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Dear Panther Families,

I hope you had a nice weekend! Please take a moment to read through the Panther Press, as this edition includes many updates and information. I know I always say this, but we have so many amazing things happening at Nease!

Seniors & Senior Parents, please see the updated information in the Senior Life Section, as there new scholarships available and some To-Do's for both parents and seniors. You will also be receiving a separate Senior Special Edition 2025 tomorrow or, CLICK HERE> to access this information now.

April is designated as the Month of the Military Child. Please see the NJROTC section as Nease, with the help of NJROTC and PTSO we will be celebrating our students of Active-Duty parents. Thank you for your service.

Please consider supporting our Performing Art Students and come see our collaborative effort with APEX Theatre in bringing the Sound of Music to Nease High School. Links can be accessed below.

We are in need of proctors for upcoming testing for BEST/EOCs/AP & IB PLEASE see the links in General Updates.

Finally, please check out the PTSO section as they are working on celebrating our Nease Teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. I couldn't be prouder working with such a dedicated and committed team of educators.

Have a great week, Panthers! Gina Fonseca Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

The Sound of Music Thurs- Sat, April 10-12 Tickets on sale NOW

- Thursday, April 10 @7:00pm
- Friday, April 11 @7:00pm
- Saturday, April 12 @1:00pm
- Saturday, April 12 @ 5:00p
- Sunday, April 13 @2:00pm Understudies' Families

Wednesday, April 16

- · Lunch for students of
- Active -Military Parents

Thursday, April 17

• 11th/12th Prom

Friday April 18

• Student /Teacher Holiday

Friday, April 25

• Grad Bash for Seniors

Panther Week at a glance

Week at a Glance...

Monday, April 7 Green Day

PTSO Monthly Gift Card drawing Engineering Academy KLS Martin Trip Sound of Music - run thru 4p

Tuesday, April 8

Gold Day

PTSO Partners in Education Appreciation Breakfast

Junior Achievement to PVA

Murphy's P2, P6 & P7 - 10th ELA Writing Exam

Marine Science Field Study - GTM

Sound of Music - run thru 4p

Baseball Varsity @ Episcopal 6:30p

Varsity Volleyball vs Global Outreach

Academy 6p

JV Baseball vs Episcopal 6:30p Varsity Softball @ Middleburg 6:30p

Wednesday, April 9 EXCEL Early Release Schedule

DTCO Stock the Lourge

PTSO Stock the Lounge

National Honor Society- SeaWorld Grad Bash Meeting - EXCEL Sound of Music - Final Dress 4p Tennis vs Beachside 4p Sign Language Event 4:30p Café Baseball Varsity vs Bishop Kenny 6p JV Baseball @ Bishop Kenny 6p Girls' Lacrosse Tentative District Games

March 31 - April 5

Thursday, April 10 Green Day

Newspaper & Yearbook Field Study/ Epcot
Cap and Gown Distribution Lunches
Marine Science Field Study - GTM
Tactical Air Support Engineering Field Study
Academy of Hospitality & Tourism Advisory
Board Meeting
Track @ Thursday Night Spikes (BTHS)
Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Ponte Vedra (JV
scrimmage) 5:30p; 6:30P G
Sound of Music - Performance #1
Softball vs Bishop Snyder 6:30 p
(Varsity Only)
Boys Lacrosse District Playoffs Host 5:30 p; 7:30 p

Friday, April 11

Gold Day

Communications Academy TV Pro Scholastic
Journalism & Film Workshop
Brumos Collection Engineering Field Study
Cap and Gown pick up
Sound of Music - performance #2 G
Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Creekside G
Softball vs Fletcher 6p (Varsity Only) G
Boys Weightlifting @ State Championship

Saturday, April 12

Boys Weightlifting @ State Championship Sound of Music - performance #3; 11a and 5p

Sunday, April 13

Sound of Music- Understudies Families 12:30 - 4p

General updates

Nease HS and APEX



proudly present ...



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

Thursday, April 10 @7:00pm

- https://gofan.co/event/3477081?schoolId=FL17938 Friday, April 11 @7:00PM
- https://gofan.co/event/3477099?schoolId=FL17938 Saturday, April 12 @1:00pm
- https://gofan.co/event/3477194?schoolId=FL17938 Saturday, April 12 @5:00pm
- https://gofan.co/event/3477198?schoolId=FL17938 Sunday, April 13 @2:00pm
 - https://gofan.co/event/3477235?schoolId=FL17938

TICKET ON SALE NOW!

GENERAL UPDATES

Superintendent Search Appplicants on the SJCSD Website

https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/supt-search/applications/

Updates from our Testing Coordinator, Cynthia Messenger

The following exams will be **morning testing only**. The state allows students to have up to a full day to test, therefore, we will start with 9:20 AM testing each day. It is important to PLEASE be on time to school. Dates and location posting lists, will be sent out soon. Information on AP & IB testing will also come out soon.

2025	End	of	Year	Testing	Schedule
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US History EOC: May 1st
10th ELA F.A.S.T. Exam: May 2nd
9th ELA F.A.S.T. Exam: May 5th - 6th
B.E.S.T Geometry: May 8th - 9th
B.E.S.T Algebra 1: May 12th - 13th
Biology EOC: May 12th - 15th

GENERAL UPDATES

TESTING PROCTORS - NEASE NEEDS YOUR HELP! Volunteers needed for upcoming testing!

BEST/FAST/EOC

We need proctors for the upcoming End of Course testing May 1st through May 15th. If you have a few hours (or a few days), please use the sign-up genius links below or email Cynthia Messenger at <u>cynthia.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u>. If you have availability. We will take parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and family friends - anyone with free time!

SignupGenius to help proctor BEST/FAST/EOC: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4EA5AB2BA3FF2-55998965-nease

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams

Please use the link below to sign up for a proctoring session. AP Exams will take place between May 5th through May 16th.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BA9AE2CA2F4C34-56093202-nease

Please contact AP Coordinator Amy Newman at <u>amy.newman@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> with any questions.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Exams

Please use the link below to sign up for a proctoring session. IB Exams will take place between April 29- May $21^{\rm st}$.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E4EAFA728ABF94-55977983-nease#/

Please make sure you have completed the Volunteer Link with the district if you have not been cleared previously.

Volunteer link from the district: https://stjohns.keepntrack.com/apply

Thank you in advance for your time and support for our students!

GENERAL UPDATES





Exciting News for SJCSD Parents!

Welcome to the Bus Planner Transportation Parent Portal!

- Easy direct access to your student's bus information
- > Improved alerts for late buses more accurate & timely notifications
- Easier requests communicate directly with Transportation anytime
- Advanced notice for any route time or bus stop changes
- Confirmation receipts for all communication with Transportation

Stay informed and experience a smoother school transportation process with Bus Planner!

■ Scan the QR code below to get started!





sjcsd.mybusplanner.com





Bus Planner Parent Tutorial

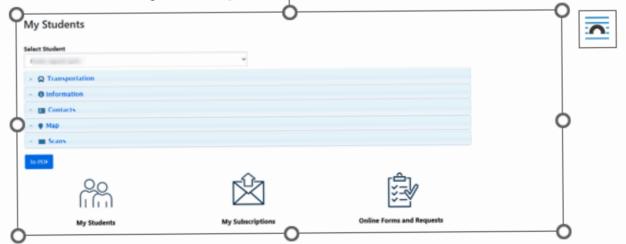
Using the same website as you would for work log in but use the parent portal



Click create account. Using the email address that you use for your children and fill in all the
questions



In this section you can see your child's bus information



 This will give you access only to the students who are associated with your email that you sign up with.

If you have any questions or need further <u>assistance</u> please reach out to Tiffany Bravo at Transportation Office: 904-547-8076



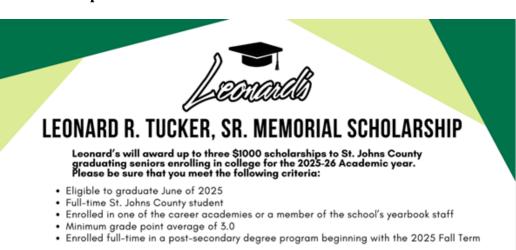
Stellar Academy of Engineering Scholarship Application Available Deadline is Monday!

Engineering Academy Seniors, you are eligible to apply for the Stellar Scholarship. Up to two engineering Seniors will be selected, earning \$1,000 each. Read the application carefully, and be sure to turn everything in via email to Mrs. Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us, or by dropping off your materials in the basket attached to Mrs. Combs' office door in C-101, no later than **Monday, April 7th**. This is a great chance to earn free cash for college if you plan on pursuing an Engineering or Architecture major!

Application available here: **CLICK HERE>>**

Leonard's Scholarship Available to Communications Academy and Yearbook Class Students

The Leonard R. Tucker Sr. Memorial Scholarship application is now available. This is a \$1000 Scholarship for St. Johns County Graduates enrolled in the Communications Academy program or yearbook class. You can apply at www.leonards.com/scholarship. You can find more details below. The deadline for this scholarship application is April 30th.



Preference will be given to those applicants who have an interest in digital media and design, communications, photography, or computer technology.

Questions? Contact us at scholarshipseleonards.com

To apply, go to www.leonards.com/scholarship

What students need to complete Scholarship Application:

- Cover Letter
- · Essay (See application for details)
- Two recommendation letters from academic teachers
- Current high school transcript or most recent report card
- Sample of digital media/design or photography, if applicable

Applicant must also demonstrate The Six Pillars of Character:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

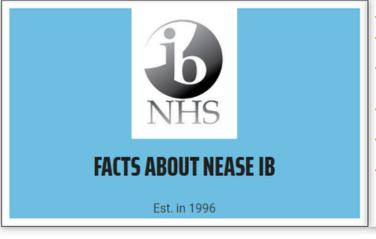
is information

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 22nd** at 9:45AM 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**, **April 24th**. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. Seniors should plan to wear their college gear for the "IBdone" photo.

Attention Rising and Current 9th Grade Families! The spring Parent Mix 'n Mingle originally scheduled for **April 8th** will be rescheduled for the fall. The new date will be communicated closer to the event.

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 5:30 PM. Stoles will be presented at this event. **Senior stoles** are available for purchase online at <u>Senior Stoles - Nease High School IB Booster Club</u>. Each senior can bring 2 paying guests. To RSVP for the banquet, please register at <u>Nease IB Banquet 2025</u>.



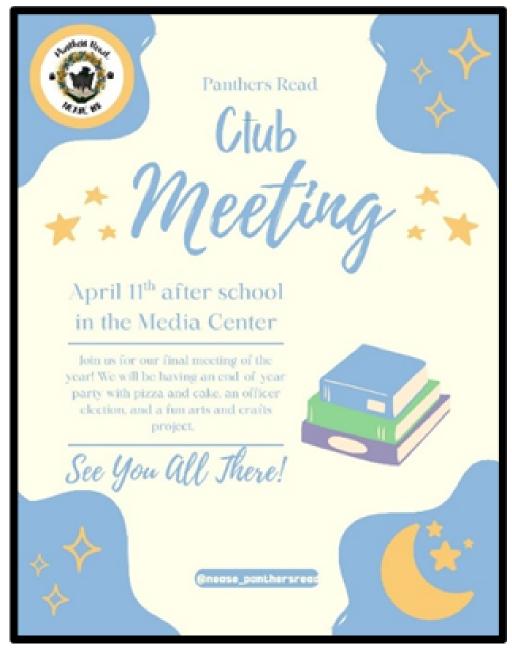
- First graduating class was in 1998.
- ✓ Admission is competitive, drawing from the entire county.
- 90 students graduated in 2023, making a total of 1,744 Nease IB graduates in 26 years.
- Currently, 398 students are enrolled in the program: 86 Seniors, 83 Juniors, 102 Sophomores, & 125 Freshman.
- ✓ All 169 Seniors and Juniors are full diploma candidates
- 50% of parents & 57% of grandparents are originally from foreign countries.

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>

PANTHERS READ BOOK CLUB!

We will be having our FINAL book club meeting CELEBRATION and "FTR 25-26 Reveal" party in the media center on Friday, April 11th after school and hold officer elections for next year. Hope to see many of you there.



@Nease_panthersread

MEDIACENTER

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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!



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

continue this little "perk" for our students.

Important Message for Athletes and Families

Please be advised that there has been a change in the point of contact for all athletic-related matters. Moving forward, all questions, concerns, requests, and communications that were previously directed to the Athletic Director should now be directed to Assistant Principal Mr. Trevor Abbs and Athletic Secretary Heather Davis. Mr. Abbs and Ms. Davis will be assuming responsibility for all athletic oversight and will serve as the primary point of contact for the foreseeable future. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this transition. We are committed to ensuring a smooth continuation of our athletic programs and will work diligently to address any inquiries promptly.

March Madness

The Nease Athletic Leadership Council hosted a senior scholarship fundraiser where some of our Nease staff took on the students in a Basketball game. The staff have been the reigning champs the last two years, but the students knocked them out of their winning streak during a close game with the final score of 36-34, Students winning over Staff! Congrats to the students, and thank you to all who played and attended this event!





Boys Weightlifting Regional Championship Results

Miles Heffernan (139) - 10th Traditional
Tyler Martin (154) - 10th Traditional
Daniel Law (169) - 10th Olympic
Logan Martin (199) - Traditional Champion!
Marco Vasquez (219) - 9th Olympic

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEASE TENNIS SENIORS











CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEASE GIRLS LACROSSE SENIORS









Powderpuff Football

The Nease Athletic Leadership Council also hosts a Powderpuff Football event where the different grade levels take on each other on in flag football. This is a senior scholarship fundraiser. See below on how to apply to the scholarships.

GAME DATES:

Playoff Games: Afterschool on Tuesday April 22th

Game 1: Freshman vs Sophomores will start at 5:00pm

Game 2: Junior vs Seniors will start approx. 6:00pm (after game 1 finishes) Championship Game: During School 5 & 6th period on Wednesday April 23rd

The winners of Tuesday's playoff games will compete.

PLAYERS:

- -Students who want to participate can pick up a registration form in the front office or Ms Ashley's room in D-pod 01. Registrations are due by April 10th .
- -Practices will be April 14-17th and April 21st after school for 1 hour.

SPECTATORS:

- -With a \$5 donation you can attend the games each day.
- -For the game during the school day 4/23, students who will be missing part of 5th and all of 6th period to attend must check with those teacher first and have their permission. That day the wristbands can be obtained before school and during Excel behind Panther Hall.





CHAMPIONSHIP GAME wednesday, april 23rd during 5th period MUST SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

Nease athletics



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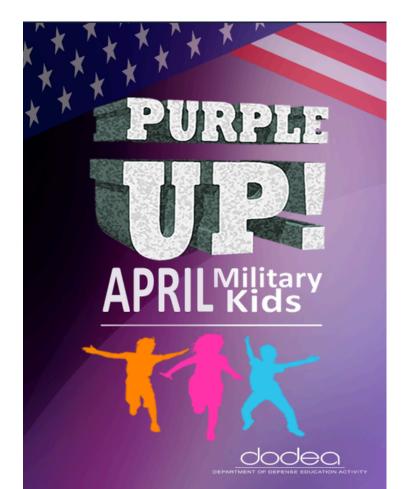
April is designated as the Month of the Military Child, underscoring the important role military children play in the armed forces community. Sponsored by the Department of Defense Military Community and Family Policy, the Month of the Military Child is a time to applaud military families and their children for the daily sacrifices and the challenges they overcome.

Throughout the month, DoDEA will encourage schools to plan special events to honor military children and have administrators and principals incorporate this month's themes into their everyday duties and responsibilities. These efforts and special events will stress the importance of providing children with quality services and support to help them succeed in the mobile military lifestyle.

The Nease NJROTC in collaboration with the NEASE PTSO, celebrates and thanks our students whose parents serve in the military. We understand the sacrifice that the entire family makes for freedom!

We invite our students of current active-duty military parents for a pizza lunch on April 16th during lunch. Please sign up below by April 11^{th.} Thank you for your role in support of your family.

CLICK HERE > RSVP Student of Active-Duty Military Lunch



RVSP FOR THE CHILDREN OF ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY LUNCH ON APRIL 16th!



MUST RSVP BY APRIL 11th!!

STAFF APPRECIATION | GIFT CARD DRIVE



HAPPENING NOW!

OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE EVERY STAFF MEMBER
AT LEAST A
\$25 GIFT CARD AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON.



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

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The PTSO is hosting a Staff Appreciation Lunch next month and is collecting \$25 gift cards (Amazon & Target preferred) to thank our fantastic staff.

E How to Donate:

- Drop off \$25 gift cards (labeled with the amount) in a sealed envelope marked Nease PTSO Staff Appreciation at the Front Office by April 24th.
- Prefer Venmo? Donate by April 24th, and we'll purchase the gift cards for you! Venmo: @JillDamato2010 (Nease PTSO) Last 4: 0335

Thank you for your generosity in celebrating our wonderful NEASE staff!



Don't miss this opportunity to boost your score and gain confidence before test day! Registration is NOW OPEN for both the Reading & Writing and Math one-day boot camps! Seats are LIMITED. https://www.neaseptso.org/home This is a fundraiser for the Nease High School PTSO, and we cannot offer refunds so that we can properly plan for the day.

ONE DAY SAT BOOT CAMPS

Saturday, April 26th 10 am - 5 pm

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SAT READING & WRITING

with Mr. Binns

Sunday, April 27th 10 am - 5 pm

SAT MATH

with Ms. Gebauer

FOR DETAILS & REGISTER: www.neaseptso.org

seats are limited

NEASE PTSO FUNDRAISER

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Platinum Panther Partner Spotlight

Sun-Kissed Lemon Society is proud to support Nease High School! Located just across the street in Panther Plaza, we're your go-to spot for flawless blowouts, small-group Pilates classes, and gorgeous walk-in hand spray tans. We also offer red light therapy, an infrared body wrap, and a salt sauna to help you look and feel your best. We're open 7 am-8 pm Monday through Saturday and 11 am-8 pm on Sundays. Learn more at mylemonlife.com or us at 904-547-2717 — whether you're getting ready for a big game, a school dance, or just want to treat yourself, we're here to help you Blow, Flow & Glow!

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/

NEASE JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM neaseprom.weebly.com

STUDENT LIFE



The Miss Nease Pageant is May 3rd. Interest forms accepted through April 4th

Junior girls can get information packets from Ms. Michael in F107 or Ms. Case in D27.





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 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



SCHOLARSHIPS

Griffin Moody Scholarship Award Application - 2025

One or more \$2500 Griffin Moody Scholarships will be awarded to Nease High School Seniors who are graduating in May 2025, have demonstrated good moral character, achieved success in the classroom, participated in extra-curricular activities (either in school or outside of school), and have applied to attend either a traditional or technical college in the Summer or Fall of 2025.

CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION >

Athletic Leadership Council Senior Scholarships

These scholarships are made up of the proceeds from the March Madness game and Powderpuff Football game. Students who are interested in applying will need to write a short essay.

- Pick one of the Six Pillars of Character and explain why it is important not only in sports but in everyday life. The Pillars are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship
- Your essay must be at least 250 words.
- Essays are <u>DUE</u> to the athletic trainer or front office by <u>APRIL 16th</u>

We will be announcing the winners at halftime of the Powderpuff Football game on April 23rd. You do not have to be present to win.

Questions? Please contact Ms. Ashley at ashley.raymond@stjohns.k12.fl.us





CLICK HERE >

Graduation Transcript Request



Parents of NEASE Seniors

Celebrate how much your graduate has grown in the Senior issue of The Vertical, Nease's student newspaper!

Submit a baby or young photo and a recent photo of your SENIOR to be showcased side by side in our senior issue for only \$10. DEADLINE IS APRIL 22, 2025!

https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20242025-Nease-Senior-Photos-Vertical/SeqzD7L

Showcase your grad in the Senior issue of the student newspaper-Submit a baby & recent pic for $$10.\ DEADLINE-4/22/25$

https://bit.ly/44fcZph





PURCHASE YOUR

SENIOR MESSAGE

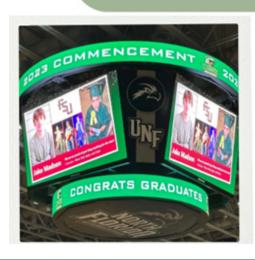
to be shown at graduation & senior lights out

\$25 ON SCHOOLPAY

AFTER PURCHASING IN SCHOOLPAY, SEND YOUR SLIDE, SCHOOLPAY RECEIPT AND SENIOR NAME TO NEASESENIOR2025@GMAIL.COM

(SLIDE MUST BE CREATED IN POWERPOINT OR GOOGLE WITH PICTURE OR COLLAGE, SENIOR NAME, AND MESSAGE. SLIDE SIZE NEEDS TO BE 16:9)

DUE APRIL 18TH 2025









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!