

The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. - Psalm 4:23

What a wonderful PTC meeting this week! I am so grateful for Ana Rice's leadership and her willingness to partner with me on implementing a new parent informational series approach to our meetings. Christine Jontra from Neptune Navigate was a wonderful first presenter! As a reminder, please let us know if there are any other topics you would like us to have presenters speak on in the future. We want the sessions to be meaningful and purposeful to our families.

We are all living in this new and ever-adapting digital world. The better we partner with one another and strive to obtain as much information as possible, the safer we can keep our children. Like Christina said, we lock our doors, we also need to make sure we lock our devices. As a reminder her final challenge was to put away all devices for:

- 1 hour per day
- 1 day per week
- 1 week per year

Send us your pictures of the activities that arise during these moments of digital respite, and we'll share them with our HNJ Community via social media. If you missed the presentation, go to <https://neptunenavigate.com/helpful-hints/> and scroll down to "Tips for Parents."

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. - 1 Peter 5:8

To tie up the messaging last week, Fr. Eddie's homily at Mass on Friday challenged the students to find adventure with purpose. He asked them to be courageous by including others, standing up for others, not cheating, and always being honest. Showing courage makes us stronger inside.

Let's continue to work together to help our students gain the confidence to be courageous, guard their hearts, and be alert!

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams

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What's Important This Week & Next

Wednesday, September 6

- Later Gators closes at 4:45 p.m. due to Back to School Night
- Back-to-School Night (PK3-7th Grade Parent Orientation - begins in Willoz Family Auditorium)
 - Early Childhood, 5 p.m.
 - Lower School, 5:45 p.m.
 - Middle School, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 7

- Men's Club Meeting (Steak Night), 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 8

- School Mass (2nd-7th), Homeroom 6Z sponsoring; parents are welcome to join us

Sunday, September 10

- Children's Liturgy begins, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 12

- 7th Grade Parent Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

- 5th Grade Grandparents/Grandfriends Lunch, 12:30 p.m. **(RSVP)**
- Girl Scouts Interest Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

- 6th Grade Grandparents/Grandfriends Lunch, 12:30 p.m. **(RSVP)**

Friday, September 15

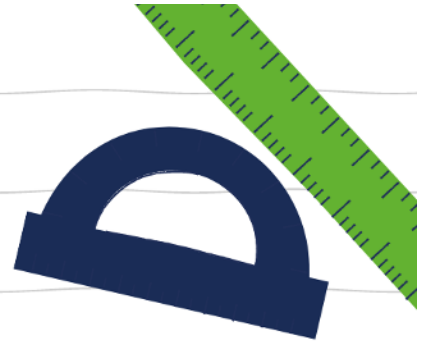
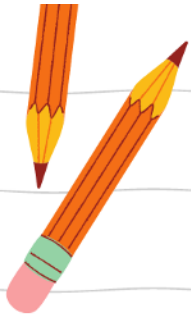
- School Mass (2nd-7th), Homeroom 5B sponsoring; parents are welcome to join us
- 7th Grade Grandparents/Grandfriends Lunch, 12:40 p.m. **(RSVP)**
- PTC Back-to-School BBQ, 6 p.m.
 - **Pre-orders** available
 - **Volunteers** needed

Sunday, September 17

- Catechetical Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m. (7th grade sponsoring); 7th Grade Retreat begins

Quick Links





Back to School Night

Learn about your child's
classroom, teacher, and the
exciting learning opportunities
planned for the year!

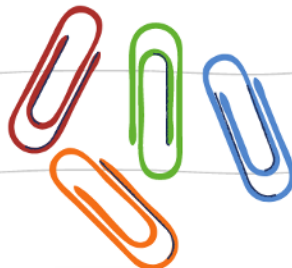
Willoz Family Auditorium

Wednesday, September 6

Early Childhood(PK3-K)- 5:00 PM

Lower School (1-4)- 5:45 PM

Middle School (5-7)- 6:30 PM



Parents Only



THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH

HOLY NAME OF JESUS 2023

PRESENTED BY TAYLOR FARMS

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Counselor's Corner

High School Open Houses & Events

It's an exciting time for our 5th-7th grade students as high school admissions events are starting to take place! Middle school students have many opportunities to explore the various Catholic high schools in order to identify the school that best suits their unique interests and abilities! We strongly encourage students to experience on-campus events, including Open Houses and Spend-a-Days.

To schedule a Spend-a-Day experience or to register for other admissions events, visit the website of the high school(s) of your choice. Absences due to Spend-a-Day events are excused, but missed school work is still expected to be completed.

Nurse's Notes

Current COVID-19 Protocol

There are no requirements for testing. If symptomatic, students are required to follow the same rules for other illnesses and return only after being free from fever/vomiting/diarrhea without any medications for 24 hours.

As a reminder, parents are to inform Nurse Abby whenever lice is found and your child is treated. Because we've had several cases within the same grade since starting school, we need to monitor the spread within the grade levels.

Other communicable diseases that should always be reported to Nurse Abby in order to inform the class include pinworm and hand, food, and mouth disease.

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

HNJ Open House Coming Soon!

Dear HNJ Parents,

Our Open House for prospective families is Thursday, October 5 from 4-7 p.m. This is a huge event for HNJ Admissions, and kicks off our application process for the 2024-2025 school year. I am sure that many of you attended this event prior to joining our community, and know what a big impact it has!

I need YOUR HELP to promote our school! It is so nice to have current parents at this event to give tours to our prospective families and tell them about all the great things we offer here. You will be given a tour "cheat sheet" with all the talking points. Whether you are a new family this year, or have been here for generations, I know you can give a great tour!

If giving tours does not interest you, there are other ways you can help! We will need help setting up before the event (2:00-3:30 p.m.), cleaning up afterwards, or even donating decorations. We also would love to have some students to help welcome our new families into the event.

If you are available to help in these, or any other ways, please complete this form! If you have any questions about Open House, feel free to reach out!

Help us show the community why it's a great day to be a gator by clicking [here](#)!

Thank you!

Kaitlin Southwick, Assistant Principal of Student Life and Admissions (ksouthwick@hnjschool.org)





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Men's Club General Meeting *Steak Night!*



Join us **Thursday, Sept. 7th** in the school basement for the first Men's Club meeting of the school year. This is a great time to meet the new dads and get involved with upcoming events. Parking available in the Chiu Family Yard.

Please be sure to *pay your dues* on the website,
hnjmensclub.org, to reserve your steak.



Scan or click the QR code to pay your dues

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

(5TH, 6TH, AND 7TH)

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

GRANDPARENTS/
GRANDFRIENDS DAY

5TH GRADE: SEPT. 13, 12:30-1:15 P.M.

6TH GRADE: SEPT. 14, 12:30-1:15 P.M.

7TH GRADE: SEPT. 15, 12:40-1:25 P.M.



PARKING IN THE CHIU FAMILY YARD
BEGINNING AT 12:00 P.M.

CHECK EMAIL LATER THIS WEEK
FOR PRE-REGISTRATION LINK

SAVE THE DATE!

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LOWER SCHOOL

(1ST, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH GRADE)

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

GRANDPARENTS/
GRANDFRIENDS DAY



1ST GRADE: FEB. 27, 10:45-11:30 A.M.

2ND GRADE: FEB. 28, 11:20-12:05 PM

3RD GRADE: FEB. 29. 11:50-12:35 P.M.

4TH GRADE: MARCH 1, 12:30-1:15 P.M.

MORE INFO WILL BE SENT TO EACH GRADE LEVEL
AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE DATES

SAVE THE DATE!

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EARLY CHILDHOOD

(PK3, PK4, KINDERGARTEN)

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

GRANDPARENTS/
GRANDFRIENDS DAY

PK3: APRIL 10, 11:30-12:30 P.M.

PK4: APRIL 11, 11:45-12:45 P.M.

KINDER: APRIL 12, 10:50-11:50 A.M.

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ALL HNJ FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

BACK TO
SCHOOL

BBQ DINNER



Hosted by **PARENT TEACHER CLUB**

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER**

15

**HNJ SCHOOL
CHIU FAMILY YARD**

**6-9 P.M.
BRING THE FAMILY**

**CLICK HERE TO PRE-ORDER YOUR
MEAL TICKETS - CHARGE TO FACTS**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Back-to-School BBQ

Friday, September 15

6-9 p.m.

Click here to sign up!



Flourish Prep 2023

Catholic High School Placement Test Prep



Prep Classes: 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Thursday, Nov. 30

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Thursday, Dec. 7

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Thursday, Dec. 14

Location: 6325 Cromwell Pl,
New Orleans, LA 70118

Available to all students

Entrance Fee: \$250

Practice Test: 8:00-11:00 am
Saturday, December 16

Class materials will
be provided



Register Online at flourishprep.com

For More Info Call: (504) 400-7308

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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](#)



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

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**23RD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"If your brother sins
against you, go and tell
him his fault between you
and him alone. If he listens
to you, you have won
over your brother."
- Mt 18:15

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 3-2:45 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.

Altar Servers Needed

Holy Name of Jesus is in need of altar servers for its 4 p.m. Saturday Vigil, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses. It is a wonderful, graced ministry that is open to children who have received the Sacrament of Eucharist. We will train you and offer opportunities for community building among the servers. All servers, new and experienced, will need to attend a mandatory training on either Saturday, September 9 at 3 or 5 p.m., or Sept. 24 after the 10:30 Mass.

Coming soon: HNJ 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!

[Click here to get involved with our Grandparents Club](#)

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.

Art Fundraiser Coming Soon!



Our school is participating in a fundraiser with Art to Remember. This program benefits our art department and you will have the opportunity to purchase keepsake items customized with your child's artwork. The products make great gifts for friends and family members!



ALMOST

SOLD OUT

WICKED

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

HNJ NIGHT @ THE SAENGER

WHAT: WICKED

**ABOUT 50 TICKETS REMAIN
GET YOURS TODAY!!!**

WHEN: TUESDAY DECEMBER 5, 2023 @ 7:30 PM

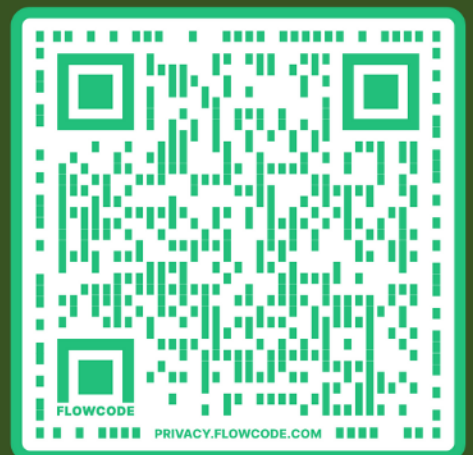
WHERE: THE SAENGER THEATRE

TICKETS : www.showtix4u.com/events/hnj

Come see WICKED with the
HNJ Community as we take a field trip
to the Saenger on December 5, 2023.

ALMOST SOLD OUT!!!!

Get your tickets ASAP



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW MANY TICKETS CAN I PURCHASE?

You may purchase as many tickets as you would like (yes, including parents/adults) However, only HNJ families may ride on the provided buses to and from the theatre.

WILL THERE BE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED?

Buses will be provided to and from the Saenger to HNJ. Your ticket includes transportation. However, you may opt out of riding the bus and drive to and from the Saenger on your own.

HOW MUCH ARE TICKETS AND WHERE ARE THEY LOCATED?

There are two tier prices available for purchase : \$110 and \$100. The \$110 tickets are located in the middle Orchestra C,R,L section and the \$100 tickets are located in the rear Orchestra C,R,L section. You will be seated with your entire party.

WILL THERE BE CHAPERONES?

There will be 8 HNJ chaperones accompanying the group to the performance. Parents are encouraged and welcome to attend with their child, but you may purchase a single seat for your child and they will be looked after. If you decide NOT to accompany your child to the show, please email Mr. Greg after your purchase so he can notate that your child needs a chaperone.

HOW LONG IS THE SHOW AND WHAT TIME CAN I PICK UP MY CHILD @ HNJ?

Wicked runs approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes (Including intermission) The buses will depart the Saenger immediately following the performance. You should expect to pick up your child between 10:45pm and 11:00pm in the Big Yard.

Feel free to reach out to Mr. Greg with any and all questions!
gkata@hnjschool.org

Looking forward to another awesome evening at the Saenger!
See you there!



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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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