



WHAT TO EXPECT AS YOU TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

Valley Ridge Academy
December 8, 2016

ALLEN D. NEASE HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES



Assistant Principal Communication & Events: Mr. Ted Banton

Registrar: Mrs. Vanessa Power

Academy Coordinator: Mrs. Jaime Combs

School Counselor: Mrs. Kim Hollis

Teacher: Mrs. Tina Willis

Nease Student Representatives

WE WILL BEGIN WITH AN ACADEMY TIMELINE.....



Jaime Combs

- Academy Coordinator

Some of the following information may be a little different at other high schools in St.
Johns County

JANUARY

**Begin the process to apply to participate in an
Academy** (Opens January 19TH Closes February 10th)



- Academies are optional opportunities offered to students to help them become more college and career ready.
- High schools will be visiting middle schools and presenting the academies January 10th . (Middle School Blitz.)
- Parents and students are invited to the county-wide Academy Showcase at World Golf Village on January 19th from 3:30pm until 7:00pm.
 - Academy opportunities at all St. Johns County high schools will be on display and will have staff available to answer questions.

ACADEMY NIGHTS



After the county-wide showcase, each high school will have an academy night on their campus for students and parents to visit the academy program they are interested in.

- NHS - January 26th
- CHS – February 7th
- SAHS – January 30th
- SJTH – January 30th
- BTHS – January 31st
- PMHS – February 24th
- PVHS –February 2nd

APPLYING TO AN ACADEMY



If you would like to apply to a St. Johns County Academy:

Must complete an online application by the deadline February 10th by 11:59 p.m.

- May apply to more than one academy but no more than three.
- Must be presently in 8th or 9th grade to apply – cannot apply after your 9th grade year in high school.
- Cannot apply after the deadline.

ACADEMY CONT.



- There is **no District transportation provided** to an academy outside your zoned high school.
- 8th grade families may not contact a high school or a high school coach about sports until they are accepted into an academy at that High School.
- Please Contact our Academy staff if you have any questions:
 - Mrs. Hollis – IB Kim.Hollis@Stjohns.K12.fl.us
 - Capt. LaRochelle – NJROTC Scott.LaRochelle@stjohns.k12.fl.us
 - Mrs. Combs– Engineering, Communications, and Hospitality
Jaime.Combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us

REGISTRAR



Mrs. Vanessa Power

- Master Schedule
- Student Registration

9TH GRADE COURSE SELECTION



- 8th grade teachers recommend academic courses for high school using district guidelines that include: student grades, FCAT/FSA scores and EOC scores.
- Parents/Guardians will be able to review the academic course recommendations and also help the 8th graders choose their elective courses.
- Please be sure to inform the Nease Counselor if you intend to play college athletics. This information is necessary in order to ensure that you are taking approved NCAA courses throughout your high school career and to help you stay on track with additional Eligibility Center requirements.
- Changes can be made to these course recommendations at the registration meeting with the Nease Counselor. (more info to come)

EXAMPLE STUDENT VERIFICATION FORM



Student Request Verification

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Course	Prerequisites	Subscribed	Cost
110000	Pre-Algebra	1000	10000
110001	Algebra I	1000	10000
110002	Algebra II	1000	10000
110003	Geometry	1000	10000
110004	Trigonometry	1000	10000
110005	Calculus	1000	10000
110006	Statistics	1000	10000
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110050	Math	1000	10000

Parent/Guardian Name (Print Name) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Elective Course Selections

Choose six electives for **YOUR** schedule for 2015-2016. Please be sure to select all six electives. If you do not choose electives, they will be chosen for you. **Electives will not be changed after school year begins.**


1st choice: _____ 4th choice: _____
 2nd choice: _____ 5th choice: _____
 3rd choice: _____ 6th choice: _____

Academy/Program of Choice Students

If you have been accepted to participate in a program of study and/or career academy please indicate below.

S.T.E.P. (formerly AVID - must be zoned for NIS) Engineering Academy
 Navy JROTC IB
 Communications Academy Hospitality and Tourism
 Television Production Digital Design Journalism

Visual Art Electives 2-D Studio Art 1 2-D Studio Art 2 3-D Studio Art 1 3-D Studio Art 2	Academic Electives Speech 1 Psychology 1 & 2 SJVS Lab - Must enroll in an online course	World Languages Spanish 1 Spanish 2 French 1 ASL 1
Performing Art Electives Theatre 1 Technical Theatre 1 Band 1 Percussion Winter Guard Chorus Music Theory Music of the World	Academy Electives Academy Students will receive priority Television Production 1 Introduction to IT Digital Design 1 Drafting 1 Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism Journalism 1	Teacher Recommendation Required Musical Theatre (Audition required - must have Drama &/or Chorus experience) Journalism 1-4 Yearbook (application) JV Football Weights
JROTC Naval Science (1 period) Naval Science with Leadership Education (2 periods)		Physical Education Team Sports Weight Training



MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL



- High school counselors will come to Valley Ridge Academy to help answer any questions and review the academic/elective/academy course selections on March 29TH – March 31ST – Parents are invited to attend.
- Please help your student with their electives. They will choose between 4 and 6 electives and rank their preference.
- Choose academics and electives carefully
- This spring meeting will probably be the last time we will contact you until Orientation in August.

THE HIGH SCHOOL DIFFERENCE (9TH GRADE TEACHERS)



- Homework at High School does count.
- Teacher gradebook setup
 - 30% Formative/70% Summative
- Retakes are at teacher discretion.
- Summer Reading — *Please check our website late May 2017*
- Get Involved

PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELORS



Counselors are organized by last name:

Letters A-E

Cindy Vartanian

Letters F-K

Laura Maalouf

Letters L-P

Michel Gledhill

Letters Q-Z

Daphne Harden

IB Coordinator

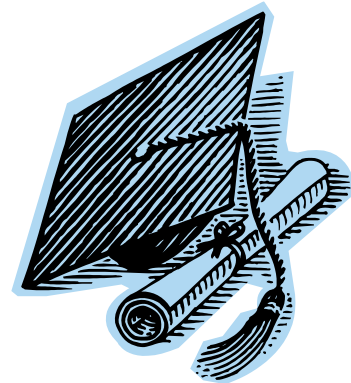
Kim Hollis

STANDARD DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS



In order to graduate with a standard HS Diploma, students in Florida must earn a minimum of 24 credits:

- English – 4 credits
- Mathematics – 4 credits (Algebra EOC 30% Must Pass, Geometry – EOC 30%)
- Science – 3 credits (Biology – EOC 30%)
- Social Studies – 3 credits (World History, US History, (EOC 30%) US Government & Economics)
- Fine Arts and Performing Arts, Speech and Debate, or Practical Arts – 1 Credit
- Physical Education – 1 credit (HOPE)
- Electives – 8 credits
- Virtual Course (at least one of the above courses must be taken online)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- State Assessment Requirements
 - Must pass required FSA (Florida Standard Assessment)
 - Must pass Algebra 1 EOC
 - Must take the Geometry EOC, Biology EOC
 - Must take an EOC if enrolled in Algebra 2 and American History (does not include AP or DE)



WHAT IS AN EOC (END OF COURSE ASSESSMENT)?



- EOC assessments are computer-based assessments that measure the Florida State Standards.
- You took a Civics EOC in the 7th grade. In High School you will take the following EOC's:
 - Algebra 1 EOC, Geometry EOC, Algebra 2 EOC, Biology EOC, and United States History EOC for 30% of your overall grade in the course.

Students must earn a passing score on the Algebra 1 EOC Assessment in order to earn a standard diploma.

OTHER ASSESSMENTS



Midterms (10%)

Final exams (10%)

AP testing

IB testing (11th and 12th)

Discovery Education Testing

PSAT

ASVAB

GPA IS IMPORTANT



- Every grade you earn counts toward your GPA !
- If your student is currently taking a high school course in middle school, once they enter high school their high school GPA will already exist.
 - *Middle school students who have taken high school courses may receive grade forgiveness if they have earned a grade or the numerical equivalent of a C, D or F. In such cases, the district forgiveness policy must allow the replacement of the grade with a grade or the numerical equivalent of a C or higher, earned subsequently in the same or comparable course. For a grade of A or B, the course and grade cannot be forgiven, will appear on the student's high school transcript, and will be used in the calculation of high school grade point average and for Bright Futures. (1003.428(4)(d), F.S.)*
- Colleges will look at all course selections and transcript grades you have earned in 9th 10th, 11th, and 12th grades.
- Only final grades will appear on your transcript. (no quarter grades)

9TH GRADE LINK CREW ORIENTATION IN AUGUST



Link Crew is a group of junior and senior student leaders that are interviewed and trained to be mentors to 9th graders. They organize and lead the student orientation and continue to mentor students throughout their freshman year.

Orientation:

- 8:00am to 12 noon the week before school starts in August
- Small groups of 9th graders will be assigned to each Link Crew group leader
- In early August, Link Crew group leaders will call their 9th graders and also mail an invitation and necessary forms
- Orientation will open with an academic pep rally in the Gym. Link crew leaders will tour their small groups around campus, help them find their classes and answer any questions they may have about high school
- The last 30 minutes of the morning parents are invited to attend a Parent Meeting in the Auditorium

LINK LEADERS AND FRESHMEN
START BUILDING THE MENTOR
RELATIONSHIP AND FRESHMEN
RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW
TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HIGH SCHOOL



- **High School Orientation**
- **Academic Follow-Ups**
- **Social Follow-Ups**
- **Leader Initiated Contacts**



SPORTS INFORMATION



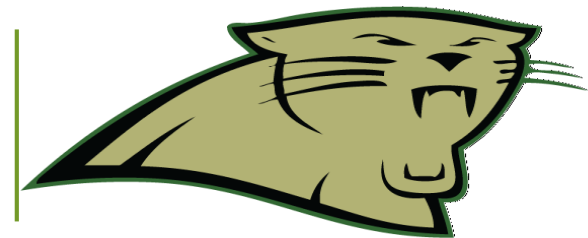
All athletic information is available on www.neaseathletics.com

Nease High School coaches will visit your middle school to talk to students about Nease and their summer programs

All students that participate in sports will need to have a Physical. Physicals must be completed before a student may participate (including conditioning, practice, games) and are valid for 365 days. Doctors will be offering sports physicals in late May at a local high school.



PANTHER FAN ZONE



THANK YOU FOR COMING.....



If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact us.

- Mrs. Abbey Mander Asst. Principal: Abbey.Mander@stjohns.k12.fl.us
- Mrs. Vanessa Power, Registrar: Vanessa.Power@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about Registration)
- Mrs. Angie Stricklin, Athletic Secretary: Angela.Stricklin@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about Athletics)
- Mr. Matt McCool, Athletic Director: Matt.McCool@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about Athletics)
- Mrs. Jaime Combs, Academy Coordinator: Jaime.Combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about Academy)
- Mrs. Kim Hollis, IB Coordinator: Kim.Hollis@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about IB)
- Captain LaRoche, JROTC Instructor Scott.LaRoche@stjohns.k12.fl.us (questions about JROTC)

- Nease High School Website: www.NeaseHS.com