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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This addition of the Panther Press highlights so many of the wonderful events, accomplishments, and celebrations happening at Allen D. Nease. I would like to begin by taking a moment to recognize our Teacher of the Year, **Tara Amato**, Hospitality Academy Teacher, Rookie Teacher of the Year, **Amy Ryan**, ESE Teacher, and the School Related Employee of the Year, **Jaime Combs**, our incredible Academy Coordinator.

These amazing educators were selected by their peers. There is not enough gratitude in the world to express our thanks to **ALL** our teachers for what they do for our students. They give all they have, not just in the classroom, but by sponsoring clubs, organizing fieldtrips, writing recommendations, coaching athletics, and always contributing to well-rounded students. We are so proud to have this amazing group of educators represent Nease!









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

Week at a Glance

WEEK 9: October 6th - 11th



Mon, Oct 6
GREEN DAY

Sources of Strength Peer Leader Training



Tues, Oct 7

Speech Field Study Nease PTSO Meeting 6pm (PH138) G Volleyball vs Orange Park 6/7pm



Wed, Oct 8

EXCEL DAY EARLY RELEASE PICTURE MAKEUPS
IB Senior & Junior Workshop Day
Swim Meet @ Bartram Trail

College Visit - Univ of Alabama 1pm



Thur, Oct 9
GREEN DAY

Boys Golf vs Menendez G Volleyball @Bolles 6/7pm JV Football vs Bartram 5:30; 7pm



Fri, Oct 10

END OF 1ST QUARTER
Army Fishing Team
Football @ Bartram Trail 7p

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Sat, Oct 11

Swim Meet vd Beachside, PV, Tocoi Creek Cross Country @ Cecil Field

Extra, Extra!

Allen D. Nease National Merit Commended 2025



ANI C ABRAHAMYAN
RACHEL L BALL
SAYAN BHATTACHARYA
RISHI CHANDRA
SOPHIE Y DUAN
ALEXANDER G DUNN
CASEY L ELIASON
ALEXANDER E GATES
YONATHAN GLIKIN

SAMANTHA N GREENAWAY
COLIN J HEIM
SNIKITHA R LAKKIREDDY
FINNIGAN M MARIANI
MONICA POSINA
ALVIN M SAM
SHREYA SHARMA
ARJAV K SORATHIA
AARUSH R VURADY

Extra, Extra!



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VERTICAL Fundraiser



JOIN US ON MONDAY

OCTOBER 13TH

from 5-9pm @ 145 Beachwalk Short Brive

EVERY BITE SUPPORTS THE NEASE VERTICAL, MENTION OUR NAME AND HELP US EARN 20% BACK FOR OUR STAFF!

Nease Academies

Academies Making a Difference

Nease is so fortunate to have such incredible Academy teachers. This email highlights the work of engineering teacher John Beale and academy students, contributing to the learning of all students in St. Johns County.

We are excited to begin the partnership with the engineering department at Nease! Teacher John Beale has been essential in making this connection. The students in his classes will be working on keyguards to help some of our Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) users in SJCSD have better physical access to their devices! A keyguard is an overlay with openings that fit over a keyboard or touchscreen to help people with limited fine motor control accurately select keys/ buttons. It works by providing a defined barrier around each key, preventing accidental presses from other fingers, pointing sticks, or other input devices. Keyguards improve activation accuracy and can be custom-made to fit specific keyboards or devices.

In our school district, we have students using communication applications on an iPad as their voice. Some students require a keyguard in order to successfully activate the buttons. Here are some examples of different keyguards:



This project will help bring real world experience to the engineering students who will have to apply their prior knowledge to create a solution that will benefit some of their peers or future students. In addition, completing this project will give students an opportunity to be introduced to the rehab engineering field. In the future, we hope to extend this partnership to include working on and creating other types of assistive technology such as mounting and switch access.

Jenn Whalen, ATP St. Johns County School District Exceptional Student Program

Jaime Combs, Nease Academy Coordinator

Nease NJROTC

On September 19th, our Navy **JROTC flag** football team went against St. **Augustine's Army IROTC** in a competition for \$1,000. At the end our team won with a score of 26-18 making us two time champs of the annual Army-Navy Flag Football Game.





NJROTC first of (hopefully) many military scholarship this school year.

Congratulations to Cadet Mitchell Spore, recieving an NROTC full scholarship!

Nease NJROTC

Congratulations to our NJROTC Air Rifle Sporter Team: 2nd place overall Precision Team: 4th place





Just In!! Congratulations to our NJROTC Orienteering Team, placing 1st overall at the Brunswick HS Blythe Island
State Park Orienteering Meet



Athletics

NHS Sports THE STEEK







GPBC supports handicap seating at Nease

The GPBC Board is pleased to announce the completion of Nease's newly renovated Handicap Fan Seating Area inside Panther Stadium! Last season, the then Director of Memberships, Rebecca Roberts, was presented with an issue during one home game where a spectator in a scooter had an area to view the game, but his family had nowhere to sit with him, and an idea was born.

Enlisting the help of the GPBC Director of Facilities, Eric Sanders, ideas were put into place, and a plan was outlined. Rebecca then reached out to Nease Student Athlete Isabella Mills and her family and asked if they would like to help. Isabella Mills is a Senior on the Nease Cheer team; Isabella's little sister Livy is paralyzed, and coming to the games as a family has always posed a challenge. The medical stroller needs space, and with nowhere to sit and fans blocking the fence in front of the area, being able to see the game and her sister cheer on the sidelines has proven difficult. Many times, Isabella's parents must take turns attending games, which also included their son's soccer games ('24 Nease Graduate) due to a lack of seating, space, and proper accommodation. The Mills Family was happy to be a part of the project!

Once Nease High School had our new Athletic Director, Matthew Buckley, we shared our plan with him, he happily approved, and we were on our way! Two sets of stadium chairs were installed, additional handicap signage was added to the area and a proposal, designed by Isabella Mills herself, to better highlight the designated handicap seating was measured out and completed by the Mills Family, Isabella and five additional Nease Student Athletes: Braden Felder Football, Katie Key Swim & Dive, Reagan Roberts, Cheerleading, Bryce Walker Football and Ben Yarshes Volleyball.

The installation, painting, and refresh of the area was completed ahead of Nease hosting St. Augustine on Friday, September 19th. Nease High School is the only High School in St. Johns County to offer a handicap seating area of this quality, and we pride ourselves and our students for being leaders in our community! #WeAreNease #BeDifferent. Special Thanks to Isabella Mills and her family and to Eric Sanders for helping make this happen!



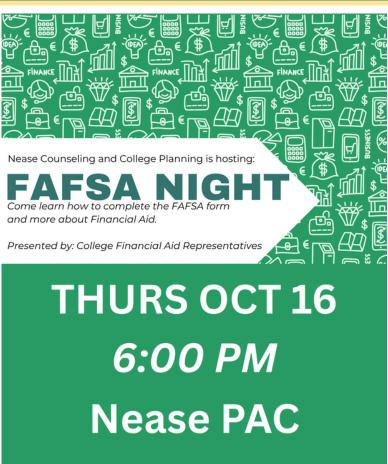






Counselor's Corner





College Visits This Week:



University of Alabama

Thurs Oct 9 - 1:00pm Media Center

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

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in the Nease Media Center. Thank you to our students, parents, our Spanish teachers, and Media Specialist, Carolyn Milian, for a spectacular event!

There were foods donated from many
Hispanic cultures, activities, and even Zumba.
What a spectacular event!

Muchas Gracias













Media Center



CELEBRATING OUR CULTURA!



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR FAMILIES THAT HELPED with our 5th Annual "Hispanic Heritage Month" celebration in the media center this past Wednesday. It was our biggest and best celebration yet and we couldn't have done it without the more than 30 AMAZING families that donated foods, drinks. and volunteered to help out with the event! And HUGE shout out to our Spanish teachers who prepared and served an "arepa-making station" right on the spot! ALL students that attended had a wonderful time sampling a variety of delicacies from around the 21 Hispanic nations of the world. We had several arts & crafts stations where they had a chance to make tissue paper flowers, papel picado, Ojo de Dios, coloring "Day of the Dead" masks, or making buttons with the flags of the Hispanic nations. And of course, we had FABULOUS Zumba instructor Awilda Quezada teaching our students how to Zumba! Remember - Hispanic Heritage Month runs through October 15th so please keep learning and celebrating the many contributions of this culture and its peoples to our modern world!

PANTHERS READ BOOK CLUB!

We'll be discussing our September reads <u>The Inheritance Games</u> and voting on our November book selection AND working on some fun Halloween crafts! 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. PLEASE be sure to scan the QR code on the flyer to RSVP so we know how many readers to expect! We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!



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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

PTSO MEETING OCTOBER 7TH @ 6PM

IN RM 138 | HOSPITALITY LAB

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:

Leslie Couden Dileo
Mental Health Coordinator, Student Services | SJCSD

TOPIC:

Taking Care of the Student: Mental Health Resources at Nease and Beyond

MEETING OPEN TO ALL: MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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REGISTER NOW PSAT BOOT CAMPS

ENGLISH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM WITH MR. BINNS

SUITABLE FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR EITHER THE PSAT OR SAT *MUST PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL DIGITAL SAT STUDY GUIDE BEFORE ATTENDING BOOTCAMP



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM

WITH MS. GEBAUER

THIS SESSION IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE PSAT. AT REGISTRATION, PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOUR STUDENT WILL BE TAKING THE PSAT OR SAT SO CONTENT CAN BE PLANNED ACCORDINGLY.





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:

• https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Class-of-2026-Senior-Dues/SbbtXq2

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 https://home.cady.com/

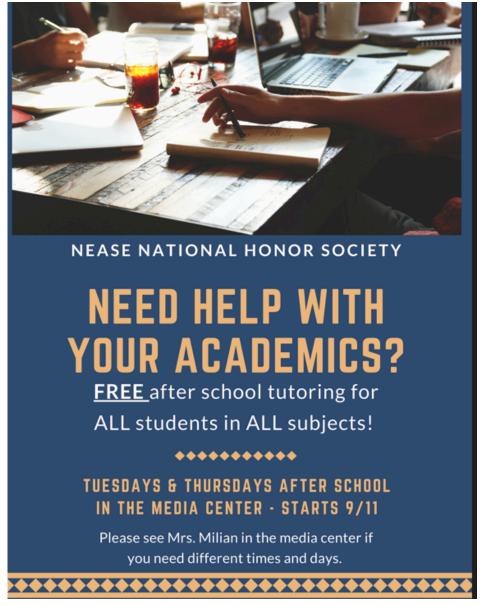
CAP & GOWN INFORMATION

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/

Student Life

Tutoring 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.



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
1st 9:35-11:07 (92mins)	2nd 9:35-11:07 (92mins)	1st 9:35-10:17 (42m) 2nd 10:22-11:02 (40m) 3rd 11:08-11:48 (40m)	1st 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)	6th 2:24-3:05 (41m)	5th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)	6th 1:31 - 3:02 (91mins)
7th 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

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https://getfortifyfl.com/_

