



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

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# GATOR Gazette

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

First Communion 10:30 AM & 2:00  
PM, HNJ Church, 4/23

Spirit Shirt Day (HNJ), 4/24

Community Dinner 6:30 PM, 4/25

School Mass/3M Sponsoring, 4/28

First Communion, 4:00 PM, HNJ  
Church, 4/29

Spirit Shirt Day (HNJ), 5/1

NWEA Teasting (PK4-7th), 5/1-3

Give NOLA Day, 5/2

HNJ City Park Night, 5/3

May Crowning/Rosary Procession  
Mass/ 7th Grade Sponoring, 5/5

7th Grade Trip, 5/7-12

Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/8-12

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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,

Field and water days last Friday and this Monday were extraordinary. Students and teachers alike had a great time; I even saw many parents with lots of smiles on their faces. We offer a huge thank you to Coach T and Coach Tay for all of their efforts in organizing these very fun days for our students.



Also this week, Mrs. Ptak took our choir students to perform at the Touro synagogue. The students performed the world premiere of "I Still Believe," which is inspired by Anne Frank's most famous words, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are good at heart." Through the performance, we were reminded of the power of resilience and hope even in times of the greatest adversity. We are thankful for those students, for Mrs. Ptak, and for the families that support the choir and that important evening event. This was a great display of being boys and girls for others!

Our campaign receptions have been going very well! If you have not been able to attend one yet, we invite you to learn more and receive your family's packet by attending one of our remaining Capital Campaign receptions:

**Wednesday, April 26 at 8 a.m.**

**Thursday, April 27 at 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday, May 3 at 4 p.m.**

**All Holy Name of Jesus School families are invited!**

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Wilberg

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



# Field & Water Day Fun!









APRIL  
28



# CHEER TRYOUTS

**Tryout Clinic: April 24-28**  
**3:45-5:00**

Who: 4th, 5th, and 6th grade girls

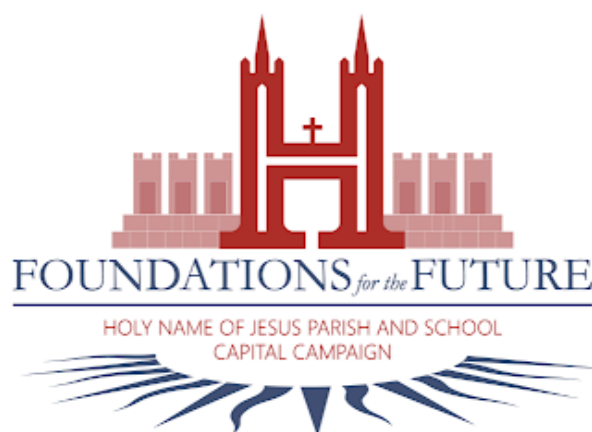
When: **Tryout Clinic** April 24-27 3:45-5:00

When: **Tryout Date** April 28 3:45-5:00

Where: HNJ Auditorium

**LEARN MORE: PARENT MEETING APRIL 18**  
**@6:00 IN THE AUDITORIUM**





*You're Invited*

**Father Mark E. Thibodeaux, SJ**  
**Ms. Kirsch J. Wilberg**  
and the Operational Chairpersons of *Foundations for the Future*  
personally invite you to attend a

*Holy Name of Jesus School*  
*Capital Campaign Reception*

Wednesday, April 19 at 8 a.m. (Lower & Middle School)

Thursday, April 20 at 4 p.m. (Lower & Middle School)

Wednesday, April 26 at 8 a.m. (Little Gators & Early Childhood)

Thursday, April 27 at 4 p.m. (Little Gators & Early Childhood)

Wednesday, May 3 at 4 p.m. (All Families)

*\*Please feel free to attend any reception that fits your schedule. Later Gators available at no charge.*

Morning Receptions ~ Coffee & Continental Breakfast

Afternoon Receptions ~ Wine & Cheese

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center, 6220 LaSalle Place, New Orleans

*Come learn more about our campaign and  
receive your family's personal packet.*



# Kindergarten Grandparents/Friends Day!

*Thank you to  
all who  
attended!*





# *Honorable Gator Forgiveness*



**Congratulations to our  
March Honorable Gators!  
They have done a great job  
demonstrating forgiveness  
by using kind words or  
actions, smiling, or  
offering to play with other  
students!**

**Keep it up Gators!**

Through our partnership with Loyola University our HNJ Middle School Choir performed the world premiere of "I Still Believe" at Tour Synagogue for Holocaust Remembrance Day this past Tuesday. This music is inspired by Anne Frank's most famous words, "In spite of everything, I still believe that people are good at heart". The song is a reminder of the power of resilience and hope, even in times of the greatest adversity. Holocaust survivor, Anne



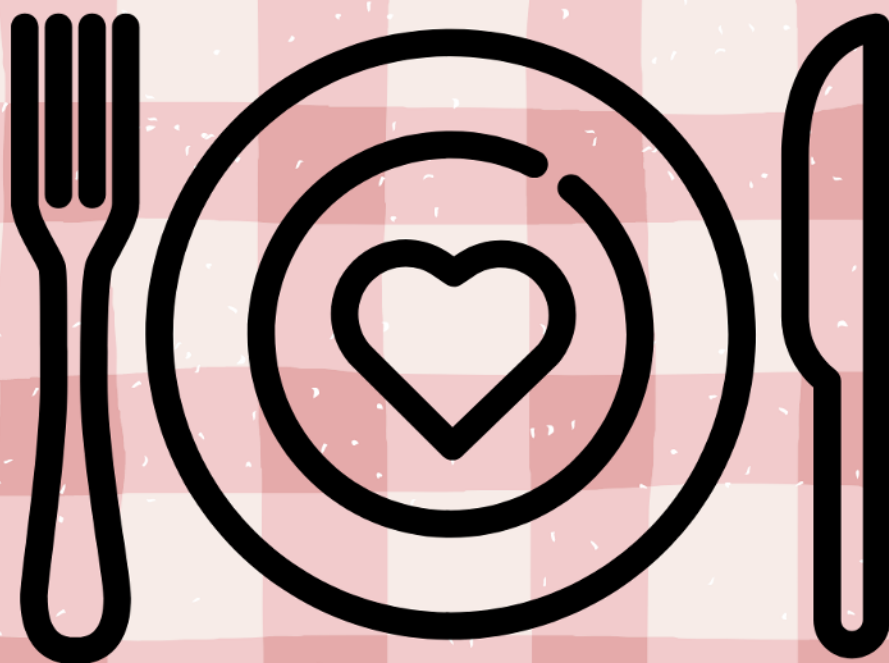
Levy, spoke at this important commemoration, and afterward took this picture with our choir. Thank you Professor Naomi Yavneh Klos, for collaborating with us and making this experience so special!



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# COMMUNITY

— *Dinner* —



**FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAMILY.**

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TUESDAY, APRIL 25 AT 6:30 P.M.  
HNJ SCHOOL BLAMPHIN FAMILY BASEMENT  
SPONSORED BY HNJ PASTORAL COUNCIL



# LITTLE GATORS CORNER

We are loving the springtime weather at Little Gators. The pelicans and crabs enjoyed learning about ants and flowers. Our turtle class loved having their snack time outside. Extra time outside is always fun!





# From the School Counselor

Heads Up!

Summer Small groups happening around  
NOLA:!



**Summer Social Skills**

beginning may 29th and  
running through the  
summer

turn-taking

emotional  
regulation

empathy

ages 3-5  
ages 5-7  
ages 7-10

initiating play

sharing

Communication

call  
504-222-2617  
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heathertullienpc  
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Virtual



# From the Swamp



The HNJ Golf team participated in their first tournament of the season on Wednesday, April 12 at the City Park course. The results from the match is as follows:

Marlon Varela 47(+10) 9 holes

Brett Woolf 50(+13) 9 holes

Martin Varela 58(+21) 9 holes

Bryce Raasch 45(+17) 8 holes

Micah Heeren-Mueller 45(+21) 7 holes

Chase Zippert 27(+7) 4 holes

Sam Ostrow 27(+7) 4 holes

## Gator Run!





# Gator Run!

The 42nd Annual Lee Gardemal Memorial Gator Run was a huge success. A special thanks goes out to our sponsors, the gator run committee (Christy Ross, Kim Ochoa, Shannon Clement, Lauren Chiu, and Chuck Smith), and the over 65 runners who participated in the race. Here are the 1st-place finishers in each category:

## 3rd grade and under

Girls- Elodie Trahant

Boys- William McCormick

## 7th grade and under

Girls- Juliette Amedee

Boys- Joseph Koveliskie

## Faculty

Women's- Julia Nolan-Wheatley

## Open

Women's- Catalina Rice

Men's- Eelco Jorritsma

## Alumni

Women's- Grace Blamphin



## Health Notes from Nurse Abby



### What are some things going around lately?

Conjunctivitis (pink eye) and Strep Throat!

As a reminder, both diagnoses of pink eye and strep throat require your child to be on drops/medication for 24 hours before returning to school. Please follow these policies to help us minimize the spread of some common illnesses in the school environment.

As always, please reach out to Nurse Abby  
[@adonnelly@hnjschool.org](mailto:adonnelly@hnjschool.org) for anything medical.



# HNJ Men's Club Crawfish Cook-Off

Thank you Men's Club for hosting a fun community event!!

Congratulations to the winners!!

**Best Crawfish:**

**1st- Afternoon Delight**

**2nd- Holy Name of Crawfish**

**3rd- Off With Their Heads**

**Best Side:**

**1st: One Sack at a Time**

**2nd: Ditch Lobsters**

**3rd: Misfits**

**Fan Favorite:**

**Da Purge**





# PK4 Field Trip

**PK4 had so much fun on their field trip at Sugar Roots Farm! They enjoyed guided tours of Sugar Roots Farm's animals, vegetable & herb gardens, and composting site!**



## Library Corner

**It's TIME to begin rounding up all the HNJ Library Books!**

As you spring clean, please keep an eye out for any HNN Library books and make sure they come back home to school before our summer begins! The last day to check out books will be May 12. Any book not returned to the library by May 19 will be considered lost, and a non-refundable \$20 per book fee will be assessed to replace the book.



Thank you for your help in getting those books back to where they belong!

Ms. Robin



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PK4-  
7TH

# CAMP GATOR

JUNE 5-JULY 21

Open to HNJ Students & Parishioners!



\$230  
PER  
WEEK

SIX FUN WEEKLY THEMES!

Before & After Care available for \$50/week

Camp hours 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



[www.hnjschool.org/summer-at-hnj](http://www.hnjschool.org/summer-at-hnj)



Have lunch with your PK3 student  
For Grandparents/Grandfriends Day!



Grandparents are invited to bring a lunch and eat  
with their grandchildren.

Please fill out this  
[Google Form](#) to RSVP.

**10:45 - 11:30 AM FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
**BLAMPHIN FAMILY BASEMENT**



**PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE**  
**KELLER FAMILY YARD FROM 10:40 AM-11:30 AM.**



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**12:00 – 12:45 PM FRIDAY, MAY 12**  
**BLAMPHIN FAMILY BASEMENT**



**PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE**  
**KELLER FAMILY YARD FROM 11:50 AM-12:45 PM.**



# Community News



## WE ARE HIRING!

### FULL & PART-TIME POSITIONS INFANTS THROUGH 7TH GRADE

*We're looking for passionate individuals to join our team!  
Holy Name of Jesus School serves 530 students.*

#### REASONS HNJ IS A GREAT PLACE TO WORK:

- \*HAPPY, INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT
- \*COLLABORATIVE CULTURE WITH GROWTH MINDSET
- \*CONTINUAL CLASSROOM SUPPORT
- \*LOYOLA UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP
- \*OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROFESSIONAL GROWTH



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Submit Your Resume to [gking@hnjschool.org](mailto:gking@hnjschool.org)



**Click here to view the 2023-2024  
tentative school calendar**



# HNJ Annual Giving

Help us reach our goal of \$100,000



**MAKE A GIFT AT  
HNJSCHOOL.ORG  
/GIVING**



**ANNUAL GIVING  
GIFT CATALOG  
2022-2023**

**YOUR GIFT  
WILL SUPPORT**



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



## **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





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



**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](http://www.hnjchurch.org)

APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
"The Lord has truly been raised!" - Lk 24:34

**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 & Thursday 7:45-8:15 a.m.  
Saturday 3-3:45 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](mailto:holyname@hnjchurch.org)

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

"Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you.  
Not as the world gives do  
I give to you. Let not  
your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid."

John 14:27







# HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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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](http://www.hnjschool.org)

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