

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

GATOR GAZETTE

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

August 26

Mass (Grades 1-7), 8:30 a.m.

6th Grade Awards following Mass

August 28

Half Day for Students/Faculty PD

September 2

All-School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

September 2

PTC General Meeting (Virtual)

September 7

Labor Day Holiday (no school)

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PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

BY KIRSCH J. WILBERG



HNJ Gator Community,

I have enjoyed working the carpool line in the mornings and afternoons. It's nice to finally have a brief moment to exchange smiles with each of you.

I am looking forward to the day when we can all gather together as a community without restrictions. In the meantime, please reach out if you need anything!

PTC sent an email this past week. If you are interested in serving as a room-parent and/or contributing ideas towards social distant community events and fundraisers, your ideas are welcomed and appreciated! The first PTC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2. More information will be forthcoming since it will be a virtual meeting. Our PTC board members have been working hard all summer to reimagine how to build community following the necessary restrictions. I am grateful for each member for their time and talent!

Lastly, reach out to the office if you have not been receiving texts or emails. Many important texts and emails have been sent lately. If you need your contact information updated, they can assist you. We want to ensure everyone has access to the important information we are sending.

Enjoy your weekend!

God bless,

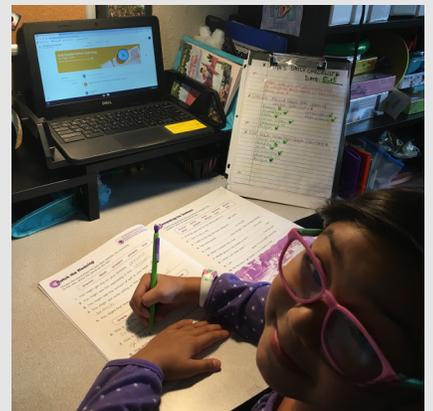
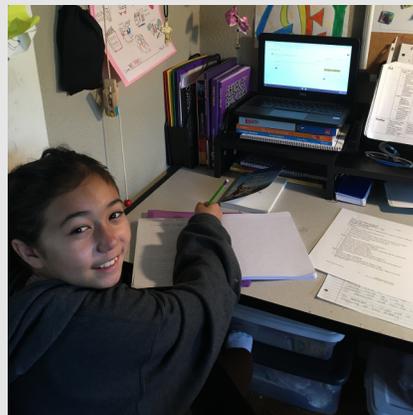
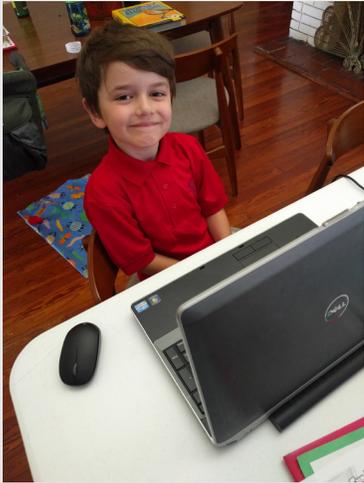
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HOME LEARNERS: STAYING CONNECTED

Our Home Learner students began class this week, and we are so happy to have you as part of our HNJ family.

Home Learner students, we are super proud of how hard you are working! Keep working hard and turning in your work.

Reach out to your teachers if you feel you need academic assistance. We are all here to support you! Don't forget your liaisons are more readily available during the day, too.



COVID REMINDERS



- Parents must wear masks during drop off and pick up when communicating with school personnel.
- When you come to HNJ to retrieve your child or drop off items, please call the office when you arrive and we will assist you.
- Students in grades K-7th must wear masks while attending certain enrichment classes due to certain indoor configurations.
- While we do have disposable masks for students in K-2nd that we are using, you may want to purchase a smaller mask to fit your child's face better.
- All students MUST arrive with a reusable water bottle each day.

Health Questions?

Nurse Abby Donnelly, RN, BSN
adonnelly@hnjschool.org

7TH GRADE AWARDS

This week following our Mass of the Holy Spirit, our 7th graders received awards that were earned in the 2019-2020 school year.

The Christian Values award is presented to a female student and a male student in the fifth and sixth grade who display outstanding Christian values throughout the school year. This year's recipients were **Grace Blamphin** and **Nathan Smith**.

The student with the highest cumulative academic average in English, Math, Reading, Religion, Science, and Social Studies was **Natalie Cage**.

The Lee Gardemal Award is given to an incoming 7th grade female and male student-athlete who embody the spirit of Mrs. Lee—sharing her positive attitude, integrity, and encouragement of others. The recipients were **Natalie Cage** and **Logan Bodenheimer**.

The John Baker Flores Scholarship was established in memory of John Baker Flores, former HNJ student. He was an artistic and musical student who was not afraid to show his love for others even though he was shy. This scholarship is awarded annually to one student who embodies the same qualities. The recipient of the 2020-21 John Baker Flores Scholarship is **Sadie Bruno**.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Welcome back Gator families! It is fantastic to see and hear our students back in our building. This has been a week filled with transition and change, but our students have risen to the challenges. I hope everyone is settling in to the new

routines, policies, and procedures. If you need support for your child or family, my contact information is mbryant@hnjschool.org.

Here are tips that are beneficial for a productive school year.

1. Encourage your child

- Ask about their school day and the new things that they learned
- Review your child's schoolwork
- Help your child select positives from their day
- Celebrate progress made

2. Communicate with school

- Contact your child's teacher if you have concerns
- Refrain from speaking negatively about school
- Attend conferences or meetings that affect your child

3. Model Responsibility

- Inspect your child's folder/backpack/tracker
- Read letters and return forms in a timely manner
- Help your child be prepared for the next day (homework, lunch, etc.)

4. Develop routines for night and morning

- Homework should be completed at the same time each evening
- Lay out clothes and shoes

- Designate a place for backpacks and other school items

5. Establish a bedtime routine

- Well-rested children are less likely to get sick

6. Set technology time limitations

- Teacher cyber safety
- Monitor time spend on electronic devices or in front of screens
- Preview or filter media

7. Set expectations at home to contribute

- Gain life skills and learn about shared responsibility
- Learn to be eager to help others.

8. Provide your child with valuable experiences

- Visit museums, libraries, the park, the zoo or other interesting places
- Spend time together stargazing, planning a garden, building a birdhouse

9. Choose extra activities wisely

- Ensure that your child will not be overwhelmed by the schedule
- Reserve time to be with family and enjoy time to just play.

**Adapted from: 2nd grade Snickerdoodles, LLC 2014*



MEET THE STAFF

Amy Nolan, Director of Institutional Advancement

Amy Nolan joins the Holy Name of Jesus School & Parish staff as the Director of Institutional Advancement. She has more than 25 years of experience in marketing, communications and school advancement, having worked with Catholic schools in New Orleans and Baton Rouge as well as with several state and national nonprofits.

In the schools she has worked with, Nolan has established effective plans for stakeholder communication, institutional marketing, and social/digital media. She is looking forward to working with our community to promote the mission of Holy Name of Jesus School and Parish, where she will oversee our marketing and fundraising efforts.

Nolan is a 1995 graduate of the LSU Manship School of Mass Communication with a BA in journalism/advertising. She also earned the Accredited Public Relations (APR) professional designation from the Public Relations Society of America in 2006.

Nolan has been married to her husband Marty for 22 years, and they have two daughters who attend Mount Carmel Academy. Nolan graduated from Vandebilt Catholic High School in Houma, La., and lived in Baton Rouge until 2010, when her family relocated to Belle Chasse. She is excited to become a part of the Holy Name of Jesus family, and looks forward to getting to know our school and parish community.



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HNJ FUNDRAISER: BREWS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Miel Brewery Fundraiser August 20-22

Our friends at Miel Brewery & Taproom are hosting a Holy Name of Jesus School fundraiser this weekend (Thursday through Saturday).

The owners of Miel Brewery, Alex Peyroux and Janice Montoya, are extended HNJ family (nieces in PK4), and we are excited to partner with them!

Thank you for your support!



HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL and **MIEL BREWERY & TAPROOM** present

BREWS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL!

Thursday, August 20 to Saturday, August 22.

A fundraising event where you can stock your fridge in 3 easy steps:

- 1** Order your crowslers online at mielbrewery.com
- 2** Check the box for "curbside pick up" and put "HNJ" in the comment box.
- 3** Pick up your beer at Miel Brewery! 405 6th Street, NOLA. Cheers!

Pick up times:
Thursday and Friday: 2 pm to 6 pm
Saturday: Noon to 4 pm

For every crowler of beer ordered, \$2 will be donated to HNJ School.

MUSIC NOTES

Music Notes:

Our middle school students, who have music this rotation, have begun working with our classroom set of ukuleles.

These instruments were purchased last year thanks to the Jazz and



Heritage Foundation Grant. Students will learn proper playing technique, several chords, rhythms, music literacy skills, improvisation, and beginning songwriting.

Choir Notes:

Thank you and congratulations to the students who have joined our HNJ Virtual Choir, we are almost to our full capacity. Online rehearsals are Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Mrs. Ptak for more information at eptak@hnjschool.org.



VOTE FOR HNJ "BEST GRAMMAR SCHOOL"

HNJ families, please take a few minutes to vote for Holy Name of Jesus School for "Best Grammar School" in the Gambit "Best of New Orleans" 2020 poll.

[Click here](#) & vote HNJ #1 under Local Life>Best Grammar School.

Voting is open until August 31st!

BACK SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY

It's a Drive-Thru Event!

Free School Supplies for Children K - 5th grades*

When: Saturday, August 22
1:00 PM to 3:00pm

Where: Hispanic Apostolate
2525 Maine Ave.
Metairie, LA 70003

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***Child must be present in car. While supplies last.**

