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Hi Panther Families,

We are off to a great start this semester. This Panther Press is filled with upcoming events, fundraisers, senior events and activities, and more. We are most excited to begin our registration for the 2026-2027 school year. Please check Parent Square or our [Nease Home Page](#) for the most up to date information on registration dates. Thank you to our registrar, Linda Smith, has put together a detailed video to explain the process. Please take time to view the video and read the information provided.

Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education." — Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Gina Fonseca
Principal



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Week at a Glance

WEEK 21: JAN 19TH - 24TH

JAN

12

JAN

13

JAN

14

JAN

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JAN

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JAN

17

Mon, Jan 19
NO SCHOOL

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- NO SCHOOL (Teacher/Student Holiday)

Tues, Jan 20
GOLD DAY

- Boys Basketball vs Clay 6/7:30p
- Girls Basketball @Beachside 6/7:30p

Wed, Jan 21
MAKEUP GREEN
EARLY RELEASE

- Nease Academy OPEN HOUSE 5:30p

Thur, Jan 22
GREEN DAY

- PTSO District Legislative Update Meeting in PAC
- Girls Lacrosse Interest Meeting @6p in Media Center
- Girls Basketball vs Sandalwood (6/7:30p)

Fri, Jan 23
GOLD DAY

- Boys Basketball vs Ponte Vedra 6/7:30p
- Girls Basketball @Bolles 6/7:30p

Sat, Jan 24

- Boys SJC Wrestling Championships
- Girls Weightlifting District Championship @Creekside
- NJROTC Area 10 Air Rifle Championship @Ware County

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Extra, Extra!

Celebrating our
Teacher of the Year,
Tara Amato!



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JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESENTATION

LEARN HOW THE MOST RECENT
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT OUR
SCHOOLS, INCLUDING SCHOOLS OF HOPE.

— LEAD BY —

DR. KYLE DRESBACK
SR. DIRECTOR FOR POLICY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, SJCSD

NICOLE CUBBEDGE, AICP
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PLANNING & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, SJCSD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22ND
6PM | THE PAC

ALL PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE NHS PTSO AND SAC

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HELP US RE-WRAP THE NEASE YRD VEHICLE

Our Nease YRD's car is peeling, faded and is in need of a re-wrap. It's up to the Nease community to fund it so any donation helps. We are almost halfway to our goal, and we would love to get the car wrapped before the end of the school year. Please consider donating to the Go Fund Me below to help us get to our goal and have Deputy Douglas 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/9c29d2589>

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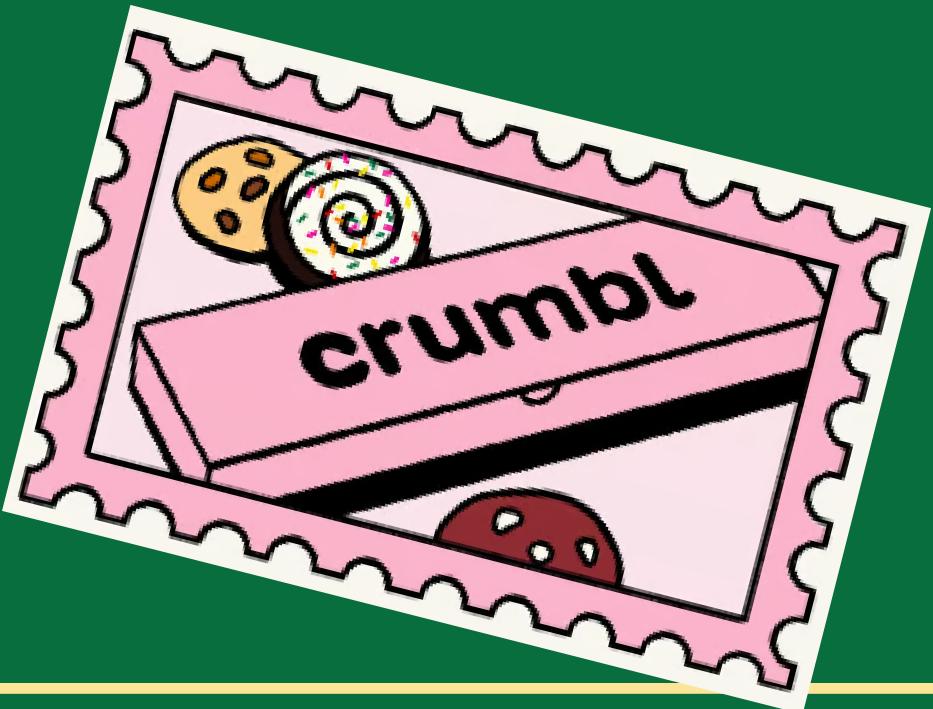
Valentine's Day Cookie Grams Are Here!

If you're looking for the perfect Valentine's Day gift for your Nease student, friend, love, or favorite faculty member, *The Vertical*, the Nease student newspaper, has got you covered!

Send a Crumbl Cookie Gram!

Each Cookie Gram is individually boxed with a message of your choice. Grams will be delivered during the school day on Thursday February 12, 2024.

**Order now through February 6, 2026:
[Crumble Cookie Link](#)**



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Athletics



NHS Sports



THIS WEEK

19

6pm
Boys Basketball vs
Clay 6/7:30p

6pm
Girls Basketball @
Beachside 6/7:30p

21

7pm
Girls Basketball vs
Sandalwood 7p (Sr
Night)

22

Cheerleading @
FHSAA States @
Lakeland (*if
qualified)

23

Girls Basketball @
Bolles 7p (Varsity
Only)

6pm
Boys Basketball vs
Ponte Vedra 6/7:30p

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2026 NEASE FLAG FOOTBALL TRYOUTS

January 26th-28th

To try out, upload your Sports Physical and complete the information on The Home Campus Athletic Clearance.

(See the link Below)

<https://athleticclearance.fhsaahome.org/>

Meet on January 26th at 4:30 in Room PH203



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Girls Weightlifting 1/7 Meet Results - Senior Night



**Olympic
Nease - 61
Ponte Vedra - 14**

**Traditional
Nease - 49
Ponte Vedra - 13
FSDB - 8**

**Congratulations to all of our Strong Seniors
Sophie Hunze (C), Kayley Conlan (C), Sara Pierre (C), Naima Hodges (C), Grace Chaves, Sara Ferreira, A.J. Heiry, Taylor Hinkle, Emily Mitchell, and Baylee Sletto**

Mallory Vasquez (Sophomore) rebroke her own 129lb School Records in the Snatch and Olympic Total

Naima Hodges (Senior) rebroke her own 154lb School Records in the Snatch, Clean & Jerk, Olympic Total, and Traditional Total

Israeli Zeigler (Sophomore) broke the 183lb School Record in the Bench Press

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Boy's Soccer Senior Night



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Girl's Soccer Senior Night



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International Baccalaureate

JUNIOR WORKSHOP



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PIZZA WITH A PRO: AN ACADEMY EXCEL EVENT

Join us for an Excel event aimed at sharpening your professional communication skills. Whether you're looking for an after-school job, applying for a summer internship, or want to make sure you stand out for the right reasons when you step into the professional world, this is the seminar for you! Enjoy free pizza while learning from **Chris Engl, President of the Ponte Vedra Beach Toastmasters Club**. He'll share strategies and tips to help you increase your confidence while communicating with others. This event takes place in Mrs. Amato's Hospitality Academy classroom, PH138, during Excel time on February 4th. All Academy students (Communications, Hospitality, and Engineering) are welcome! Sign up by 1/29/26 to ensure we have enough pizza for everyone attending.

Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4CA8AD2FA3FC1-61701881-pizza>

Your parent will also have to digitally approve your attendance via a guest speaker approval form, which will be sent after you sign up.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PILOT?

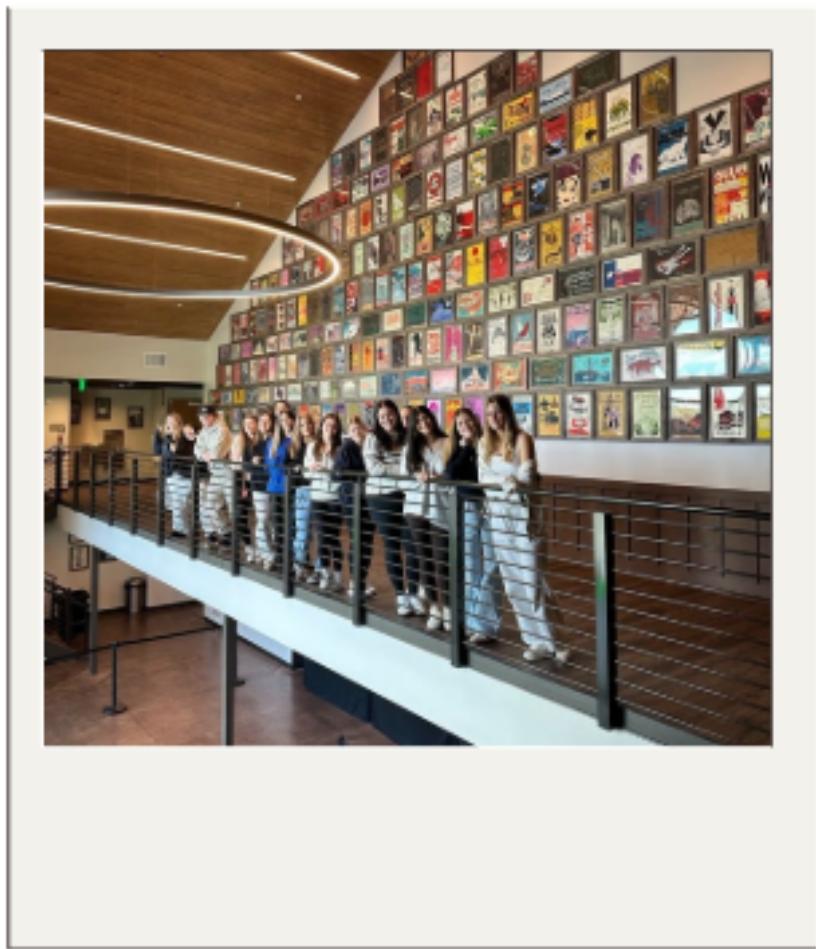
If your future plans include a possible interest in becoming a professional pilot, St. Johns River State College has a program that will get you your professional pilot's license. The professor over the program will be offering a virtual guest speaker event on Wednesday, 1/28/26, during Excel A, to talk about the program and answer student questions. The guest speaker event will be in Mr. Beale's Engineering classroom, PH220. To take part in this event, students must have a signed guest speaker form. You can get a form from an ROTC instructor, Engineering teacher, or pick one up in counselor's corner. You must bring the signed form to attend the virtual guest speaker event.

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NEASE HOSPITALITY ACADEMY STUDENTS TOUR ALL-NEW PV CONCERT HALL

Nease's Hospitality and Tourism Academy recently visited the Ponte Vedra Concert Hall to explore the behind-the-scenes operations of the newly renovated live entertainment venue. Students learned about event management, guest services, marketing, and technical production while seeing all the newly updated features of the Concert Hall. The experience gave students a real-world look at how large-scale events are planned and executed. It was an engaging and inspiring opportunity that connected our classroom learning to real-world careers in hospitality and tourism.



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SUMMER INTERNSHIPS: OPEN TO JUNIORS IN THE HOSPITALITY, ENGINEERING, AND COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMIES

The Summer Internship application process is underway, and spans the second semester. If you are a Junior in the Hospitality, Engineering, or Communications Academy, and would like to be considered for a summer internship, fill out an application by 1/31/26: <https://forms.office.com/r/ju9bwrc68j>.

Career Academies
2026 Summer Internship Overview & Timeline

Benefits of Participation:

- Received technical and industry skills.
- Direct engagement with education and career fields.
- Interns receive and apply their classroom learning.
- Build industry connections.

Qualifications:

- Enrolled in a Career Academy or approved CTE program.
- At least 16 years old, in grades 11 and 12/13 (non-junior year).
- GPA of 2.5 or higher and eligible to work in the U.S.
- Good discipline and attendance record.
- CTE teacher recommendation and completed Career Readiness (parent).

Matching Process:

- Career Internships engage students with potential sponsors. Students then choose their own internships.

Internship Details:

- Most or unpaid internships may qualify for community service hours.
- Average 20 hours/week for six weeks. The proposed dates are June 3 – July 28, 2026, but could vary depending on business needs.

Application Process:

- Complete qualifications, application, and the application.
- Submit the Student Internship Application by January 31, 2026.
- Upload your resume or Scholarship by February 28, 2026.
- Complete the Job Readiness lesson in Canvas by February 28, 2026.
- Complete Florida Ready to Work (FLRTW) training by March 31, 2026.
- Attend interviews arranged in April and May.

Responsibilities:

- Professionally complete internship tasks and follow the established rules.
- Attend interviews and evaluations via telephone.
- Complete a Post-Internship Survey (1 slide, 1 tabular) due by August 2, 2026.
- Provide a final internship experience during the first school year's industry Internship.

Notes: Internships are not guaranteed and may be limited.

Summer Internship Timeline:

- January:**
 - Apply for summer internship through Nease Academies Job Board.
 - Choosing CTE of the discipline.
- February:**
 - Complete Readiness and CTE Readiness Letter.
 - Join the Technology Internship group.
 - Learn about Internships & Complete Internship Readiness.
- March:**
 - Apply for summer internships.
 - Complete Job Readiness.
 - Complete Job Readiness Training assignments in preparation for following.
- April:**
 - Interviews for Internships.
- May:**
 - Interviews continue.
 - Intern will arrange for an orientation meeting on the internship site of interest.
 - Complete the Training Agreement and Intern Orientation Form.
- June:**
 - Complete internships.
 - Submit Job Readiness by August 2.
 - Post-internship Feedback Form.
 - Provide a summary of work.

Scan to apply!
<https://forms.office.com/r/ju9bwrc68j>

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

In December, all Communications, Hospitality, and Engineering Academy students were 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 checked “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 checked “No” on the roster to indicate that they do not want to continue in the Academy next year, a Program of Interest Drop Form has been sent home with those students. 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

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/leg-content/yo/ads/sites/11/2015/02/26/16.pdf>

CURRENT 9TH GRADE STUDENTS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY TO A CAREER ACADEMY/PROGRAM OF INTEREST FOR 2026-27

If a 9th grade student is interested in starting in a Career Academy/Program of Interest for the 2026-27 school year, the application window opened in HAC on January 5th, and closes January 26th, at 5 pm. Students can find directions on how to apply on our Academy website:

<https://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies/>

Jaime Combs, Nease Academy Coordinator

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NJROTC

DRILL TEAM

MANDARIN ~ 1/10/26

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

ACADEMICS

Cadet Roberts - 1st Place
Cadet Lewis - 3rd Place (tie)
Cadet Heiry - 4th Place (tie)

FEMALE CURL UPS

Cadet Daniels - 1st Place
Cadet Jovel - 2nd Place
Cadet Hendricks - 3rd Place
Cadet Lewis - 4th Place
Cadet Newman - 5th Place

MALE CURL UPS

Cadet Byrne - 1st Place
Cadet Herrman - 2nd Place
Cadet Gourd - 3rd Place

MALE PUSH UPS

Cadet Thompson - 3rd Place
Cadet Hajzus - 4th Place
Cadet Leal Rodrigues - 5th Place

FEMALE PUSH UPS

Cadet Lewis - 2nd Place
Cadet Ardon - 3rd Place (tie)
Cadet Pitches - 3rd Place (tie)

DRILL TEAM

MANDARIN ~ 1/10/26

TEAM RESULTS

MEET OVERALL

1st Place

DRILL OVERALL

2nd Place

ACADEMICS

1st Place

ATHLETICS

1st Place

PERSONNEL INSPECTION

2nd Place

ARMED BASIC

1st Place

ARMED EXHIBITION

2nd Place

UNARMED EXHIBITION

1st Place

COLOR GUARD

2nd Place



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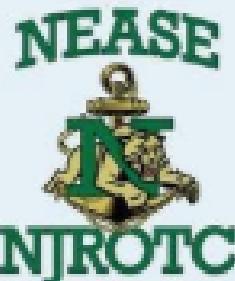
Thursday, March 12, 2026 – \$95.00*

Friday, March 13, 2026 – \$105.00*

Saturday, March 14, 2026 – \$110.00*

Sunday, March 15, 2026 – \$100.00*

*plus taxes and fees

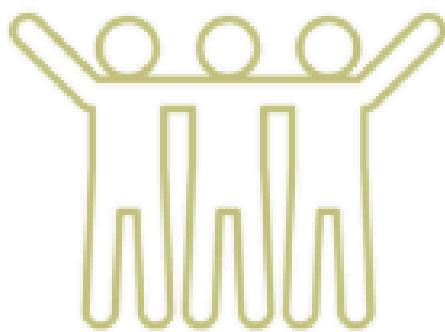


Instructions for purchase:

- Go to the link
<https://theplayers.com/tickets>
- Click "Buy Tickets" button in the center of the screen.
- Click on the date(s) that you would like to purchase tickets.
 - Please note that Chip in for Charity tickets are only available for competition dates (Thurs-Sun).
 - limited to 6 tickets per account, per day
- Click the "unlock" button above the available tickets on the right side of the screen.
- Enter the promo code **418UDU**
- You will now see the special "chip in for charity" pricing and Nease NJROTC will get \$40 per ticket from your purchase.

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EXCEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



EXCEL IS 60 MINUTES EACH WEDNESDAY FOR STUDENTS TO EAT LUNCH (PREFERABLY OUTSIDE, WHERE THE STUDENTS CAN GET SOME FRESH AIR), ATTEND A CLUB MEETING, SEEK HELP FROM A TEACHER, OR RETAKE A SUMMATIVE EXAM.

- FIFTEEN VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED EACH WEDNESDAY THAT EXCEL IS PLANNED FROM 11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM.
- VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE TRAINING BEFORE THEIR FIRST SHIFT AND A NEASE EXCEL T-SHIRT TO WEAR.
- PLEASE SIGN UP WITH YOUR LEGAL NAMES SO WE CAN CROSS-CHECK APPROVED VOLUNTEERS!
- VOLUNTEERS NEED TO HAVE SCHOOL ACCESS THROUGH SJCSO.

thank you

[NEASEPTSO.GIVEBACKS.COM/W/VOLUNTEER](https://neaseptso.givebacks.com/w/volunteer)



REGISTER NOW! ONE-DAY SAT BOOT CAMPS

ENGLISH

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
WITH MR. BINNS

*MUST PURCHASE THE OFFICIAL DIGITAL SAT STUDY GUIDE BEFORE ATTENDING BOOTCAMP



REGISTER TODAY

MATH

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST | 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
WITH MS. GEBAUER



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✉ sunrisebraces.com

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Senior Class Information



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A GUIDE TO SENIOR YEAR

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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.

NHS After School Tutoring



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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)
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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