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Hi Panther Families,

*I hope you had a wonderful weekend. I have some exciting news to share! Please join me in congratulating Assistant Principal Trevor Abbs, who has been appointed as the **Principal of Swiss Point Middle School!** We thank Mr. Abbs for his contributions to Nease in so many ways. His presence will be missed. Also, a warm congratulations to Assistant Principal Matt Duggan, as he joins Mr. Abbs as Assistant Principal at Swiss Point Middle School. We thank Mr. Duggan for his work and support of Nease High School. **Wishing both our Swiss Point Raiders the BEST!!***

Additional administrative changes are happening at Nease for the 2026-27 school year. As previously mentioned, we are so happy to have Dr. Kyle Dresback serve as the new principal for the 2026-27 school year. We would also like to welcome Assistant Principal Jacqueline Ashcroft and Assistant Principal Sarah Wiggins, who will be joining the Nease administration. Welcome, new Panthers!

*I would like to send a heartfelt "Thank You" to one of the most caring and supportive administrative teams I have had the pleasure of working with while at Nease High School. **Assistant Principal Trevor Abbs, Assistant Principal Matthew Duggan, and Assistant Principal Amy Newman,** I greatly appreciate your dedication, support, and guidance for our Nease students and staff*



Tradition Lives Here!

This week's Panther Press includes photos from the 2026 Viva Las Vegas Prom, celebrations for HOSA, Speech & Debate, and IB Seniors! Also, check out the NJROTC Car Show event. The word that comes to mind is from my generation, "It was really cool!" Next week is SENIOR WEEK 2026. We look forward to celebrating our seniors as they prepare for graduation. Check out the events in our Week at a Glance section.

Interim grades will be posted on Tuesday, 4/28. Students should take advantage of EXCEL and finish strong - five more weeks to go!

I would like to take a moment to recognize our Nease Bus Drivers (a few pictured below). They do an exceptional job, getting our students to school safely, always with a warm welcome and a smile! We appreciate their service.

Have a great week, Panthers!

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*Gina Fonseca,
Principal*



Week at a Glance

WEEK 34: APRIL 27 - MAY 2

APRIL
27

Mon, April 27
GREEN DAY

- Nease Athletics Signing Day Ceremony 4:30p (PAC)
- Softball District Semifinal @Mandarin 6:30p
- Senior Parking Tag Payments DUE!!

APRIL
28

Tues, April 28
GOLD DAY

- Interims Released
- Cross Country Player/Parent Meeting @6p (Cafe)
- Potential Boys Lacrosse Regional Semifinal vs TBD

APRIL
29

Wed, April 29
EXCEL DAY
EARLY RELEASE

- NJROTC Signing Day during EXCEL (PAC)
- Softball District Final @ Mandarin - TBD
- SENIOR Lights Out Ceremony 7p (Stadium)

APRIL
30

Thur, April 30
GREEN DAY

- SENIOR CLASS Cook Out 12:00p
- SENIOR CLASS - Grad Bash @Universal 1p-2a
- ASL Honor Society Tutoring 5p
- APUSH review 5:30p (P42)

MAY
1

Fri, May 1
GOLD DAY

- Potential Boys Lacrosse Regional Finals vs TBD

MAY
2

Sat, May 2

- Track & Field Regionals @Seminole High School
- APUSH Review in Media Center @8a
- NJROTC Navy Ball @Marriot Sawgrass

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEASE HOSA TEAM!



HOSA had 6 students place in the International Competition in June, more than any other district school, including those with academies, beating Stanton and other competitive schools! Colin Janik was selected to be the state-level VP for North Florida! This is a huge deal! There were more than 3,000 participants at the conference. We are very proud of our Nease HOSA team!

We also received the Centum Award for over 100 members!



Thank you to our sponsors, IB Teacher Christina Milton and Volunteer, former teacher Vicky Martin

EXTRA - EXTRA!

State Level Conference Winners

1st - 3rd qualify for ILC, 4th-5th are alternates:

Mariia Nosenko - 1st Place - Biomedical Equipment Technology

Gabi Allen - 1st Place - Human Growth & Development

Colin Janik - 1st Place - Phlebotomy

Parth Shah - 1st Place - Medical Ethics & Law

Shreya Senthil - 2nd Place - Healthcare Administration

Isaan Rao - 3rd Place - Biotechnology

Dhruuv Battula - 4th Place - Medical Assisting



EXTRA - EXTRA!

FCDI SPEECH & DEBATE STATE COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the state-level debate competition!

Extemporaneous Debate: Rohan Snyder and Arisha Ediga

Extemporaneous Speaking: Aadhana Nair

Impromptu Speaking: Julian Weldon

Legislative Debate: Parmis Molavi

Lincoln Douglas Debate: Keeley Rissman, Anish Vangala, and Riya Poddar

Original Oratory: Mahathi Raghavendra, Sophie Liao, and Kate Poole

Public Forum Debate: Rachel Manucy and Chensley Dosio (team debate)

Ronald Reagan Presidential Debate: Amogh Subramanian



EXTRA - EXTRA!

Please congratulate the following students on placing in the top for their respective competitions. They participated in numerous rounds of competition.



Public Forum Debate 1st PLACE: Rachel Manucy and Chensley Dosio

Legislative Debate 3rd PLACE: Parmis Molavi

Original Oratory 6th PLACE: Kate Poole

EXT Debate 8th PLACE: Rohan Snyder

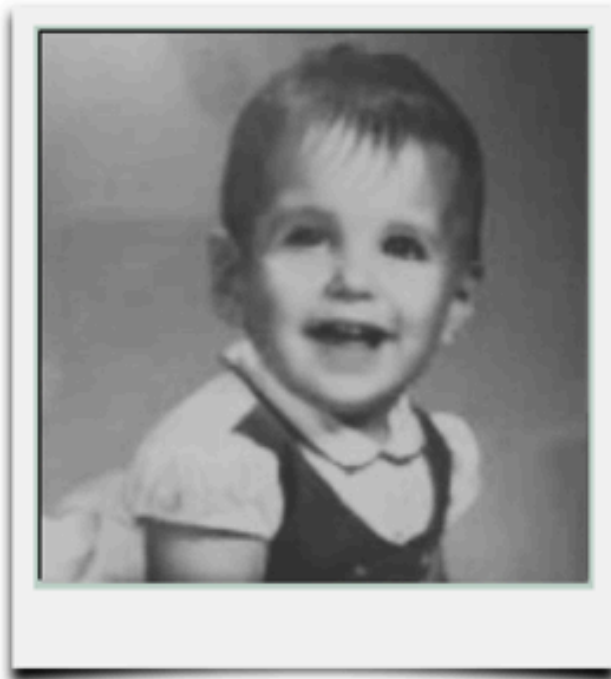
Impromptu Speaking: Juliana Weldon



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SENIOR BABY PHOTOS

NHS VERTICAL FUNDRAISER



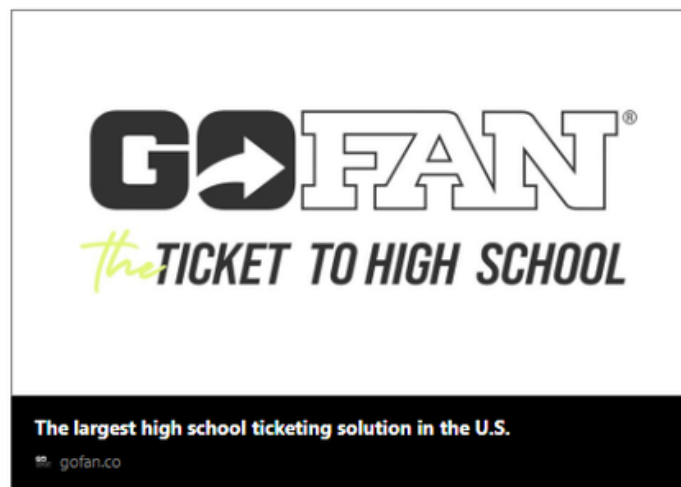
Help support the NHS Vertical by submitting a baby photo and purchasing a \$10 slot to be featured in our 2026 senior issue!

NHS
Vertical

Athletics

At the Finish Line

Monday	4/27/2026	TBD 5/7:30p	District Semifinal @ Mandarin	Away	Softball
Tuesday	4/28/2026	ALL DAY	State @ Sanlando Park (Altamonte Springs, FL)	Away	Tennis
Wednesday	4/29/2026	TBD	District Final @ Mandarin	Away	Softball
Wednesday	4/29/2026	ALL DAY	State @ Sanlando Park (Altamonte Springs, FL)	Away	Tennis
Thursday	4/30/2026	ALL DAY	State @ Sanlando Park (Altamonte Springs, FL)	Away	Tennis
Saturday	5/2/2026	TBD	Regionals @ Sanford Seminole	Away	Track & Field
Wednesday	5/6/2026	ALL DAY	State @ RP Funding Center	Away	Boys Weightlifting
Thursday	5/7/2026	ALL DAY	State @ RP Funding Center	Away	Boys Weightlifting
Saturday	5/9/2026	TBD	State @ UNF	Away	Track & Field



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Nease SPORTS PHYSICALS



Wednesday, May 20TH, 2026

Nease Cafeteria

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

\$20 PHYSICALS CAN BE PURCHASED ON
GO FAN (SEE QR CODE) OR
DEBIT/CREDIT/APPLE PAY/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



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Athletics

Nease Athletic Leadership Council Scholarship

ALC does a yearly March Madness Fundraiser of Student vs Staff in a game of basketball. The proceeds go towards a scholarship all seniors can apply.

Students who are interested in applying will need to write a short essay, picking one of the Six Pillars of Character and explain why it is important not only in sports but in everyday life.

Essay must be between 300-500 words and please include your name and email address. Essays are due to the athletic trainer or front office by April 30th 2026.

The Pillars are:

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.

If you have any question email
ashley.raymond@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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International Baccalaureate

**IB
DONE**

Congratulations Seniors



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International Baccalaureate

**Pizza
Social**



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Thank you IB Boosters!

Pizza Social

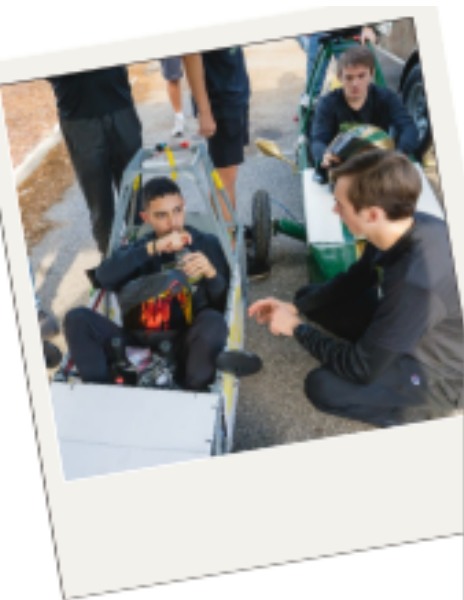


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Nease Academies

NEASE ELECTRATHON TEAM TURNS ENGINEERING INTO ACTION

On Saturday April 11th the Nease Electrathon Team, which includes students from the Stellar Academy of Engineering, competed at the race at Florida State College Jacksonville Advanced Technology Campus as part of an open house and car show. Additionally, the teams had the fantastic opportunity to speak with a current professional endurance racing driver who competes in the IMSA series and staff from Jacksonville Universities Engineering department as well. Nease made a great showing with two cars and full student support. This was also the debut of the #220 car a new addition this year thanks to generous Sponsorship from Supermarket Solutions Incorporated and Bavarian Rennsport and donation from Publix Charities. The #550 car was driven by Senior Gabriel Ertl in the first race and Senior Trevor Courson in the second, both drivers did well but an electrical fault in the first race and a mechanical issue in the second affected the total laps. The #220 car was driven by Junior Kevin Naranjo and Junior Jackson Baker, the #220 car made a great first showing and finished the first race in 1st place but lost the position in the second race. At the end of the day Nease car #220 took second place with 133 laps and Nease car #550 took 3rd place with 108 laps. The team showed its grit and Nease Spirit during the second race when damage to a front axle required changing the left front steering joint and brakes during the race.



PTSO

EXCEL VOLUNTEERS *NEEDED*



SCHOOL IS ALMOST OUT...
BUT EXCEL ISN'T ON
SUMMER BREAK JUST YET!

We still need some
awesome volunteers to
help us finish strong—
come be a part of the fun!

NEASE PTSO

EXCEL HAPPENS MOST WEDNESDAYS
FOR 60 MINUTES.

A CHANCE FOR STUDENTS TO:

ATTEND A CLUB MEETING

GET HELP FROM A TEACHER

RETAKE A SUMMATIVE EXAM




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Nease Academies

ACADEMY GRADUATION CORDS ARE COMING!

Communications Academy, Academy of Hospitality & Tourism, and Stellar Academy of Engineering students who pre-ordered an Academy graduation cord in February will receive their cords soon! Communications Academy and Engineering Academy students will receive their cords in the envelopes they pick up with their graduation tickets. Hospitality Academy students will receive their cords directly from Mrs. Amato in class. If you didn't pre-order a cord, a few extras for each program were ordered. Reach out to Mrs. Combs via email for details at jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

LAST CHANCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY STUDENTS TO APPLY FOR THE LEONARD'S SCHOLARSHIP



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Leonard's will award up to three \$1000 scholarships to St. Johns County graduating seniors enrolling in college for the 2026-27 Academic year. Please be sure that you meet the following criteria:

- Eligible to graduate June of 2026
- 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 2026 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 scholarshipsleonards.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

DUE BY APRIL 30TH, 2026

Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator
jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

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Senior - Junior 2026 Prom

Seniors and Juniors enjoyed a memorable night at the 2026 Prom. The Prom theme was "Viva Las Vegas" and was full of glitz and glamour.

The highlight of the night was crowning the 2026 Prom King, Reid Foster, and Prom Queen, Selena Gregory!!

Also, a big surprise for the students and even Principal Fonseca was the electric sounds of the RAY ROAD BAND! Thank you to the sponsors Sam Morrison, Amy Case, and the Nease faculty chaperones!



Check out more Prom Pictures on ParentSquare!

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Senior Class Information

Special Edition: Seniors

Caps & Gowns:

Herff Jones was on campus to distribute caps and gowns during all lunches on Thursday, March 26th. We ask that all students hang their gowns and medallions to prevent wrinkling prior to graduation as they cannot be ironed. If gowns do not fit appropriately or if students did not receive a tassel or medallion, please contact Ms. Morrison or Ms. Mietzner. Students who did not pick up their items last week will be notified of an alternative pick up next week.

Xello: Students must complete the senior survey on Xello by May 8th in order to be considered "cleared" for graduation. Please contact guidance counselors Ms. Alfano or Ms. Baloga if you have any questions.

Instructions: [Students-Surveys](#)

Prom: Prom tickets will go on sale Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00am via GoFans for \$75. Students interested in bringing a guest should carefully read the information provided on the website. The dance will be held at Deerwood Castle from 7:00pm - 10:30pm and the theme is Viva Las Vegas.

For more information, please visit the Nease prom website at <https://neaseprom.weebly.com/> or contact Ms. Morrison.

Grad Bash:

Students attending the Grad Bash field trip are required to print and complete the permission posted in the Grad Bash Schoology group and submit to Ms. Morrison in B107 or Ms. Mietzner in F105 by Friday, April 10th. Students must also attend the meeting on Wednesday, April 22nd during Excel A or B. Please see the Nease Grad Bash website for more information.

<https://neasegradbash.weebly.com/>

Lights Out:

Seniors are invited to celebrate the end of the year with friends by watching a movie on the Nease football field from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. Food and games will be provided at no cost, but students are encouraged to bring a blanket to sit on.

Students: Please complete this form to vote for your favorite movie:

<https://forms.office.com/r/2kM7Yy5w5r>

Students: If you are interested in attending, please sign up using this link to help us adequately prepare:

[Signupgenius-Lights Out](#)

Parents: If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up using the link below:

[Signupgenius senior#1 - Parent Volunteer](#)

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Senior Class Information

Special Edition: Seniors

Clearance Day:

In order to be eligible for graduation, students must clear their school debts by Wednesday, May 13th. This debt may include library book fines, senior dues, cafeteria debt, parking tickets, and athletic uniform fees. A list will be posted soon in the Class of 2026 Schoology Group with more information regarding payments. Students who are cleared will receive an envelope with graduation tickets and honor cords in the media center on **May 13th.**

Yearbooks: Seniors who preordered their yearbooks can pick them in early May. Once they are delivered, we will provide an exact date and time for pickup. If you have any questions, please contact yearbook teacher Ms. Cowart at Leisha.Cowart@stjohns.k12.fl.us.

The Vertical:

Parents, celebrate how much your graduate has grown in the senior issue of The Vertical, Nease's student newspaper. Submit a childhood photo and a recent photo of your senior to be displayed side-by-side for \$10

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/20252026-Nease-Senior-Photos-Vertical/S2BdyX>

Senior Slideshow:

Parents, celebrate your graduate by purchasing a spot in the senior slideshow to be played at Lights Out! and graduation on the big screen! Each slide is \$25 and includes a photo and message created by you via Microsoft PowerPoint. Follow the directions in the SchoolPay link to complete your purchase by April 10!

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Nease-Senior-Slide-Show-class-of-26/Seeq9G>

Graduation Buttons:

Celebrate your senior with a custom 3-inch graduation button featuring their photo and the **Nease Class of 2026** design! These buttons are perfect for family members to wear at the graduation ceremony or to graduation parties. The price per button is \$5 and includes a photo of your choice. Use the link below to order yours by May 8!

<https://www.schoolpay.com/pay/for/Class-of-2026-Graduation-Button-Fundrais/Sg0kPJ>

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Senior Class Information

Special Edition: Seniors

Graduation will be held at the
University of North Florida on
May 22, 2026 at 6:00PM

Graduation Rehearsal will be held on
May 14, 2026 at 12:30PM

Graduation Attire:

Students should adhere to the Nease dress code for this ceremony. Girls are encouraged to wear a dress or dress pants with sandals, flats, or heels. Boys are encouraged to wear a collared shirt with slacks and loafers. Shorts, jeans, tennis shoes, and flip flops are **NOT** permitted.

Students **MAY** decorate their caps to represent the college, university, or military branch they will be entering. No other quotes, messages, or organizations may be represented, and all designs must be two dimensional. A blank cap will be provided for students who violate these guidelines.

UNF Policies:

Complimentary parking will be provided in **Lot 18**. Guests with disabilities should follow signage for designated parking spots. All guests will be subject to the security checkpoint upon entry.

Please visit Clear Bag Policy - University of North Florida Athletics for more information regarding prohibited items. Doors will open **1 hour and 30 minutes** prior to the ceremony.

Tickets are required for entry. Please arrive early to allow time for parking, walking to the arena, and the security checkpoint. Seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.



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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/.](https://getfortifyfl.com/)



The graphic is a dark blue rectangular advertisement for the FortifyFL app. At the top left, there are three small circular icons: a globe, a person, and a gear, followed by the text 'Florida Department of EDUCATION'. In the center, there is a red square icon with a white megaphone. Below this, the word 'FORTIFYFL' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, with 'SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP' in smaller white capital letters underneath. Two smartphones are shown: one displaying the 'Tip Report - Step 2 of 4' screen with a text input field and a keyboard, and another displaying the 'Tip Report - Step 4 of 4' screen with a 'Submit Tip' button. At the bottom, the text reads: 'FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.' Below this, the hashtag '#FORTIFYFL' and the website 'GETFORTIFYFL.COM' are displayed in white capital letters.

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