
ACADEMIES @ NEASE HIGH SCHOOL

September Newsletter

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Academy Parents,

Nease's Open House is coming up on Thursday, September 10th. This is your chance to meet your student's teachers, see the classrooms, and get a feel for the daily academic life of your teenager. For the first time, Nease will host a Career Academies meeting before Open House officially begins. The event will bring all of the Academy instructors together to give them a chance to share their backgrounds and the opportunities their programs will provide for your student this year. Of course, you will get to meet your student's Academy teacher during the Academy course he or she has, however, that time will be more focused on class curriculum, rules, and goals, as opposed to the "big picture" our programs are striving for. This is also a great chance to learn about all three Career Academies Nease offers. The event will take place in the PAC (Nease's auditorium), from 5:30-6:00 pm. Nease's official Open House schedule will run from 6-7:45 pm.

UNF TOUR OPPORTUNITY FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

This year the Stellar Academy of Engineering is working closely with the University of North Florida to give our Academy students opportunities to learn more about taking their interest in Engineering into higher education. UNF is hosting a Science and Engineering Open House for all interested students on Saturday, September 12th, from 8:30 until 1 pm. Students will have the chance to talk to the professors, meet with UNF students who are in Engineering classes now, hear from alumni who have gone on to either graduate school or successful careers in the field and learn more about research opportunities, study abroad, work-study, internships, co-ops and hands-on learning. To register for a tour, or get more information, visit this website:
<https://www.unf.edu/welcomecenter/OpenHouse.aspx>



UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JOHNS COUNTY COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT

September 9th, 6:00-7:30 pm
At Pedro Menendez H.S.

NEASE'S OPEN HOUSE

September 10th

DUAL ENROLLMENT MEETINGS

September 29th

NEASE'S COLLEGE NIGHT

October 8th

PSAT ADMINISTERED

October 14th

SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY

Students who are looking to earn Florida Bright Futures Scholarships need to start working on the service hours requirement early.

The Media Services Department of the St. Johns County School District is looking for help converting videotapes to digital files at the Fullerwood building in St. Augustine. Students can help with this process, earn service hours, and even do homework while the videos transfer. For details, email Matt Keene at:
matt.keene@stjohns.k12.fl.us

INSIDE THE CAREER ACADEMY CLASSROOMS

What's been going on in the Communications, Engineering, and Hospitality classes in the first month of school? Read on to find out.

ST. JOHNS COUNTY ACADEMY OF HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM

Dan O'Byrne – Introduction to Information Technology, Introduction to Hospitality and Tourism

The inaugural year of the St. Johns County Academy of Hospitality and Tourism got off to a strong start with classes introducing students to Hospitality and Tourism Management and Information Technology with Industry applications. The first few weeks were spent introducing some 60 students to the Hospitality and Tourism Industry, the goals and objectives of the Academy at Nease High School, and to each other. Students in the program come from different parts of Florida, the Nation, and the World, with a diverse set of experiences, stories and backgrounds that will make tourism come alive in the classroom. Our Academy students were even offered volunteer opportunities to assist with the 450th Celebration of St. Augustine; a great way to kick off the program. A unique classroom setting has begun to take shape and we look forward to an exciting year with ample opportunities for skills certifications and industry recognitions.

STELLAR ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING

Tim Gilboy -- Introduction to Engineering Design, Drafting 3 and 4

In all of the Stellar Academy of Engineering courses classroom procedures were established, the classes discussed what engineering is and what engineers do in multiple disciplines, and they worked on measurements and units. Introduction to Engineering Design students also spent time learning about the engineering design process. Drafting 3 students started working on the district-wide Project Green competition and researched LEED certification, while Drafting 4 students discussed assisting in the Project Green competition and researched the Cradle to Cradle philosophy. Both the Drafting 3 and 4 students also studied current event engineering applications and problems.

COMMUNICATIONS ACADEMY

Holly Bourquin -- Journalism (Newspaper)

Journalism 1 students have been learning the basics of print journalism and news writing. They began the year by considering the question, "What is News?" Students have also studied what makes content newsworthy, the main categories of news, the basics of news writing, and are currently learning interviewing skills. Journalism 2-4 are the classes that produce Nease's newspaper, The Vertical, and Happenstance, an annual literary magazine. The students are already hard at work on the first issue of The Vertical for this school year. Students are also actively recruiting advertisers



FREE TUTORING AVAILABLE

If your student needs extra help in any subject, the National Honor Society offers free tutoring right after school, every Tuesday and Thursday, in the Media Center. Nease provides Activity Buses on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well, so students have late transportation home, if they are zoned for Nease.

NHS upperclassmen provide the free tutoring in just about every subject, and a teacher is also present.

HOW CAN PARENTS GET INVOLVED?

If you work in the fields of Communications (TV Production or Digital Design), Engineering, or Hospitality and Tourism, we would love to invite you in as a guest speaker, or as a potential field trip site host.

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and sponsors for our publications. Both publications are fully self-funded through these student-led efforts. If you're interested in becoming an advertiser or sponsoring our publication, please let us know!

Holly Farson – Journalism (Yearbook)

Off like a shot (camera shot!)

In Yearbook they have been working on training a new staff. They have 18 new staffers this year, who are learning eDesign, the yearbook software program provided by Herff Jones. The staff is also writing copy, leads, headlines, conducting interviews, and finding the most engaging angles for their yearbook spreads.

After attending an awesome conference in Stone Mountain, GA in July, the editors have been hard at work creating the cover, theme, design, and look for the 2016 yearbook. They can't share it yet, because it's a secret, but we're really excited about it!

Last week, they had lots going on in Yearbook class. On Wednesday, they had a photographer from Cady Studios come and give a mini conference on shooting the best photography possible, whether using a top of the line camera or just a cell phone at the spur of the moment. Last Friday was one of their biggest days of the year as they had "Draft Day." This is the day when each staffer chooses all their spreads (pages) for the yearbook for the entire year! As you can see Yearbook is up, running, and ready to go, for the 2015-2016 school year!

Dana Hayden – Introduction to Info Technology, Digital Design 1-3

In the Introduction to Technology class they are using an online course and eText. The course is Discovering Computers and Microsoft Office 2013. They are currently in the first chapters covering Digital Literacy. Although a lot of this covers basic computer and related technology, they are having lively discussion of the use of computers, social networking and the technology which makes it all happen. In the Digital Design classes we are working with Adobe software. Currently we are learning and integrating both Illustrator and InDesign. In Illustrator we are learning basic illustration, creating existing logos and designing new logos which requires technical and creative design skills. The logos will be placed into InDesign to create a business package which includes letterhead, business card and envelope layout. These are basics which all businesses require and a staple of the design and print industry. From these basic projects students will refine skills used with later projects, building on technical and design skills.

Christi Tilden – TV Production 1, Advanced TV Pro (Wired)

TV 1's have just finished lessons on analyzing the shows we watch, the different genres of television, television terminology, and have just started learning about shot composition. Last week TV 1's had their first opportunity to operate a video camera and will get more experience with cameras in



INTERIMS ONLINE THIS YEAR

Student interim reports will be released on Home Access Center (HAC) this year, instead of being printed and given to students. Interims will be available on September 11th. For more information on HAC, see this website:
<http://www.stjohns.k12.fl.us/hac/>

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Mr. Matt McCool
Athletic Director

Mrs. Angie Stricklin
Athletic Secretary

the next couple of weeks. Wired classes have been back in action producing a daily news show that's gotten a great response from students and staff! Students have been adjusting to a new work flow this year and additional responsibilities for the show and are coming along great! They just completed their 2nd week of the "Game Day Edition" of Wired which airs every Friday during football season!

Geoff Stephens – TV Production 1, Advanced TV Pro (Sports Media)

The TV Production 1 students have been learning about the history of television and television terminology. In preparation for their first video project, they will learn shot composition and start learning how to use the professional editing software, Premiere Pro, next week. Many fun and creative group video projects will follow. Sports Media students have filmed at every Varsity match-up of every fall sport this year. They have already started logging dozens of hours of Nease sports video and are accumulating highlights for football, cross country, golf, volleyball, swimming, and cheerleading.



NEED TO GET IN TOUCH WITH A GUIDANCE COUNSELOR?

You can set up an appointment with a guidance counselor by calling the guidance department secretary, Ms. Peggy Altick, at 904-547-8321.

You can also find great information on the guidance website:

<http://www-nhs.stjohns.k12.fl.us/guidance/>

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