



# **Programs of Choice and Career Academies at Nease**

**Principal: Mrs. Lisa Kunze**

**Academy Coordinator: Mrs. Jaime Combs**

# Why join an Academy or Program of Choice?

- **59%** of Nease's students are part of an Academy or Program of Choice
- **Smaller learning communities** within a high school.
- **Unique opportunities** for students through business partners, evolving curriculum, field trips, guest speakers and hands-on learning.
- **Positive impact.** National studies show that Academies have a positive impact on student performance, including improved attendance, higher grades, improved graduation rates and higher college-bound rates.

# Typical 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule

Standard	Advanced
English 1	English 1 Honors
Algebra 1	Geometry, Geometry Hon or Algebra 2 Honors
Environmental Science	Biology Honors
World History	World History Honors or AP World History
HOPE	HOPE
Elective	Elective
Academy Course	Academy Course

# Allen D. Nease High School

- Communications Academy
- Stellar Academy of Engineering
- Academy of Hospitality and Tourism
- International Baccalaureate (IB)
- Naval JROTC



# Communications Academy

- Currently over 400 students
- TV Production News, Sports Media, & Digital Design
- Produce Wired: our daily, award-winning newscast
- Learn ESPN-style editing techniques to cut sports highlights
- Compete nationally at the Student Television Network Convention
- Digital Design students learn graphic design principles and the Adobe Creative Suite software

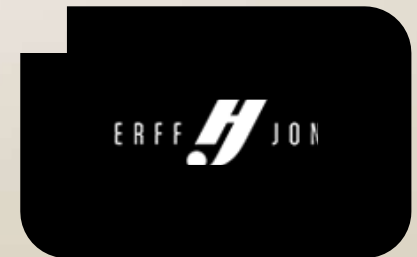


# Communications Academy

- Guest Speakers and Field Trips through the year (PGA Tour Entertainment, University of North Florida, Leonard's, WJXT Studios)
- Creative, hands-on learning. Create graphic design and video projects in class to start building a digital portfolio.
- Students can earn industry certifications in Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premiere Pro



# Communications Academy Advisory Board



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# Stellar Academy of Engineering

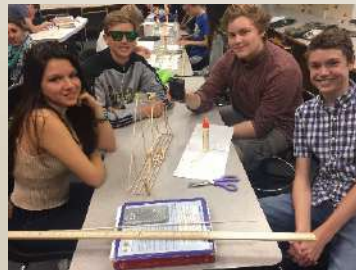
- Currently includes over 300 students
- What makes us unique? You'll study multiple fields of Engineering in one program: Architectural, Mechanical, Civil, Manufacturing and more
- We partner with Stellar, a global design and engineering firm to provide unique opportunities and curriculum input





# Stellar Academy of Engineering

- Earn a professional certification in AutoCAD, Revit, Inventor, and Fusion360 before you graduate
- Field Trips throughout the year (NAS-Jax, Sally Corporation, UNF College) and guest speakers who work in engineering
- Hands-on, project based learning



# Stellar Academy Of Engineering Advisory Board



City of St. Augustine  
Public Works Department



# St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

- Over 140 students enrolled
- Hospitality and tourism is one of the world's most versatile career paths
- A career in hospitality can include management jobs in a bustling hotel in a big city, a tourist attraction or museum, a city's visitor bureau, a beachside timeshare resort, a bed and breakfast, a sports arena or stadium, a cruise ship, a spa, a restaurant, or golf course



# St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism

- The Academy focuses on computer, business, and customer service skills required for a successful career in Hospitality and Tourism management.
- Run your own hotel, arena, and restaurant using computer simulation technology
- Learn to utilize Social Media to promote a business, then earn the Social Media Strategist industry certification
- See skills learned in class in action on field trips, then utilize them in on-the-job internships



# St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism Advisory Board



RIVER HOUSE  
GATHER & CELEBRATE



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PONTE VEDRA  
FLORIDA'S HISTORIC COAST®



# International Baccalaureate Program

Mrs. Kennedy, IB Coordinator

- Nease Pre-IB Program in 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade
  - Pre-IB is a course of study that prepares students for the “real” IB Program which is junior and senior years of high school.
  - Pre-IB courses are a level above honors and require a lot of hard work.
  - Pre-IB is for motivated and hard working students who like school and like to learn.

# International Baccalaureate Program

## Characteristics of an IB Student

- Motivated
- Dedicated
- Desire to Learn
- Sense of Responsibility
- Sense of Humor
- Desire to Succeed
- Manage Time Wisely
- Organized
- Focused
- Open-minded
- Hard Worker
- Strong in all subjects
- Well-rounded
- Multi-Tasker

• Passionate

**\*In addition to applying via HAC, you will also need to request 4 recommendations to be submitted by your current English, Social Studies, Math & Science teachers.**

# Typical Schedule for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-IB Students

- English 1- Pre-IB
- AP World History
- Biology 1 – Pre-IB
- Geometry Honors or Algebra 2 Honors – Pre-IB
- Foreign Language – either French or Spanish – Pre-IB
- 2 electives



# Field Trips & Activities

- Class Service Projects, New York City, IB Socials and more!



# Navy JROTC

2021 #1 Program in northern Florida & Georgia  
2021 #2 Program in the Nation



- Opportunity for Service Academy
  - And ROTC Scholarships
- Earn promotions & medals
- Amazing Field Trips
- Orienteering Team
- Marksmanship Team
- Drill Team
- Athletic Team
- Academic Team
- Drone Team
- CyberPatriot Team
- No future military requirement



Captain LaRoche  
Master Chief Spears  
Gunnery Sergeant Hanson

# Navy JROTC

- JROTC students take part in Competitions & Special Events
- All NJROTC New Cadets must participate in Summer Training:  
**July 25-30**
- Nease-zoned students wanting to apply to JROTC cannot attend Bartram or St. Augustine for JROTC only. If students are zoned for Bartram or St. Augustine, they cannot attend Nease for the JROTC program only.



Captain LaRochelle  
Master Chief Spears  
Gunnery Sergeant Hanson

# What To Consider When Applying

- **Student must currently reside in St. Johns County**
- **St. Johns County students can apply to Programs of Choice/Career Academies at any school in the district**
- **However, students cannot apply for a Program of Choice/Career Academy at an out of zone school if a duplicate Academy is offered at the student's zoned school**
- **Duplicate programs to Nease's offerings include IB/AICE and ROTC**

# What To Consider When Applying

- **Schools that offer IB/AICE: St. Augustine & Pedro Menendez**
- **Schools that offer ROTC: St. Augustine & Bartram Trail**
- **If you are zoned for a school that offers IB/AICE or ROTC, but are interested in our program in addition to a unique Nease Academy/Program of Choice, you must apply to an Academy that is unique to Nease, THEN:**
  - **Contact Missy Kennedy if you're interested in the IB Program**
  - **Contact Jaime Combs if you're interested in ROTC**

# What To Consider When Applying

- **St. Johns County does not provide transportation to students attending out-of-zone schools**

# Academy Application Window Open

## Now Through February 10th, 5 pm

- If your student is currently in a St. Johns County Public School
  - Log in to Home Access Center to apply using the student's username and password
  - Apply for up to three Career Academies/Programs of Choice, but you must select a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> choice
- IB and AICE Programs require additional teacher recommendations for four core academic subjects
- Step by step directions to apply via HAC are located on [www.neaseacademies.com](http://www.neaseacademies.com)

# How do private school, home school and Virtual School students apply to a Program of Choice?

- Students MUST reside in St. Johns county to apply.
- Parents must complete the pre-registration process for the 2022-2023 school year via the St. Johns County School District Website:  
<https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/student/enrollment/>
- Parents will fill out the Academy Application online within the pre-registration process
- **For more information, go to [academies.stjohns.k12.fl.us](https://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/academies) or call Theresa Dodd in the Career & Technical Education office at (904) 547-4870**
- The District Office will enter the student's selections into the computer system for the Academy placement lottery
- The due date for application to be submitted is **Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.**



# Acceptance into the Career Academies and JROTC is based on a computerized lottery

- It does not matter when you apply during the application window
- For all programs except IB, a student's grades are not considered
- In many cases, the Career Academies and JROTC fill up with 1<sup>st</sup> choice applicants. If a student wants to apply to a Nease Academy/JROTC and the IB Program, the IB Program should be listed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice
- Following the lottery, applicants will receive notification of acceptance/denial via email at the end of February

# Academy Breakout Sessions



Media Center



Panther Hall Room 138



ROTC Building



PAC



Panther Hall  
Room 221

\*Second breakout session only\*