

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

# GATOR GAZETTE

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## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Blessing of Backpacks at 10:30 Mass  
with Donuts provided by Men's Club,  
8/22

NWEA Testing (PK4-7th), 8/23-8/27

School Mass, 8/25

School Picture Day (PK3-7th), 8/27

Men's Club Golf Tournament, 8/27

Little Gators Picture Day, 8/30

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## School Mission

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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,

On Wednesday of this week, we were able to take all students in grades 2nd through 7th to the church to celebrate Mass. It was a wonderful way to start the school year! Fr. Mark explained to the students that the Holy Spirit is like wind:

- You can't see it, but you can feel it
- The Holy Spirit moves things (it can move us to do the right thing)
- It gives you energy



May the Holy Spirit continue to guide each of us and fill our school with hope, joy, and love!

Again, thank you to all of our families who have followed the proper steps for quarantining due to a COVID-19 exposure or suspected case as outlined in the [HNJ COVID Policy \(PK3-7th\)](#) and [HNJ COVID Policy \(Little Gators\)](#). You have definitely helped us continue in-person instruction! I am very hopeful that we have reached the peak of this Delta variant wave in our area. However, we must continue to remain vigilant!

A few reminders to continue these efforts:

- If you have any questions about a potential case or exposure, please reach out to Nurse Abby at [adonnelly@hnschool.org](mailto:adonnelly@hnschool.org).
- If you or your child were in close contact and exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you must quarantine.
- If anyone in your household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, please keep your child(ren) home while you consult your physician to further evaluate symptoms.

Please continue to pray with me and our school community that COVID-19 will dissipate so we can return to more normal school routines. Have a peaceful weekend!

God bless,

Kirsch J. Wilberg

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

# HEALTH NOTES FROM NURSE ABBY



**\*\*If you have not already done so, please complete the **HNJ Medical Form** for the 2021-2022 school year for each child in your family attending HNJ.**

## **HNJ Medical Form 2021-2022**

**\*\*Please remember our most important request regarding COVID-19 and the safety of our students/staff: **If your child or anyone within the household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, they should remain home and further evaluate those symptoms with a physician before returning to campus.****

**\*\*Please refer to the **Student COVID-19 Policy Flow Chart** for procedures for exposures/positive cases.**

## **HNJ COVID Policy (PK3-7th)**

## **HNJ COVID Policy (Little Gators)**

As always, please reach out to Nurse Abby if needed!

**Nurse Abby Donnelly, RN, BSN**  
**[adonnelly@hnjschool.org](mailto:adonnelly@hnjschool.org)**

## Blessing of the Backpacks

A Blessing of Backpacks and Students will take place on Sunday, August 22 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

As students return to school, we want to offer a special blessing to students of all ages. We welcome students to attend this Mass with their backpacks so we can pray over them and the bag that carries the essential items for their success.

Men's Club will provide donuts after Mass!

## New Little Gators Art by Miss Deb



## Cub Scout Round-up August 25

Cub Scout Pack 55 is ready to kick off the new year with its Round-up, which will take place next **Wednesday, August 25, 2021**, at **6:30 p.m.** in the HNJ Schoolyard.

Cub Scouts is available to boys in 1st through 5th grade. At the meeting, we will provide you the details for signing up to be a Cub Scout, discuss our planned schedule for the school year, and answer any questions you may have about the Cub Scouts. Circumstances permitting, we are planning for a return to our full pre-Covid schedule, including our kickball tournament, two Scout camping trips, hiking, and the Pinewood Derby, along with a number of other fun events with your den and the Pack.

If you have any questions, please contact Packmaster J.B. Raasch at [jbraasch@gmail.com](mailto:jbraasch@gmail.com) or Assistant Packmaster Tom Owen at [tpo@stanleyreuter.com](mailto:tpo@stanleyreuter.com).

We hope to see you out there and look forward to having a great year!





# From the School Counselor

## Growth Mindset

Whether a student holds a fixed mindset or growth mindset significantly impacts their learning experience—from elementary school to high school. Students that hold a fixed mindset give up when they can't solve a problem and admit defeat. This can be detrimental to students' future efforts and leads to limited student growth.

With a growth mindset, students continually work to improve their skills, leading to greater growth and ultimately, success. The key is to get students to tune into that growth mindset.

What's the right approach?

First, focus on **strategies** not *effort*. Instead of, "Great effort, you really tried!" say, "That isn't working. What else can you try?"

Questions? Contact Brianna Begault, [bbegault@hnjschool.org](mailto:bbegault@hnjschool.org)

## DEVELOPING A GROWTH MINDSET



INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them



# LITTLE GATORS CORNER



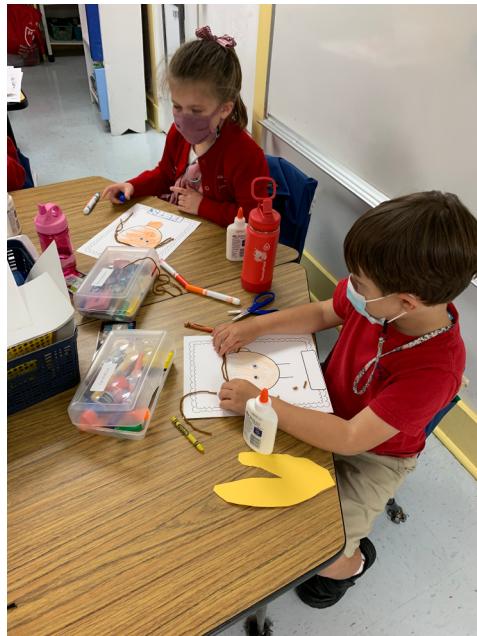
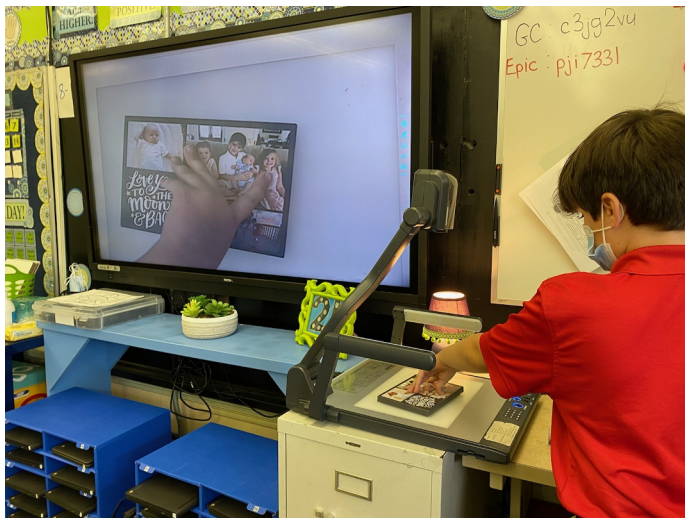
During our second week of school, the Little Gators learned through our theme of “Feelings and Friends.” They have been learning about themselves and others with songs, stories, and hands-on play. Some favorites have been a play-dough center, testing out new musical instruments, and utilizing dot-dot pens. Our stroller has been a wonderful addition for our babies to have outdoor adventures.

A change to our schedule for the upcoming week is our picture day is rescheduled for Monday, August 30th. We cannot wait to see the big smiles of our gators.





# THIS WEEK AT HOLY NAME...





# THANK YOU, MEN'S CLUB FOR YOUR HARD WORK!





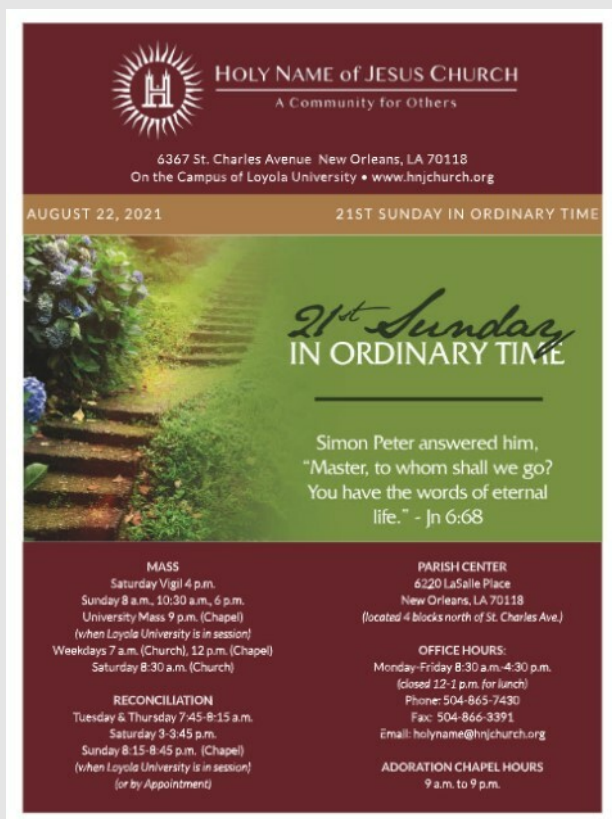
# Holy Name Alumnus Michael Daly '16 Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

As Holy Name of Jesus Troop 55 approaches its 90th year of scouting, it continues to flourish. Not only, is the troop still introducing the boys to the ideals of scouting, but it is providing an opportunity for boys to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. The Eagle Scout rank is awarded to those boys who have spent years fulfilling the requirements of scouting's highest honor. This honor not only brings with it great self-respect, but vast opportunities. We are always amazed at the number of college scholarships and admissions that are designated for Eagle Scouts recipients. Every year, Holy name of Jesus boasts a few young men who have achieved this rank. This year we would like to announce that **Michael Daly '16** was awarded his Eagle Scout rank last month in the Holy Name of Jesus rectory. Michael has been an exemplary scout from the Cub Scouts in first grade all the way through 12th grade at Jesuit high school. For over a decade, Michael not only participated in scouting, but helped pass on tradition to the younger boys. Congratulations!

Boy Scouts is open to boys from the 2nd semester of 5th grade to 12th grade. Even with Covid, this past year, the boys got to go hiking, biking, kayaking, camping, built a tree house and worked a few fish fries. They finished up the summer with a week at Camp Daniel Boone (<https://www.campdanielboone.org/>) in North Carolina. This next year won't disappoint either. We have rockets, camping, zip lining, go karts, and some volunteering on the schedule this year. We are always looking for more kids to join the ranks at whatever commitment level they are able to do. Being a cub scout is not a requirement to being a boy scout, so your 6th or 7th grader is welcome. Please reach out to Daniel Quintana ([danielcquintana@yahoo.com](mailto:danielcquintana@yahoo.com)) or Jesse Hoppes ([jhoppes@leaaf.com](mailto:jhoppes@leaaf.com)) if your son is interested in joining and we will get you the information you need.



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



## School Picture Day is Friday, August 27

Students in PK3 through 7th grade will take school pictures on Friday, August 27th.

Little Gators picture day is Monday, August 30th.

An order form will go home with students next week, and it can also be downloaded and printed from our website by clicking on "Photo Order Form" under "Quick Links."

**CLICK HERE TO  
DOWNLOAD THE  
ORDER FORM.**

## SUPPORT HNJ BY SHOPPING WITH AMAZON SMILE

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

### HNJ Amazon Smile Link

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# 2021 HNJ MEN'S CLUB GOLF CLASSIC



**Friday, August 27, 1 p.m. Shotgun Start**  
**Bayou Oaks at City Park**  
**\$100 per player (\$400/team)**  
**Lunch, Beer & Soft Drinks provided**  
**Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place teams**  
**Beat the Pro, Longest Drive, Closest-to-Pin**

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or visit  
hnjmensclub.org  
to Register**



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# Holy Name of Jesus 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.

## Core Beliefs

- Find God in everyone and everything
- Strive for personal excellence
- Are boys and girls for others
- Open eyes with faith, open ears with truth, and open hearts with love

## Academic Vision

Holy Name of Jesus School fosters academic excellence in an inclusive environment where our community celebrates and supports all members through student development, innovation, and social justice.

**Motto:** To wonder, to achieve, to make a difference, together

**Decisions:** Student-centered

In implementing this academic vision, Holy Name of Jesus School is committed to:

### GOAL #1

Meeting the needs of ALL students by utilizing data to differentiate instruction in order to grow as individuals academically, spiritually, and socially

### GOAL #2

Delivering engaging, collaborative, project-based opportunities where students develop an inquisitive approach to learning

### Goal #3

Providing ongoing opportunities to highlight, promote, and celebrate our own and other's backgrounds, cultures, and differences

Learn more about Holy Name of Jesus School

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