

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

GATOR GAZETTE

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

School Resumes, 9/13

Make-up Picture Day, 9/14

School Mass, 9/15

Men's Club Softball Tournament,
9/18

PTC Board Meeting, 9/20

PTC General Meeting (Church),
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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,

Thank you to everyone for your amazing support during the past two weeks. Also, thank you to those who answered the family survey. We had over 300 responses which helped us create plans for the upcoming week and understand what we need to communicate immediately. The following items are answers to FAQ's from the survey:



1. **Pigeon's lunch service resumes** with our school opening on Monday, September 13, 2021.
2. **Early and Later Gators resumes** with our school opening on Monday, September 13, 2021.
3. Faculty and staff will focus on helping students readjust to routines and after coping with a major hurricane. Additionally, we will provide a heavy focus on supporting each student socially and emotionally. Therefore, academics will be handled in the classroom this week providing a **homework-free week** allowing families time to readjust at home. The focused, "hands-on" academic approach in the classroom will provide engaging and formative instruction as we enter our normal routines at home and school. Homework will begin once these routines are mastered.
4. Holy Name of Jesus has updated the School Academic Days Calendar to add in days for our students. As in the past, we have extra days built into our yearly calendar for

HEALTH NOTES FROM NURSE ABBY



COVID REMINDERS

As we return to school this Monday, September 13 with a clean slate, we implore you to please continue to adhere to the current guidelines and have your child(ren) remain home if needed for any COVID-19 exposures or positive cases and report them to Nurse Abby. **If your child(ren) or anyone within the household exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, all students should remain home while those symptoms are further evaluated by 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
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several missed days due to inclement weather. However, this has been a difficult two years for students due to so many missed days. Therefore, we have **added the following days** that were previously scheduled as closed school days back into the academic calendar for students in **PK3-7th**. (We will work directly with Little Gators parents soon.)

- A. November 8, 2021
 - B. March 3 & 4, 2022
 - C. April 19-22, 2022
 - D. May 27, 2022 (corrected date)
5. In order to provide faculty more time to finish initial assessments for each individual student, we are postponing the **Parent-Teacher Conferences** dates from Thursday, Sept 23 & Friday, 24 to **Thursday, October 7 & Friday, 8**. The half days will also be moved to the October dates.
6. Several of our families and many of our extended families have been drastically affected by Hurricane Ida. Once the office staff is back in the office, HNJ will organize a Toiletry Drive to support those families. More information will be sent next week.

Our Google Calendar is fully updated. **[Subscribe here](#)**. We can't wait to have our students back on campus!

God bless,
Kirsch J. Wilberg

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

**Holy Name of Jesus School
has been named**

#1 Grammar School

**in Gambit's Best of New
Orleans reader poll!**

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Picture Make-Up Day

If your student missed picture day on Friday, August 27, we will have a make-up day on Tuesday, September 14. A copy of the order form is included in this newsletter. If your student is absent on Tuesday, there will be an additional make-up day later this fall.

PTC Update

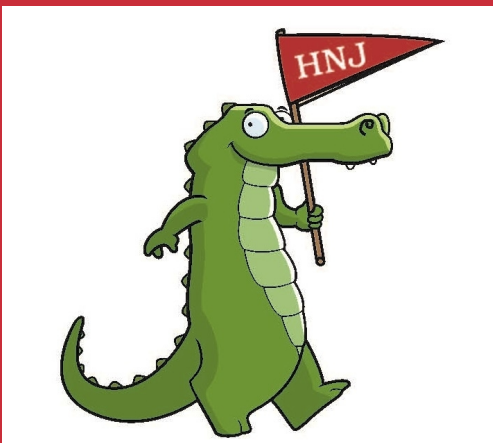
The PTC Board Meeting will take place on Monday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the Somma Family Basement.

The PTC General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. The meeting will also be available via live stream for those who are unable to attend in person.

Vision & Hearing Screening, NWEA Testing

The vision and hearing screening planned for this upcoming week has been postponed, and we are working with New Orleans Speech and Hearing for a new date.

We will be completing our fall NWEA testing over the next couple of weeks.



Sports Updates

Please be on the lookout for emails from the coaches with updates regarding sports team practices and events. Go Gators!



From the School Counselor

As residents of South Louisiana, we often make plans for safety when faced with natural disasters such as a hurricane. These plans, however, often only include keeping one's self and one's family safe from the storm for 2-3 days. Not many of these plans include what happens AFTER a strong hurricane such as Hurricane Ida disrupts our daily living for an extended amount of time and leaves us with limited resources. These plans often forget to ensure that you come out of the disaster with enough physical strength to continue on after the disaster, and enough emotional strength to have both the desire, as well as the will, to rebuild what was lost.

Starting at the bottom of Dr. Abraham Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, we see that there are three fundamental requirements for people to survive any disaster situation. They include physiological needs, safety needs, and social needs.

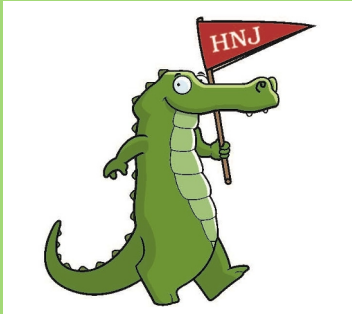
- Physiological needs keep a person alive; food, water, clothing, shelter, and rest.
- Safety needs include physical, environmental and emotional safety as well as employment.
- Social needs include the need for communication, love, care, relationships, friendship, emotional stability, and community support.

These needs will be the drivers for establishing the goals of your "after the storm" plans. Understanding your goals will help identify the knowledge, tasks, tools, and supplies you may need to collect or accomplish to make your plan work. Start from the bottom, assess what you need at this moment, and continue to move through the Hierarchy of Needs until we are out of this storm together!

Questions? Contact Brianna Begault, bbegault@hnjschool.org



LITTLE GATORS CORNER



We look forward to welcoming our Little Gators back to school on Monday, September 13.

Things to Remember:

- Little Gators pictures are postponed; we will send out a new date soon.
- Pigeon Catering will continue services starting on Monday.



THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED CLEAN AND RESTORE OUR CAMPUS!



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**Student's Name:****Grade Level:****Contact #:****NEW PACKAGE**

Package 1	1 - 8x10's 2 - 5x7's 2 - 3½ x 5's 4 Wallets + <i>Keepsake Magnet + Digital Image</i> <u>Email address:</u>	\$55.00
Package 2	1 - 8x10 2 - 5x7's 8 Wallets	\$45.00
Package 3	2 - 5x7's 2 - 3½ x 5's 4 Wallets	\$35.00
Package 4	1 - 5x7 2 - 3½ x 5's	\$25.00
Package 5	Digital Image Only <u>Email Address:</u>	\$35.00

Add On:

Name & Year on Wallets	\$5.00
Retouch Image (remove blemishes)	\$10.00
Digital Image ADDED to Package Above <u>Email address:</u>	\$25.00

Specialty Items/Prints: (Add to Package Selection ONLY)

Keepsake Magnet (3½ x 5)	\$10.00
Photo Key Chain (Wallet Size Photo)	\$10.00
8 Wallets	\$20.00
1 - 8x10	\$25.00
1 - 5x7	\$15.00
2 - 3½ x 5	\$15.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$

Please make checks payable to: *Pat Garin Photographer LLC*

*Any orders received after your assigned photo day
will incur a \$5.00 late fee.*

Pigeon's Temporary Menu (Week of September 13-17)

Monday

Red Beans and Rice, Smoke Sausage , Green Beans

Tuesday

Grill Chicken Sandwich, or Cheese Burger
Chips

Wednesday

Chicken Alfredo , Carrots, Roll

Thursday

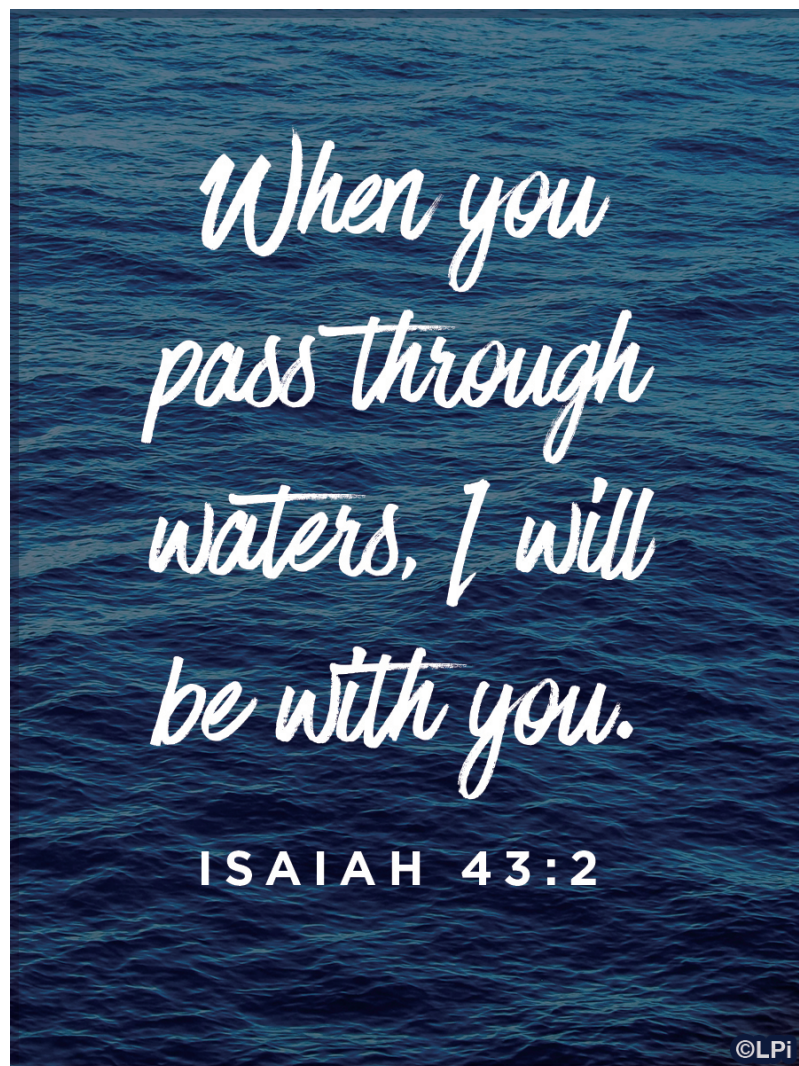
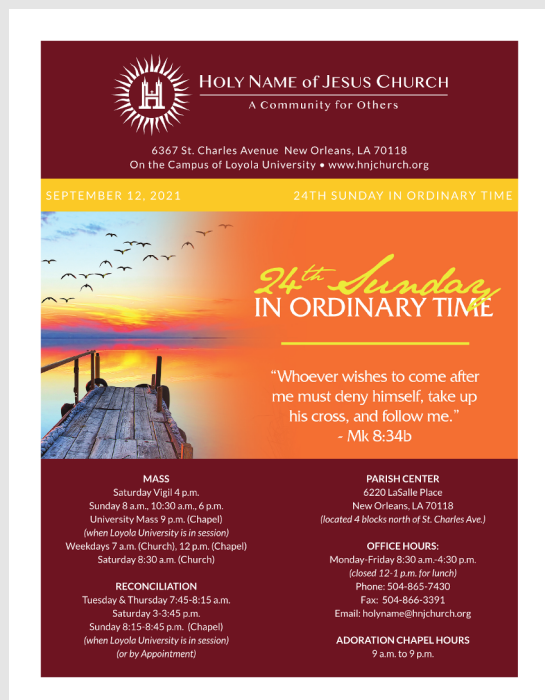
Penne and Meatballs, Broccoli, Garlic Bread

Friday

Orange Chicken w Fried Rice and Stir Fry Veg

All above days – 2nd option Burger /Cheese
Burger

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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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