



HOLY NAME OF
JESUS SCHOOL
A LOYOLA UNIVERSITY PARTNER

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Coffee w/Kirsch (LS School), 10/10
School Mass/4F Sponsoring, 10/14
5th & 6th Grade Grandparents Day, 10/14
School Mass/3F Sponsoring, 10/21
Trick or Trunk, 10/22
MS Exams, 10/24-28
Pumpkin Decorating Contest, 10/28
School Mass/3H Sponsoring, 10/28
LG/EC Trick-or-Treat Parade, 10/31
Square 1 Art Orders Begin, 10/31

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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.

GATOR Gazette

Principal's Perspective

BY KIRSCH J. WILBERG

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

Thank you for all the concerns and well wishes earlier this week when I was out sick Monday morning. The kindness our community exhibits is heartwarming!

On that note, Coffee with the Principal for Lower School families was postponed to this coming Monday morning at 8:15. Mrs. King will also join this coffee with Ms. Wilberg at this gathering. We look forward to chatting with you.



Thank you to all of the parents who helped out for Open House. We had a tremendous turnout despite the loss of electricity the first hour. We are so proud of our teachers and staff for pushing through without electricity. They are truly the reason families choose HNJ School!

Then, our teachers held the first conferences for the year today. It was great to see so many families on campus. We appreciate your partnership!

Have a great weekend!

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Wilberg

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

Living Rosary



HOLY NAME OF JESUS
LOWER SCHOOL PARENTS (GRADES 1-4)
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH KIRSCH

New Date!

Coffee & Conversation with HNJ Principal Kirsch Wilberg

Monday, October 10, 2022

8:15 a.m.

HNJ Parish Center Faber Room (6220 LaSalle Place)

Please enter through Adoration Chapel Doors



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GATOR FEST

Time Machine



2022 COLLECTION DATES

Thursday, October 13

Thursday, October 20

Thursday, October 27

Thursday, November 10 (sweets only)

Items Needed:

2 Liter Sodas

Gently Used Books & DVDs

Plush Toys/Mardi Gras Throws for Prize Booth

Strong Clear Packing Tape

Aluminum Cans

Nut-Free Individually Wrapped Snacks

Juice Boxes / Small Bottled Waters

Clorox Wipes

Paper Towels

Sweets (November 10th only)

*Free dress-down for your student if they bring an item on a collection day. Free dress guidelines are listed in handbook. November 10 will be a spirit dress-down day for all students.

New Student Applications

New Student Applications Coming October 10!

The New Student Application will be available online starting Monday, October 10, 2022! If you have a Future Gator who will be applying for the 2023-2024 school year, you will need to complete the New Student Application. Please help us spread the word to family and friends who are interested in applying!

Please reach out to Maggie Zschiedrich at mzschiedrich@hnjschool.org with any questions.

From the School Counselor

Starting next week, each class (grades PK3-7) will participate in one Safe Environment presentation designed to teach students how to recognize potentially dangerous situations, protect themselves against such situations, and to take appropriate action if they are unsafe. This safety presentation is mandated for all students at Archdiocesan schools.



We must give children and youth the tools they need to help us keep them safe by educating them regarding boundaries, safe and unsafe behaviors and healthy relationships. Empowering God's Children® is an age-appropriate comprehensive program through which educators and parents can give children and youth the tools they need to protect themselves and what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries. Students learn simple rules about what to do and how to react when someone's touch is confusing, scary, or makes the child or young person feel uncomfortable.

Families can be the most important teachers for children of any age! See tip sheet to learn how parents can help teach personal safety to their children.

From the School Counselor

Tips for Talking to Children About Personal Safety

- Tell children that their bodies are their own— no one else has a right to touch them if they don't want the touch or to hurt them.
- Teach your kids that "no" and "stop" are important words and should be honored.

When someone else says stop:

"Sarah said 'no', and when we hear 'no' we always stop what we're doing immediately, no matter what."

When your child says no:

"If a friend doesn't stop when we say "no," then we need to think about whether or not we feel happy and safe playing with them. If not, it's okay to choose other friends!"

- Talk about touches they think are safe and those they think are unsafe.

Safe Touch:

high fives, hugging, or touches to private parts that keep us healthy and clean

Unsafe Touch:

Hitting, shoving, or any other touches to private parts

- Encourage children to trust their feelings about safe and unsafe touches. Touches that feel uncomfortable or give them the "uh-oh" feeling are probably unsafe.
- Give children options for greeting and saying goodbye to people. Never force a child to hug, touch or kiss anybody.
 - Kids may not always feel comfortable around people they just met or even relatives who live far away, and it is important to allow kids to listen to their "gut feelings" about what feels safe, unsafe, or confusing.
- Avoid scare tactics. Explain to children that most people don't do anyone harm, but if anyone, even other kids, makes you feel uncomfortable or touches you in an inappropriate way, you need to tell an adult that you trust.
- Teach children that safe-touch rules apply ***all the time***, not just with strangers.
- Stress that unsafe or uncomfortable secrets should be told to a trusted adult.
- Help your children plan ahead with the following scenarios!

Ideas for saying goodbye:

High five, handshake, or a wave

What would YOU do if..

you were asked to keep a secret that made you scared?

What would YOU do if..

you were given an unsafe touch or an "uh oh" touch from a classmate? A friend? An adult? A relative?

- Help create a support system for your child— make a list of people they can talk to and trust besides you. Remind them it's never too late to tell.

Health Notes from Nurse Abby

While the winter weather hasn't arrived just yet, many viruses have made their way to HNJ! We hope everyone stays well but if not, please remember our Student/Family Handbook policies regarding illness:

Children are not to attend school and will be sent home from school if any of the following symptoms are present:

- Temperature of 100.4 or greater
- An undiagnosed rash
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Bad runny nose with continuous drainage
- Coughing disruptive to the class
- Difficulty breathing/wheezing
- Red eye(s) with discharge
- Too ill to continue with class work



To return to school, the child must be free of symptoms for at least 24 hours without medication. If a child is sent home with fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, he or she may not return to school the next day. We understand that all parents need to work, but your child's health is important. Likewise, keeping the teachers and all the other children free from illness is also important. The 24 hours begins when your child's symptoms have broken and remains in a normal range without medication.

When a child becomes ill or is injured, the parents/guardians will be notified promptly so that he/she may receive the care that is needed as soon as possible. Working parents are responsible for having alternative persons available to pick up their child should he/she become ill at school. **Children MUST be picked up within one hour of notification that he or she is ill.**

Please continue to send all emails, immunization records, medical forms, etc. to Nurse Abby at adonnelly@hnjschool.org.

Fun at School!

7th Graders surprised Ms. Hughes with a birthday lunch!



1st Grade explored map and geography skills through project-based learning!

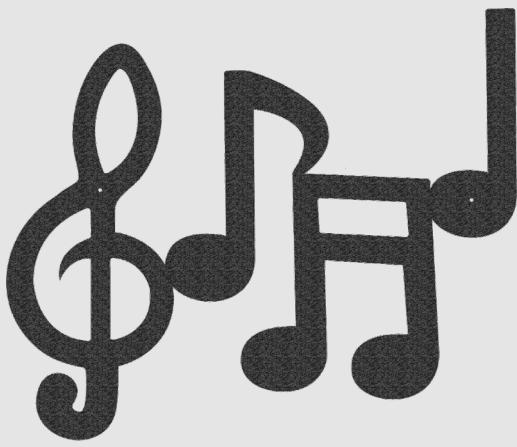


Music Notes

On Thursday, September 29 we had a special musical guest, Brandon Carcamo perform classical guitar and speak with our MS students. Brandon played three stunning pieces and answered many questions from our inquisitive students!



If you would like your middle school child to study with Mr. Brandon through our Later Gators music program please email Mrs. Ptak at eptak@hnjschool.org.





HNJ 7th Grade Class Presents

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT FRIDAY

October 21

6:30 - 9:00PM

1ST - 6th GRADE ONLY

\$30/child + \$10 for additional siblings

Funds raised will
support the 7th Grade
Class Trip!

Register via the emailed Google Form

There will be activities, games, and a movie!
Children will also have pizza, chips, and a drink
for dinner!

From the Swamp

**Save the Date! 7th-Grade volleyball pink-out game is
Tuesday, October 11 3:45p at Loyola University.
Please wear a pink t-shirt in support of breast cancer
awareness month.**



Swimming

The HNJ swim team participated in the St. Martin's meet on Wednesday afternoon. Here are the heat winners from the contest:

Girls- 50 yard freestyle

Miya Ochoa- 1st place

Veronica Douglas- 3rd place

Jeannie Somma- 3rd place

Boys 50 yard freestyle

Michael Dawson- 3rd place

Girls- 50 yard breaststroke

Miya Ochoa- 1st place

Veronica Douglas- 2nd place

Charlie McMillan- 3rd place

From the Swamp

Volleyball

The 6th grade volleyball team played a tough game at St Martin's Monday afternoon! Ashlyn Taylor, Caroline Suire, and Addie Toso had great serves while Hannah Lyons worked to return volleys. They continue to work hard on and off the court to improve their skills daily.

The 7th grade team had a huge win against a tough St Martin's team 25-22, 9-25, and 15-10 on Monday afternoon. Aces from Elizabeth and Elle, jump serves from Valentina and O'Hara, and a perfectly placed hit from Vitoria brought everything together for a big Gator win. It was a thrilling game all-around, concluding in a tense third set victory

Football

The 7th grade football team lost a tough match vs. Kehoe France Tuesday afternoon 14-12. The gators led 12-7 with 38 seconds remaining in the game, but was unable to hold the Pioneers from scoring with 2 seconds left in regulation. Here are the key highlights from the game:

- Theo Patrias threw two touchdown passes for the game.
- KJ Hodge scored his second touchdown of the season.
- Court Desobry scored his second touchdown of the season.
- Joseph Koveleskie recorded two sacks in the game.

The 6th grade football team got their first win on the season 14-0 Tuesday afternoon vs. Hynes. Here are the key highlights from the game:

- Miles Goudelocke scored his second touchdown of the season.
- Tyson Magee scored his third touchdown of the season.
- Tyson Magee and Logan Edmond each recorded a sack.
- Cole Morgan caught an interception to seal the shutout.

LITTLE GATORS CORNER

The Little Gators are FALLing in love with this weather! Extra outside play was so much fun this week.

Reminders:

- We will not have later gators on **Monday, October 24th**. Pickup for all students will end at 3:30pm. Small pumpkins and Halloween candy will be due on **Monday, October 24th!**





HNJ'S TRICK OR TRUNK 2022

PRESENTED BY THE PTC

Saturday, October 22

6-9 PM

Keller Family Yard



Put on your Halloween costume and let's have some spooky fun! Candy, haunted house, food, drinks and more!

\$5 per child in advance, \$8 at the door (adults are free)

Food will be catered by Pepperoni's Cafe

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HNJ Alumni Spotlight

HNJ ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR



**Join fellow HNJ alumni for
Happy Hour at Ale on Oak!**

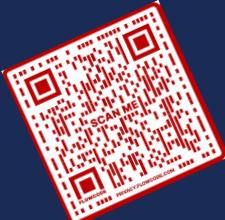
Join various Gator generations, friends, and a good time!

**Thursday, October 13
5:00 - 7:00 PM**

8124 Oak St, New Orleans, LA 70118

**SPECIAL THANKS TO PAT WINTERS (AN HNJ ALUM),
OWNER OF ALE ON OAK
FOR PROVIDING THE VENUE FOR THIS GET TOGETHER!**

Please contact Maggie with any questions at
mzschiedrich@hnjschool.org. Hope to see you there!



2022-2023

GRANDPARENTS/GRANDFRIENDS DAY!

This year Grandparents/Grandfriends day will be celebrated once a month one grade level at a time. Grandparents/Grandfriends will be invited to bring a lunch and eat with their grandchildren in the Blamphin Basement. Flyers with RSVP links will be sent out to each grade level prior to the event.

Please see the dates below:



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - 7TH GRADE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14 - 5TH AND 6TH GRADE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 4TH GRADE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 - 3RD GRADE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - 2ND GRADE

FRIDAY, MARCH 10 - 1ST GRADE

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - KINDERGARTEN

FRIDAY, MAY 12 - PK3 AND PK4



Catholic High Schools Open Houses

2022



Academy of Our Lady November 3rd 4:00 -7:00 p.m.	De La Salle November 1st 4:00 -7:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Academy November 2nd 6:00 -8:00 p.m.
Academy of the Sacred Heart By Request Only	Holy Cross October 18th 6:00 -8:00 p.m.	St. Mary's Dominican October 20th 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
Archbishop Chapelle November 3rd 6:30 p.m.	Jesuit November 2nd 4:30, 5:30, & 6:30 p.m.	St. Michael Special School October 13th 9:00 -11:00 p.m.
Archbishop Hannan October 27th 4:30 -7:00 p.m.	Mount Carmel Academy October 13th 2:00 -7:30 p.m.	St. Paul's October 29th 1:00 -3:00 p.m.
Archbishop Rummel November 8th 6:00 p.m.	Pope John Paul October 26th 5:00 -7:00 p.m.	St. Scholastica Academy November 3rd 4:00 -6:30 p.m.
Archbishop Shaw October 13th 6:00 -8:00 p.m.	St. Augustine November 7th 4:00 -7:00 p.m.	St. Therese Academy October 18th 5:00 -7:00 p.m.
Brother Martin November 3rd 4:00 -7:00 p.m.	St. Charles Catholic October 27th 5:00 -7:30 p.m.	Ursuline Academy October 27th 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
Cabrini High School October 6th 3:30 -6:30 p.m.	St. Katharine Drexel November 3rd 6:00 -8:00 p.m.	 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS Catholic Education and Faith Formation

News from around the Community

WE ARE HIRING!

FULL & PART-TIME POSITIONS

We're looking for passionate individuals to join our team!

**LITTLE GATORS
INFANTS & TODDLERS AFTER CARE
TEACHERS**

PARISH OFFICE MANAGER



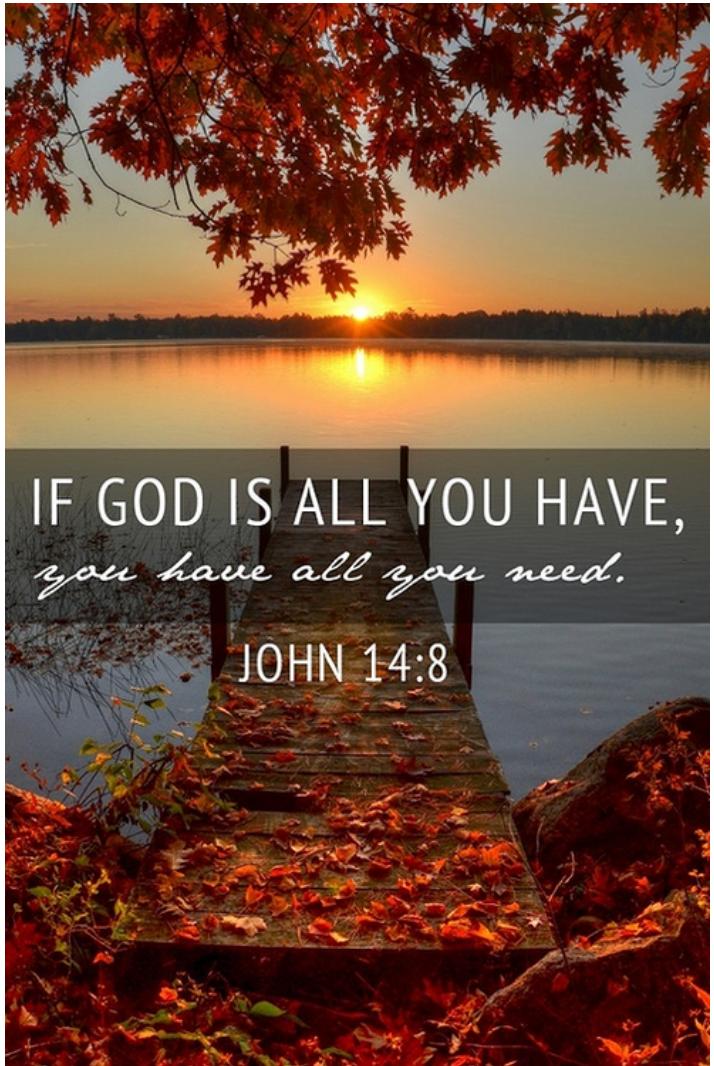
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A Community for Others

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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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