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*Hi Panther Families,*

*As we near the end of the 2025-2026 school year, I would like to thank our students, parents, and incredible teachers and staff for working together as a community. I love the tradition that is Nease and know it is the collective whole that makes us work. Thank you to our PTSO, IB Boosters, Band Boosters, NJROTC Boosters, GPBC, and all the parent organizations that have committed so much time to our school.*

*As tradition holds, our students are getting into the top colleges in the nation (see acceptances in the Extra- Extra section). Military appointments, including West Point and the Coast Guard, and this year, Nease Academies have earned the most Industry Certifications in the district.*

***There are no adequate words to express my appreciation to our teachers, administration, and staff for giving their all every day to our students!! AP and IB tests are complete, and preliminary state testing scores are outstanding!***

- Spring PM3 10<sup>th</sup> grade FAST - 89%*
- Spring PM3 9<sup>th</sup> grade FAST - 87%*
- Biology - 88%*
- Algebra 85%*
- Geometry- 89%*
- US History - 95%*

*I am so honored to have served as an educator and a principal and to call myself a Nease Panther. I am so proud of our students and staff, and I know I have grown as a leader and person during my time at Nease and in St. Johns County. I cannot think of a better place to end my career, and I will always be grateful. Panthers, I wish you the very best life has to offer ♥ Have a wonderful summer!!*

*Tradition Lives Here!  
Gina Fonseca, Principal*

## *Tradition Lives Here!*

# Week at a Glance

## LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL

MON, MAY 25	TUES, MAY 26	WED, MAY 27	THURS, MAY 28	FRI, MAY 29
<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Gold Day</b>	<b>MAKEUP Green Day</b>	<b>Straight 7</b>	<b>Excel</b>
<p><b>STUDENT TEACHER HOLIDAY</b></p>	<p>First Bell: 9:30            2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 9:35–11:07            4<sup>th</sup> Period: 11:13–1:25            - A Lunch: 11:13–11:43            - B Lunch: 11:47–12:17            - C Lunch: 12:21–12:51            6<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:31–3:02            7<sup>th</sup> Period: 3:08–4:05</p> <p><b>Last Summative Exams in Math &amp; Social Studies</b></p>	<p>First Bell: 9:30            1<sup>st</sup> Period: 9:35–10:52            3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 10:58–12:49            - A Lunch: 10:58–11:28            - B Lunch: 11:34–12:04            - C Lunch: 12:19–12:49            5<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:55–2:11            7<sup>th</sup> Period: 2:17–3:05</p> <p><b>Last Summative Exams in Math &amp; Social Studies</b></p>	<p>First Bell: 9:30            1<sup>st</sup> Period: 9:35–10:20            2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 10:26–11:08            3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 11:14–11:56            4<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:02–1:40            - A Lunch: 12:02–12:32            - B Lunch: 12:36–1:06            - C Lunch: 1:10–1:40            5<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:46–2:28            6<sup>th</sup> Period: 2:34–3:16            7<sup>th</sup> Period: 3:22–4:05pm</p> <p><b>REMEDIATION DAY</b></p>	<p>First Bell: 9:30            1<sup>st</sup> Period: 9:35–10:17            2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 10:22–11:02            3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 11:08–11:48            EXCEL: 11:50–12:50            4<sup>th</sup> Period: 12:52–1:32            5<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:38–2:18            6<sup>th</sup> Period: 2:24–3:05</p> <p><b>Make-up and retest day 7<sup>th</sup> Period retakes during EXCEL</b></p>



# *EXTRA - EXTRA!*

**Congratulations to the Class of 2026**

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**to access the Graduation Edition  
of the Panther Press**



# EXTRA - EXTRA!

## Class of 2026

### College Acceptances (to date)

Auburn University	Indiana University-Bloomington	University of Colorado-Boulder
Barnard College	Ithaca College	University of Connecticut
Baylor University	Massachusetts Institute of Technology	University of Denver
Brandeis University	Missouri UST	University of Florida
Brown University	New York University	University of Miami
Carnegie Mellon University	North Carolina State University	University of Michigan
Clemson University	Northeastern University	University of Minnesota-TC
College of Charleston	Northern Arizona University	University of North Florida
College of William & Mary	Northwestern University	University of Pennsylvania
Cornell University	Ohio State University	University of Pittsburgh
Drexel University	Penn State University	University of South Carolina
Duke University	Purdue University	University of South Florida
Eckerd College	Purdue University	University of Southern California
Elon University	Rice University	University of Tampa
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	Rollins College	University of Tennessee
Emory University	St. Louis University	University of Virginia
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	Stanford University	University of Wisconsin-Madison
Florida Atlantic University	Stetson University	Villanova University
Florida Institute of Technology	SUNY-Binghamton	Washington University of St. Louis
Florida Southern College	Tulane University	Western Carolina University
Florida State University	UNC Chapel Hill	Wingate University
George Mason University	University of Alabama	Yale University
George Washington University	University of Alaska-Fairbanks	
Georgetown University	University of California-Irvine	
Georgia Tech	University of California-Los Angeles	
	University of California-San Diego	
	University of Central Florida	
	University of Chicago	

# ON THE HORIZON

[CLICK HERE > FRESHMEN PALOOZA July 29th](#)

## MASTER CALENDAR

2026-2027 School Year

Board Approved 9/11/2025

Monday	August 3, 2026	Optional Teacher Planning Day
Tuesday-Friday	August 4,5,6,7,2026	Teacher Pre-Planning
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 10, 2026</b>	<b>Students Report to Class</b>
Monday	September 7, 2026	Labor Day- Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Friday	September 25, 2026	Teacher Inservice Day - Student Holiday ✓
Friday	October 9, 2026	First Quarter Ends
Monday	October 12, 2026	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Wednesday	November 11, 2026	Veterans Day - Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday-Friday	November 23-27, 2026	Thanksgiving Break-Student/Teacher Holiday ✓
Friday	December 18, 2026	Second Quarter/First Semester Ends
Monday - Friday	Dec. 21, 2026-Jan. 1, 2027	Winter Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday	January 4, 2027	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday ✓
Tuesday	January 5, 2027	Classes Resume for Students/Second Semester Begins
Monday	January 18, 2027	Martin Luther King Jr Day - Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	February 12, 2027	Teacher Inservice Day - Student Holiday
Monday	February 15, 2027	Presidents' Day- Student/Teacher Holiday
Thursday	March 11, 2027	Third Quarter Ends
Friday	March 12, 2027	Teacher Planning Day-Student Holiday
Monday-Friday	March 15-19, 2027	Spring Break - Student/Teacher Holiday
Monday	March 22, 2027	Classes Resume for Students
Friday	March 26, 2027	Student/Teacher Holiday
Friday	May 28, 2027	<b>Last Day for Students*Fourth Quarter Ends</b>
Monday	May 31, 2027	<b>Memorial Day</b>
Tuesday	June 1, 2027	Last Day for Teachers - Teacher Planning Day
	May - TBA	Graduations (Schools/Locations TBD)

For testing schedules, please see the SJCS Assessment calendar - [stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/](http://stjohns.k12.fl.us/testing/)

\***ALL Schools** will be dismissed **1 hour** early on Dec 18, 2026 and May 28, 2027

**All Schools** participate in a weekly early release on Wednesday: Elementary @1:45, Middle @12:50, High @ 2:50

Interims Issued: September 9, 2026	Report Cards: October 21, 2026
Interims Issued: November 12, 2026	Report Cards: January 13, 2027
Interims Issued: February 10, 2027	Report Cards: March 24, 2027
Interims Issued: April 28, 2027	Report Cards: May 28, 2027 - * Elementary only

✓ **Denotes hurricane make-up days**

Optional planning day may "Flex" for any Planning Day or Post Planning day as pre-approved by Principal

CHARACTER COUNTS! In St. Johns County

### Pillars of the Month

August - All Pillars    October - Responsibility    December - All Pillars    February - Caring    April - All Pillars  
 September - Fairness    November - Citizenship    January - Respect    March - Trustworthiness    May - Citizenship

# EXTRA - EXTRA!

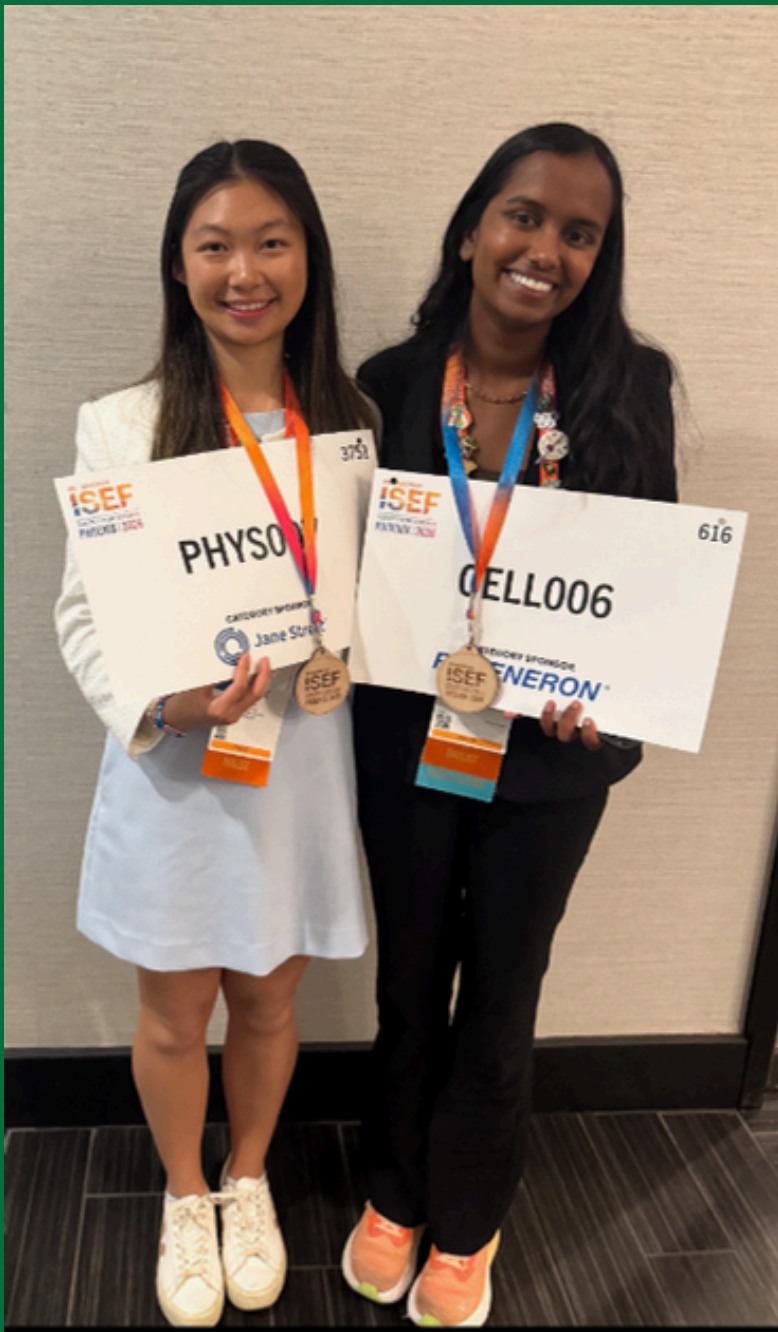
## Congratulations to Nease Executive Secretary Karen Cornelius



Please join me in congratulating this wonderful colleague and amazing superwoman, Nease Executive Secretary, Karen Cornelius, for all she has done for Nease over the past 17 years! Mrs. Cornelius has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and makes it look so easy. She is always *GRACE* under fire and seems to get so many things done and takes care of so many people so effortlessly.

We are very spoiled because of Mrs. Cornelius, and we know that everything will be taken care of because of her dedication and steadfast commitment. Mrs. Cornelius is retiring from education and will be spending her last weeks at Nease doing what she always does, taking care of others. We could not have done it without you, and we truly hope your retirement is as wonderful as you are. Thank you for giving your all to Allen D. Nease High School. Nease has a big void to fill, and you will truly be missed.

# EXTRA - EXTRA!



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Senior Sophie Duan (left), who placed 4<sup>th</sup> at the International Science & Engineering Fair in the Physics and Astronomy category.**

**Sophie will be attending Yale University in the fall.**

# EXTRA - EXTRA!



**First Coast  
Technical College**  
*Your Future Comes First*



## COMING SOON

**First Coast Technical College has  
new programs starting  
August 10, 2026**

### **Industrial Machinery Maintenance 1 & 2**

For more information about  
Industrial Machinery Maintenance, please visit  
<https://fctc.edu/programs/industrial-machinery-maintenance/>  
or scan the QR Code



### **Surgical Technology**

For more information about  
Surgical Technology, please visit  
<https://fctc.edu/programs/surgical-technology/>  
or scan the QR Code



# Athletics



Congratulations to the Nease Spring Football Team! They showed up as they battled state champions, Raines High School.

Congratulations to Coach Collin Drafts, coaching staff, and the Nease Football players!

We wish you the best in the 2026- 2027 season ♥



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# Athletics

**Congratulations to 2026 seniors  
Grace Chavez and Reid Foster  
for being selected as  
Nease's Student-Athletes of the Year**



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# Nease Academies

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR, ACADEMY STUDENTS!

We wish all the best to the 200+ Communications, Engineering and Hospitality Academy Seniors who walked across the stage at UNF on Friday night.

Our Academy students spent the 2025-26 school year winning awards, embracing new experiences on field trips, participating in guest speaker visits, working on projects in and out of class, mastering professional software, and completing industry certification exams. In fact, Nease students completed a record number of Career and Technical Education industry certification exams this year...more than 1,500!

Academy students, your teachers and I are so proud of all you've accomplished this year! We hope you enjoy a fun and restful summer!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Combs*



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# NEASE CONCERT BAND

## SPRING PERFORMANCE

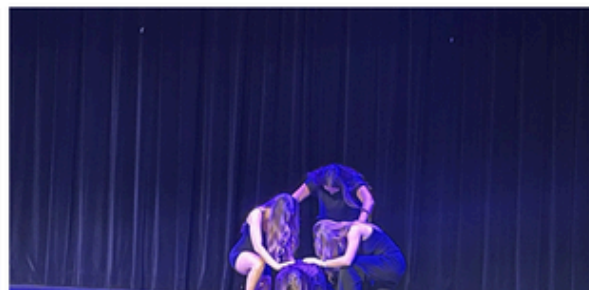
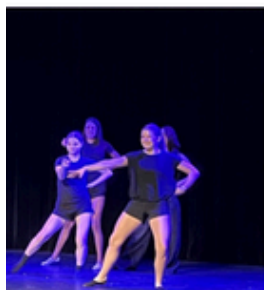


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Honors*

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# NEASE DANCE CLASS

## SPRING PERFORMANCE



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Congratulations & Best Wishes



NJROTC

NAVY BALL



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# IB BOOSTERS & PTSO

Thank you to our Nease IB Boosters & PTSO Board,  
and parents, for all the support this school year!

*Nease Appreciates You!*



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# 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/.](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 school building, 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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