

ANNOUNCEMENT LETTER



2022 Freshmen & Sophomore Community Service Project

Annual IB Booster Club Beach Clean Up

April 9, 2022 from 9:00 am – Noon

WHAT: The **Annual Beach Clean Up** for Nease Freshmen and Sophomore Pre-IB students is underway. This event involves all of the Freshman and Sophomore students collectively cleaning up all 39 miles of St. John's County coastline!!

WHEN: April 9, 2022, 9am -Noon

WHY: The Nease IB program prides itself on developing all aspects of a student's personality; community service is an essential part of that development and is integral to the IB curriculum.

HOW: We have divided all 39 miles of St John's County beaches into sections of 1-2 miles each. The students select which mile(s) they will clean by using a Signup Genius link. **That link will be available to the students once they form their clean up teams and all members turn in their required forms to Mrs. Kennedy.** Slots on the Signup Genius are *first come first serve*, so it's important to get your forms in on time in order to get the mile location you would like.

WHO: This project is **mandatory for all Freshman and Sophomore Pre-IB students**. By participating, each student will earn credit for **5 community service hours**. If a student cannot participate, a note signed by the parent stating the reason for the absence from the Beach Clean Up must be submitted to Mrs. Kennedy.

Each cleanup crew will have a Team Leader. Any student may be a Team Leader. Team Leaders are responsible for:

- 1) Collection of an initialed and signed permission slip for *every* member of their team, turned into Mrs. Kennedy
- 2) Attendance at a Team Leader Meeting on **March 9th at 3pm in the amphitheater** to set up their gear bags and situate any outstanding permission slip issues
- 3) Ensuring transportation needs are arranged for *every* member of their team
- 4) Supervising their team and acting as the point of contact between the Check-in/Check-out station parent volunteers and the students on the beach

Team Leaders earn 10 service hours for completing this project and are required to sign a Team Leader Agreement acknowledging they are willing to complete the Team Leader responsibilities.

WHERE: Each section of the beach from north to south is supervised by a team of parents at one of

three Check-in/Check-out Stations. **It is essential on the day of the cleanup that each team checks-in/out at their designated station before *and after* they clean their stretch of beach. Failing this, they will be considered absent.**

Miles 1-14 (Ponte Vedra beaches) - Check-in/check-out at Mickler's Landing

Miles 15-22 (North and South of Villano Beach) - Check-in/check-out at Exxon Gas station near Guana State Park

Miles 23-39 (Anastasia Island Beach and South) -Check-in/check-out in front of Anastasia Beach State Park

TRANSPORTATION: As an IB community service initiative, we are required to arrange our own transportation. Each student must have transportation from (1) home to the Check-in/out Station, (2) from the Check-in/out Station to the student's assigned mile(s) of beach, (3) from the student's assigned mile(s) of beach back to the Check-in/out Station, and (4) from the Check-in/out Station to the student's home.

In the past, most students ride together as teams and coordinate with one parent to provide transportation for their team. Other students and parents may wish to drive separately, but it is necessary for the entire team to check in and out together so arrival times at the Check-in/out Station must be coordinated. If your student is struggling to find transportation, please let Mrs. Kennedy know and we will arrange for a Parent Volunteer to fill the void.

SAFETY: Safety is a huge priority for us. The St. John's County Sheriff's Office has been notified of our students' presence on the beaches and will be patrolling the areas during our service activity **AND requires all students wear this year's IB shirt** for easy visibility. T-shirts are available with Mrs. Kennedy for \$10 each. We will also sell IB shirts during IB Pizza Socials.

Parents staffing the Check-in/out Stations make sure they have contact with the teams at all times, cellphone numbers are exchanged between every team and every Check-in/out Station Coordinator.

The students are given a detailed list of instructions of how to handle the trash, what to pick and what to avoid etc.

PERMISSION SLIPS: Permission slips are required and can be found on an attachment in this email and are available from Mrs. Kennedy. They must be initialed and signed by both parent and student and returned to Ms. Kennedy by **DEADLINE: March 2nd, 2022.**

Together, we can enhance our beautiful beaches, earn community service hours and have a great time at the beach!

Questions? Please email the IB Boosters Beach Clean Up Coordinator (and fellow Pre-IB parent), Bob Wiltfong, at neasebeautifulbeach@gmail.com.

Thank you!