

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

To wonder...to achieve... to make a difference... together! We brought this motto to life last week! Our school is so very blessed to have such a vibrant, active, and involved community. October is always filled with many activities, and those activities would not be possible without hundreds of volunteers. A synopsis of volunteerism last week follows.

Mr. Sammy, Mr. Z, and the Beta Club organized a beautiful and touching Living Rosary on Thursday morning. So many student volunteers read each part. The blacktop was packed with families who joined us. The sweetest part was the young voices reading the prayers while other young students sat around clutching their rosary beads in full participation.

Then, on Thursday afternoon, HNJ held the annual Open House. 52 prospective families visited our amazing school. Students greeted families, helped with tours, and volunteered in specific classrooms. We also had numerous family members volunteer who set up and gave tours. Our families are our best marketing! I asked one prospective family how they heard about HNJ. They told me that 3 different families mentioned how much they love HNJ. They mentioned that one or two made them pause to consider HNJ, but once they received the third recommendation, they HAD to come to check us out. Thank you!

After Open House, our supportive Men's Club cooked dinner for our teachers! It was nice for teachers to relax together and not have to worry about cooking when they got home!

My favorite part of the week was Friday when parents met with teachers. I received such positive feedback from both parents and teachers. Parents are extremely appreciative of their teachers and supportive of the students. Teachers, in turn, were pleased with the support they received from parents. Together this will ensure personal growth in all of our students!

While all of that was happening, planning meetings occurred for Trick or Trunk (PTC), Capital Campaign funding, Gator Fest, and School Board goals. All of this occurred in one week! Go Gators!!

God Bless, Kirsch J. Williams







Important Dates

Tuesday, October 15

7th Grade Pink Volleyball Game 3:45 @ Loyola



Wednesday, October 16

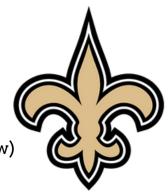
Picture Re-Takes (<u>instructions</u>)
Fall Sports Pictures
Trick or Trunk Collection Day



Saints or Pink Out Spirit Shirt Day

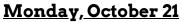


HNJ Youth Group Middle School Night (see flyer below)



Saturday, October 19

HNJ Day @ Tulane Football (see flyer below)
Trick or Trunk (see flyer below)



HNJ Spirit Shirt Day
Gator Fest Collection (all week)



Wednesday, October 23

Blue Oak BBQ Fundraiser (see flyer below)

Friday, October 25

Art to Remember Orders Due















COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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This month each class (grades PK3-7) will participate in one Safe Environment presentation designed to teach students how to recognize potentially dangerous situations, protect themselves against such situations, and to take appropriate action if they are unsafe. This safety presentation is mandated for all students at Archdiocesan schools.

We must give children and youth the tools they need to help us keep them safe by educating them regarding boundaries, safe and unsafe behaviors and healthy relationships. Empowering God's Children® is an age-appropriate comprehensive program through which educators and parents can give children and youth the tools they need to protect themselves and what to do if someone tries to violate their boundaries. Students learn simple rules about what to do and how to react when someone's touch is confusing, scary, or makes the child or young person feel uncomfortable. Families can be the most important teachers for children of any age!

If you do not wish for your child to participate in this course at school and would prefer to teach the safety information at home, please complete this form before Friday, October 18, 2024.

Tips for Talking to Children About Personal Safety

- Tell children that their bodies are their own- no one else has a right to touch them if they don't want the touch or to hurt them.
- Teach your kids that "no" and "stop" are important words and should be honored. When someone else says stop: When your child says no:

Safe Touch: high fives, hugging, or touches to private parts that keep us healthy and clean

Unsafe Touch:

- Encourage children to trust their feelings about safe and unsafe touches. Touches t el uncomfortable or give them the "uh-oh" feeling are probably unsafe
- Give children options for greeting and saying goodbye to people. Never force a child to hug, touch or kiss anybody.

 Kids may not always feel comfortable around people
 - they just met or even relatives who live for away, and it is important to allow kids to listen to their "gut feelings" about what feels safe, unsafe, or confusing,

Ideas for saying goodbye:

- Avoid score tactics, Explain to children that most people don't do anyone harm, but if anyone, even other kids, makes you feel uncomfortable or touches you in an inappropriate way, you need to tell an adult that you trust. Teach children that safe-touch rules apply all the time, not just with strangers.
- Stress that unsafe or uncomfortable secrets should be told to a trusted adult.
- Help your children plan ahead with the following scenarios!

What would YOU do if...

What would YOU do if..

Help create a support system for your child-make a list of people they can talk to and



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Accidents Happen: Helping Young Learners Bounce Back

Our early childhood classrooms have been abuzz with discussions about accidents and how to handle them. Following our Second Step program, students are learning that accidents, whether knocking into a friend or spilling milk at home, are a normal part of life. The key is learning how to respond in a kind and positive way.In our lessons, we're exploring how to recognize when an accident has happened, take a deep breath, and then apologize or clean up. Most importantly, we're emphasizing that accidents don't make us "bad" - they're simply mistakes that we can learn from. With your support at home, our young learners are developing the social-emotional skills to bounce back from life's little mishaps. Please feel free to reinforce these lessons by talking with your child about how you handle accidents in your own life. Together, we can help our students become resilient problem-solvers, ready to tackle whatever comes their way.







WHAT'S HAPPPENING THIS WEEK IN

HNJ ATHLETICS?

REMINDER

All Fall Sports Teams will take their team pictures on Wednesday, October 16. Athletes should bring their team uniforms to school to change into for the pictures





Join us Tuesday, October 15 and Thursday, October 17 to support the Volleyball Teams in their annual pink games!

Upcoming Athletic Events

5th Grade Football

Wednesday, October 16 vs. Stuart Hall (4p @ Avenger - Small) Monday, October 21 vs. Trinity (4p @ Avenger - Small)

6th Grade Football

Monday, October 21 vs. Trinity (4p @ Avenger - Large)

7th Grade Football

Tuesday, October 22 vs Christian Brothers (4p @ Avenger - Large)

7th Grade Volleyball

Tuesday, October 15 vs. Sacred Heart (3:45p @ Loyola) *PINK GAME* Thursday, October 17 vs. Trinity (3:45 @ Loyola) *PINK GAME*

Swim Team

Saturday, October 26 NOAL Championships at St. Martin's 8 am









All State Honor Choir

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted to this year's Louisiana All State Honor Choir! They will perform on Saturday, November 9 at 1:00pm at the Lafon Performing Arts Center.



Laura Dawson
Anna Gay
Anna Kramer
Molly Mortillaro
Catalina Rice
Olivia Shaw
Madeleine Snyder
Charlotte Suire
Virginia Waldron
Olivia Watson
James Zubic



Gator Fest Grade Level Performances

We encourage all students in grades K-4 to come sing and perform with their class for Gator Fest! Student performances during Gator Fest will be inside the building in the Haase Auditorium.

Please bring your child to the auditorium to meet with Mrs. Ptak 20 minutes prior to your child's performance time.



Saturday, November 2

11:00-11:05 Kindergarten 11:30 - 11:35 1st grade 12:00 -12:05 2nd grade

Sunday, November 3

12:00-12:05 3rd grade 12:30-12:35 4th grade



Please email Mrs. Ptak at eptak@hnjschool.org with any questions.





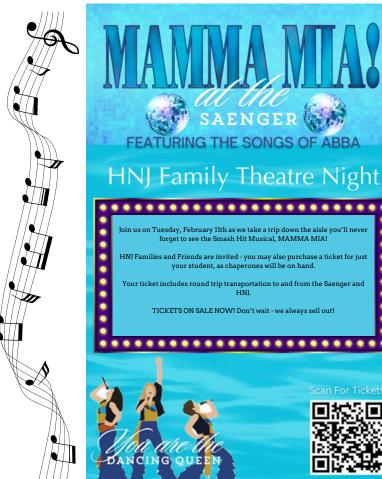








Any remaining pumpkins will be discarded!











October 19, 2024



6:00 - 9:00 PM



Candy Collection: October 16 and 18

Click here to pre-register and order food

Click here to volunteer

FEATURING

Men's Club Haunted House!







HOLY NAME OF JESUS MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS



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







GREEN WAVE FOOTBALL



VS



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH @ 2:30 PM

HOLY NAME DAY
WITH TULANE FOOTBALL!

\$5 TICKETS AND POST-GAME EXPERIENCE



https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/HolyNameTU

QUESTIONS? CONTACT TULANE TICKET OFFICE 504-861-9283 OR GOWAVEGO@TULANE.EDU























Dear HNJ Community,

This year, Gator Fest will again have the Sports Raffle Booth. In 2023, with the support of our Holy Name Family, the booth was a great success. Once again, I am reaching out to the HNJ community to ask if you have any connections to items that can be raffled off as prizes throughout Gator Fest weekend.

Items of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- · Saints tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- · Pelicans tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Jesters tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- · Gold tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- · Tulane (football, baseball, basketball) tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- · LSU (football, baseball, basketball) tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- · Loyola Athletics tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- UNO baseball or basketball tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Sports camp vouchers
- · Gift certificates (City Putt, golf courses, restaurants, tennis facilities, etc.)
- Health and wellness memberships

All donations can be turned in to Mrs. Becky Keller in the office. The deadline to submit donations is October 28. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at davidblamphin@gmail.com.

Thank you for all of your support. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Gator Fest next month.

Go Gators, David Blamphin Co-Chair Sports Raffle Booth







GATOR FEST 2024

MADE BY ME

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please consider donating your handcrafted items to our 2024 Gator Fest Made by Me Booth. We had such wonderful donations last year. I wanted to give everyone time to make their creations. Students, faculty, family and friends of HNJ are all welcome to donate items.

HAVE FUN CRAFTING! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!



Slime

Tumblers

Earrings

Bracelets

Door Decor

Painted Pots

Stationary

Photography

Apparel/ Accessories

Art

Face Glitter

HNJ Themed Items

PLEASE SEND ALL ITEMS TO:

Kathryn Suire via the HNJ Front Office

Kathryn: 504.251.2442





Looking for the perfect Birthday Party?

Gator Fest 2024 has you covered!

<u>Click this flyer</u> for a link to reserve a table right by the stage to set up your party headquarters!

\$50/table for a 2-hour reservation*

Email Caroline Sholl for more information! csholl@hnjschool.org

*table reservation only. Supplies, decorations, and food not included.







Let's Make a Difference... Together!



We are in an exciting time of growth here at Holy Name. Our enrollment is growing; our students are excelling academically and are being accepted into their high schools of choice; and this fall we will break ground on a brand new Little Gators Early Childhood Center, along with the first phase of our new school gym!

Our Annual Giving Appeal is something we do every year to support the school's annual operating budget. We rely on your gifts to help bridge the gap between what parents pay for tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student. This campaign is separate from our Capital Campaign, which raises funds for capital improvements. Gifts to the Annual Fund help support our Mission, including:

- · Attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers with competitive salaries,
- Providing tuition assistance for families who need it,
- And equipping our students with the resources they need to strive for their personal excellence.

View Our Gift Catalog

Here!

Make a Gift!

Read the full letter from our Annual Fund co-chairs here!























Register Online at flourishprep.com



For more information about High School, email Brianna Begault bbegault@hnjschool.org

Not just for 7th Grade!
All Middle School students are
invited to attend High School
Open Houses and other
Admissions Events

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

For More Info Call: (504) 400-7308

OPEN HOUSE DATES

September 27- HS Information Night-all schools at SAS		
Academy of Our Lady	Th-November 7	4-7 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours on request	
Archbishop Chapelle	Th-November 7	4-6 PM
Archbishop Hannan	Th-October 24	4:30-6:30 PM
Archbishop Rummel	W-October 30	6 PM
Archbishop Shaw	Th-October 15	5-8 PM
Brother Martin	Th-November 7	4-7 PM
Cabrini High School	Th-October 3	3:30-6:30 PM
De La Salle	T-October29	4-7 PM
Holy Cross	W-October 16	6-8 PM
Jesuit	W-November 6	4:15, 5:00, 5:45 & 6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Academy	Th-October 10	3-7:30 PM
Pope John Paul II	Th-October 24	5-7 PM
St. Augustine	M-November 11	4:30-7:30 PM
St. Charles Catholic	W-October 23	5-7:30 PM
St. Katharine Drexel	Th-November 7	5:30-7:30 PM
St. Mary's Academy	W-November 6	6-8 PM
St. Mary's Dominican	Th-October 17	3:30-6:30 PM
St. Michael Special School	Th-October 17	9-11 AM
St. Paul's	Sat-November 2	1-3 PM
St. Scholastica Academy	Th-November 7	4-6:30 PM
St. Therese Academy	W-October 23	5-7 PM
Ursuline Academy	Th-October 24	4-6

REV 9-5-24









Altar Servers Needed!



Interested in becoming an altar server at Holy Name of Jesus Church? Any students who have received First Communion are encouraged to sign up. We are in need of altar servers at all weekend masses. Please contact Kristy Christiansen at kristy.christiansen@gmail.com for details.







Diaper Need Defined

Diaper need is the lack of sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry & healthy.

1 in 2

1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant

3 in 5

clean, dry & healthy 3 in 5 parents miss work or school

28%

because they can't afford diapers to leave their baby in childcare

28% of parents experiencing diaper need reported skipping meals to afford diapers

Without diapers. babies cannot attend childcare.

Without childcare. parents cannot attend work or school.

Diaper need has adverse health risks for children and stress, anxiety & depression for parents.

Little Gators will be collecting diapers for the Junior League drive for the next couple of weeks. Please drop diapers off at the Little Gators Entrance (Cromwell Pl) OR the Front Office (Calhoun Red Canopy)

> Email Stephanie Rios for more information srios@hnjschool.org













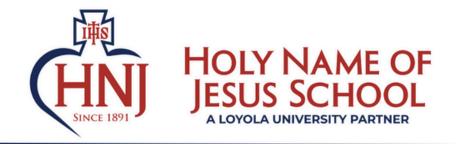


NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS SQUADLOCKER TSHIRTS ARE ALSO NOT CONSIDERED A SPIRIT SHIRT FOR SPIRIT DAY.









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





