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Dear Panther Families,

One of our goals this year is to be sure you and your student are "**In The Know**" with all things Nease. Communication tools include our newsletter, the Panther Press, which is sent out every other week, and Parent Square, which we use to send out more timely information. We are working with Parent Square to ensure all students will also have access to this communication tool. More information coming soon!

Parents, there are many opportunities to get involved here at Nease. We invite you to join the Nease PTSO, as they are a great resource for events and support for the school. The first meeting is this Tuesday evening. You do not have to be present to be a member. Other opportunities include attending a School Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting or participating in the many booster organizations, including IB, NJROTC, BAND, and The Golden Panther Booster Committee (GPBC), Nease Athletics.

Over the past two weeks, there have been several information sessions held, including IB 101 and Coffee with the Counselors. Our IB counselor and advisor have also visited the IB students in each grade level to discuss IB pathways and goals. Our School Counselors have visited the junior and seniors and will meet with the freshmen and sophomores this week to review graduation requirements and how to connect with your counselor.

In the classroom, teachers utilize Schoology to post weekly calendars, assignments, and information to communicate with their students. Grades are posted on HAC (Home Access Center). I am proud to note that Nease students do a great job utilizing these tools. While all these tools can be found on our **Nease Website**, I have included them in our **Extra Extra** page below.

Be sure to check out the upcoming **College Visit** and **How to Sign Up i**n the Counselors' Corner Section of this edition.

Let's make it a great week, Panthers! Gina Fonseca Principal

# Week at a Glance

### **WEEK 5: September 8th-13th**



Mon, Sept 8
GREEN DAY

9<sup>th</sup> Grade School Counselor Presentations Boys Golf @Fleming Island



Tues, Sept 9

9th Grade School Counselor Presentations Girls Golf @Bartram Trail PTSO Meeting 6pm (PH138)



Wed, Sept 10

EXCEL DAY EARLY RELEASE @3:05PM Interims Released College Visit: WashU St Louis 11:30am

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Thu, Sept 11
GREEN DAY

9th Grade FAST (PM1)
10th Grade School Counselor Presentations
Girls Golf @Pedro Menendez
G Volleyball vs Fletcher
IV Green Football vs TBD



Fri, Sept 12

9th Grade FAST (PM1)
10th Grade School Counselor Presentations
Varsity FB @Fletcher 6pm



Sat, Sept 13

Electrathon Team Race
NJROTC Terry Parker Pentathlon

# Extra, Extra!



Parent Square Information



# Schoology for Families

**Schoology Information Center** 

#### **Home Access Center**

Home Access Center (HAC) allows students and parents to view their child's educational information via a secure, password protected website, Android app, or iPhone app.



**HAC Access and Information** 

# PSAT-NMSQT

#### Deadline for 9th & 11th to register is Sunday, September 14, 2025.

There are NO exceptions to this deadline as the exam is now computer-based and College Board has a hard deadline for schools to register.

Please see below for specifics on 9th, 10th, and 11th grade test date specifics. Nease High School will administer the PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test – **National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test**) to students on **Wednesday**, **October 22**, **2025**. The purpose of the test is to give all students an opportunity to experience taking a college readiness test and identify students who might benefit from advanced coursework. **The PSAT is also the exam that is used for 11th graders to qualify for the National Merit Scholars** 

There is **no need** to register **10th grade students**, they will receive their test at **no cost**, through state funding. However, if 10th grade students choose to opt-out please return <u>PSAT-10th-Grade-opt-out-letter</u> to Cynthia

**Program.** Additionally, a score of 430 on the PSAT Math qualifies as a concordant score for the Algebra I EOC.

**9th graders** wishing to take the test, must be in **Geometry or HIGHER**. If you qualify to test, you must register online. Please click here to register and pay: <u>PSAT SchoolPay</u>

Messenger in PH 225, or at the front office desk.

The last day to pay & register will be midnight on **September 15**, **2025**. There is NO possibility of testing if payment is not received by this date. PSAT/NMSQT scores are typically available online 4–6 weeks after the test administration.

Students in **11th grade** wishing to take the test must register online. Please click here to register and pay: <u>PSAT SchoolPay</u>. The last day to pay & register will be midnight on September 15, 2025. There is NO possibility of testing if payment is not received by this date. PSAT/NMSQT scores are typically available online 4–6 weeks after the test administration.

**Students with a IEP or 504 Plan,** please be sure to complete the accommodation consent request and return to Ms. Messenger by **August 22, 2025**, in PH 225. **This must be processed by this time for CollegeBoard to approve your school-based accommodations.** Requests after this date will not be processed and students will test without school-based accommodations. Consent Form

If you have already applied for accommodations with CollegeBoard, **you do not need to apply again**, you retain the accommodations until one year after your graduation date. However, if your accommodations change, it is YOUR responsibility to complete a new form and resubmit in plenty of time. Students will receive an Official Student Guide to the PSAT/ NMSQT® through their English classes. This guide contains valuable information as well as a full-length practice test with answer keys. Please visit www.collegeboard.org/psat for more information

For scholarship information at <u>Collegeboard</u>. Click here for access to free <u>PSAT/NMSQT practice resources</u>, including two full-length practice tests. For more information regarding the <u>National Merit Scholarship Program</u> click this link.

### Nease Academies

#### **Nease Academy Ambassador Applications**

If you're a Junior or Senior in the Communications Academy, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, or the Stellar Academy of Engineering, you're invited to submit an application to become a Nease Academy Ambassador. Ambassadors represent Nease's Academies at school and district events, help prospective students and parents, and earn service hours. <a href="mailto:CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> for the application. Academy teachers have offered printed copies while advertising this opportunity in their classes for the last two weeks. Applications need to be emailed to Mrs. Combs at <a href="mailto:jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us">jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a> or dropped off at the front desk for Mrs. Combs by Monday, September 8th.

### Stellar Academy of Engineering Internship with Northrop Grumman Engineers

This week, students in the third-year sections of the Stellar Academy of Engineering learned about the HIP internship with Northrop Grumman. Open to Juniors in the Academy, this opportunity for students interested in aerospace or aeronautical engineering is a two-year internship in which Nease students work with engineering students from other high schools while being mentored by professional engineers. There are extremely limited opportunities to take part in this internship, and an application is required, along with a letter of recommendation and an optional personal statement and resume. <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a> to see more information on the requirements via the application.

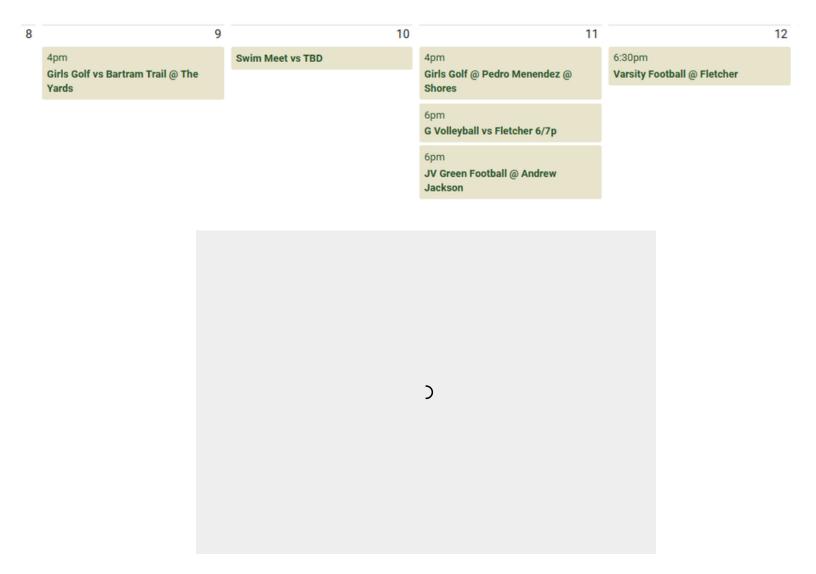
### Parents: Are You a Part of the Hospitality, Tourism, Communications or Engineering Industry?

We are looking for parents of Academy students who are professionals in one of the industries we feature in our Academy programs here at Nease! If you work in Hospitality, Tourism, Engineering, or the Communications field, and are interested in taking part in one of our Academy Advisory Boards, please reach out to Jaime Combs at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Our Advisory Boards meet three times each school year to work on ways to form connections between Nease's Academy programs and the business community.

If you have any questions about the Communications Academy, Stellar Academy of Engineering, or the Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, reach out to Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator, at <a href="mailto:jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us">jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us</a>

# Athletics

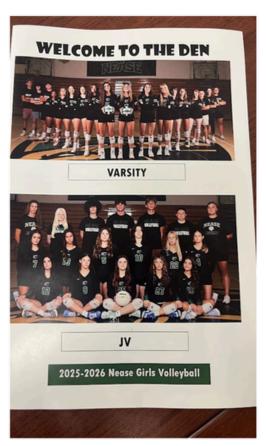
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# Athletics

# Lady Panthers CLEANERS

#### 1st Home Girls Volleyball Game









### Counselor's Corner

### COLLEGE VISITS

9/8 - 9/12







Yale University

Wed Sep 10 2:15 - 3:00 CPod - 127 SCAD

Wed Sep 10 Excel Counselors' Corner WashU St Louis

Wed Sep 10 11:30 - Excel A CPod - 127

Sign up for a visit in advance to get a pass!

Passes available in Counselors' Corner during lunches
and C-Pod lounge during class change and before or after school

#### VISITS COMING UP:

App State - Wed Sep 17 - 11:00 - 12:00 Passes available now for this visit!

Any student may get a pass for a college visit

### Counselor's Corner

### HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A COLLEGE VISIT

#### When?

- Passes are available the week prior to the visit
  - Make sure to keep checking the calendar!

#### Where?

- C-Pod Lounge before school, after school, during class change
  - Counselors' Corner during all lunches

#### How?

- Grab a pass for the school visit you want to attend.
  - 1 pass per student
- · Sign the log
  - If during a class period, put teacher name in correct column
  - leave "Attended" column blank

#### Don't Forget!

- College visits are open to all grade levels!
- Look at the college website before, and come with a question!
- Remind your teacher about any visit during class time!
- Mark it on your Bingo!

### International Baccalaureate

### THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL IB SPONSORED COLLEGE FAIR NIGHT





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Facts About Nease IB

Est. in 1996

- First graduating class was in 1998.
- Admission is competitive, drawing from the entire county.
- 86 students graduated in 2024, making a total of 1,830 Nease IB graduates in 27 years.
- Currently, 379 students are enrolled in the program: 79 Seniors, 83 Juniors, 119 Sophomores, & 97 Freshman.
- ✓ All 162 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 Email: <u>carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12.fl.us</u> Lorna Patterson - Media Clerk Media Center phone number - 904-547-8367

#### ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES OF HISPANIC HERITAGE!! PLEASE READ!



We will be celebrating our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Hispanic Heritage Celebration" in our school media center and <u>we need your help!</u>

Did you know that Hispanic and Latino Americans are the largest minority group in the US making up over 18% of our population? National Hispanic Heritage Month begins Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> and runs through Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and recognizes and celebrates members of our communities and their ancestors who hail from Mexico, parts of the

Caribbean, Central and South American and Spain. During the month we celebrate and recognize all the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. To celebrate our culture, our heritage, and our people, we will be hosting this FUN event in our media center once again on <a href="Wednesday.Oct.1st">Wednesday.Oct.1st</a> during <a href="Excel time">during Excel time</a>. <a href="We would LOVE">We would LOVE</a> <a href="parent support and help">parent support and help</a>! We are hoping to have a showcase of <a href="hispanic">hispanic</a> foods, music, dress, flags, decorations, arts & crafts stations and we will have a professional ZUMBA instructor teaching our students how to Zumba! If you are able to help us out in some way, PLEASE email me as soon as possible so that I can count on you!! \*\*Please remember you MUST be an approved volunteer to be on campus. Here is the link in case you need it:

#### **District Volunteer Application**



#### PANTHERS READ BOOK CLUB!

We will be holding our very first book club meeting of the year this **Tuesday**, **Sept. 9th**, **from 4-5 p.m**. in the media center. The book the club has selected for this month is **The Inheritance Games by Jennifer Lynne Barnes**. We'll start discussing the book, have snacks and a craft activity for our members to work on in groups. Please remember that all club members must have a parent permission form on file with me before they can participate in the club. Please email me if you need a form or come see me in the media center. . We look forward to a great start to our monthly book club meetings. All meetings will take place the second Tuesday of each month.

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#### **COFFEE STATION DONATIONS!**

In our media center, we have a coffee station set up with a Keurig for our students to help themselves to a cup of coffee, tea, or hot chocolate in the mornings, during lunch, and after school. With the start of the year, we have no supplies as of yet. If you are willing and able to help donate so we can keep this going for our students, these are some of the items we need:

- K -cups (assorted)
- 10 oz. or smaller coffee cups (lots)
- 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.

#### 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. Our Panther Café ceiling is starting to fill up with BEAUTIFUL and original artwork from our students. 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.



#### LIBRARY ACCESS FORM

Parents, this form is available to ALL families if you would like to restrict access to library materials for your child in our school library media center. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Milian for additional information.

### PTSO

### NHS PTSO MEETING SEPTEMBER 9TH [AT] 6PM

138 HOSPITALITY LAB

MR. HOFFMAN AND MS. CASE WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS DISCUSSING!

#### **COLLEGE PLANNING**



#### **TOPICS COVERED:**

A grade-level planning checklist

Bright Futures & other scholarship opportunities

Tips for standing out in college admissions AND will answer your questions!

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO GET INSIDER GUIDANCE ON NAVIGATING THE PATH TO COLLEGE SUCCESS!

# SAVE THE DATE PSAT BOOT CAMPS

LIMITED
SEATS

10/11 - ENGLISH WITH MR. BINNS 10/12 - MATH WITH MS. GEBAUER

**REGISTRATION OPENS SOON!** 

FOLLOW NEASE PTSO ON FB & IG TO STAY UP TO DATE PTSO FUNDRAISER

### PTSO

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## Senior Class Information

#### A GUIDE TO SENIOR YEAR

Click Here >>

#### **SENIOR DUES**

This \$85 fee covers graduation expenses (facility rental, security, parking, flowers, diplomas, honor cords, tickets, programs), an exclusive senior t-shirt, and seniors-only activities throughout the year. Senior dues must be paid in order to be eligible to purchase tickets for prom, attend graduation, and receive a printed diploma. If you would like the opportunity to purchase a Grad Bash ticket, students MUST pay their senior dues by August 24. The link below is NOW ACTIVE:

• <a href="https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Class-of-2026-Senior-Dues/SbbtXq2">https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Class-of-2026-Senior-Dues/SbbtXq2</a>

#### SENIOR PHOTO INFORMATION

This year, Allen D. Nease High School has partnered with CADY Studios as our official photography studio. Please see the following flyers below to help plan your student's senior photos:

- CADY Senior Booking Flyer
- CADY Adviser Communication Kit for Senior Portraits

For more assistance, please go to <a href="https://home.cady.com/">https://home.cady.com/</a>

#### CAP & GOWN INFORMATION

Herff Jones will be back on campus on September  $2^{nd}$  to assist with cap and gown orders during all lunches. Deadline to order is December  $1^{st}$ .

https://online.flippingbook.com/view/790829945/

## Senior Class Information

# Class of 2026 T Shirt Design Confest

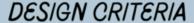
YOUR DESIGN COULD BE ON THIS YEAR'S SENIOR T-SHIRT!

#### HOW DOES IT WORK?

THIS CONTEST IS OPEN TO ANY MEMBER OF THE NEASE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2026 WHO HAS PAID HIS OR HER SENIOR DUES AND JOINED THE SENIORS-ONLY SCHOOLOGY GROUP. ONCE THE ENTRY PERIOD ENDS, NEASE ADMINISTRATION AND SENIOR SPONSORS WILL SELECT A GROUP OF ENTRIES AS FINALISTS. THE SENIOR CLASS WILL THEN VOTE ON THEIR FAVORITE DESIGN FROM THE LIST OF FINALISTS VIA THE SENIORS-ONLY SCHOOLOGY GROUP. THE DESIGN WITH THE MOST VOTES WILL THEN BE PRINTED ON THE SENIOR SHIRTS.

#### HOW CAN I ENTER?

IT'S EASY! SIMPLY UPLOAD YOUR DESIGN USING THE SUBMISSION FORM BELOW BY SEPTEMBER 1, WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT JPG, PNG, OR PDF FILES.



- 1. DESIGN IS SCHOOL AND DRESS CODE APPROPRIATE
- 2. DESIGN IS FOR THE FRONT OF THE SHIRT ONLY
- 3. DESIGN IS A MAXIMUM OF 4 COLORS
- 4. DESIGN DOES NOT EXCEED 12" X 12"
- 5. "NEASE," "CLASS OF 2026," AND "SENIOR" ARE INCLUDED
- 6. USE OF NEASE LOGO IS ALLOWED BUT NOT REQUIRED







#### JUDGEMENT CRITERIA

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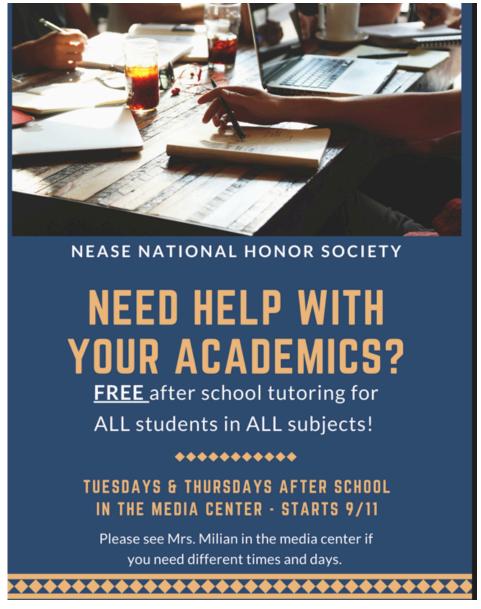
MEETS REQUIREMENTS

CREATIVE AND ORIGINAL



OVERALL IMPRESSION OF DESIGN

Tutoring starts next Thursday, 9/11 in the media center after school and will continue EVERY Tuesday & Thursday from 4-5 p.m. and will be run by National Honor Society students.



Students may sign up at <u>NHS Tutoring</u>, but it is not necessary.





#### Interested in Becoming a Peer Leader for Sources of Strength?

Sources of Strength is a school-based program that exists at each SJCSD high school. It is considered an "upstream prevention program" that works to increase social support and connectedness between students (and trusted adults). The idea is that building up these protective factors builds in prevention to mental health issues, bullying, substance abuse, and suicide. We are looking for our next Peer Leaders. If you are interested in joining us to help foster a community where everyone is accepted, supported, and helping those who are struggling and encouraged in help-seeking behavior, please speak to a teacher and ask that they recommend you and/or fill out the interest form: **SOS Interest Form** 







First Home Varsity Football Game













Tradition Lives Here!













### Nease Bell Schedule

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
*Zero 8:30-9:25	*Zero 8:30-9:25	*NO Zero-Hour Class	*Zero 8:30-9:25	*Zero 8:30-9:25
<b>1st</b> 9:35-11:07 (92mins)	<b>2nd</b> 9:35-11:07 (92mins)	1st 9:35-10:17 (42m) 2nd 10:22-11:02 (40m) 3rd 11:08-11:48 (40m)	<b>1st</b> 9:35-11:07 (92mins)	2nd 9:35-11:07 (92mins)
3rd 11:13 – 1:25 Class – 91mins Lunch 30mins WIRED – 7mins	4th 11:13 – 1:25 Class – 91mins Lunch 30mins WIRED – 7mins	EXCEL 11:50-12:50  4th 12:52-1:32 (40m)  5th 1:38-2:18 (40m)	3rd 11:13 – 1:25 Class – 91mins Lunch 30mins WIRED – 7mins	4th 11:13 – 1:25 Class – 91mins Lunch 30mins WIRED – 7mins
5th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)	6th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)	<b>6th</b> 2:24-3:05 (41m)	5th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)	6th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)
<b>7th</b> 3:08 – 4:05 (57mins)	7th 3:08 – 4:05 (57mins)		7th 3:08 - 4:05 (57mins)	7th 3:08 - 4:05 (57mins)

Lunch	Time	Green & Gold Days	
A Lunch	11:13 - 11:43	Art, Band, PE, Science, TOK, Theatre & World Languages	
B Lunch	11:47 – 12:17 English, Intensive Reading & Math		
C Lunch	12:21 - 12:51	Academies, Computers, Learning Strategies, Social Studies & Virtual Lab	

Extra Help During Excel A: Math, English, Academies, Computers, World Language Extra Help During Excel B: Science, Social Studies, Band, Theatre, Art, ESE, PE

# **FortifyFL**

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 the following link:

https://getfortifyfl.com/.

