

PANTHER PRESS

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Main Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Dear Panther Families,

Nease is still in need for more 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.

The 2025 South Beach Prom was such a great night out! Our Panthers had a wonderful evening dancing the night away. Thank you to teachers Amy Case, Sam Morrison, and the Nease staff for all their help! The kids were simply beautiful! See a few photos in this edition.

Seniors & Senior Parents, please see the updated information in the Senior Life Section. Please [CLICK HERE>](#) to access senior dates & information now.

Grad Bash is around the corner!

*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

SENIOR WEEK!

Tuesday, April 22

- Stellar Academy of Engineering Advisory Board Meeting 9a
- IB Booster meeting 9:45p
- Powder Puff Flag Football 5p

Wednesday, April 23

- EXCEL - Early Release
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Thursday, April 24

- 8th Grade Night 6p

Friday, April 25

- Senior Lunch
- 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 cynthia.messenger@stjohns.k12.fl.us. 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 amy.newman@stjohns.k12.fl.us 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 21st.

<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 21 - April 25

SENIOR WEEK!

April 21- April 25

Monday, April 21

Green Day

FCLE Exam - Semester 2 Government Students

Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball @ GOCA 5:30 p

Tuesday, April 22

Gold Day

FCLE Exam - Semester 2 Government Students

Beaches Go Green officers to FCA - Community Service 8a

IB Booster meeting 9:45 p

Northrop Grumman HIP Internship Year End Presentations 3p

Powder Puff Flag Football - ALC - Stadium 5 p

Boys JV/Varsity Volleyball vs Pedro Menendez 6p

Softball vs Fleming Island 6:30p (Varsity Only) 6:30p

Wednesday, April 23

EXCEL - Early Release

Senior Pancake Breakfast 8:30 p

Grad Bash Meeting (students) - PAC 12:21 p

Powder Puff Flag Football Final - ALC - Stadium 1:30 p

ROTC awards night 6p

Boys Lacrosse v. Niceville 7p Regional Qtr. Final

Thursday, April 24

Green Day

Lunches: IB Social 11a

8th grade night 6p

Friday, April 25

Gold Day

Grad Bash 2p

Saturday, April 26

Nease DECA ICDC

Electrathon Team Race Cocoa - Field study

Winter Guard Banquet (PAC)



EXTRA EXTRA

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!

gofundme



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

[HTTPS://GOFUND.ME/933F70C3](https://gofund.me/933f70c3)



GENERAL INFORMATION

Dear St. Johns County Parents and Guardians,

The enrollment window for the **St. Johns Virtual School (SJVS) Full-Time Program** opens on April 11, 2025, and will close on July 11, 2025. To learn more about virtual options and apply to the program, please visit the St. Johns Virtual School website.

SJVS is a program of choice. Please note that applying to the full-time program does not guarantee acceptance. SJVS is a semester commitment and students are required to complete virtual curriculum from lesson 1 through the end of the course. Applications received after July 11, 2025, will be submitted for approval through an appeal process.

The SJVS full-time program offers a unique online program that provides students the flexibility to learn. Each semester, a full-time virtual student is expected to complete a minimum of five courses for elementary and six courses for middle and high. To be successful, virtual school students must be self-disciplined, self-motivated, responsible, and challenged by rigor. Parents and guardians must play an active role in monitoring their child's progress and make sure their child maintains a regimented schedule.

A parent/guardian, especially in the elementary grades will serve as a hands-on learning coach. Parents/guardians will need to be able to assist their children each day to navigate the platform and submit work. Students in grades 6-12 are more independent in navigating the system and will be able to submit work and contact teachers as needed. SJVS elementary teachers will host live lessons twice per week. There are also office hours where teachers are available to assist each day/week.

SJVS middle and high school teachers will host open established office hours each week. These office hours will allow for students to schedule a specific time to talk with their teachers or know their teacher will be available specific for that subject. Teachers also are available and will answer all questions within a 24-hour period. The middle and high school program is largely self-directed. A high degree of responsibility and motivation are required to meet the required weekly completion goals.

While the full-time program does allow students to establish their own weekly schedule as to what day and time they complete schoolwork, students must achieve adequate weekly progress to continue with SJVS as a full-time option. Students who fall behind in their weekly progress could be required to complete schoolwork at the SJVS office until they reach and maintain the proper pace. Adequate weekly progress is defined as roughly 7% completion per class, per week. Students not able to maintain the proper pace will be required to return to their zoned school at the end of the semester.

If you are currently enrolled with SJVS and plan to return, you do not need to complete this application.

Ryan Erskine
Principal, St. Johns Virtual School

ACADEMIES

Congratulations to Nease's Electrathon Team!

The team won third place at a recent event that featured student-built electric cars from around the state, racing at FSCJ. Congratulations!



Stellar Engineering Academy Seniors Take Home \$15,000 In Scholarships

A big thank you to the ACE (Architecture, Construction and Engineering) Mentorship Program, who selected five Stellar Academy Seniors for scholarships.

The awards were granted at the ACE Regional End of Year Competition.

**Congratulations to Kairav Sharma, Liam King, Abiel Bismi,
AJ Agatep and Teniyah Blucher!**

ACADEMIES

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 scholarships@leonards.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

ART - CERAMICS

Ceramics students test their bowl designs with an ice cream treat
in Mr. Smith 's Ceramics 1 class



IB 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 final IB student social is **Thursday, April 24th**. 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

Seniors should plan to wear their college gear and meet in the amphitheater at 11:50AM for the "IBdone" photo.

On **Thursday, May 8th**, we will be transforming the media center into an international melting pot and offering Nease staff an array of foods from around the world. It is our way of showing our appreciation for our amazing staff. We can't make this international lunch happen without your help. Please click on the links for more details and consider signing up to bring in food and/or volunteer to help. Thank you for your support ---this has become a favorite event that ALL Nease teachers and staff look forward to!

Food Signup: [Nease IB Parents: International Staff Appreciation Lunch](#) Volunteer Signup: [Nease IB Parents: International Lunch Volunteer Sign Up](#)

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 **[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](#).



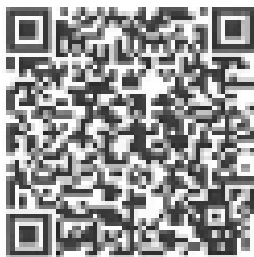
FACTS ABOUT NEASE IB

Est. in 1996

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

NEASE ATHLETICS

Nease SPORTS PHYSICALS



THURSDAY, May 29TH, 2025

Nease Media Center

5:30 P.M. TO 7 P.M.

\$20 PHYSICALS can be PURCHASED ON
GO FAN (see QR CODE) OR
DEBIT/CREDIT/APPLEPAY/CHECKS/CASH
WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR.

The FHSAA Physical (EL2) form is located on neaseathletics.com, under the Forms tab. Please have pages 1-2 filled out prior to arrival. Students can come alone but must have parent's signature on pg 2 of the EL2 form to get a physical.

Physicals are done by Southeast Orthopedic Specialists, Atlas Physical Therapy, and Nease Athletics.
All proceeds benefit Nease Athletic Training.

Questions? email ashley.raymond@stjohns.k12.fl.us



NEASE ATHLETICS

Boys Volleyball Senior Night!



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.

POWDER PUFF girls football		POWDER PUFF boys cheerleading	
	APRIL 22ND		APRIL 22ND
freshmen vs sophomores 5pm juniors vs seniors 6pm		freshmen vs sophomores 5pm juniors vs seniors 6pm	
GRAB PAPERS FROM MRS ASHLEY LOCATED IN D-POD	KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR PRACTICE DATES	GRAB PAPERS FROM MRS ASHLEY LOCATED IN D-POD	KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR PRACTICE DATES
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME wednesday , april 23rd during 5th period MUST SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH		CHAMPIONSHIP GAME wednesday , april 23rd during 5th period MUST SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH	

NEASE ATHLETICS

2025 CROSS COUNTRY PARENT / ATHLETE INTEREST MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 29, 2025 6:30PM NEASE CAFETERIA

FOLLOW

#NEASEBOYSCROSSCOUNTRY
#NEASEGIRLSDISTANCE



PTSO NEWS

STAFF APPRECIATION | GIFT CARD DRIVE

HAPPENING NOW!



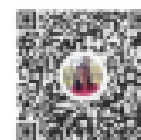
OUR GOAL IS TO GIVE EVERY STAFF MEMBER
AT LEAST A
\$25 GIFT CARD AT THE SPRING LUNCHEON.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING!

THANK YOU

NEASE PTSO

@JillDamato2010 (last 4 digits: 0335)



venmo

NEASE PTSO

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! ❤️**

PTSO NEWS

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.

SAT POWER DAYS!

ONE DAY SAT BOOT CAMPS

>>> Saturday, April 26th
10 am - 5 pm
SAT READING & WRITING
with Mr. Binns

>>> Sunday, April 27th
10 am - 5 pm
SAT MATH
with Ms. Gebauer

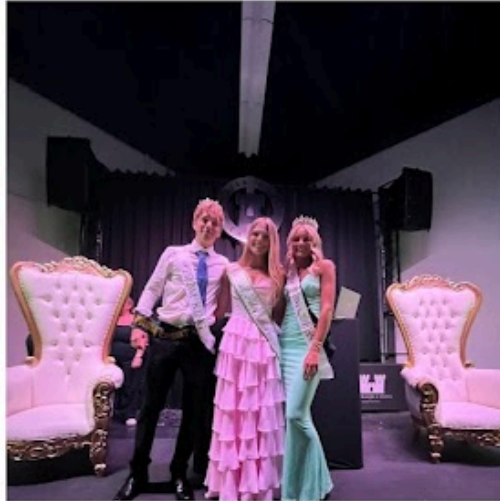
>>> **FOR DETAILS & REGISTER:** www.neaseptso.org
seats are limited

NEASE PTSO FUNDRAISER

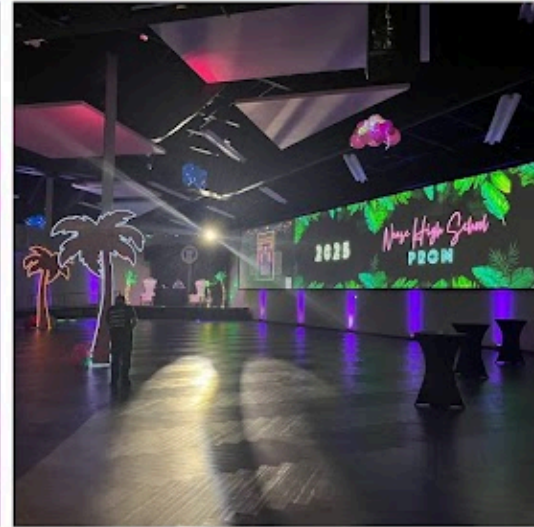
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11TH & 12TH GRADE PROM

*The 2025 Nease Prom Court
King & Queen
Daniel Pace and Isabel Bostic*



11TH & 12TH GRADE PROM



SENIOR LIFE

CLASS OF 2025

Seniors!

PLEASE FILL OUT ATTACHED FINAL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST BEFORE MAY 12TH

CLASS OF 2025 FINAL
TRANSCRIPT REQUEST



<https://forms.office.com/r/R5uw6ru08J>

MAKE SURE YOU'VE PAID THE ONE-TIME \$2 TRANSCRIPT FEE

CLICK HERE >

Graduation Transcript Request

SENIOR LIFE

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>



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SENIOR LIFE

PURCHASE YOUR SENIOR MESSAGE

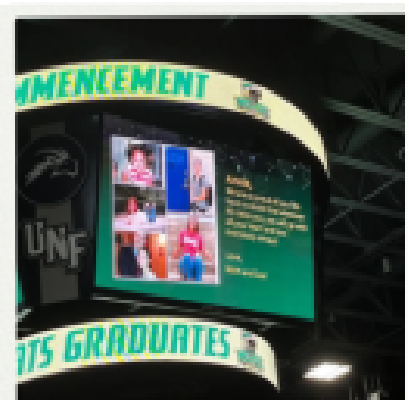
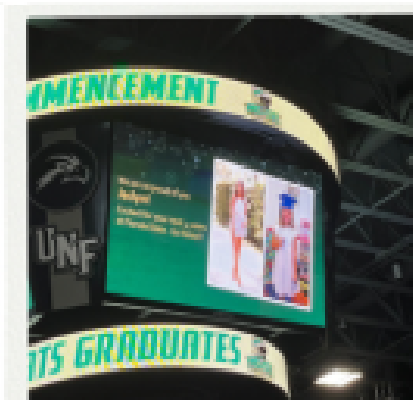
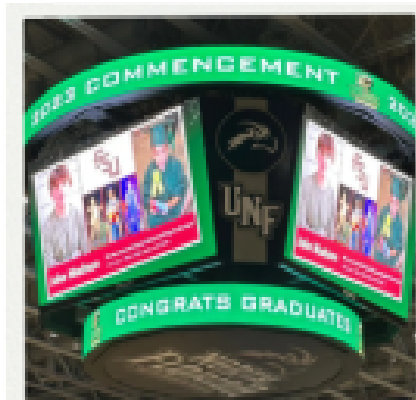
to be shown at graduation & senior lights out

\$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

FortifyFL

Fortify Florida

FortifyFL is a website and app developed at the direction of the Florida Legislature.

Any student, educator, parent or member of the public can report school safety concerns directly to law enforcement and school administrators anonymously and easily through the FortifyFL app or at <https://getfortifyfl.com/>.



ATTENTION DRIVERS!!

The manager of the retail strip across the street from Nease informed us that any student parking in their lot will be towed!

DO NOT RISK BEING TOWED!

