

The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter



OCTOBER 3, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

During the month of September, faculty and students focused heavily on our Core Belief "Striving for Personal Excellence." I am so proud of how well students fully embraced this concept. I witnessed students working hard in class and outside of the classroom. During morning assembly, we reviewed behaviors that we can embody to be our best. Coach T. reminded students that we should always do our best when our best is required, and our best is required each and every day. Additionally, we learned the song "Thrive" by Casting Crowns. Then, students sang and signed the song at the School Mass last Friday as the culminating moment: [Watch Here](#).

Our Ignatian Spirituality reminds us that in order to be our best and most authentic selves, we need to focus on making choices that bring us closer to God, choices that make us happy, helpful, and loving to those around us. We are free to choose between many choices each day. How do we use our choices based on what makes us better rather than what is most attractive? Striving for personal excellence is not that easy after all!

Since our Ignatian Charism is at the core of our culture and learning environment at HNJ, faculty had the honor of learning from Mrs. Stephanie Clouatre Davis during in-service. She helped us gain a better understanding of accompaniment and how we can live out our Ignatian ideals. We now want to bring that opportunity to our school community. Therefore, she is the next presenter at our PTC meeting. We know you will enjoy this experience!

Lastly, I invite you to attend our Coffee with Admin this coming Wednesday morning, October 4, at 8:45 a.m. in the HNJ Parish Center, after the September Honorable Gator Ceremony. We will discuss the findings of our recent community survey, ideas for future planning arising from the survey the results, and any other questions you may have. HNJ continues to strive for personal excellence as a school, too.

I look forward to seeing you Wednesday morning at 8:45 a.m. over coffee and Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. as we engage more authentically with Ignatian spirituality and accompaniment.

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams

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



What's Important This Week & Next

Wednesday, October 4

- Read-A-Thon
- Honorable Gator Ceremony, 8:05 a.m.
- Coffee with Admin Team, 8:45 a.m. (see flyer)
- PTC General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 5

- Read-A-Thon
- Living Rosary (PK3-7th), 8:30 a.m.
- Gator Fest Collection Day (see flyer)
- Early Dismissal (LG-7th)
- No Later Gators
- Open House, 4-7 p.m.

Friday, October 6

- Read-A-Thon
- No School (LG-7th)
- Parent Teacher Conferences (sign-up information will be sent out via email)

Monday, October 9

- Read-A-Thon
- HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, October 10

- Read-A-Thon

Wednesday, October 11

- Read-A-Thon

Thursday, October 12

- Read-A-Thon
- HNJ Capital Campaign Operation Homestretch Rally, 6-8 p.m.

Read-A-Thon: Register your student for our Read-A-Thon, which began on Monday, Oct. 2 and runs for the next two weeks. We will have prizes for top readers and fundraisers!

HNJ Spirit Shirt Days: Students may wear last year's spirit shirt every Monday starting September 25. Please click the link below for guidelines (under Quick Links). Students who do not have last year's spirit shirt will be allowed to wear any HNJ t-shirt until the new spirit shirts arrive. The expected time of arrival for the new spirit shirts is Friday, October 13. Go Gators!

Quick Links



Counselor's Corner



Ms. Bri is back! She is excited to get back to her students and resume both Life Skills and individual sessions starting this week. Students may access counseling services through teacher or parent referral or directly by request (3rd-7th

can send counselor requests via Google Classroom).

Referral reasons may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Academic difficulties
- Adjustment or transition difficulty (from home to school, from one activity to another)
- ADHD/Impulsivity
- Anger management/Aggression
- Anxiety
- Attendance/Tardiness
- Behavior modification
- Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Conflict/Peer Relations
- Family Changes
- Grief/Loss of a loved one or pet
- Harm to Self/Others
- Impulsivity
- Organizational Skills
- Self-esteem
- Social Skills

It's time for the Holy Name of Jesus Read-a-thon!

Our school Read-A-Thon began on Monday October 2, 2023 and is sure to be a fun and exciting event.

We understand that your time is valuable. We also know that providing the best education for your child is important. That's why we are encouraging everyone to activate their student's Read-A-Thon account as soon as possible. The instructions are straightforward, making it quick and hassle-free, and it should take less than 5 minutes of your time.

This account will serve as a hub for recording and monitoring your child's progress as a Reader in the event, and for you to share their Read-A-Thon message with friends and family. Use the link below to activate your student's Reader account:

<https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/Cnocnp/1>

Thank you so much for your participation and support. Together, we can make this Read-A-Thon an amazing experience for our young readers! Thank you!

Music Notes

Congratulations to the following fourth through sixth grade students who auditioned and have been offered a spot in the Louisiana 2023 All-State Honor Choir. These students will perform on Saturday, October 28 at 1 p.m. at the Lafon Performing Arts Center. Please visit <https://laacda.org/> for more information.

William Baxter

Jose-Antonio Rosales

Caylee Brown

Olivia Shaw

Jill Donnelly

George Sternberg

Elizabeth Erspamer

Charlotte Suire

Anna Gay

Olivia Watson

Lucie Manges

Lottie Wilson

Andres Mortillaro

Helen Willoz

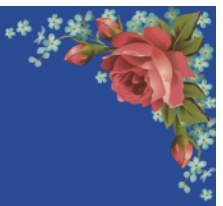


Catalina Rice

Nurse's Notes

Flu Season

October is here! And so is flu season! Be sure to visit your pediatrician for your child's annual flu vaccine. Hoping everyone stays well this year!

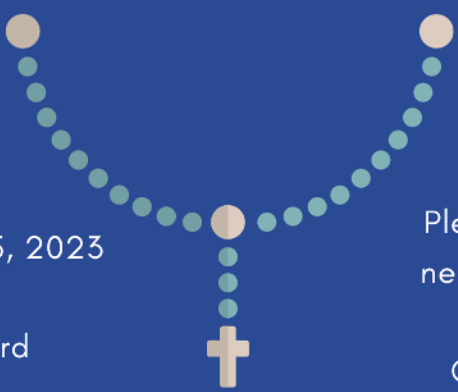


If you have any questions, please email Nurse Abby, adonnelly@hnjschool.org.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL



Living Rosary

Honoring Mary
During the Month of the Rosary



Thursday, October 5, 2023
8:30 am
Chiu Family Yard

Please park in the
neighborhood and
enter by the
Calhoun gate.



**HOLY NAME OF
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OPEN HOUSE

OCTOBER 5 | 4-7 PM



INFANTS THROUGH 7TH GRADE

Striving for Personal Excellence

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READING IS AN ADVENTURE!

READ-A-THON 2023

OCTOBER 2-15, 2023

**CLICK THIS FLYER TO REGISTER YOUR
STUDENT TODAY!**

GATOR ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

COME CHEER ON OUR GATORS!

5TH/6TH FOOTBALL

@AVENGER FIELD (LARGE), 10-4-23, 4 P.M.

7TH FOOTBALL

@AVENGER FIELD (LARGE), 10-4-23, 5 P.M.

5TH/6TH VOLLEYBALL

@ST. MARTIN'S, 10-4-23, 3:45 P.M.

7TH VOLLEYBALL

@ST. MARTIN'S, 10-4-23, 4:30 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY

@LAFRENIERE PARK, 10-3-23, 4 P.M.

SWIMMING

@ST. MARTIN'S, 10-3-23, 4 P.M.

*DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
CHECK WITH YOUR COACH FOR DETAILS.*

JOIN US FOR

COFFEE & TALK

WITH HNJ SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:45 A.M.

HNJ PARISH CENTER FABER ROOM

TOPIC: "MYTHBUSTERS"



PARENTS OF ALL GRADES ARE INVITED
PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE CHIU FAMILY YARD. ENTER
THROUGH THE PARISH CENTER BACK DRIVEWAY/PATIO
OR THROUGH THE ADORATION CHAPEL DOORS.

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PTC MEETING



Join us for our Parent Teacher Club (PTC) Meeting featuring guest speaker Stephanie Clouatre Davis, an Ignatian trained spiritual director, teacher, and retreat facilitator. She will give a presentation on the Ignatian Charism and Accompaniment. Our faculty really enjoyed hearing from her in August, and we want our parents to benefit from this evening of reflection.



Wednesday, October 4
6:30 p.m.

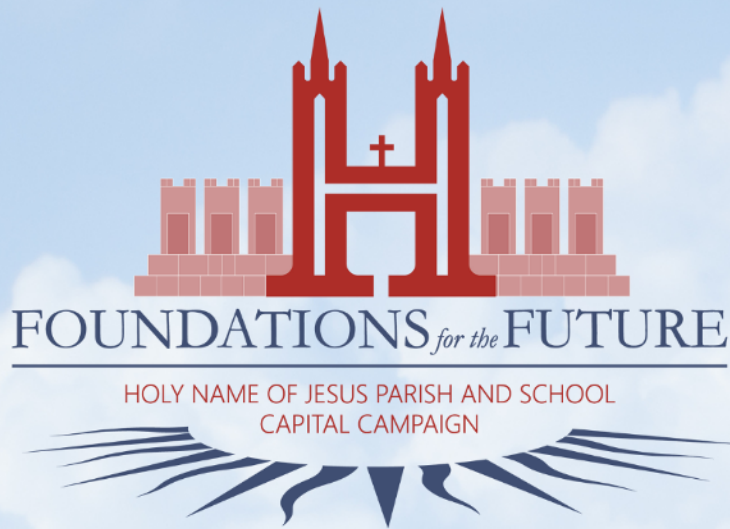


HNJ School
Willoz Family Auditorium

The grade level
with the most
attendance
wins a prize!

Click this flyer to
register for
child care
\$5 per child.





OPERATION HOMESTRETCH RALLY TO KICK OFF THE FINAL 100 DAYS

Join us!

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6-8 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus School

Hear exciting updates about the campaign and
see the premier of our Operation Homestretch video!

*All school parents, alumni, parishioners, and campaign supporters are
invited. Refreshments will be provided. Adults only, please.*

**Parents who attend will receive a
Homework Pass for their students!**

**Scan QR
code
to RSVP**





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
CLICK FLYER TO SIGN UP TO HELP WITH
GATOR FEST COLLECTION DAYS.

GATOR FEST COLLECTION DAYS

Thursday, October 5

Thursday, October 12

Thursday, November 2

Items Needed:

Gently Used Books

Clear Packing Tape

Clorox Wipes

Any Size Soda Bottles (2 liter, 1 liter, 16-oz, etc.)

Nut-Free Individually Wrapped Snacks

Juice Boxes / Small Bottled Waters

Drink Cans (must be rinsed out and placed in garbage bag)

Sweets (November 2nd only)

**We have plenty of plushies and paper towels, but we need more
of the items listed above!*

Drop off your donations at morning carpool!



NEW GATOR FEST FAIR BOOTH MADE BY ME

SELL HANDMADE ITEMS DONATED BY STUDENTS,
PARENTS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF HNJ SCHOOL.

SLIME
FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS
EARRINGS
STICKERS
FACE GLITTER
DOOR WREATHS

NECKLACES
BOOKMARKS
ART
STATIONARY
DECORATED TUMBLERS
CROCHET WORKS

ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED AT ANY TIME TO HNJ AND
NO LATER THAN 10/27 TO "ATTN: KATHRYN SUIRE"
WE WILL BE PRICING ALL ITEMS FOR SALE.
SUGGESTED PRICING IS WELCOME. "MADE BY" TAGS WELCOME, BUT
OPTIONAL! SECURE FRAGILE ITEMS.
PLEASE SEND ITEMS IN A BOX/CONTAINER THAT YOU WILL NOT
NEED RETURNED.



CALL KATHRYN WITH ANY QUESTIONS!
504-251-2442





GATOR FEST PRESENTS...

CUTEST PET

SEND IN YOUR FRAMED PET PHOTO BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

MAX SIZE 5 X 7

LABEL BACK WITH PET'S NAME, STUDENT'S NAME AND HOMEROOM

VOTING TAKES PLACE AT GATOR FEST

WINNER RECEIVES PET STORE GIFT CARD

**BRING PHOTOS TO SCHOOL OFFICE. WE WILL TRY OUR BEST TO
RETURN THEM, BUT WE RECOMMEND SENDING A COPY.**





Saints tickets & memorabilia
Pelicans tickets & memorabilia
Jesters tickets & memorabilia
Tulane tickets & memorabilia
Loyola tickets & memorabilia
UNO tickets & memorabilia
Sports Camp vouchers
Gift certificates (golf, tennis, etc.)
Health & Wellness memberships

Questions? Email davidblamphin@gmail.com









Join us for the

HNJ MEN'S CLUB PUMPKIN PATCH

PUMPKINS FOR SALE*
TAKE PHOTOS WITH THE KIDS

CANCELLED

Friday, Oct. 13, 4:30-8:00
Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:00-4:00
Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:00-4:00

**CHIU FAMILY YARD
HNJ SCHOOL**

**While supplies last*



HNJ Parish Updates




HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH
A Community for Others

6367 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118
On the Campus of Loyola University • www.hnjchurch.org

OCTOBER 8, 2023

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**27TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The stone that the
builders rejected has
become the cornerstone."
- Mt 21:42ab

MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
University Mass 9 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
Weekdays 7 a.m. (Church)
Weekdays 12 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Church)

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m.
(enter through side door of Church closest to Marquette Hall)
Saturday 9:30-9:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
(or by Appointment)

PARISH CENTER
6220 LaSalle Place
New Orleans, LA 70118
(located 4 blocks north of St. Charles Ave.)

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch)
Phone: 504-865-7430
Fax: 504-866-3391
Email: holyname@hnjchurch.org

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Join us for Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Weekday Masses

7 a.m. (Church)

12 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel on
Loyola University Campus)

Saturday Vigil

4:00 p.m.

Sunday Masses

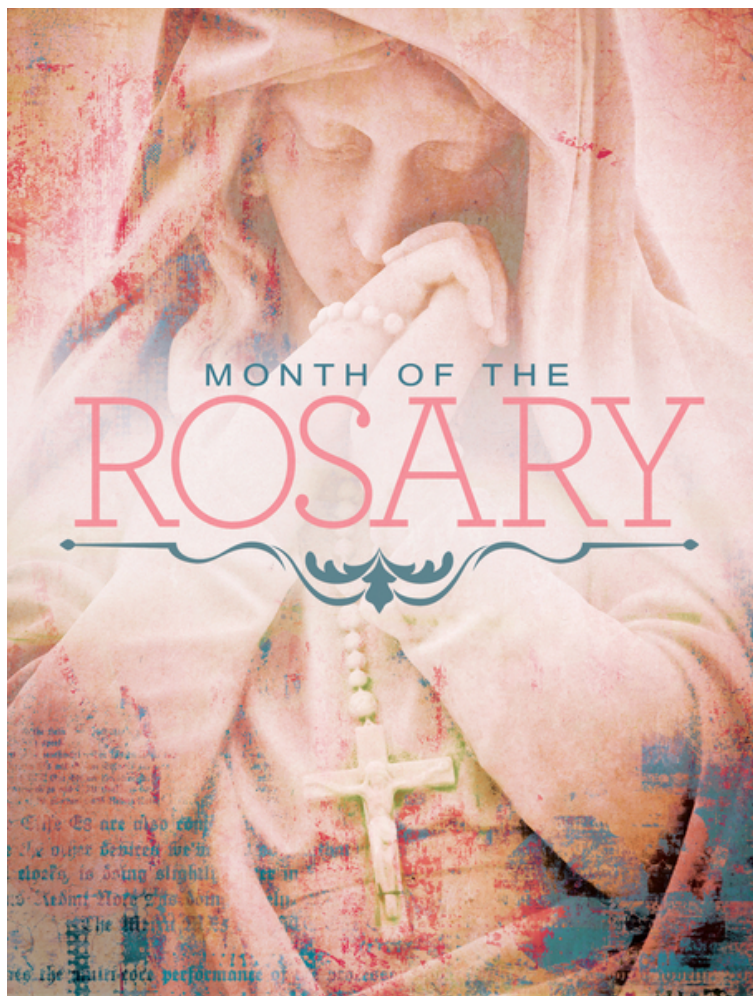
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

Grandparents Club

Holy Name of Jesus School will be announcing its brand new Grandparents Club very soon! The purpose of the club will be to give our grandparents an opportunity to become involved in the life of the school through volunteering, fundraising, event planning, and more. If you are interested in becoming involved, please complete the form linked below, and share your contact information with us. Thank you for your interest!

Families: Keep your Grandparents informed! Make sure to update your family's [RenWeb account](#) to add Grandparents' contact information so they can receive updates from HNJ.

**Click here to get
involved with our
Grandparents Club**



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Parent Teacher Club Updates

Volunteer Interest Form

HNJ is extremely fortunate to have an amazing community that is able to produce fantastic events that benefit our students and families. However, these events cannot happen without help from parent volunteers. We know your time is precious and limited, and your support and help to make these events happen is greatly appreciated not only by the event chairs but by our children. Volunteering for HNJ events is also lots of fun; new friends are made and good times are had by all. All of these events are open to all families at HNJ (all are family friendly except the Tennis Tournament and Gala, which are for adults only!).

The school is asking all parents to consider becoming a volunteer to help plan and execute school events. We have created a Volunteer Interest Form so you can indicate specific areas of interest.

NOTE: this form is NOT the official volunteer sign-up form for the events. The specific event sign-ups with time slots will be sent out closer to the events. This form is a planning tool for the PTC and event chairs to help us recruit leaders and committee members.

*Please note that **all families** at HNJ are asked to work **two 2-hour shifts** at Gator Fest. Selecting "Gator Fest" on this form notes that you are interested in a more specific leadership role (booth chair or co-chair, committee member, etc.). The Gator Fest sign-up form will come out in October.*

Thank you in advance for your help and support! Reach out to PTC President Ana Rice (anaerice@gmail.com) with any questions. Thank you for your consideration!

[Click here to become a volunteer](#)





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

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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