

The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter



OCTOBER 17, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

Thank you to everyone who came out to help us celebrate Operation Homestretch. We announced to the community that we have reached **\$6 million** in pledges and gifts! How exciting!!! We are so grateful to the more than 560 families who have already supported this campaign. We are well on our way to reaching our stretch goal of \$7 million! If you missed the evening, you can watch the video here: [Foundations for the Future Operation Homestretch](#).

The success of this campaign allows our school the opportunity to break ground on the new school building towards the end of the school year. Our new building will house 10 new classrooms for Little Gators and PK3. It will also be strong enough to build a gym on top of it in the future. Connecting the new building to our existing will be a beautiful new entrance that will honor our Mercy Sister heritage. In that section, the architect has designed a space for a new ADA-compliant elevator as well as bathrooms on the second and third floors for our lower and middle school students. Then once the new building is complete, we can update and better utilize the classrooms and spaces in the current building.

Now we have an even bigger vision for our church and school if we are able to raise \$9 million. If we are able to raise \$9 million, we will be able to build the gym and community center now instead of waiting until a second phase in the future. This will save our community millions of dollars and our current 4th-grade students should be able to walk into the new gym as students of HNJ! We just need everyone to *S T R E T C H* the best that they can.

We need your support! We need all of our families to return their pledge cards so that it is easier for us to support our case when approaching foundations and those who have a larger capacity to give. If it is easier for you to pledge online, you can visit: <https://hnjchurch.org/make-a-gift>. No gift is too small! The pledge cards also allow you to indicate your interest in volunteering and your willingness to pray. [Please pray for our campaign](#). Together we can do this now!

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams

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What's Important This Week & Next

Wednesday, October 18

- Pink Shirt Day (follow Spirit Shirt guidelines, students can wear any pink shirt)
- Pink Game, 7th Volleyball at Loyola Gym, 4:45 p.m.
- Gator Fest shirts will be sent home

Thursday, October 19

- Saints Spirit Shirt OR Gator Fest Shirt Day (follow Spirit Shirt guidelines)
- Trick-or-Trunk Candy Collection Day
- Men's Club Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, October 20

- School Mass (2nd-7th), 3M sponsoring, parents invited to attend, 8:30 a.m.
- Gators Got Talent, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 23

- HNJ Spirit Shirt OR Gator Fest Shirt Day (follow Spirit Shirt guidelines)

Tuesday, October 24

- Gator Fest Shirt Day (follow Spirit Shirt guidelines)
- Art to Remember Orders Due

Wednesday, October 25

- Picture Re-Take Day

Thursday, October 26

- Gator Fest Shirt Day (follow Spirit Shirt guidelines)
- Trick-or-Trunk Candy Collection Day

Friday, October 27

- School Mass (2nd-7th), 4C sponsoring

HNJ Spirit Shirt Days: Students may wear last year's spirit shirt every Monday. 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.

Quick Links



Counselor's Corner



Whether a student holds a fixed mindset or growth mindset significantly impacts their learning experience—from elementary school to high school. Students that hold a fixed mindset give up

when they can't solve a problem, and they admit defeat. This can be detrimental to students' future efforts and leads to limited student growth. With a growth mindset, students continually work to improve their skills, leading to greater growth and ultimately, success. The key is to get students to tune into that growth mindset. What's the right approach? First, focus on strategies not effort. Instead of, "Great effort, you really tried!" say, "That isn't working. What else can you try?"

Check out these books on Growth Mindset:



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.



Gator Fest

Performance Schedule

This year students in Kindergarten through 4th grade will perform a grade level class song during Gator Fest in the Willoz Family Auditorium! No special attire required. Please make sure that your child is backstage 15 minutes prior to their scheduled performance time.

Saturday, November 4

11:00-11:05 Kindergarten

11:30 - 11:35 1st grade

12:00 -12:05 2nd grade

Sunday, November 5

12:00-12:05 3rd grade

12:30-12:35 4th grade

GATORS GOT TALENT

WILLOZ FAMILY AUDITORIUM

FRIDAY OCTOBER 20
6:30 PM



TICKETS - \$6 GENERAL ADMISSION
WWW.SHOWTIX4U.COM/EVENTS/HNJ



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GATOR ATHLETICS THIS WEEK

COME CHEER ON OUR GATORS!

5/6TH VOLLEYBALL

@ST. PIUS X, 10-17-23, 4 P.M.

@LOYOLA GYM, 10-18-23, 3:45 P.M.

7TH VOLLEYBALL

@ST. PIUS X, 10-17-23, 5 P.M.

@LOYOLA GYM, 10-18-23, 4:30 P.M.

5/6TH FOOTBALL

@AVENGER FIELD (LARGE), 10-18-23 4P.M.

7TH FOOTBALL

@AVENGER FIELD (LARGE), 10-18-23, 5 P.M.

CROSS COUNTRY

@CITY PARK, 10-19-23, 3:30 P.M.

SWIMMING

@St. Martin's, 10-21-23, 8 A.M.

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




GATOR FEST NEEDS YOU!!

Volunteer Sign-Up

ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO SERVE TWO 2-HOUR SHIFTS.
CLICK THIS FLYER TO SIGN UP TODAY!




**CLICK HERE TO RESERVE
A GATOR FEST YARD
SIGN FOR YOUR HOME
OR BUSINESS!**



**PRE-ORDER YOUR ALL-WEEKEND RIDE BANDS
AND GATOR BUCKS TODAY!**

DEADLINE:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 12:00 MIDNIGHT
SAVE MONEY & TIME WAITING IN LINE!






NEW GATOR FEST FAIR BOOTH MADE BY ME

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

SLIME	NECKLACES
FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS	BOOKMARKS
EARRINGS	ART
STICKERS	STATIONARY
FACE GLITTER	DECORATED TUMBLERS
DOOR WREATHS	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.**





GATOR FEST SPORTS RAFFLE

DONATIONS NEEDED

- 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

Send donations to HNJ Parish
Center by October 31.




Attention Parents!



ORDER FORMS ARE HERE!

**ORDER BY 10/24 FOR FREE
SHIPPING TO HNJ**

- ★ Over 50 keepsake products featuring your child's artwork
- ★ Many of the products are less than \$15
- ★ A percentage of every order goes right back to our school
- ★ Safe, secure online ordering at ArtToRemember.com.
(You can even share your order code with other family members and invite them to place an order!)
- ★ Satisfaction guaranteed!



Art to Remember keepsakes are the perfect gift for any occasion!

Scan here and enter your
child's online order code
(found on their order form)
or search them by name



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Pat Garin Photographer, LLC
139 Broadway Street, New Orleans, LA 70118
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info@patgarinphotographer.com


RETAKE PROCEDURES

Retakes are offered for any technically defective photographs (eyes closed, improperly printed, out of focus photographs). Clothing, hair and facial expressions are the responsibility of the student.

If you would like to retake your school photo for Personal Reasons (clothing, hair, smile, etc.) **you must enclose \$10.00 AND the complete picture package that was originally purchased.**

If we do not receive the \$10.00 fee AND the complete picture package...**then your retakes will NOT be printed.**

A retake day will be scheduled by your school -
Please refer to your school calendar.

PAT GARIN PHOTOGRAPHER LLC 139 Broadway Street * New Orleans, LA 70118 (504) 866-4910 * info@patgarinphotographer.com www.patgarinphotographer.com		
Student's Name: ONE FORM PER STUDENT		
Grade Level:		Contact #:
Email Address:		
HOLY NAME OF JESUS 2023/2024		
	Package 1 1 - 8x10's 2 - 5x7's 2 - 3½ x 5's 4 Wallets + <i>Keepsake Magnet + Digital Image</i>	\$60.00
	Package 2 1 – 8x10 2 – 5x7's 8 Wallets	\$50.00
	Package 3 2 - 5x7's 2 - 3½ x 5's 4 Wallets	\$40.00
	Package 4 1 - 5x7 2 - 3½ x 5's	\$30.00
	Package 5 Digital Image Only (emailed)	\$40.00
Add On:		
	Name & Year on Wallets	\$5.00
	Retouch Image (remove blemishes)	\$10.00
Specialty Items/Prints: (Add to Package Selection ONLY)		
	Keepsake Magnet (3½ x 5) (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$10.00
	Photo Key Chain (Wallet Size Photo) (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$10.00
	8 Wallets (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$30.00
	1 – 8x10 (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$30.00
	1 – 5x7 (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$20.00
	2 – 3½ x 5 (ONLY AVAILABLE ADDED TO PACKAGE)	\$20.00
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED		\$

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

2023 Pumpkin Carving Contest



SIGN UP HERE

MONDAY,
OCTOBER 30TH

PUMPKINS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE
BASEMENT STARTING AT 7:35AM.

Pumpkins can be carved, painted, or decorated

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON
HALLOWEEN MORNING

All pumpkins must be taken home at carpool on Halloween.
Any remaining pumpkins will be discarded!



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS MEN'S CLUB
PRESENTS



HAUNTED HOUSE

10.28.23 During HNJ Trick-or-Trunk
\$2 per entry (cash only)
Proceeds benefit HNJ Men's Club

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 22, 2023 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Repay to Caesar what
belongs to Caesar and to
God what belongs to God."
- Mt 22:21

MASSTIMES
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)

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 p.m. for lunch)
Phone: 504-865-7430
Fax: 504-866-3391
Email: holyname@hnjchurch.org

RECONCILIATION
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m.
(enter through side door of Church closest to Marquette Hall)
Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
(or by Appointment)

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

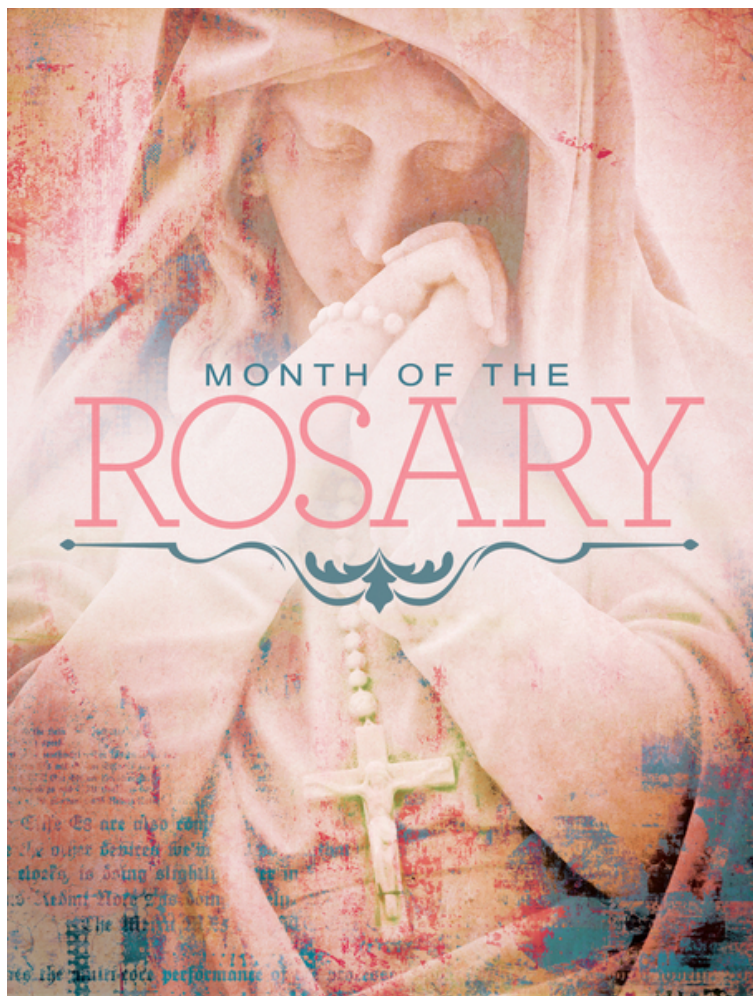
8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

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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