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Hi Panther Families,

Happy Holidays! This week's edition of the Panther Press is packed with celebrations, including the Holiday Band Concert, the Academy Showcase, Winter Sports, and more! Please be sure to take a moment to review.

Next week is the last week of the semester. We have built time in the schedule to provide for remediation and retakes, if needed. Please encourage your student to take advantage of these opportunities and finish strong!

If you have not noticed, our website has received an update! Thank you to Web Master and IBB Coordinator, Amy Case, for working on updating our webpage. Please take a moment to explore the website at <https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

Finish Strong Panthers!

Gina Fonseca

Principal



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Week at a Glance

WEEK 18: Dec 15th - 20th



Mon, Dec 15

GREEN DAY

LAST SUMMATIVES IN
MATH & SOCIAL STUDIES

Girls Soccer @Seabreeze
Wrestling @Beachside 5p
Girls Basketball vs Middleburg 6/7:30p



Tues, Dec 16

GOLD DAY

LAST SUMMATIVES IN
MATH & SOCIAL STUDIES

IB Booster Meeting 9:45a (PH146)
Varisty Girls Soccer vs Christ Church
Varsity Boys Soccer vs Christ Church
Boys Basketball vs Creekside 6/7:30p



Wed, Dec 17

EXCEL DAY

EARLY RELEASE

ASL Event (Cafe)
Track Parent Meeting 6p
Girls Weightlifting @Bartram Trail
JV Boys Soccer @Creekside
Wrestling Dual Meet 5:30p



Thur, Dec 18

STRAIGHT 7 W/3 LUNCHES

Girls Basketball @Fleming Island
Boys Soccer Holiday Cup 5:30/7:30p



Fri, Dec 19

EXCEL DAY

EARLY RELEASE

END OF 1ST SEMESTER

Girls Basketball @Fleming Island
Boys Basketball @Father Lopez



Sat, Dec 20

WINTER BREAK

WINTER BREAK!!

Girls Basketball @Fleming Island
Boys Basketball @Father Lopez

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Week at a Glance

BELL SCHEDULES

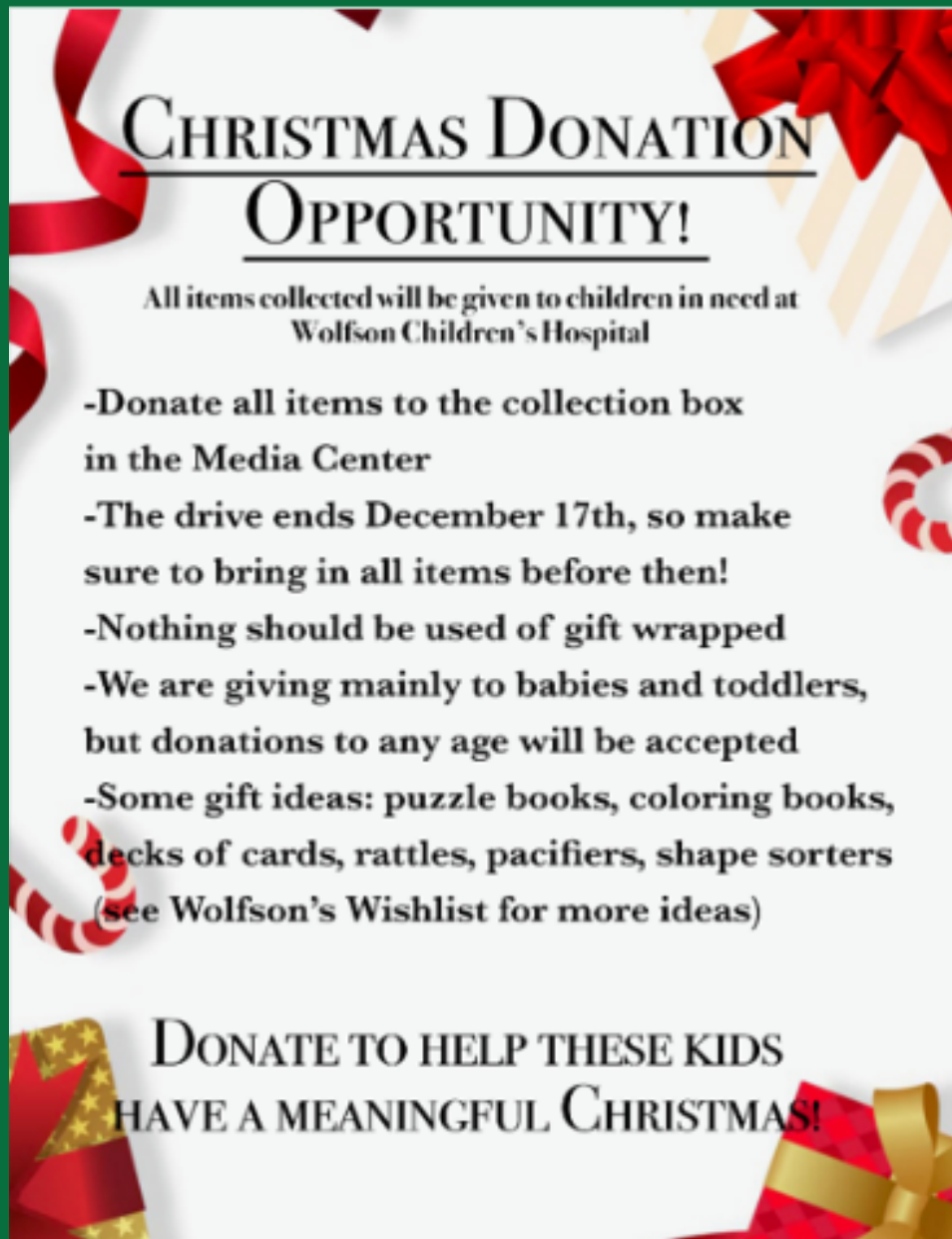
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THURS, DEC 18	FRI, DEC 19
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Extra, Extra!

LINK CREW COLLECTION DRIVE!

Our Link Crew program is sponsoring a collection drive for the children at Wolfson Children's Hospital for the holidays. They are asking for donations of a variety of activity books for children ranging from ages 1-15 and are hoping for donations from the list in the flyer below. Reach to carolyn.milian@stjohns.k12 for questions. All donations must be turned in by Tuesday, Dec. 16th, please. Thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness to help make the holidays a little brighter for these children.

A flyer for a Christmas donation drive. It features a white background with red and gold gift boxes and red ribbons at the corners. The title "CHRISTMAS DONATION OPPORTUNITY!" is centered in a serif font, with "CHRISTMAS DONATION" on one line and "OPPORTUNITY!" on the next, both underlined. Below the title, a line of text states: "All items collected will be given to children in need at Wolfson Children's Hospital". A list of five bullet points follows, detailing the donation rules and suggestions. At the bottom, the text "DONATE TO HELP THESE KIDS HAVE A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS!" is displayed in a serif font.

**CHRISTMAS DONATION
OPPORTUNITY!**

All items collected will be given to children in need at
Wolfson Children's Hospital

- Donate all items to the collection box
in the Media Center
- The drive ends December 17th, so make
sure to bring in all items before then!
- Nothing should be used or gift wrapped
- We are giving mainly to babies and toddlers,
but donations to any age will be accepted
- Some gift ideas: puzzle books, coloring books,
decks of cards, rattles, pacifiers, shape sorters
(see Wolfson's Wishlist for more ideas)

**DONATE TO HELP THESE KIDS
HAVE A MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS!**

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Extra, Extra!



December 15-19



HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK!



Monday – Holiday PJ Day

Roll out of bed cozy & cute!

Tuesday – Candy Cane Day

Dress in your best red & white stripes!



**Wednesday – Favorite
Holiday Movie Character**

Become your fave festive icon!

**Thursday – Santa vs.
Grinch**

Pick your side... Team Santa
or Team Grinch?



**Friday – Ugly Christmas
Sweater**

The uglier, the better!



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**Academy Students and Staff SHINE
at the annual SJCS Academy Showcase!!**



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Special thanks to Digital Media Teacher Geoff Stephens for lighting up the room in Nease Green!!



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Congratulations to our International Thespians



Nease International Thespian students competed in the District 2 festival with outstanding performances!

The festival consists of several high schools competing in solo & duet musical pieces, acting, dancing, and playwright production. Our students were able to bring home 9 Superior ratings (the highest score), 1 9 Excellent ratings, and 2 Good ratings.

The ITS students will be preparing to take 6 acts to the state competition in the spring. They will be bringing 6 Superior & 1 Excellent to the state competition in Tampa over Spring Break.

Nease Dance Class at the Nut Cracker Ballet Thank you to PE teacher Lisa Fought



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Holiday Band Concert

Thank you to Band Director Ben Gaona and the Nease Jazz and Concert Bands for a wonderful evening of music, ugly sweater contest, and celebrations! A special thank you to the Nease School Advisory Committee (SAC) for purchasing a new Baritone Saxophone pictured below.



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Nease Academies

ACADEMY INTENT TO RETURN PROCESS: CONTINUING OR DROPPING A PROGRAM FOR 2026 - 27

In December, all Communications, Hospitality, and Engineering Academy students will be asked to indicate if they want to remain in their current Academy for the 2026-27 school year by signing an Intent to Return roster. If the student checks "Yes," then that student will be automatically re-enrolled in the Academy for 2026-27. The student will also receive a recommendation to move on to the next level Academy course, as long as they are meeting Academy requirements. If an Academy student checks "No" on the roster, to indicate that they do not want to continue in the Academy next year, a Program of Interest Drop Form will be sent home with those students in January. The drop form must be completed by the student and parent and returned to Mrs. Combs in order to remove the student from the program for 2026-27. If you have any questions about the Intent to Return process, please reach out to Jaime Combs at Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY TV PRODUCTION STUDENTS VISIT PGA TOUR ENTERTAINMENT STUDIOS

Before Thanksgiving break, our Wired and Sports Media students got an inside look at PGA Tour's 165,000-square-foot media facility...home to the largest golf footage library in the world and the center for all PGA TOUR Media operations, including live production for PGA TOUR LIVE, PGA TOUR Champions and Korn Ferry Tour, as well as the social media, digital operations and international media. Students were invited to tour by a Nease alumnus and member of the Communications Academy Advisory Board, Chris Sinclair. Chris, a Senior Producer for Streaming Content, organized tours of the building for our students, who got to see their brand-new production facility, including multiple studios, a massive control room, audio booths, and more. The students watched as the production team was working through a live broadcast of a tournament, got to speak with professionals including additional Nease grads, and got a first-hand look at the professional world of sports media and broadcast production. A huge thank you to Chris Sinclair for offering this opportunity to our students!



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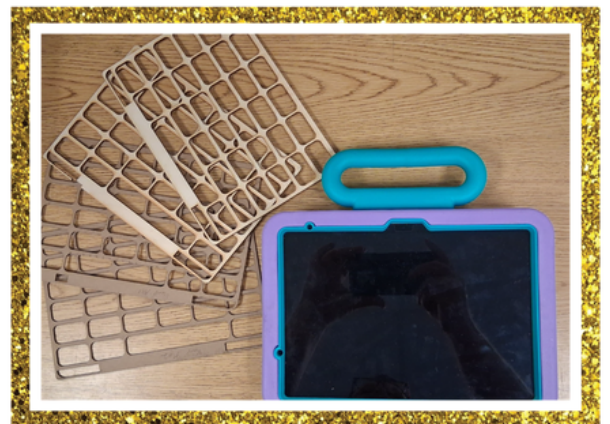
SENIOR ENGINEERING ACADEMY STUDENTS DECK THE CHAIR FOR CHARITY



For the third year in a row, seniors in the Stellar Academy of Engineering are taking part in the Deck the Chairs charity holiday event. Students are provided with a full-sized lifeguard chair, and tasked with dressing it up for the holidays while representing an assigned theme. This year, with the education-based chairs on display outside the Jacksonville Zoo, and Nease's has an under the sea theme. Students designed the look of the chair and all of the components, utilizing design software and the equipment in Nease's Engineering Academy classroom. One of our students even created an original game that can be played online by scanning a QR code posted in front of the chair. All of the Deck the Chairs entries will be on display until January 1st. If you visit the Jacksonville Zoo during the holiday season, be sure to keep an eye out for Nease's chair!

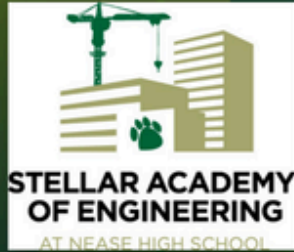
STELLAR STUDENT USES ENGINEERING SKILLS TO HELP OTHERS

Kemp Turley, a student in Computer Integrated Manufacturing, part of the Stellar Academy of Engineering, is finding a way to give back to his fellow students and the community. In partnership with the St. Johns County School District ESE Assistive Technology Department, Kemp designed, prototyped and manufactured a key guard that will help other students in St. Johns County School district communicate and use technology more easily. We hope this is the first in a series of collaborations where Nease Engineering Students can create solutions for fellow students that are better, more economical and faster to receive than what is currently available through other means.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Rising 9th and 10th grade students for the 2026-27 school year, who currently live in St. Johns County, are eligible to apply to Programs of Interest during the application window.

ACADEMY APPLICATION WINDOW OPENS 1.5.26 / CLOSES 1.26.26

- If your student is a current St. Johns County School District Student, you will apply via HAC
- If your student is a St. Johns County resident, but currently a home, virtual, or private school student, you will complete a pre-registration process via the district website, and then complete an application

NEASE'S ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE 1.21.26 5:30 PM

- Tour Nease's campus, attend a general information session, then head to breakout sessions on IB, the Career Academies, or the NJROTC Program

ACADEMY/ PROGRAM OF INTEREST LOTTERY FOR PLACEMENT & RESULTS NOTIFICATION VIA HAC FEBRUARY 2026

- Nearly all Programs of Interest/Career Academies accept students via a computerized lottery system. The only programs that do not utilize the lottery system are the IB and AICE programs, which are based on rubric systems for potential acceptance

St. Johns County School District prohibits discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment and in access to educational programs and activities and prohibits harassment of any individual or group on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, pregnancy, age, ethnicity, national origin, marital status, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation or genetic information (and any other protected classes included in the district's nondiscrimination policies and in applicable state and federal laws and regulations), political or religious beliefs and national or ethnic origin. A copy of the policy can be found at : https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/board/wp-content/uploads/sites/11/2015/02/2_16.pdf

Jaime Combs, Nease Academy Coordinator

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Athletics

NHS Sports THIS WEEK

14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Dec 12th-14th Cheerleading @ UCA Regionals	Girls Soccer @ Seabreeze 5:30/7:30p	Boys Soccer vs Christ Church Academy	Cheerleading @ County Comp Tocol Creek HS	Boys Soccer Holiday Cup - Mandarin vs BTHS 5:30p / Nease vs CHS 7:20p	Dec 19th-20th Boys Basketball @ Father Lopez TBA	
	JV Wrestling @ Beachside 5p	Girls Soccer vs Christ Church Academy 5:30p (Varsity Only)	Girls Weightlifting @ Bartram Trail	Dec 18th-20th JV/V Girls Basketball @ Battle on the Island (FIHS)		
	6pm Girls Basketball vs Middleburg 6/7:30p	6pm Boys Basketball vs Creekside 6/7:30p	JV Boys Soccer @ Creekside 7:20p			
			Wrestling Dual vs St. Augustine (Alumni Night) 5:30p			



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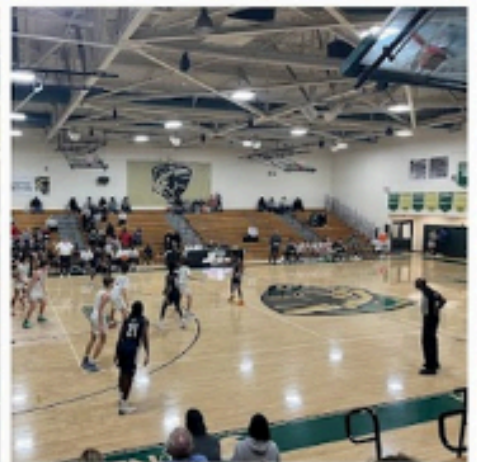
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Winter Sports

Soccer, Basketball, and Nease Wrestling
Come out and support our incredible athletes!



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Girls Weightlifting -12/3 Meet Results

Olympic
Nease - 65
Episcopal - 20

Traditional
Nease - 61
Episcopal - 35
FSDB - 2

**Sophomore Mallory Vasquez broke the 129lb school records
in the Snatch and Olympic Total!**

**Junior Vicente Trovao and Senior Naima Hodges competed in the USAW
Virus Weightlifting Finals in Daytona this weekend. This is a National
Weightlifting Meet.**

Both lifters made personal records in both the Snatch and Clean & Jerk!

Boys Weightlifting

Boys' Weightlifting Sign-ups will be in Room H102 all week.

There will be a Student Interest Meeting in H102 during EXCEL A.

**Boys interested in competing this year should visit the following link and
sign up:**

<https://forms.gle/cqgwNmWf9Q3b4p7R7>

**Contact Coach Schoes in H102 or at sean.schoeneman@stjohns.k12.fl.us
with any questions.**

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Girls Weightlifting - 12/3



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Nease Powderpuff Football

Athletic Leadership Council's Powderpuff flag football tournament was a huge success last week! The kids had fun while raising funds to support children in our community who are in palliative or hospice care.

In the playoffs, the **Freshman** won 7-34 vs the **Sophomores**, and the **Juniors** won 18-24 vs the **Seniors**. The Championship game was a close battle with the **Freshman** taking the win against the Juniors with a final score of 31-27. Due to an amazing spectator turnout and donations, the **ALC** is able to sponsor 7 of the Peds Care children's wish lists for the holidays and add to the seniors' scholarships. Essay requirements for the ALC scholarships will be in the Panther Press next semester; all seniors can apply. Happy Holidays! A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, and cheered on/gave the girls your support this past week with the Powderpuff games.

Congratulations Freshman!!



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NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

TRACK & FIELD PARENT ATHLETE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2025
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**IN THE PAC
(AUDITORIUM)**

JOIN US

FOR MORE INFORMATION



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Counselor's Corner

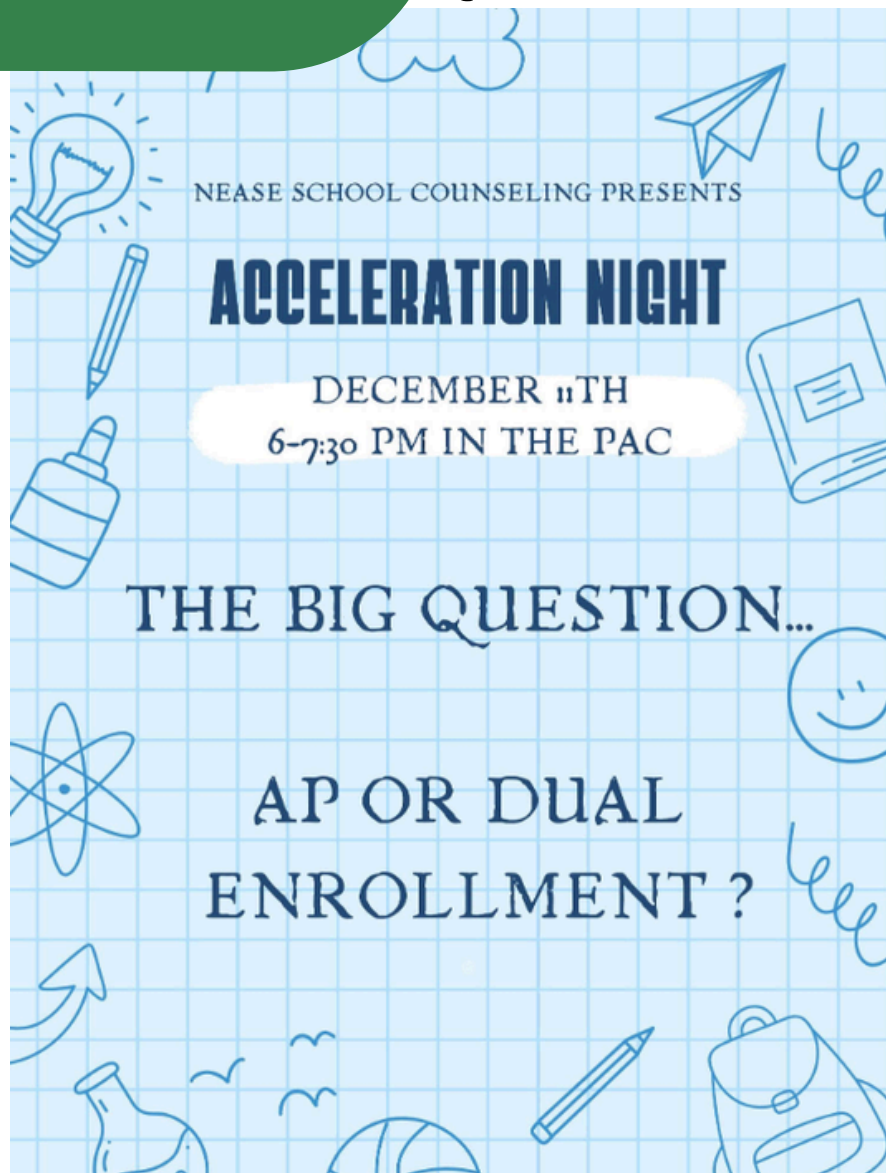
Thank you to our Counseling Team for presenting....

Nease Acceleration Night.

If you have questions please reach out to your School Counselor.

Click Here

*To view the
presentation!*



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Nease NJROTC

Congratulations NJROTC!
Representing Nease in Drill, Orienteering,
and Brain Brawl!

Overall Area 10 Orienteering Regional Champions Nease 1

Yellow course - Nease two - 2nd place
Nease one - 1st place

Orange course- Nease two - 2nd place

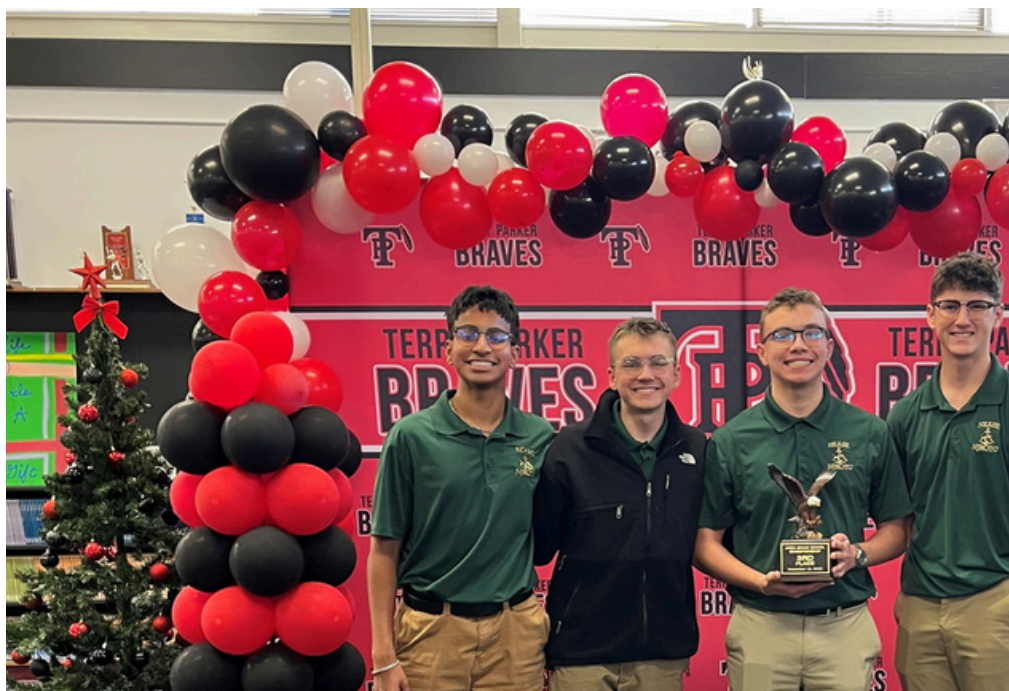
Orange course Nease one - 1st Place

Green course - Nease two - 5th Place

Green course - Nease one - 1st Place
Nease 2 - 5th place overall



Brain Brawl Teams
3rd and 5th
places
at Terry Parker,
qualifying for
regionals!!



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STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST 2025!



THANK YOU!
DUE TO YOUR
GENEROSITY,
ALL NEASE STAFF
MEMBERS RECEIVED
A \$25 GIFT CARD AT THE
HOLIDAY BREAKFAST.

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Thank you, PTSO

*The Nease faculty and staff sincerely appreciate the time and service provided by the Nease PTSO! The holiday breakfast and generous gift cards were wonderful! While we greatly appreciate all of our volunteers, we would like to recognize the 2026 Nease Outstanding Volunteer of the Year, **Christina Cummings** (pictured on the far right). Christina serves on the Nease PTSO and on the NJROTC Board. She will be recognized at the district celebration in April! Thank you to all of you for ALL you do!!*



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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:

- <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 2nd to assist with cap and gown orders during all lunches. Deadline to order is December 1st.

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

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Student Life

Tutoring EVERY Tuesday & Thursday from 4-5 p.m. and will be run by National Honor Society students.



NEASE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

NEED HELP WITH YOUR ACADEMICS?

FREE after school tutoring for
ALL students in ALL subjects!



TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL
IN THE MEDIA CENTER - STARTS 9/11

Please see Mrs. Milian in the media center if
you need different times and days.

Students may sign up at [NHS Tutoring](#),
but it is not necessary.



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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)
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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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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/>.



The graphic is a dark blue rectangular poster for the FortifyFL app. At the top left, there are three small circular logos: the Florida Department of Education logo, a school building icon, and a person icon. In the center, there is a red square icon with a white megaphone. Below this icon, the text "FORTIFYFL" is written in large, bold, white capital letters, followed by "SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP" in smaller white capital letters. In the middle, two smartphones are shown. The phone on the left displays the "Tip Report - Step 2 of 4" screen, which includes a text input field and a keyboard. The phone on the right displays the "Tip Report - Step 4 of 4" screen, which includes fields for "Your Name (Optional)", "Your Email Address (Optional)", and "Your Phone Number (Optional)", along with "Previous" and "Submit Tip" buttons. At the bottom, the text "FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials." is written in white. Below this, the hashtag "#FORTIFYFL" and the website "GETFORTIFYFL.COM" are displayed in white capital letters.

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