



**HOLY NAME OF
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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

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

Over the past two years while HNJ has made a more concerted effort to use data to drive instruction, we have introduced several new assessment tools to collect student data and drive classroom instruction. Similarly, we have engaged a program to collect school-wide data on alignment, school goals, and overall pedagogical practices. These "Discovery Walks" consist of two school administrators, two-to-three teachers, and two members from the company (School Leadership Center). Yesterday, we held our fifth walk and I am delighted to share my overall impressions. As a school leader, I could not have been more proud of what was happening in our classrooms, in the hallways and in other common areas. The environment at HNJ is second to none. Additionally, all of the focus areas we have been discussing during professional development, grade-level meetings, and student data meetings are being lived out in a very purposeful way with a concerted effort by all. I seriously had goosebumps most of the day!



Here are my impressions:

1. The progression of centers and small group learning from K-7th is absolutely tremendous!
2. The linear alignment in curriculum and pedagogy is very evident!!
3. All teachers were using great questioning strategies! This is important to cultivate wonder and teach our students to be problem solvers. Our teachers are simply amazing!!
4. All classroom cultures are welcoming, inclusive, and family-like.
5. Teachers at HNJ have a wonderful way of using their classroom to set up learning expectations.
6. Students enjoy learning!!!

What more can you ask for??

I will share more specifics at our upcoming PTC General Meeting on Wednesday, March 9. In the meantime, thank your teachers and staff today!

God bless,
Kirsch J. Wilberg

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

TWOS DAY

2-22-2022

We're going to
have TWO much
fun!

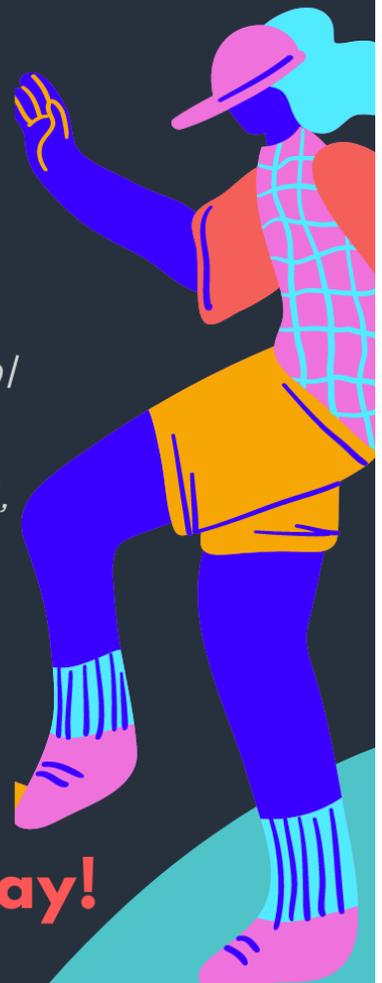
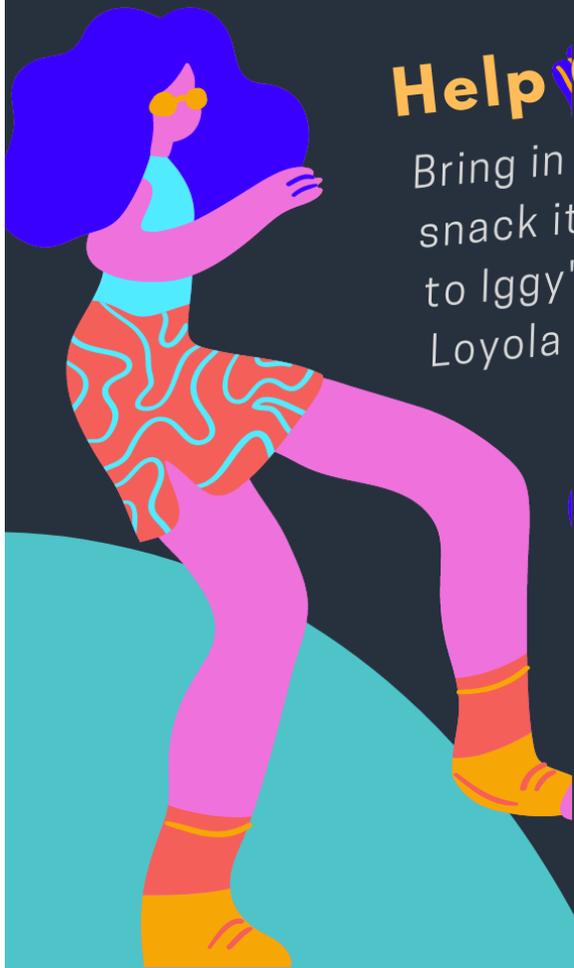
Help Others

Bring in TWO packages of
snack items to contribute
to Iggy's Cupboard at
Loyola University

Have fun!

Wear something to school
inspired by or sounding
like the number TWO (tutu,
tunic, toupee, two bow
ties, two ponytails, two
shirts - be creative!)
~Handbook Rules Apply

See you TwosDay!



HEALTH NOTES FROM NURSE ABBY

COVID UPDATES

HNJ leadership has been monitoring the COVID-19 transmission rates in Orleans and surrounding Parishes. With the [rate of transmission](#) now below 1.0 (and lower than it has been for the last two years), HNJ reached out to the Louisiana Department of Health for updated guidance. At this time, LDOH has informed us that the protocols on the LDOH decision tree are now recommendations only and are no longer mandates. Therefore, we are making the following internal adjustments to our COVID-19 protocol:



1. Only students exhibiting symptoms will be required to isolate as per the [Louisiana Department of Health Decision Tree](#). When there is an exposure, parents will be notified and given the option to quarantine their student(s) if they choose.
2. Students will no longer be required to take a COVID test on Day 5 after a close contact.
3. HNJ will highly recommend that students living in the same house as a positive individual be quarantined AND isolated from that individual for 5 days before returning to HNJ. A positive case in the household is the one case where we have documented consistent spread.

The mask mandate issued by the City of New Orleans is still currently in effect.

COVID protocols may be adjusted in the future in response to an increased rate of transmission.

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

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



Men's Club on the Ave!

This Saturday, Feb. 19th! All Day!

Join the Men's Club as we take over the corner of St. Charles and General Taylor for a day full of fun, food, drinks, and parades! First parade rolls at 1:00pm.

Men's Club on the Ave!

Saturday, Feb. 19 ~ All Day

Arm Bands ~ \$10 per adult / Kids free

Join the Men's Club as we take over the corner of St. Charles and General Taylor (in front of Columns Hotel) for a day full of fun, food (hamburgers, hot dogs, oysters), drinks, and parades! First parade rolls at 1:00 p.m. (We will have a port-o-let bathroom).

Volunteer Information:

Friday Night: Need help securing a spot

Saturday 8 a.m. in the School yard: Need help loading supplies/equipment

Saturday evening: Need help breaking down/picking up

From the School Counselor



Many parents are concerned about bullying, protecting their kids from it, and making sure their kids aren't engaging in it. But with so much talk about bullying, sometimes we call behavior "bullying" that is actually not. So how can we help students understand the difference? Signe Whitson, a child and adolescent therapist, shares this advice on the differences between being rude, mean, and bullying:

Rude is inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts someone else. "Incidents of rudeness are usually spontaneous, unplanned inconsideration, based on thoughtlessness, poor manners or narcissism, but not meant to actually hurt someone." In children this takes the form of social errors like "jumping ahead in line, bragging about achieving the highest grade or even throwing a crushed up pile of leaves in someone's face."

Being **mean** involves "purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice)." Unlike rudeness, "mean behavior very much aims to hurt or depreciate someone. Very often, mean behavior in kids is motivated by angry feelings and/or the misguided goal of propping themselves up in comparison to the person they are putting down." And while both rudeness and mean behavior require correction, they are different from bullying.

Bullying is "intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power. Kids who bully say or do something intentionally hurtful to others and they keep doing it, with no sense of regret or remorse — even when targets of bullying show or express their hurt or tell the aggressors to stop." Examples include physical and verbal aggression, relational aggression (like social exclusion or rumor spreading), and cyberbullying. The key aspect to all of them is the ongoing nature of the behavior, which leaves the victims feeling powerless and fearful.

By talking to your child about the differences, you can better identify the offending behavior and take appropriate action.

IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's

RUDE

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's

MEAN

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's

BULLYING

Your local Families magazine

The infographic is a vertical rectangle with a light blue background featuring a pattern of small smiley faces. The title "IS IT BULLYING?" is at the top in large, orange, 3D-style block letters. Below it, three definitions are provided, each with a corresponding term in large, blue, 3D-style block letters: "RUDE", "MEAN", and "BULLYING". The text for each definition is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. In the top right corner, there is a logo for "Your local Families magazine" with "Families" in a blue, rounded font and "magazine" in a smaller, black font below it.

LITTLE GATORS CORNER



We LOVED celebrating *friendship* this week at Little Gators. Our teachers and staff have enjoyed seeing the special little bonds that have blossomed in our building. Several friendships are new this year, and other friendships happen to also be cousins. Regardless, we love to see these special little bonding moments. We hope you had a wonderful week of love and friendship. Next up, MARDI GRAS!!!

Things to remember:

No later gators on Wednesday, February 23rd.

Annual HNJ Mardi Gras parade for **Pre-k 2 only** on Thursday, February 24th.

Half day of school on Thursday, February 24th. Pickup is from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

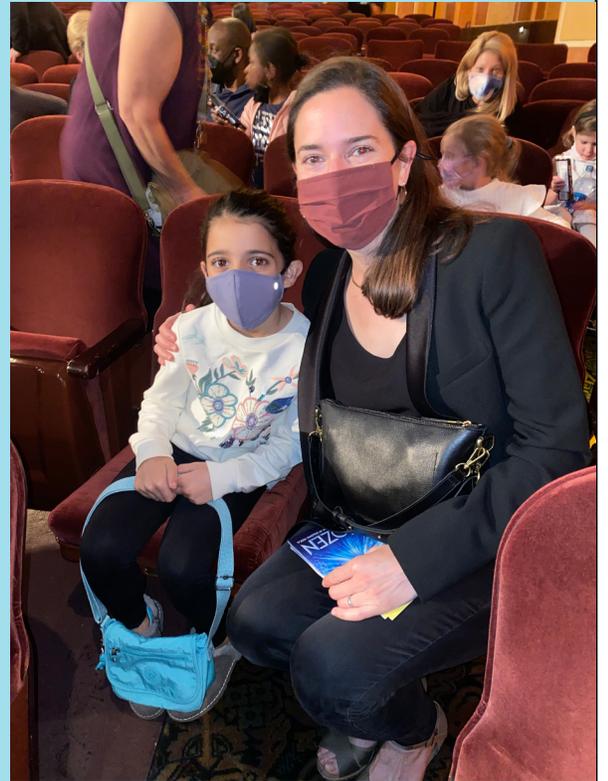
No school from **February 25th - March 2nd** for Mardi Gras!



PK 3 LEARNS ABOUT FARM ANIMALS THIS WEEK



THEATER DEPARTMENT HOSTS FROZEN EXPERIENCE!



HOLY NAME OF JESUS READ-A-THON

Last Chance! Read-A-Thon Ends Today!

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/YVTZIX>

- Email your link to friends & family
- Share on Facebook
- Record your minutes
- Win prizes!
- Raise money for HNJ School

Top Homerooms that raise the most money win...

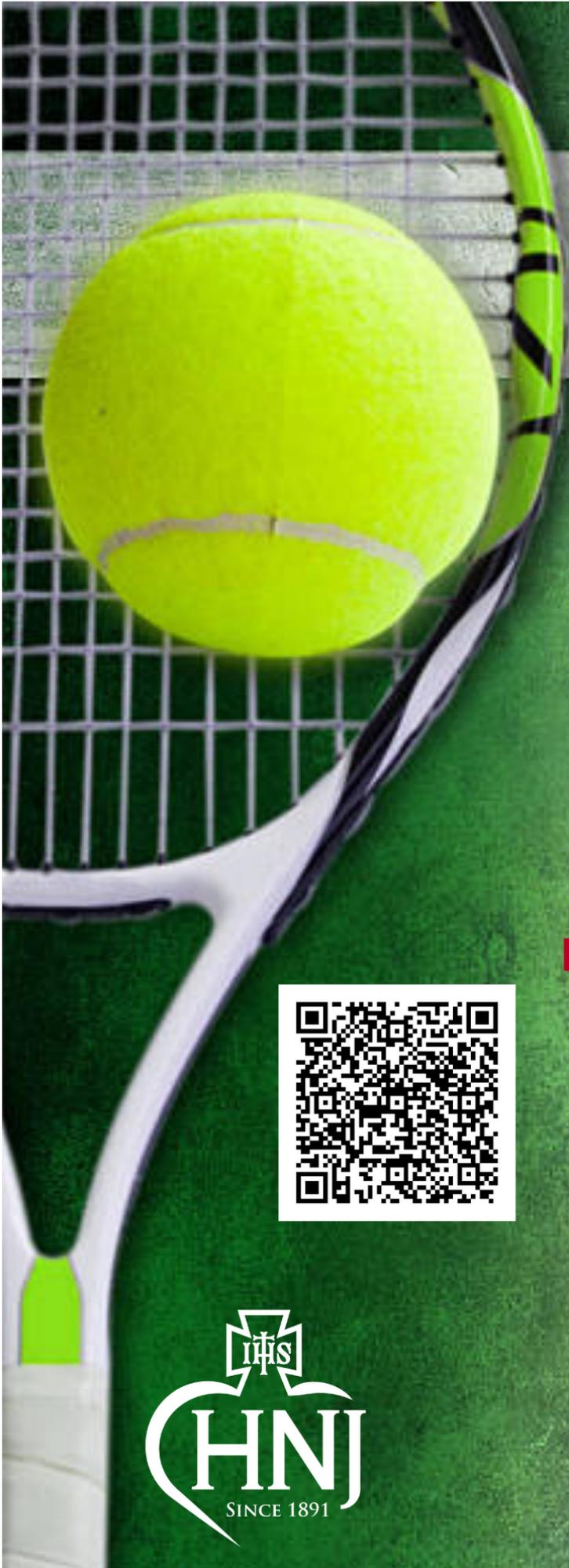
- *Milk & Cookie Party (early childhood)
- *Pizza Party (lower school)
- *Pizza Party (middle school)

Individual prizes for top readers and top money raised in Early Childhood, Lower School and Middle School!

Popsicle party for all students when we reach our \$15,000 Goal!







HOLY NAME OF JESUS WOMEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

**MARCH 30, 2022
8:30 A.M. CHECK-IN
CITY PARK TENNIS
COURTS**

**\$90 PER TEAM
BEGINNER'S CLINIC: \$45
SPECTATOR: \$25**

**Entry includes snacks, drinks,
breakfast, lunch and prizes**



**FEATURING A CENTER
COURT SHOWDOWN
BETWEEN HNJ TEACHERS
GREG KATA AND MEGAN
BONSER!**

**Proceeds benefit
HNJ Athletics**



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



Please join us!

Lenten Discernment of Spirits Workshop

Every Sunday from March 6
through April 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
in the HNJ Parish Center

*Presented by
Father Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ*

**Will be live streamed*



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PELICANS GROUP EVENT

FRIDAY, MARCH 11 • 7:00 PM



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Join Holy Name of Jesus for a fun night of basketball with the New Orleans Pelicans!

Scan the QR Code below or visit <https://pels.group/HolyName> to purchase your discounted tickets!



For more seating options or information, please contact:
Denton Hunter, 504-593-4748 and Denton.Hunter@Pelicans.com





HOLY NAME OF JESUS ANNUAL GIVING 2021-2022



**TO WONDER... TO ACHIEVE...
TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...TOGETHER**



Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

We are honored to serve as the chairs of our 2021-2022 Annual Giving Campaign. As Holy Name of Jesus parents and parishioners, we know it's important to be a community for others and to support the mission of our school.

Our son Harrison began his journey at HNJ in Pre-K, and he is now a sophomore at Jesuit High School, and our daughter Charlotte is in sixth grade. Holy Name is a special place where we know that our children learn through innovative teaching, receive spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, and become academically, spiritually and socially prepared for high school and beyond.

This year has once again presented financial challenges for the school and our families with the pandemic and most recently Hurricane Ida. Please know that every gift to our Annual Fund is appreciated and will add up to make a difference for our children.

Our Annual Giving Campaign seeks to raise funds that will go directly to supporting the school's operating budget. Gifts to the Annual Fund are an investment in our Mission. Your gift will help us with:

- Providing innovative academic programs and student support services
- Maintaining state-of-the-art technology to support our curriculum
- Retaining highly qualified teachers and providing professional development.

Your gift to Holy Name of Jesus School will make a difference! We encourage you to view our [Annual Giving Gift Catalog](#) to learn more about what your gift will support. As you prayerfully consider your gift, please keep in mind that **the cost to educate one student at Holy Name is \$892 more than our annual tuition.**

We invite all parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, alumni, parishioners and friends to participate! Giving is easy this year, so please share with your family, friends, and other supporters of HNJ School. Through our partners at ParishSoft, anyone can now make an [online donation](#) and even set up recurring gifts.

Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless each of you and your families!

Sincerely,

Ricky & Cheryl Dietz
2021-2022 Annual Giving Chairs

**ANNUAL GIVING
GIFT CATALOG
2021-2022**

**YOUR GIFT
WILL SUPPORT**



**TO WONDER...
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DIFFERENCE...
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GOAL 1

Provide innovative academic programs and student support services

GOAL 2

Maintain state-of-the-art technology to support our curriculum

GOAL 3

Retain highly qualified teachers and provide ongoing professional development





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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

www.hnjschool.org

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