

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

November 19, 2024

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

When I lost my father at the age of 10, my mom put me in theatre at Rivertown. I fell in love with the camaraderie, the mutual support, and the family atmosphere. I gained a tremendous amount of confidence through that experience, as well. I eventually expanded to other community theatres and then decided to go to Mt. Carmel because they had an extremely reputable theatre program. In college, I obtained my B.F.A. with an emphasis in production management. I designed lights for famous artists and served as the production manager for local performance art venues until my daughter was born. Having a child changes you! I realized the importance of being there for her, so I decided to teach theatre rather than work nights in the production world.

Theatre has made me who I am. If your child is part of Mr. Greg's program, that experience is helping to develop who they become, too! I witnessed confidence, vulnerability, and team work in students who are otherwise shy or don't particularly like to be the center of attention. I also witnessed middle school students displaying leadership skills while gently guiding younger students in the ways of theatre. I am so proud of each student, from the smallest to the most veteran!

Thank you to the parents who helped, Mr. Sammy, and to Mr. Greg! Bringing that theatre to life twice a year is a dream come true for me. I appreciate everyone who supports that effort.

Lastly, happy Thanksgiving to everyone in our HNJ Gator family. I count you among my many blessings!

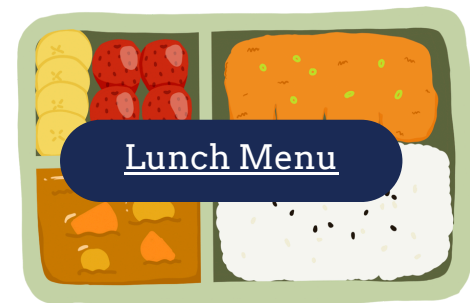
God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates



Tuesday, November 19

Report Cards Emailed

Wednesday, November 20

Kindergarten Grandparent's Day (10:45 @ Parish Center)

5th Grade Grandparent's Day (12:30 @ Parish Center)

PTC Parent Social 6:30 - 8:00 PM (see flyer below)

Thursday, November 21

Honor Roll Ceremony 8:00 AM in Auditorium

First Grade Grandparent's Day (10:45 @ Parish Center)

Sixth Grade Grandparent's Day (12:30 @ Parish Center)

Loyola Basketball Game vs. UT Southern @ 12:30

Friday, November 22

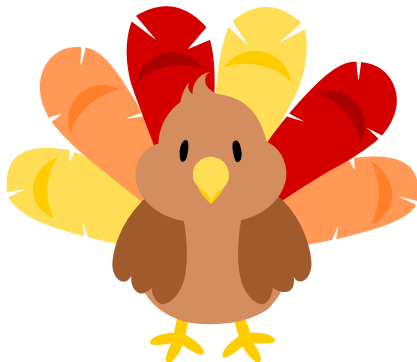
School Mass 8:30 AM (2nd-7th Grade in Church)

Liturgy of the Word 9:45 AM (PK4-1st Grade in Auditorium)

Second Grade Grandparent's Day (10:45 @ Parish Center)

Seventh Grade Grandparent's Day (12:30 @ Parish Center)

No Later Gators (Little Gators - 7th Grade)



November 25-29

No School - Thanksgiving Break

Monday, December 2

School Resumes

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, December 3

iGive Catholic Day

Grand Gators Christmas Party 8:15 AM (see flyer below)



December 6-8

Men's Club Christmas Tree Sale (see flyer below)



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org

The Importance of Attendance

There is a clear connection between student attendance and student performance in school. Data shows that higher attendance equals higher achievement for all students. Talking to your child regarding the importance of attendance is crucial to his or her success. Chronic Absenteeism (missing more than 10% of days enrolled for any reason) is the single strongest predictor of academic and social decline in students. Children who miss school miss out on opportunities to learn, build lasting friendships, and develop the skills and attitudes needed to become good citizens and valued employees.

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

- Let your child know that you think school is important.
- Take an interest in your child's school work.
- Limit and balance extracurricular activities.
- Provide a set time and a quiet, clean area for doing homework.
- Post the school calendar and notes on the refrigerator, or another prominent location.
- Set a regular bedtime schedule. Age should not be a factor.
- Provide your child with plenty of time to get ready for school.
- Don't expect your older children to stay home and act as babysitters for younger children.
- Set good examples and enforce rules.
- Have regular communication with the school. If your child is ill, contact the school and explain the reason for the absence.

Christmas Cheer at HNJ!



Send us your family's
Christmas Card to display in
the Front Office!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

IMPORTANT

All Fall sports uniforms are due to Coach T, Coach Josh, or the front office washed and labeled.

Loyola Women's Basketball Game

Dear 1st - 7th HNJ Parents,

Continuing our tradition, the Holy Name community is invited to attend the annual Loyola Women's Basketball Day Game on Thursday, November 21. The Loyola Wolfpack will be facing Tennessee Southern at the Loyola University Sports Complex. After lunch at HNJ, students in grades 1st through 7th will walk to the game with their teachers, with tip-off scheduled for 12 p.m. Students are expected to return to campus around 2:15 p.m. On game day, students may wear their HNJ spirit shirt with uniform bottoms, following the spirit day guidelines outlined in the handbook.

The Loyola Women's Basketball Annual School Day offers our students a fantastic opportunity to appreciate the values of teamwork, camaraderie, and sportsmanship in an intercollegiate setting while supporting our local community during an enjoyable and interactive afternoon. The Loyola Wolfpack Head Coach, Kellie Kennedy, a former HNJ parent, currently is ranked 13th nationally in the NAIA polls.

While the event is free, parents must submit a signed permission form found here: [Loyola Women's Basketball Game](#). All forms must be submitted by noon on Wednesday, November 20. Special arrangements will be made for students who do not submit their forms by the deadline.

Go Pack!
Go Gators!

Coach T

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GATOR ATHLETIC CLUB

The Gator Athletic Club board of directors would like to thank all 2024-25 corporate sponsors and members. There is still time to join the club and make an impact on all HNJ student-athletes and the Holy Name Athletics department. Join here: <https://www.hnjschool.org/gator-athletic-club>

Corporate Sponsors



The Rice Family



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Gator Athletic Club Members

Adam Barnes
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Callie Folse
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Allie Miller
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Chad Rice
Patrick Sheehan
Carson Strickland
Anderson Sunda-Meya
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Dr. Jamie Toso
Britny Trahant
James and Meredith Waldron
Sarah Worsley
Simon Zippert

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Music Notes

Congratulations to our All-State Honor Choir students who performed in this year's children's choir with two hundred students from across the state of Louisiana under the direction of Mr. Vincent Oakes.



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



**11/20
6:30 PM**

Parent SOCIAL

The Holy Name of Jesus PTC invites you to join us for a Parent Social! Meet and connect with other parents and learn ways to get involved at Holy Name! Refreshments provided and parking available in the Chiu Family Yard.



Babysitting for \$5 per child (PK3-6TH) provided by HNJ 7th grade. Proceeds benefit the 7th grade trip!



**REGISTER FOR
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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

November 11-20, 2024


Little Gators - Rice / Beans
PK3 & PK4 - Cornbread Mix / Stuffing Mix
Kindergarten - Peanut Butter / Jelly
1st & 2nd - Cranberry Sauce / Gravy
3rd & 4th - Mashed Potatoes / Mac & Cheese Mix
5th & 6th - Canned Vegetables
7th - Dessert Mixes / Pie Crust / Pie Filling

***Items will be collected at HNJ School
through Wednesday, November 20.***



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Holiday Cheer

Join Us for the HNJ Grandparent Christmas Party

Tuesday December 3, 2024

8:15 am - 9:30 am

HNJ Parish Center at 6220 LaSalle Place

Parking will be available in the school Chiu Family Yard
starting immediately after morning carpool (about 8 am).
The Parish Center is across Calhoun St. from the parking lot.

Optional: Bring a wrapped gift for the White Elephant Exchange.
This is an item from your home that you would like to "regift".

Optional: We are collecting Christmas items for a Gift Basket. The basket will
be given to one lucky Staff member or Teacher in a Christmas drawing.
Ideas: candle, ornament, napkins, wine, champagne, gift certificate for coffee

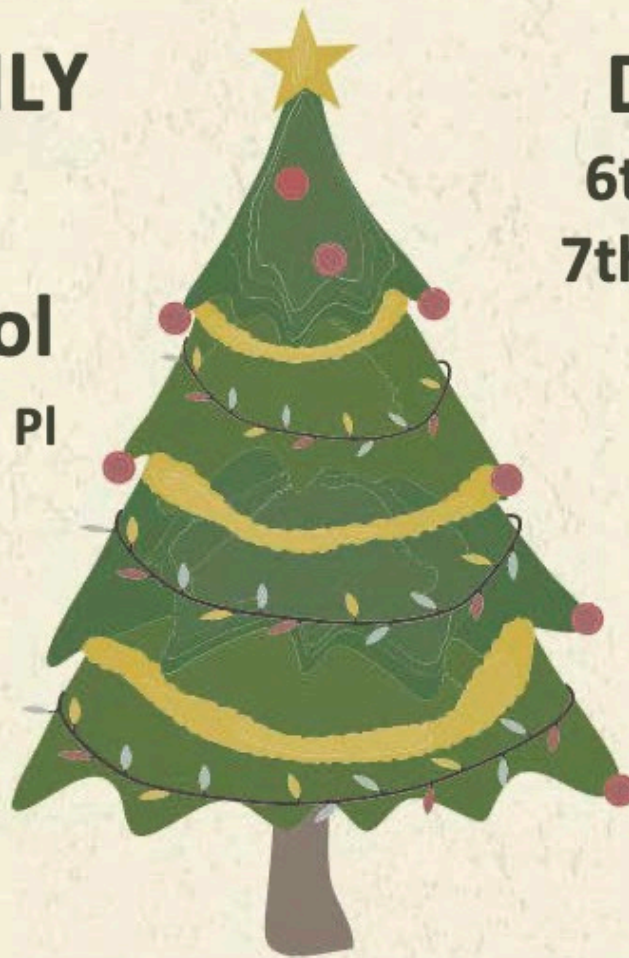
Mark your Calendar!

Don't miss the Christmas food, drink, fun and fellowship!

HNJ MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

**CHIU FAMILY
YARD**

HNJ School
6325 Cromwell Pl



DECEMBER
6th - 5pm-10pm
7th - 8am-soldout


Be sure to pre-order to secure your tree!
For more details and to order, visit the
Men's Club website:

<https://www.hnjmensclub.org/shop>



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The 7th grade class invites HNJ middle
school students
to a

Christmas Social

Saturday, December 7

6:30 - 8:30 PM
HNJ Basement

[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP!](#)

Santa's
Coming!!!

Holiday MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2024

Grab your PJs, cozy up, and join us for our
2nd Annual Holiday Movie Night featuring ELF
Enjoy the magic of the season on the big screen,
complete with festive treats and holiday cheer.

● \$15 per ticket
Includes admission,
snacks & a drink

● 6pm to 7pm -
Photos w/ Santa &
Buddy
7pm - Showtime



Click for
Tickets



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Flourish Prep 2024

Catholic High School Placement Test Prep



Prep Classes: 6:00-7:30 pm

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Thursday, Dec. 5

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Thursday, Dec. 12

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Thursday, Dec. 19

Location: 6325 Cromwell Pl,
New Orleans, LA 70118

Available to all students

Entrance Fee: \$250

Practice Test: 8:00-11:00 am

Saturday, January 4

Class materials will
be provided



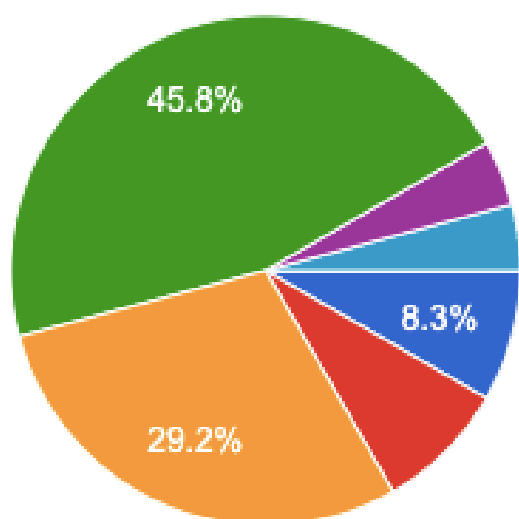
Register Online at flourishprep.com

For More Info Call: (504) 400-7308

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It was an extra exciting week for our seventh grade students as they discerned their next step in Catholic education. All high school applications are now in! See the breakdown of which Archdiocesan schools our oldest gators are applying to for eighth grade/high school:



- Brother Martin High School
- De La Salle High School
- St. Mary's Dominican High School
- Jesuit High School
- Mount Carmel Academy
- St. Augustine High School
- Non-Archdiocesan School

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Want to shout out some Gators in next week's Gazette?
Email text and photos to Kaitlin Southwick at ksouthwick@hnjschool.org

Gator Spotlight

3rd and 4th Grade Students journeyed to the North Shore to experience Louisiana's Renaissance Festival. It was a step back in time for students, where they explored what life was like back then through activities such as a fire show, candlemaking, and singing.



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UPCOMING

SEVENTH GRADE

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

**SUPPORT THE HNJ SEVENTH GRADE CLASS TRIP THIS SPRING
BY PURCHASING FOOD FROM THESE LOCAL RESTAURANTS.**

BE SURE TO MENTION HNJ!

October 29	BLAZE PIZZA 4:00 - 8:00 PM Freret St. Location Only
Must show this flyer November 9	PANERA BREAD All Day! 309 N. Carrollton Ave. Location Only
December 12	RAISING CANE'S 3:30 - 8:30 PM 3235 S. Carrollton Ave. Location Only
	BLUE OAK BBQ Details Coming Soon!
February 7-9	PEPPERONI'S CAFE Breakfast only for all three days

Contact Gwen Chavez for more information
gpeacoc@tulane.edu

FREE SPIRIT

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

Grand-Friends Week

COME ENJOY A CATERED LUNCH
WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN!

Rescheduled

Wednesday, November 20
10:45-11:45 a.m.: Kindergarten
12:30-1:30 p.m.: 5th Grade

Thursday, November 21
10:45-11:45 a.m.: 1st Grade
12:30-1:30 p.m.: 6th Grade

Friday, November 22
10:45-11:45 a.m.: 2nd Grade
12:30-1:30 p.m.: 7th Grade

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR THESE NEW DATES
AFTER HURRICANE FRANCINE CANCELED THE
ORIGINAL CELEBRATION.
RSVP AND LUNCH MENU TO FOLLOW.

SAVE THE DATE

'80s Totally Totally tennis

HNJ SCHOOL TENNIS + PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

March 26th, 2025

REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW

MAMMA MIA!

at the
SAENGER

FEATURING THE SONGS OF ABBA

HNJ Family Theatre Night

Join us on Tuesday, February 11th as we take a trip down the aisle you'll never forget
to see the Smash Hit Musical, MAMMA MIA!

HNJ Families and Friends are invited - you may also purchase a ticket for just your
student, as chaperones will be on hand.

Your ticket includes round trip transportation to and from the Saenger and HNJ.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW! Don't wait - we always sell out!

Scan For Tickets



*You are the
DANCING QUEEN*

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HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

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NOVEMBER 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



EVERYONE WHO
BELONGS TO THE
TRUTH LISTENS TO
MY VOICE.

— JOHN 18:37 —

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4 p.m.
University Mass 9 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
Weekdays 7 a.m. (Adoration Chapel)
Weekdays 12:30 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Church)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m.
(Adoration Chapel)
Saturday 3:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Loyola 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.)

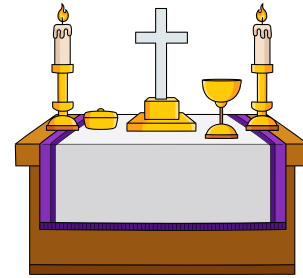
OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch)
Phone: 504-865-7430
Email: holyname@hnjchurch.org

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

WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG

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.



INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW HNJ SQUADLOCKER SHOP!



LOOKING FOR MORE HNJ GEAR?

THIS CONVENIENT ONLINE STORE IS ALWAYS OPEN! NO DEADLINES OR ORDER WINDOWS.
ALL SHOP PRODUCTS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED USING ANY OF THE BELOW NEWLY DESIGNED LOGOS.

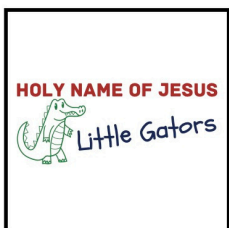
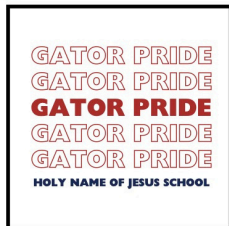
SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SEE ALL THE GREAT OPTIONS!

ADULT, YOUTH, INFANT, AND TODDLER SIZES AVAILABLE



**SWEATSHIRTS
TSHIRTS
SHORTS
SWEATPANTS
WATER BOTTLES
AND MORE!**



NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS.

SQUADLOCKER TSHIRTS ARE ALSO NOT CONSIDERED A SPIRIT SHIRT FOR SPIRIT DAY.



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Adult Incontinence Products

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 clean, dry & healthy

3 in 5



3 in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford diapers to leave their baby in childcare

28%



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

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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.

[Make a Gift!](#)

[View Our
Gift Catalog
Here!](#)

[Read the full letter from
our Annual Fund
co-chairs here!](#)

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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

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