

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

# GATOR GAZETTE

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### September 7

Labor Day Holiday (no school)

### September 9

School Mass, 8:30 a.m.

Cub Scout Virtual Info Meeting,  
6 p.m.

[View Full School Calendar](#)

## Quick Links

[September Lunch Menu](#)

[School Mass Live Streaming Link](#)

## School Mission

Holy Name of Jesus School is an inclusive community dedicated to teaching children confidence, compassion, and integrity, while staying committed to academic excellence and the Catholic faith.

## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

BY KIRSCH J. WILBERG



HNJ Gator Community,

We had a wonderful PTC meeting this past Wednesday! Great things are happening at HNJ Church and School! Thank you to the PTC Board for all of their hard work and coordination. Thank you to Fr. Mark and Mrs. Nolan for their informative presentations. And, a huge thank you also to all those who attended the meeting in person or virtually. Our HNJ community is strong!

In September, we will launch our "Virtue of the Month" program, beginning with the virtue of **Responsibility**. Next week when we return from Labor Day, the formal enforcement of school policies begins. All forms required by the office must be completed; all uniform rules must be adhered to, and students who are tardy will be required to report to the front office for a tardy slip. Teachers and staff will begin documenting all rule violations and tardy students beginning Tuesday, September 8. We are positive our students will be able to live up to the expectations of the handbook, as it has been reviewed with them during the month of August. Thank you for helping your student be as successful as they can be!

As I stated Wednesday, my goal this year is to create an inclusive environment where people show appreciation for each other, innovation is celebrated, and we are all supportive of one another. May we never lose our sense of wonder!

*To wonder... to achieve... to make a difference... together...*

Enjoy your weekend!

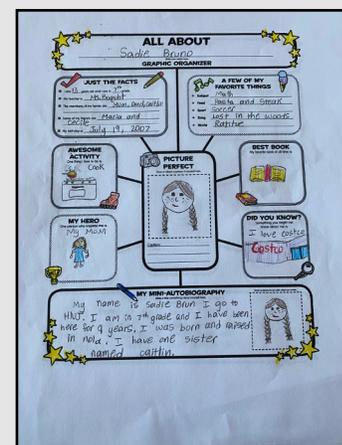
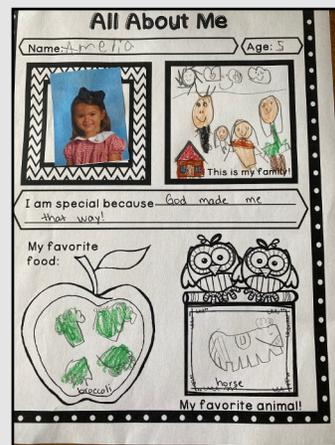
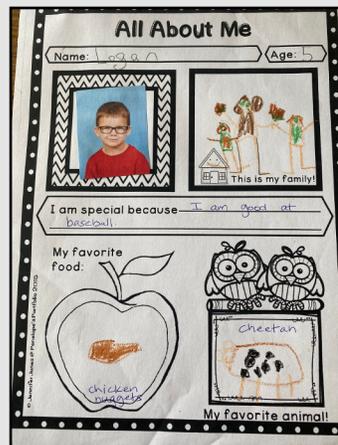
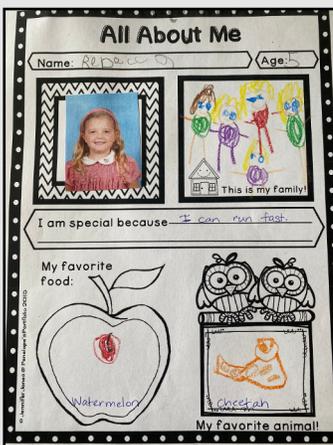
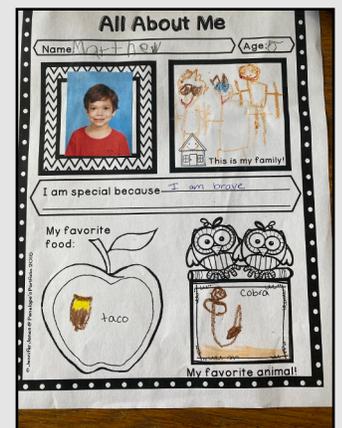
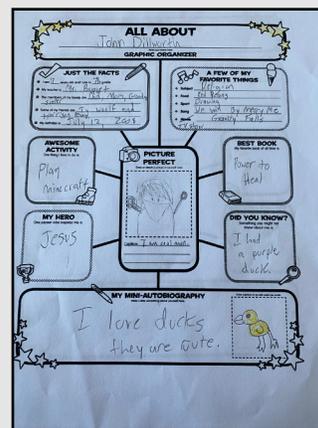
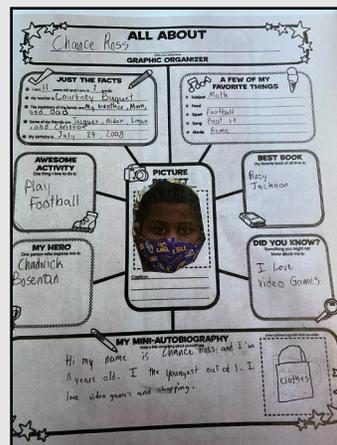
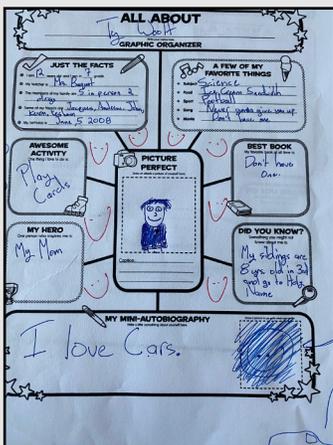
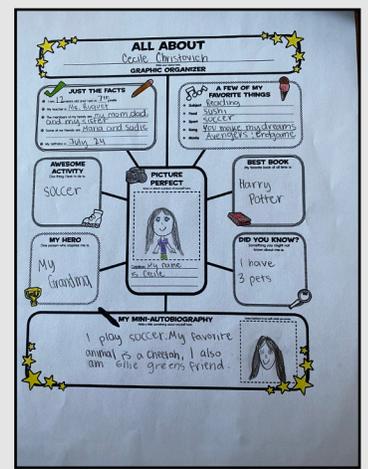
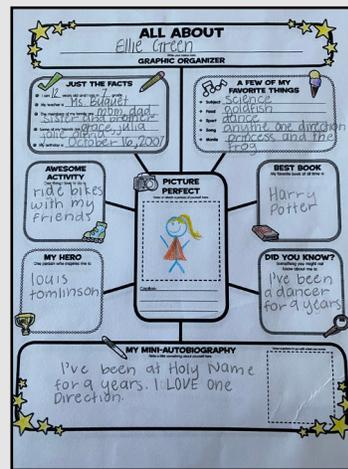
God bless,  
Kirsch J. Wilberg

# HOLY NAME OF JESUS BUDDY PROGRAM

The Holy Name of Jesus School buddy programs consist of upper-grade students reading and/or completing activities or projects with younger students. The experience provides our students with stimulating opportunities for learning and skill development. Research shows that cross-age relationships, such as those developed in buddy programs form a foundation for a student through promoting a safe, inclusive and connected school culture. Buddy programs promote a favorable school atmosphere.

Our buddy program benefits both 'big' and 'little' buddies. The positive relationships formed between experienced students and those new to the school community can promote little buddies' optimal adjustment to school. This has a positive effect on learning and is a marker of future school success. Big buddies can develop leadership skills, empathy, enhancing their self-awareness, self-confidence and self-esteem – characteristics that have a positive effect on learning.

This year our buddy program looks a little different as we will be completing virtual activities so the students can get to know their buddy before they can interact in person.



# 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.

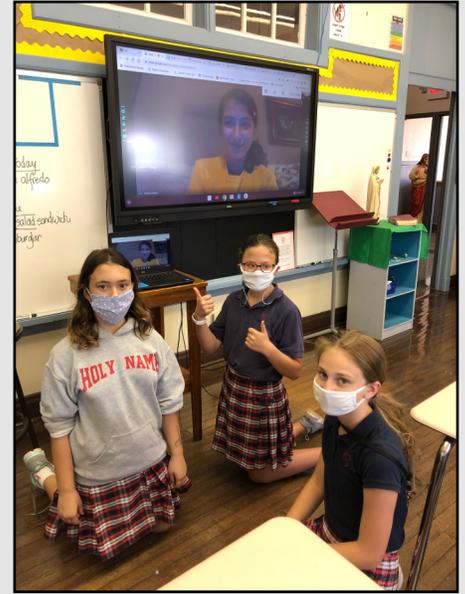
## Health Questions?

Nurse Abby Donnelly, RN, BSN

[adonnelly@hnjschool.org](mailto:adonnelly@hnjschool.org)

# HOME LEARNERS

The Home Learning Time Frame 1 concludes on Friday, September 11. Any family wishing to begin utilizing the home learning program, please contact Ms. Wilberg at [kwilberg@hnjschool.org](mailto:kwilberg@hnjschool.org). (Families already utilizing the home learning program were sent a separate email.)



# OFFICE REMINDERS

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 8, students arriving to school after 8 a.m. must report to the office to be counted as tardy. Please also remember to follow all uniform rules, including masks, skirt lengths and shoes. See the handbook for details.

# WELCOME TO OUR NEW FRIENDS FROM LAKE CHARLES!

Our students and teachers are so happy to extend a warm Gator welcome to our new friends from Lake Charles. Several new families have joined HNJ this week, with a few more joining us next week. Look closely at our windows, and you will see our "We HEART Lake Charles" signs. Let us continue to keep these families, and all families affected by Hurricane Laura, in our prayers.



## HNJ MUSIC NOTES...

Ms. Pedeaux's 3rd grade class is working hard to learn how to play the recorder COVID style. Each student has a recorder at home to practice their new music skills learned in class!

Ms. Clark's 5th grade class practices strumming their ukulele chords working on songs including "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," and "He's Got The Whole World In His Hands". Ukuleles were funded through the Jazz and Heritage Organization Community Partnership Grant.

Congratulations to Hailey Barron and Natalie Patrias, two of our sopranos from our HNJ Choir, who have provided beautiful music for our weekly Masses. .



# MEET THE STAFF

## Maintenance Staff:

Ms. Arlene Rapp, Ms. Marlene Maher, and Mr. Terry Gordon

This week we are spotlighting our wonderful maintenance crew! The team is made up of Arlene Rapp, Marlene Maher, and Terry Gordon. The three of them have been serving at Holy Name of Jesus School for a COMBINED 75 YEARS!

Ms. Arlene started working for Holy Name more than 25 years ago serving lunch in the cafeteria, and eventually became a member of the maintenance staff. Ms. Marlene has been with Holy Name since 2001, and will celebrate her 20th anniversary next June. Mr. Terry has been here for 31 years. He was working for Loyola University, and would come to Holy Name to help out from time to time, and eventually joined us full time.

With so many years of service, these three say that Holy Name of Jesus really is their second home and is like a family to them. What they enjoy the most about working here is our students, teachers and families. Their fondest memories include many year of fairs, cookouts and community events. When school closed last spring during the quarantine, the thing they missed most was being around the children. They were all excited to return to school and were so happy to see all the smiling faces (even with their masks on)!



# SUPPORT HNJ BY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate to Holy Name of Jesus School. Click the link below to get started.

## [HNJ Amazon Smile Link](#)

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# READ THIS WEEK'S HNJ CHURCH BULLETIN AND JOIN US FOR MASS



Sept 6, 2020  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matt. 18:15-20

**Theme: We are called to help one another grow as a community of faith.**  
Jesus said to his disciples: "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector. Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

- QUESTION 1** (for children): What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?  
**QUESTION 2** (for youth): When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?  
**QUESTION 3** (for adults): What steps do you take to eliminate unloving responses to hurts such as: grudges, hatred, prejudice, or other antipathies?

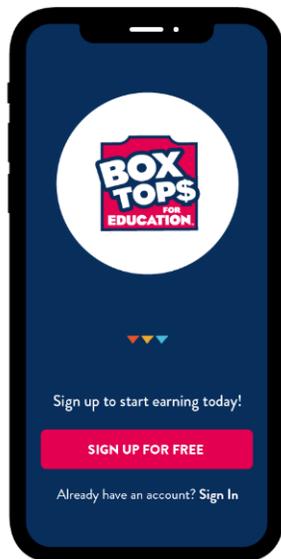


#### Mission Statement

We, the Catholic community at Holy Name of Jesus Parish, graced by the Holy Spirit, are called to invite all people to experience the living and loving presence of Christ by nurturing the spiritual growth of all our members through energetic celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, daily prayer, lifelong study of our faith, witness, service and hospitality.

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops is changing to fit today's families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Download the app today, and select "Holy Name of Jesus School" to get started! (Clipped Box Tops can also be sent in!)



Haase's just received a new shipment of HNJ Early Childhood smock dresses.

Plenty of inventory is available in sizes 3-7.

Call or visit Haase's to stock up today!

## HURRICANE LAURA: SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Next week we will be collecting items to help support our neighbors in need in the Lake Charles area who suffered from the effects of Hurricane Laura. One of our teachers is volunteering to deliver items to Lake Charles next weekend, and some items will also be provided to Lake Charles evacuees who have come to New Orleans. The deadline to bring in items is **Friday, September 11.**

Thank you for your generosity!

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| - socks (adult and kids)   | - tarps                    |
| - diapers (adult and kids) | - roofing nails            |
| - deodorant                | - water                    |
| - body wash                | - batteries                |
| - lotion                   | - mosquito spray           |
| - cleaning supplies        | - small fans               |
| - masks                    | - phone chargers           |
| - toys/puzzles             | - dry shampoo              |
| - hair brushes             | - sunscreen                |
| - <u>detangler</u>         | - paper towels             |
| - baby wipes               | - toilet paper             |
| - nonperishable snacks     | - paper plates             |
| - soap                     | - disposable utensils      |
| - toothpaste/brushes       | - garbage bags             |
| - underwear                | - Gatorade (sports drinks) |
| - strollers                | - flashlights              |
| - formula                  | - towels/rags              |