

## December Newsletter

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Academy Students and Parents,

We're just finishing up the first semester of the 2017-18 school year, but Nease is already looking ahead at the 2018-19 school year. In the month of December, all Academy students will be taking part in the "Intent to Return" process. This is the student's opportunity to decide if he/she would like to remain an Academy student next school year.

This year, like last, students will sign off on an "Intent to Return" roster in their Academy class, indicating if they would like to move forward into the next-level Academy course for 2018-19. By checking "Yes" and signing their name on the Intent to Return roster, those students will have a space reserved for them in the next-level Academy course. If an Academy student decides that he or she does not want to continue in the Academy next year, a form will be sent home for the student and a parent to sign, indicating that the student would like to be released from the Academy next year. That form gets turned in to Mrs. Combs.

If you have questions about the Intent to Return process, please feel free to email Mrs. Combs at [Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jaime.combs@stjohns.k12.fl.us)

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### ACADEMIES LARGEST FIELD TRIP OF THE YEAR A SUCCESS



In the darkness of early morning, 146 Academy students and 10 chaperones made their way to Nease to take part in our largest field trip of the year...a leadership seminar at Universal Studios. The seminar, part of the Business Learning Series, is created in partnership with CNBC's Marcus Lemonis, entrepreneur and business owner. In



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MIDTERM EXAMS

December 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

#### WINTER BREAK

December 22<sup>nd</sup>-January 4<sup>th</sup>

#### TEACHER PLANNING DAY

January 5<sup>th</sup>

#### FIRST DAY OF 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER

January 8<sup>th</sup>

### GET EXTRA HELP DURING EXCEL TIME, NHS TUTORING

Students who currently have a D or F in any course are required to attend Excel Time help sessions in any subject they are failing.

During Session A, students can get help in: Social Studies, Math, Electives and Academy courses

During Session B, students can get help in: English, Science and World Language courses

Students can also get peer tutoring by NHS students in any core subject after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Media Center.

the seminar, students learned about the characteristics of great leadership, and ways to improve their own personal and professional leadership skills. Following an informational lesson, students were broken up into groups, provided ipads, and sent into the CityWalk complex with a business problem to solve. The



students created presentations including photos and videos, and then shared their scenarios and solutions with the group. Following the seminar, the Academy students had the chance to enjoy some bonding time in both the Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure theme parks.

## GUEST SPEAKERS SHARE THEIR EXPERTISE WITH ACADEMY STUDENTS

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, Department of Defense engineer Ian Hawkins joined students from the Stellar Academy of Engineering as a featured guest speaker. Mr. Hawkins has worked in both chemical and materials engineering. He explained how a background in chemical engineer can translate to jobs in many fields, including medical, pharmaceutical, military careers, and is applicable to multiple engineering fields. He shared his professional background and details on how he became the Nondestructive Inspection Engineering Team Lead and NDI Program Manager at Fleet Readiness Center Southeast. He also spoke with students about their plans for the future and offered advice on finding success in the Engineering industry.



On December 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Betty Jimmo came to speak with our Hospitality & Tourism Academy students. Mrs. Jimmo worked for Amelia Island Plantation for 29 years, holding management positions in Club Management, Accounting, Food and Beverage, Marketing and Company Training. She was also the

President of Chapter 48 of the AHLA Educational Institute on Amelia Island for 8 years. She has been with Florida State College at Jacksonville for the past 13 years; as a part-time adjunct in Culinary Arts and Hospitality for 12 years, and she is currently the Professor of Hospitality Management. During her guest speaking visit, Mrs. Jimmo answered student questions and shared advice on important skills students should be working on to have a successful career.



## MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> period exam: 9:15-10:45

2<sup>nd</sup> period exam: 10:55-12:25

Lunch 12:30-1:00

Buses Depart 1:00

\*Students who drive or are picked up can leave at 12:25

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> period exam: 9:15-10:45

4<sup>th</sup> period exam: 10:55-12:25

Lunch 12:30-1:00

Buses Depart 1:00

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Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

\*FULL SCHOOL DAY\*

5<sup>th</sup> period exam: 9:15-10:45

6<sup>th</sup> period exam: 10:55-12:25

Lunch 12:30-1:30

7<sup>th</sup> period class: 1:30-2:50

Buses Depart 2:50

Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

7<sup>th</sup> period exam: 9:15-10:45

Lunch: 10:50-11:20

Buses Depart 11:25

\*Students who drive or are picked up can leave at 10:45

\*Make-up exams given on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018