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Dear Panther Families,

I hope you had a nice weekend!

Please take a moment and review the next page. Nease is in need of PROCTORS for testing. Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles and friends! Please make sure you have completed the Volunteer Link with the district if you have not been cleared previously.

Prom information was sent out on Thursday. Please be sure to review this information on page 6 of this edition.

Seniors & Senior Parents, please see the updated information in the Senior Life Section, as there NEW scholarships available each week.

Please <u>CLICK HERE></u> to access senior dates & information now.

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

Wednesday, April 16

• Gold Day Make up

Thursday, April 17

• 11th/12th Prom

Friday April 18

 Student / Teacher Holiday

Friday, April 25

• Grad Bash for Seniors

PROCTORS NEEDED PLEASE

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!

Panther Week at a glance

Week at a Glance...

April 14 - April 19

Monday, April 14 Green Day

AP World Study Sessions ACE Regional Competition Field Study Boys Varsity Volleyball vs Bartram Trail 6:30p Boys Baseball v. Fletcher @ Mandarin 4:30 p

Tuesday, April 15

Gold Day

Purple Up Day! Honoring our military children.

Boys Tennis Districts NHS Tennis Courts -ALL Day Girls Tennis Districts @ PVHS Football Parent Meeting - PAC 6p Softball vs Atlantic Coast 6p (Varsity Only) Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball @ Tocoi Creek 6:30

Wednesday, April 16 Make Up Gold Day

Boys Tennis Districts NHS Tennis Courts -ALL Day Girls Tennis Districts @ PVHS Baseball District Championship (tentative) Boys Lacrosse v. PVHS District Championship

Thursday, April 17 Green Day Prom 7p- 10:30p

Friday, April 18 No School Students/Staff

Saturday, April 19

Track & Field Districts @ Sandalwood





Attention students taking the FCLE

Florida Civics Literacy Exam Review Sessions
Open to all students taking the FCLE on 4/21 and 4/22
Tuesday 4/15 and Wednesday 4/16 from 8 am-9 am in D-007
Please be at the gate by 7:55 AM
See Mr. Tomlinson (D-007) with any questions.



All about A.J. Drake III - Youth Resource Deputy | Nease High School

Deputy AJ Drake is a third-generation law enforcement officer who retired from the New York State Police in 2019. His career in New York was spent primarily on investigations. He was part of the New York State Police's Protective Services Unit, where he was tasked with protecting the Governor of New York and his family, as well as being a Task Force Officer with the New York Drug Enforcement Task Force under the DEA. After retiring with the rank of Senior Investigator and moving to St John's County. Deputy Drake made the decision to go back into Law Enforcement earlier this year with the goal of making our schools safer.



HELP US RE-WRAP THE NEASE YRD VEHICLE

Our Nease YRD's car is in need of a re-wrap and it's up to the Nease community to fund it. Please consider donating to the Go Fund Me below to help us get to our goal and have Deputy Drake patrol St John's County in the best-looking vehicle around!



VISIT THE GO FUND ME SITE BY
FOLLOWING THE QR CODE OR GOING TO
THE WEBSITE BELOW

HTTPS://GOFUND.ME/933F70C3



EXTRAEXTRA

Congratulations to Nease athlete Kai Ryan and his teammates who returned to Richmond Virginia theis weekend to play with the Brooks Ballers Adult-Wheelchair Basketball Team.

They took 3rd in the nation for D-III!



11TH & 12TH GRADE PROM

Dear Junior/Senior Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The Allen D. Nease High School Prom will occur at Deerwood Castle (7601 Centurion Pkwy, Jacksonville, FL 32256) the evening of **Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm.** While students are required and encouraged to attend school every day, we understand that the occasion of prom can require extra time to get ready. Therefore, if your child is planning to miss part of the school day on Thursday, April 17, 2025, please fill out the following form to indicate if your student will be leaving early (at 1:10PM; end of 3rd period):

• CLICK HERE>> to access the 2025 Early Release for Prom Form

If you want your child to leave campus at 1:10pm, 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 1:10pm.

Please note that the Early Dismissal Portal (found on the Nease website) will be turned off on April 16 @4:00pm.

If you prefer to keep your student at home for the entirety of the school day, that is a family decision. You will need to follow our regular procedure for reporting an absence.

Students **WITHOUT** a signed form will be released at the normal school end time: 3:50pm. We **WILL NO**T check-out students through the main office between 1:10pm and 3:50pm for Prom.

Thank you for all you do for our Panther Family! Allen D. Nease Administration

TRADITION LIVES HERE!!



Wired Students Take Their Show On The Road

Wired students had a very busy couple of weeks, travelling to both the Florida Scholastic Press Association State Conference & Competition, and to UNF's Scholastic Journalism and Film Seminar. During their first-ever trip to FSPA, 13 Wired students competed in five on-the-spot competitions against a field of talented TV Production students from across the state. They brought home an Honorable Mention award for their original short film competition entry and took part in a number of breakout sessions led by professionals, all while networking with 1,500 students at the conference.



A week later, 19 TV Production students boarded a bus to the University of North Florida, where they took part in the University's Scholastic Journalism and Film Seminar. They toured UNF's Communications school and attended a number of workshops led by UNF professors.





Stellar Academy of Engineering Students Learn about Aerospace & Automotive Engineering

In two field trips sponsored by the Stellar Academy of Engineering this week, students had the chance to expand their engineering knowledge. Upperclassmen had the chance to learn more about aerospace engineering, thanks to a visit to Tactical Air Support in Jacksonville. Students heard from engineers who work on the aircraft repaired at that location, including a Nease alumnus, and tour the facility.

The following day students in the Introduction to Engineering classes took a trip The Brumos Collection Automotive Museum, where they toured the museum and were able to connect the engineering knowledge learned in the classroom to examples in the real-world. Thank you to both Tactical Air Support and The Brumos Collection for hosting our students!







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.



LEONARD R. TUCKER, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Leonard's will award up to three \$1000 scholarships to St. Johns County graduating seniors enrolling in college for the 2025-26 Academic year. Please be sure that you meet the following criteria:

- Eligible to graduate June of 2025
- · Full-time St. Johns County student
- Enrolled in one of the career academies or a member of the school's yearbook staff
- Minimum grade point average of 3.0
- Enrolled full-time in a post-secondary degree program beginning with the 2025 Fall Term

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
- Carring
- Citizenship

FINE ARTS

Congratulations to ALL the NEASE Art Students participating in the All-County Show!

Andrew Blount -Peaceful Escape - 3rd Place Enrique Pascasio - The Whiteboard and Me - 3rd Place





Jade Morgan- The Escape of Reality

Lydia Agyeyeva - Tiger Drinking Water From a Pond - Honorable Mention

Mckenna Getka - The Gwyligi



Performing arts

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Thank you to the APEX Theatre, Director Ian Maris, the Cast & Crew of the Sound of Music, featuring Nease Thespians and younger guest students from several feeder schools. The performances were absolutely wonderful and seriously brough Mrs. Fonseca to tears. I was so very proud!















Performing arts









IB INFORMATION

IB Coordinator update:

To ensure a smooth transition, our team has been working with Ms. Kennedy on all things IB. We are grateful for the support Ms. Kennedy has provided.

More specifically, we have interviewed for a new registrar and in the interim, Assistant Principal Abbs will be able to fulfill any registrar needs. The new registrar will work collaboratively with the school counselors but will not take on IB Coordinator role.

We will be interviewing next week for an IB Coordinator. Depending on the qualifications of the individual, it may be a full or part-time position. We do plan to continue with the IB Counselor position currently filled by Mr. Hoffman.

Our team, including Erich Hoffman, Amy Newman, and Gina Fonseca will be working behind the scenes to ensure the administration of the IB exams is prepared and organized for students. Additionally, we have been trained on procedures to secure and mail the exams.

Ms. Kennedy has been working on getting the predicted scores into the system, along with internal & external assessments. We also have been trained to add information from ManageBac to IBIS for any additional information that has not been added.

Ms. Kennedy will also be a resource for our team if needed, as we ensure IB receives all the documentation for our students to receive their diplomas.

Ms. Fonseca will be in working with the IB Booster President, Jill Damato to be sure we are informing the IB Boosters with any pertinent information.

Our next IB Booster meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 22nd** at 9:45 AM in the Media Center Conference Room 146. Join us! Please make sure you are a registered volunteer to attend.

The final IB student social is **Thursday**, **April 24**th. It will be held behind Panther Hall in the picnic area during all three lunches. We need volunteers and drink donations to make the event a success. Please consider signing up at **Nease IB Parents: IB Pizza Social Lunch - April 24**, **2025**. Seniors should plan to wear their college gear for the "IBdone" photo.

Attention Senior IB Parents! The IB Senior Banquet will be held on **May 13**th 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 **Senior Stoles - Nease High School IB Booster Club**. Each senior can bring 2 paying guests. To RSVP for the banquet, please register at **Nease IB Banquet 2025**.



NEASEATHLETICS

Boys Weightlifting Championship Results CONGRATULATIONS!!

Daniel Law and Logan Martin competed at the 2025 FHSAA Weightlifting State Championships on Saturday.

Daniel Law (Sr.) finished 13th in Olympic, in the 169lb Division. He broke the School record in the Snatch (205lbs) and improved his own record in the Olympic Total (460lbs).

Logan Martin (Jr.) is the 2025 Traditional State Champion in the 199lb Division! He improved his own school records in the Bench Press (425lbs) and the Traditional Total (675lbs). Logan is only the second state champion from Nease, joining Samuel Lewis from 2024!

Nease earned 8th Place out of 108 schools at States.



NEASE ATHLETICS

Congratualtions to the Lady Panther Varsity Softball Seniors

SENIOR NIGHT











NEASE ATHLETICS



NEASE PANTHERS FOOTBALL

2025 SPRING PARENT MEETING

When: April 15th, 2025.

Time: 6:00 pm EST.

Where: Nease High School

in the PAC.

Coach Drafts speaks on various topics regarding our upcoming Spring football season.



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NEASE ATHLETICS

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.





Nease athletics

Athletic Leadership Council Senior Scholarships

These scholarships are made up of the proceeds from March Madness game and Powderpuff Football. 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. Your essay must be at least 250 words. Essays are due to the athletic trainer or front office by April 16th. We will be announcing the winners at half time of the Powderpuff Football game on April 23rd. You do not have to be present to win.

(The Pillars are: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship Questions? Please contact Ms Ashley at ashley.raymond@stjohns.k12.fl.us

Nease athletics



NJROTE

Congratulations to the NJROTC Drill Team!!



NAVY NATIONALS

OVERALL - 5TH PLACE DRILL OVERALL - 3RD PLACE

ARMED EXHIBITION - 4TH PLACE
UNARMED EXHIBITION - 5TH PLACE
ARMED BASIC - 6TH PLACE
COLOR GUARD - 6TH PLACE
ACADEMICS - 9TH PLACE



STAFF APPRECIATION | GIFT CARD DRIVE



HAPPENING NOW!

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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.

= 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!

Taking the May or June SATs?

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.



Saturday, April 26th 10 am - 5 pm

T POWER

SAT READING & WRITING

with Mr. Binns

Sunday, April 27th 10 am - 5 pm

with Ms. Gebaue

>>> FOR DETAILS & REGISTER: www.neaseptso.org

seats are limited

NEASE PTSO FUNDRA

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STUDENT LIEE

SJCSD MATH COMPETITION Nease takes 1st place

Overall Winners						
1 st place	Nease	213 points		5 th place	Bartram Trail	66 points
2 nd place	Creekside	209 points		6 th place	Tocoi Creek	57 points
3 rd place	Beachside	180 points		7 th place	St. Augustine	46 points
4 th place	Ponte Vedra	123 points				



STUDENTLEE

Speech & Debate

Congratulations to the Nease Speech and Debate club bringing home 11 trophies with Riya Poddar, a freshman placing 1st Thank you to Mary Geiger for her sponosorship!



STUDENT LIFE

JOURNALISM and LEADERSHIP

Fifty Nease Film, Journalism, and Leadership students participated in the Leadership the Disney Way workshop, which included hands-on learning and problem-solving scenarios as well as the opportunity to meet and talk with a Disney leader about their journey to leadership and their leadership style.



STUDENT LIFE

NEASE ASL - American Sign Language and students from FSDB - Florida School for the Deaf & Blind Students join together for a night of games and fun!



Rhett McCool Scholarship

CLICK HERE>> for more information

STUDENT LIEE

MEASE JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM neaseprom.weebly.com



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.





SCHOLARSHIPS

Griffin Moody Scholarship Award Application - 2025

CLICK HERE FOR-APPLICATION >

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.

Rhett McCool Memorial Scholarship Click Here > for application

Candidates must be graduating seniors from district high schools in Putnam and St. Johns County, Florida who plan to attend a college or technical institution. Two awards will be given for \$1000 each- one to a student from Putnam County and one to a student from St. Johns County. Applications will be accepted from April 7, 2025 – April 18, 2025.

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









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



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!