



**HOLY NAME OF
JESUS SCHOOL**
A LOYOLA UNIVERSITY PARTNER

GATOR Gazette

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Free Shoe Day for All Students, 4/4

Free Dress Day for All Students,
4/5

Birthday Book Club, 4/5

Progress Reports Emailed, 4/5

School Mass (4T sponsoring), 4/6

Free Shoe Day for Read-a-Thon
Winners, 4/7

Annie, Jr., 4/7 -4/10

Free Dress Day for Read-a-Thon
Winners, 4/8

Fish Fry (drive-through only 5-7
p.m.), 4/8

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[School Mass Live Streaming Link](#)

[Lunch Menu](#)

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,

This past week has been a wonderful week of community-building social events. The Disco Gala was a huge success and very well attended! I was sore for days from dancing. It was hard to keep up with dancing on the dance floor with the HNJ community! Everyone has great style and rhythm!! Thank you to Caroline Young for chairing the gala and Mary Beth Green for chairing the auction.



Then, we had our first annual Tennis Tournament, which was equally successful and well-attended on a very blustery Wednesday this week. Thank you to Lauren Chiu for chairing this new event. The proceeds from this event go directly to the athletic department to support their budget and then further develop their endowment fund.

Every six years, our school completes the process of re-accreditation through Cognia, a global school accreditation agency that provides guidelines and standards that we strive to adhere to in a holistic manner. During the accreditation process, education professionals from across the country review data, conduct personal interviews, evaluate our performance, and recommend research-based suggestions for improvement. This week, the review team evaluated all of our supporting materials, current practices, and academic standings. Throughout the process, the review team also interviewed students, parents, alumni, teachers, and administration. The brief general findings are:

- There exists a strong culture of community, collaboration, and purpose.
- Instruction is driven by data and used to meet the individual needs of students.
- There is a culture of high expectations.
- There is a need to continue collecting longitudinal data to show growth over three and more years.

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE CONTINUED

- The school monitors and evaluates processes for effectiveness.
- Formulate a mentoring program to initiate and support new teachers.
- School provides numerous digital resources to enhance curriculum.
- There is a desire to provide opportunities for students to own their own data and use it to set their own goals.
- Revisit and revise the Strategic Plan as the current one expires.
- Continue to utilize Discovery Walks because they help in so many capacities.

To begin the presentation, the review team communicated that Holy Name of Jesus is an exemplary school for others. I am so proud of our work! More specific information regarding the findings will be communicated in the next few weeks. I expect our overall rating to be high, and I can't wait to share the completed findings with the community!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Wilberg

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

HEALTH NOTES FROM NURSE ABBY

Spring is here! And that means the pollen is too!

If your child requires a daily antihistamine or other medication to remain comfortable during the school day, please be sure to administer in the morning at home before sending your child to school.

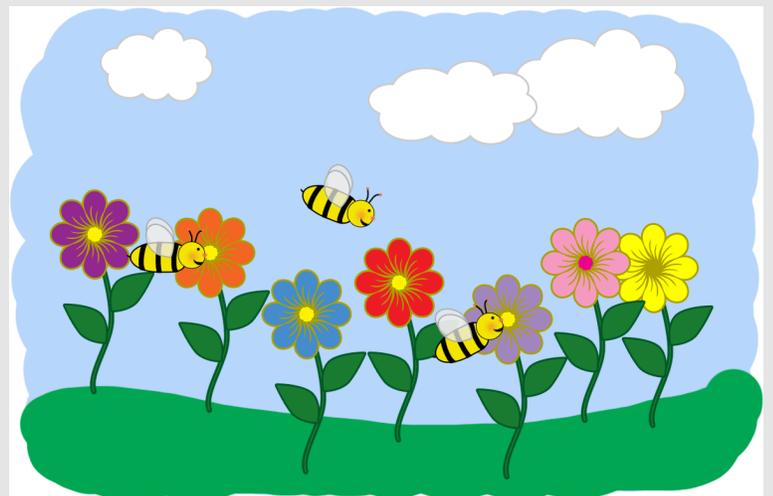
If you would like to keep a prescription or over-the-counter medication for your child at school on file for as needed administration, please read the following **handbook requirements** and complete the necessary forms to email to adonnelly@hnjschool.org. Even with medication kept on file, parents will always be called before administering.

Request to Administer Medication Form

Louisiana Medication Order Form

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

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



HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

Presents...



APRIL 7 - 10, 2022

Bickham Auditorium
6325 Cromwell Place
New Orleans, LA 70118



For Tickets:

www.showtix4u.com/events/hnj

From the School Counselor



Building Cooperation at Home

Cooperating is about working together and helping others. When kids cooperate, they have more positive social interactions and are better able to make and keep friends. Parents can help their children develop the skills needed for a lifetime of friendships and positive social connections by teaching and encouraging cooperation skills early. Here are some tips for growing cooperativeness in young children:

- **Help kids understand what cooperation means.** Cooperation is a big word and a complicated skill. One way to help kids cooperate is to break this complex skill down into smaller, easier to understand steps. For example, you could tell your child cooperation means 1) taking turns, 2) working together, and 3) sharing.
- **Model cooperation skills at home and with friends.** Modeling not only helps teach kids what cooperation looks like, it also demonstrates your belief in the importance and value of cooperation. When you cooperate, your kids will likely follow your lead.
- **Role-play how to cooperate.** Role-playing can be a great way to teach cooperation because it allows parents to support their child's skill development, no matter how advanced or challenged.
- **Use specific praise to encourage children's efforts to cooperate.** When parents pay attention to their child's cooperation skills, their child is more likely to use these skills again in the future. Specifically acknowledging good cooperation skills can keep them growing and developing.
- **Plan activities that encourage kids to cooperate.** Even though cooperating can be difficult, it can also be fun. One way parents can make cooperation fun is by planning games and activities that encourage kids to work together.



LITTLE GATORS CORNER



Bumblebees and crawling caterpillars were all the buzz this week for Pelicans and Crabs. Ms. Alexie and Ms. Natalie took the Pelicans on a bug hunt. Ants, worms and caterpillars were put in a jar for a class discussion of their findings! Crabs learned all about bumblebees with Ms. Tia, Ms. Kaela and Ms. Liz. They started the week Identifying the parts of the bumblebee and ended the week learning about the life cycle of bees. Our kiddos are not afraid of insects!!!

Ms. Amanda and Ms. Caroline taught the Turtles about "things to take care of." They learned to have soft hands and how to care for animals. Turtles loved petting the stuffed lovies. Crawfish continued another stellar week of being loved on and springtime strolls on Loyola's campus with Ms. Aimee and Ms. Angelle.

Things to remember: Easter Celebrations will be held on Thursday, April 14th. Early dismissal starts at 11:30 a.m. and we will not have Later Gators on that day.



HONORABLE GATOR AWARD: FORGIVENESS

Congratulations to our students who earned the Honorable Gator Award for the value of Forgiveness. We are proud of you!

Kindergarten: Halcyann Poche, Stella Trew, Owen Pedeaux, Lucy Fanara, Luciano Valero, Malia Adams

First Grade: Finn Thompson, Ivins Talavera, Viviana de Candia, Elodie Trahant

Second Grade: Camille Pierson, Gia Phillippi, Mary Ryan DeLuca, Louis LeBoeuf, Ruby Denman, Chloe Casrill

Third Grade: Dean Seerman, Emory Smith, Anthony Rocha, Lucie Manges

Fourth Grade: Chase Zippert, Charlie Lyons

Fifth Grade: Emma Mae Willoz, Julia Strickland

Sixth Grade: Juliette Amedee, Joseph Koveleski

Seventh Grade: Daphne Beasley, Alice Long, Daniel Jarreau



Music Notes...

Music video for our parents

Every week at the beginning of music class, HNJ students recite our music prayer:

Now before I sing and play

Let me not forget to pray

Help me fill the world with song

For those less fortunate to be strong

[This video](#) includes 94 violinists in 29 countries who have come together in support of Ukraine. Musicians of all skill levels and ages play along with Illia Bondarenko, who filmed this video in a shelter between explosions.

I think it is extremely moving and embodies the essence of our school music prayer. --E. Ptak

HNJ Choir - upcoming events

Our middle school choir will be traveling to the New Orleans Jazz Museum at the Mint on April 11 for a chance to tour the museum, learn how a professional recording studio operates, and record themselves singing a few tunes.

Then on April 20, our choir will perform for the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) at the New Orleans Convention Center.



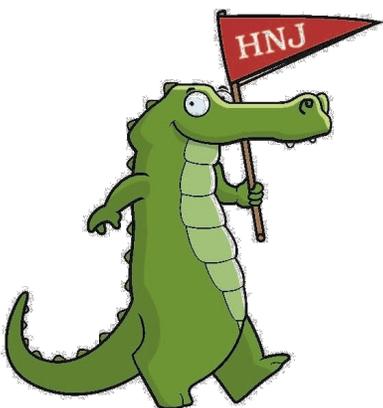
GATOR ATHLETICS: BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

The HNJ softball team finished their season with a great game played against Country Day. It was a back and forth affair with the Gators striking early and the Cajuns coming back. In the end, it did not go the Gators' way, but there were some notable individual feats. O'Hara went 3-3 at the plate and had three defensive put outs. Elle, Valentina, Addy, and Leah all had hits. Juliette and Raleigh both scored runs and Raleigh was great on the mound with three strikeouts pitching and rolled an unassisted double play. Elizabeth was, again, solid defensively behind the plate. She had some very nice throws to hold the Cajun runners and caught a popup. The Gators are the 5-seed in the NOAL playoffs and will learn their opponent and playoff site/date later today.

The HNJ 5th/6th baseball team played Holy Cross last Friday and kept it close in the first three innings against a very talented Tiger team that ran away with the game in the final inning. Tyson Magee was dominant on the mound, striking out the side in consecutive innings. Garrett Cargol led the way at the plate for the Gators and provided the offensive highlight by ripping a 2-out RBI double into left field.

The 6th/7th baseball team had a good week and continued their winning ways on Monday beating St. Paul's 5-1 then tying Newman 7-7 in a great game on Thursday. Calvin Magee finished the week 6-6 with two doubles, a triple, and four runs scored. Dominic Toten was 3-3 against Newman and provided an early highlight by crushing the third pitch of the game over the Greenie centerfielder for a homerun. Patrick Jones has been the Gators most consistent pitcher and earned the win on Monday with a 3.1 inning, zero run, 8 strikeout performance against St. Paul's. The Gators have found some production in the middle and bottom of their order as well. Daniel Jarreau, Bryce Beck, and Kenan Phillips recorded base hits this week and plenty of others have been making contact as opposed to striking out.

The 5th/6th team plays Country Day today at the Fly and the 6th/7th team plays again next Friday taking on Country Day's 7th grade team. Come out and support the Gators!



GATOR ATHLETICS: BASKETBALL

The 3rd grade basketball team improved to 4-0 on the season with a 36-24 win vs. St. George's Monday afternoon. The Gators controlled the game from the tip-off scoring the first 8 points of the contest. The Gator defense was equally impressive forcing the dragon offense into 15 steals. Our Gators look to complete their undefeated season with a game on Monday, April 4 vs. Trinity with a 4 p.m. tip-off.

The 4th grade basketball team cruised to a 42-26 win vs. St. George's on Monday afternoon. Offense wins games but defense wins championships and it was clear from the start of the game that the Gator defense was for used from the start forcing 22 turnovers throughout the game. The offense was efficient as usual scoring 40 points or more for the third time in 4 games. The win gives our gators a 4-0 mark with the final game vs. Trinity on Monday, April 4 (4pm tip-off). Go Gators!





GATOR ATHLETIC CLUB

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2021-2022

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RECEIVE THEIR HAT AT THE
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THURSDAY, MAY 12.**

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HNJ ATHLETICS.**

Join today at www.hnjschool/org/gator-athletic-club

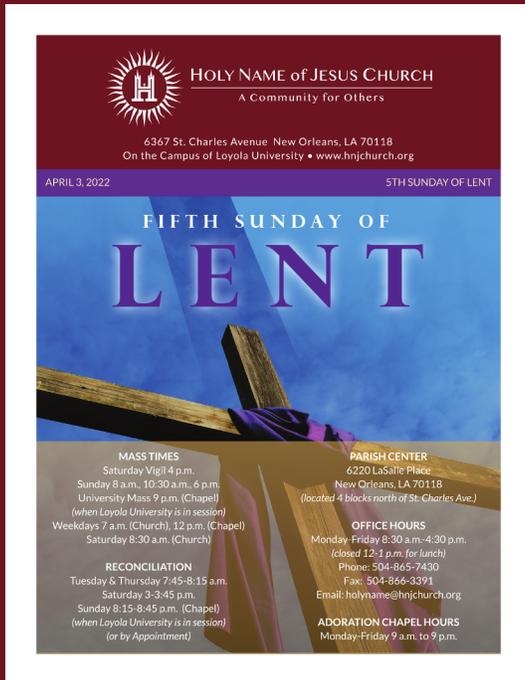
HIGH SCHOOL SLAM DUNK!

This week our middle schoolers were invited to De La Salle High School to attend the taping of CBS's High School Slam Dunk and 3-Point Championship where top athletes from around the country competed! The event will air this Sunday at 12:00 PM CST on CBS! Our gators had the best time!

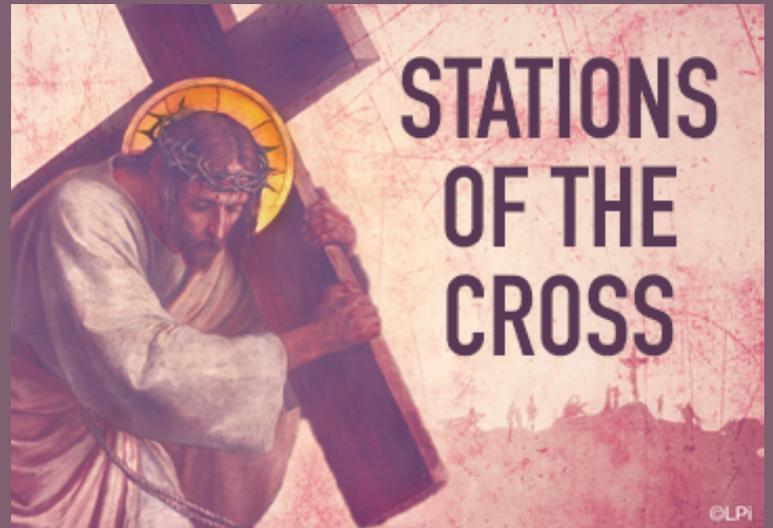


7th Graders
say
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for supporting
their upcoming
class trip!

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



Join us for Stations of the Cross Mondays in Lent 6:30 p.m. Holy Name of Jesus Church



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THURSDAY, 4/7 - SATURDAY, 4/9
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7th Grade Class Trip!*

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Lenten Fish Fry

In Support of HNJ Troop 55

Drive Through or Dine In Available

5:00 pm until 7:30 pm

Holy Name of Jesus School Yard
(Enter La Salle Place)

**April 8
drive-through
only 5-7 p.m.**

Fridays March 11, March 25, & April 8

(Please circle date for each pre-order)

Email pre-orders to danielcquintana@yahoo.com or turn in to HNJ School Office no later than 8:00 am the Thursday before each fish fry.

You can pay at pickup.

Walk-ups are welcome. Please pick up your orders by 7:00 pm.

Make checks payable to Troop 55.

Name: _____ Cell Number: _____

Menu Item	Price	Quantity	Total for Line
Adult Shrimp Platter	\$12.00		
Adult Fish Platter	\$12.00		
Child Shrimp Platter	\$10.00		
Child Fish Platter	\$10.00		
Shrimp/Fish Combo Platter	\$14.00		

Order Total (\$): _____

All plates include fresh bread, french fries, and potato salad.
For outstanding taste, all seafoods are Louisiana products.

2022/23 HNJ School Calendar - tentative

August 2022						
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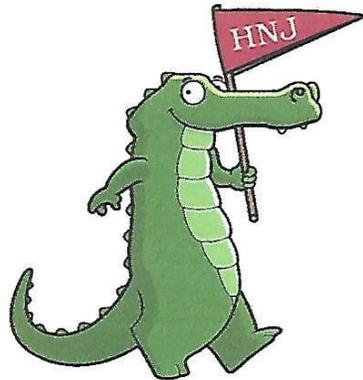
Key

	No School	10/7	P/T Conferences	1/13	P/T Conferences
	Early Dismissal	11/11-14	Gator Fest/Clean-up	1/16, 2023	MLK Day
	Beginning of Trimester	11/21-25	Thanksgiving Break	2/17-24	Mardi Gras Break
	End of Trimester	12/23-1/6	Christmas Break	4/7-12	Easter Break
	Weather Make-up Days				
	First/Last Day of School				
	Arch Day of Day of Reflection				
	Labor Day	9/5			



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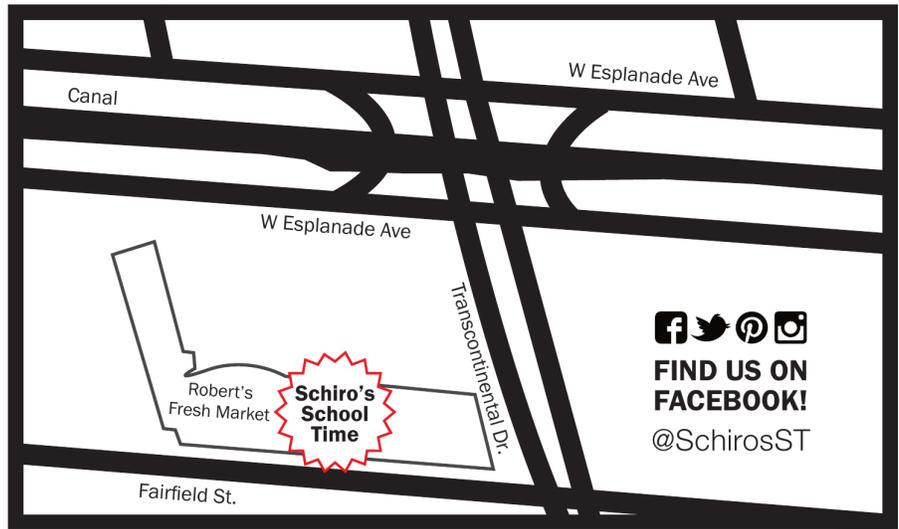
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HOLY NAME OF JESUS ANNUAL GIVING 2021-2022



**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**



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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

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