at Nease and meet some fantastic people We have several PTSO positions open for the upcoming school we'd love for you to join us Whether you have a little extra time or want to be more involved there's a role for you—no experience needed Plus, many positions can be shared with a friend. Email <a href="mailto:president@neaseptso.org">president@neaseptso.org</a> for more information. Let's make next year amazing together!

#### **EXCEL VOLUNTEERS**

EXCEL is 60 minutes each Wednesday for students to eat lunch (preferably outside, where the students can get some fresh air), attend a club meeting, seek help from a teacher, or retake a summative exam Sign up: EXCEL Sign Up Thank you for your consideration.





#### **Platinum Panther Partner Spotlight**

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Show your support for businesses that make our school community thrive.

# STUDENT LIFE



We're raising dough!

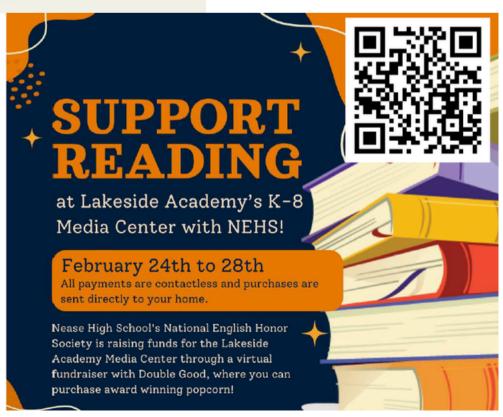
**NEASE HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UN** 

March 1, 2025 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm 35 Capital Green Drive, Ponte Vedra, FL

Use code <u>FUND4U</u> at panerabread.com, in the Panera App, or at the kiosk in-cafe.

Online orders placed all day at your event cafe will count toward your total sales.

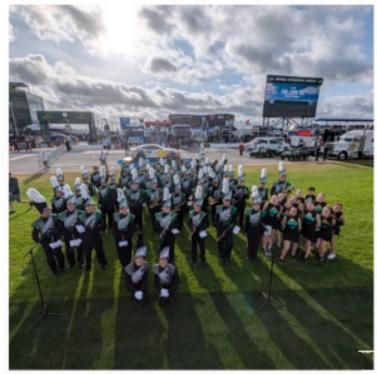
Bring this flyer or show a digital copy to your cashier when ordering at the cafe to ensure your organization gets a portion of the net sales. Panera: FUNDRAISING



# STUDENT LIFE

Our very own Nease Pantherettes Dance Team had a strong finish to their 2024-2025 competition season as they advanced at Nationals from Prelims to Semi-finals in Kick, Jazz and Pom before then advancing to Finals in both Kick and Jazz. We are so proud of our Pantherettes for placing 4th in the Nation with their amazing Kick routine!





STUDENT LIEE









# Coming Soon!

## **Nease's Thrift Store opens March 5**

STUDENT LIFE

- Earn service hours by donating and sorting clothes.
- Donations can be dropped outside of D-27 anytime!
- All teen/adult size clothing accepted.
- Please only donate of usable quality. Clothes only.

## **Donate Now!**

Follow us on Instagram: @pantherthrifts ...

## Fundraising for clubs!

All profits from the store benefit clubs on campus.

Each month a club is chosen at random. That club can then volunteer to run the store for the month and earn all the profits from that month.

#### **Store Details:**

- All clothes are priced \$1, \$3, or \$5
- All Nease Spiritwear is free!
- Store open during Excel hours outside D-pod, Monday and Thursdays before school in D27.
- Online ordering (Instagram) coming in March

## **Donate**

- Accepting donations NOW!
- Donate anytime outside Coach Case's room (D27).
- You will sort your donation into bins then scan a QR code to fill out the donation form. Must sort and fill out form to earn hours.
- 1 hour per 10 items (max 5 hours a month)



## **Senior Dues:**

Thank you to everyone that came by to see Ms. Mietzner regarding senior dues. We still have about 40 students that have yet to pay. If you are one of those students, please pay those as soon as possible at the following link: SchoolPay - Checkout

## **Senior T-Shirts:**

If you missed senior t-shirt pick up and paid your dues by October 11th, please come see Ms. Morrison in B107 or Ms. Mietzner in F-105 by Friday, February 28th. Any shirts not picked up by this date will be released to all seniors.

## **Important Upcoming Dates for Seniors:**

- April 2nd Senior Assembly in the PAC
- April 10th Cap and Gown Distribution in the PAC
- April 21st April 25th Senior Week (more information to come)
- April 25th Grad Bash (see Grad Bash Schoology group for more information on upcoming requirements and due dates) \*As a reminder, there are no refunds for Grad Bash. If you do not plan to attend, please see Ms.
   Mietzner in F105 or Ms. Morrison in B107
- May 8th Lights Out at the stadium
- May 9th Senior Debt Day and Senior Last Day!
- May 13th Graduation Rehearsal 1PM at UNF
- May 17th Graduation 9AM at UNF



#### **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>.



## 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!