

GATOR Gazette

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

First Communion, 4 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

iReady Diagnostic (1st-6th), 5/8-12

Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/8-12

Pastoral Council Meeting, 5/10

PK3 Grandparents Day, 5/12

PK4 Grandparents Day, 5/12

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Quick Links

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,

Walking to Mass this morning with a group of students, I overheard one student say, "You have to change from your "have to brain" to your "get to brain!" The whole group agreed and immediately became confident in presenting and even appreciative of the opportunity. What a great lesson! This made me smile for so many reasons, one of which is this mindset is the direct result of



project-based learning. Students understand the importance of the opportunities that are before them in and out of the classroom. This makes their learning more effective and meaningful... and, it's building a wonderful growth mindset for the future!

Fr. Mark and I have also witnessed the incredible growth mindset of our entire community through the Foundations for the Future Capital Campaign silent phase. And now we are beginning to see the same energy and excitement in the public phase as we hosted our small receptions the past two weeks. We are getting so close to building the gymnasium our school has desired and needed for so long now. We have three receptions left, the first two are this weekend for parishioners after the 4 pm Mass on Saturday and before the 6 pm Mass on Sunday.

Then, the last day to hear about the progress of our capital campaign for our school families is 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



Rosary Procession and May Crowning

FRIDAY, MAY 5 8:30AM HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH



HNJ CITY PARK NIGHT!

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Click here to place your orders in advance and save!





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 Mame 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.

Alumni Spotlight

Congratulations to our 2023 Distinguished Alumnus, David Blamphin! '87

The Blamphin family is engrained in the fabric of Holy Name of Jesus School. Dave Blamphin grew up in the walls of HNJ, with members of his family serving on the faculty, and





followed in their footsteps to become a PE coach, Athletic Director, and then Dean of Students. His daughters are third generation Holy name students. Dave currently continues to serve on the school board and the Foundations for the Future capital campaign committee. Holy Name of Jesus School knows that if it needs something done, calling, Dave will produce a positive and fruitful outcome!

Health Notes from Nurse Abby



HAPPY FRIDAY!

ENJOY THIS PICTURE OF SCHOOL NURSING BEHIND THE SCENES!

WILL THESE PEPPERMINTS LAST US UNTIL SUMMER?!

As always, please reach out to Nurse Abby @adonnelly@hnjschool.org for anything medical.

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

LITTLE GATORS CORNER



Rain or shine, we are always having fun at Little Gators.

Reminder:

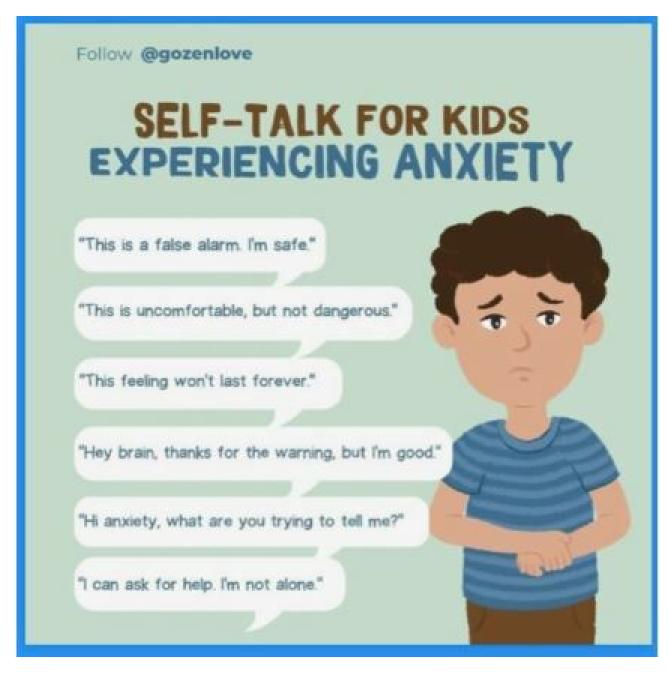


From the School Counselor

Positive self-talk is an effective strategy for helping kids improve their confidence and self-esteem. It helps children overcome negative thought patterns and replace those thoughts with more positive, realistic ones.

Positive self-talk involves seeing the reality of a situation and thinking about yourself with compassion and kindness. It's not just about optimism but about having thoughts that help you through difficult situations rather than putting yourself down further.





From the Swamp



Track and Field

The HNJ middle school track athletes participated in the St. Martin's track meet on Saturday, April 22. The 5th/6th girls finished 8th place in the team standings, the 5th/6th boys finished in 5th place, the 7th girls finished in 8th place and the 7th boys finished in 8th place in their divisions. Here are the top 3 finishers from

the meet:

5th/6th girls

100m hurdles- June Lunsford (3rd place)

400m- Khloe Hodge (3rd place)

1600m- June Lunsford (3rd place)

5th/6th boys

High jump- Tyson Magee (2nd place)

100m hurdles- Miles Goudelocke (3rd place)

800m- Miles Goudelocke (2nd place)

4*400 relay- Tyson Magee, Patrick Owen, Andrew McCormick, Miles

Goudelocke (2nd place)



7th girls

400m- Valentina Smith (3rd place)

4*400 relay- Charlotte Dietz, Juliette Amedee, O'Hara Pejic, Elizabeth Koveleskie (2nd place)

7th boys

High jump- Joseph Koveleskie (3rd place) 100m hurdles- Joseph Koveleskie (3rd place)











PK4-

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

CAMP CATOR 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.





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.

Have lunch with your PK4 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.

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



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



Submit Your Resume to gking@hnjschool.org





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tentative school calendar

HNJ Annual Giving

Help us reach our goal of \$100,000



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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

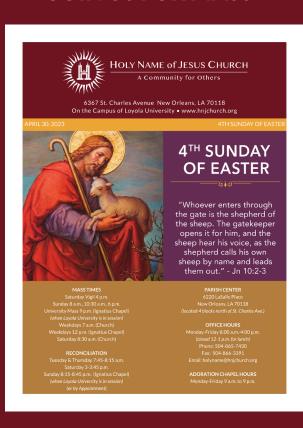
Maintain state-ofthe-art technology to support our curriculum

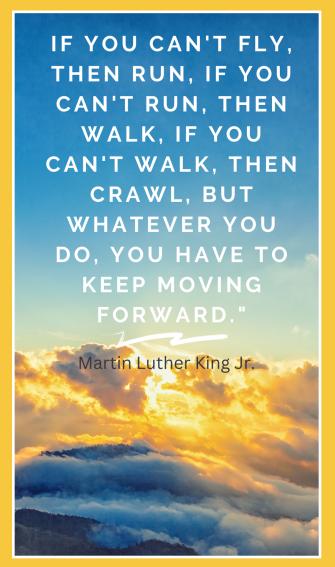
GOAL 3

Retain highly qualified teachers and provide ongoing professional development

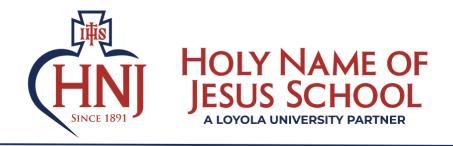


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Mission

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, projectbased 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 504-861-1466