

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

December 17, 2024

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

As the Christmas season approaches, we are reminded of the hope and joy that this special time of year brings. It is a season to reflect on the blessings in our lives and the importance of sharing love and kindness with one another. At Holy Name of Jesus, we are celebrating this spirit through activities that bring our community together, including Mass and two Christmas programs. To unite in faith, love, and hope, we invite families to join us in these celebrations as we reflect on the true meaning of this holy season: God's love made manifest in the birth of His Son. Join us in the joy of this season as we come together during these meaningful traditions. Let us embrace this time as an opportunity to share hope with others, express gratitude, and celebrate the love that binds us as a community. May the spirit of Christmas fill your hearts and homes with peace and happiness now and in the year to come.

We hope to see you at Mass on Thursday this week at 8:30 AM in the church. Then, on Friday, you are invited to our annual Christmas programs. PK3 through Kinder will perform at 8:30 AM in the auditorium, and the 1st through 7th Christmas pageant will be at 9:45 AM in the church. Dismissal for each grade level on Friday will be immediately following their respective programs.

Enjoy your break! School resumes at normal time on Monday, January 6, 2025. Merry Christmas, and have a happy and blessed New Year!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates



Thursday, December 19

8:30 AM 2nd-7th Grade Mass at HNJ Church (parents welcome)

Friday, December 20

8:30 AM Early Childhood (PK3-Kinder) Christmas Program in Auditorium

Early Childhood Dismissal immediately follows program

9:45 AM 1st-7th Grade Christmas Program at HNJ Church

1st-7th Graders dismissed from program

10:30-10:45 AM Carpool for any remaining 1st-7th Grade students

10:30-11:00 AM Little Gators dismissal

Choir Performs at Christmasfest (See Music Notes below)

December 21 - January 5

No School - Christmas Break

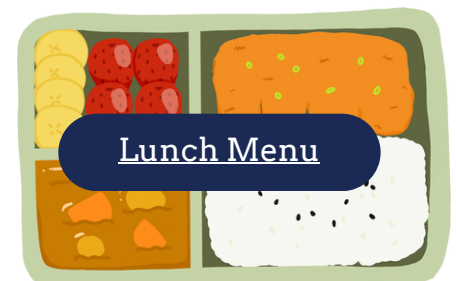
Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Mass at HNJ Church (4:00 and 6:00 PM)

Monday, January 6

School Resumes

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Resilient children stand tall in the face of challenges and use problem-solving skills to forge ahead. They are confident, curious, and independent. Here are some ways you can foster resilience and build coping skills in your child:

1. Strike a balance between supporting and overreacting. Let your child struggle with a problem! It stretches your child's mind, creating new connections and helping develop solutions.
2. Help your child identify emotions and appropriate responses. Behind every behavior is an emotion. Recognize these emotions, label them, and work through them to help your child develop skills to deal with similar situations in the future.
3. Encourage your child to solve their problems. Replace rescuing with teaching coping skills that help children solve problems on their own. Provide a "coping skills box" with a list of activities or items that can help soothe strong emotions – puzzles, putty, fidget toys, etc.
4. Model the skills and behaviors you want your child to exhibit. Take advantage of your own difficult moments to help your child navigate big feelings. Tell your child what you're doing to calm your feelings and why.
5. Help your child determine their threshold and set their boundaries. If your child is becoming frustrated, identify physical symptoms that you see and offer supportive solutions.

Guha, Nayanika. "5 Tips for Raising a Resilient Child with Strong Coping Skills." Big Life Journal, https://biglifejournal.com/blogs/blog/raise-a-resilient-child-with-strong-coping-skills?srltid=AfmBOooK2ZWIApIolAQ_YQwaZpOBnjZkHingxFCUHus5n57eXRwY2B0H



Music Notes

The Experience NOCCA Workshop Series provides opportunities for young aspiring artists to prepare for and experience a taste of conservatory arts education in each of the 11 art disciplines offered at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts, NOCCA, Louisiana's High School Arts Conservatory – Classical Instrumental Music, Classical Vocal Music, Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Dance, Drama, Entertainment Production Design, Jazz Instrumental Music, Media Arts, Musical Theatre, and Visual Arts.

Session Now Open For Registration For Current 7-9th Graders!
Deadline To Register: January 10 | Workshops Will Fill Quickly
Classes Begin in February

4-5:30 PM at NOCCA

Applicants may only apply to one class per session/\$65.00 cost per workshop with financial support available.

[Experience Nocca Link](#)

Our HNJ Middle School Choir will perform in the community this holiday season at Nola Christmasfest on Friday, December 20 at 6:00pm on the main stage. We hope you can join us!

You can purchase your tickets directly at [Nola ChristmasFest](#).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN **HNJ ATHLETICS?**

4/5 Girls Soccer

Congratulations to the 4/5 girls' soccer team for winning their first match of the season 5-3 against Ursuline. Grace Vodanovich scored two goals for the Gator offense, while Gigi Seerman, Viviana de Candia, and Stella Miller each contributed one goal. What a fantastic start to the season!

Middle School Coed Soccer

After facing two tough opponents, the middle school soccer team is looking for their first win of the season after the Christmas break. Aiden Lawson has accounted for both of the team's goals this season, scoring one in each match.

Middle School Girls Basketball

The middle school girls' basketball team has shown significant improvement over the first few weeks of the season. Although their hard work has not yet resulted in a win, the girls continue to push through both offensively and defensively. Josephine Flanagan, Laura Redmann, Bethany Chavez, Anna Gay, and Jill Donnelly have each scored at least 2 points so far this season.

5/6 Boys Basketball

The 5/6 boys basketball team won their first game of the season 26-17 against St. George's last week. Ben Nalty led the Gator offense with 10 points, while Ford Strickland added 6 points. Jay Batiste and Liam Lemoine each scored 4 points, and Reid Orgeron rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

7th Grade Boys Basketball

The 7th grade boys basketball team won their first game of the season 18-17 against St. George's last week. George Woodrow led the Gator offense with 8 points, including the game-winning layup with 25 seconds remaining. Andrew McCormick added 6 points, and Vance Bukaty contributed 4 points.

Go Gators!



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Congratulations to HNJ 4th grader Peyton "Sweetness" Johnson for being selected as an All-American! Peyton will represent Team Louisiana, 9u, at the All-American Bowl, which will take place in Arizona from January 16-20.

Additionally, he has been named a Junior Top 150 All-American and will participate in the camp on January 4, 2025, in Houston, Texas. Great job, Peyton!

Registration is now open for the Pickleball and Tennis Tournament

See flyer below!



Dear HNJ Community,

We are excited to announce that Holy Name Night at the New Orleans Pelicans game is back! Our Gators have been invited to participate in a "post-game free throw" experience on Friday, January 31, 2025. The Pelicans will be facing the Boston Celtics at the Smoothie King Center at 7 PM. This is a fantastic opportunity for our kids to shoot free throws on the same court as the Pelicans players after the game.

To purchase tickets, please use the following link: <https://pels.group/HolyNameSchool>

You can also scan the QR code on the flyer below. The Holy Name Athletics Department will receive a portion of each ticket and parking pass sold.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Coach T or Pelicans representative Aarion Hartman at 504.593.4784 or Aarion.Hartman@Pelicans.com.



Go Pels! Go Gators!

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PELICANS VS. CELTICS • FRIDAY, JAN. 31 • 7:00PM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL



Join Holy Name of Jesus School for a night of fun at the Pelicans basketball game! A portion of the ticket sale proceeds will benefit Holy Name of Jesus School.


Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT AARION HARTMAN (504-593-4784) OR AARION.HARTMAN@PELICANS.COM

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO OUR ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Friday, December 20

Early Childhood

8:30 AM

HAASE'S AUDITORIUM

PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE CHIU FAMILY YARD FOLLOWING CARPOOL
AUDITORIUM DOORS OPEN AT 8:05 AM
DISMISSAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

1st-7th Grade

9:45 AM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH

CHURCH DOORS OPEN AT 9:15 AM
DISMISSAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING



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READ AT THE

Christmas Eve Family Masses



Tuesday, December 24

4:00pm & 6:00pm

Would your 3rd-7th Grade child want to lead or help at Christmas Eve Mass? Here is your opportunity! This Christmas Eve, 12/24, the 4:00pm and 6:00pm Vigil Masses are HNJ Family Masses! If your child wants to represent our school by reading, serving, or bringing up the gifts for either of these Masses, please complete this form. A representative from the Church Office will reach out to confirm.



Holy Name of Jesus Church Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

December 24
Family Masses: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Midnight Mass: 10 p.m.

December 25
8 a.m. & 10 a.m.

Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
Vigil: December 31, 5:30 p.m. (Church)
January 1, 9 a.m. (Church)



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On the Campus of Loyola University • www.hnjchurch.org

DECEMBER 25, 2024

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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 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 3-3:45 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

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JOIN US FOR

COFFEE WITH ADMIN

WITH HNJ SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 A.M.

HNJ PARISH CENTER FABER ROOM

PARKING IN CHIU FAMILY YARD



COME LEARN ABOUT OUR EXCITING
CONSTRUCTION UPDATES!

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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!

January 15	BLUE OAK BBQ All Day!
January 28	CHICK FIL A Carrollton and I-10 location, 3:30 - 8:00
February 7-9	PEPPERONI'S CAFE Breakfast only for all three days

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
COMING SOON**

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS!**

Contact Gwen Chavez for more information
gpeacoc@tulane.edu

Holy Name

SPIRIT BRACELETS

ORDER NOW



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LATER GATOR SPRING CLASSES

Division	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Childhood	Skyhawks Baseball Tots (PK3) 4-4:45 Music Fun w/ Ms. Katie! (PK4) 3:45-4:15 Soccer Shots (PK3/PK4) 4-4:45	Skyhawks Baseball Tots (PK4) 4-4:45 Skyhawks Totletics (PK3) 4-4:45	Skyhawks K-Mini Hawk Baseball (K) 4-4:45 Skyhawks Totletics (PK4) Music Fun w/ Ms. Katie! (PK3) 3:45-4:15 Soccer Shots (PK3/PK4) 4-4:45	Skyhawks K-Mini Hawk Basketball (K) 4-4:45	Tennis (PK3-K) 4-5pm
Lower School	Skyhawks Basketball (1st/2nd) 4-4:45 Tennis (1st-7th) 4-5pm			Skyhawks Baseball (1st/2nd) 4-4:45	Skyhawks Baseball (3rd/4th) 4-4:45
Middle School	Tennis (1st-7th) 4-5pm			*Embroidery Club is still happening, there just is not a new sign up this semester!	
Available Daily for all grades	Private Music Lessons *Please email eptak@hnschool.org Private Tutoring *Please email cbuquet@hnschool.org if your child needs a tutor.				

See the email from Courtney Buquet for specific links to sign up for each of these classes

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

Gator Spotlight



Congratulations to HNJ students Sidney, Adele, Eugenie, Sebby, and Harriet for their performance of the Nutcracker at the New Orleans School of Ballet's Nutcracker this past weekend.

Ms. Brooke and Ms. Melanie even got a chance to see one of the performances.

We are proud of our gator performers!



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## December 18, 2024

Wednesday at 5:15 PM to 6:00 PM

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



**Kim4Kids**  
PEDIATRIC OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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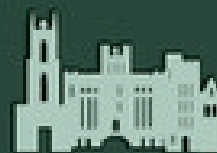
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# SAVE THE DATE

## '80s Totally Totally tennis

### HNJ SCHOOL TENNIS + PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

## March 26th, 2025

[Click here to register](#)



## 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.

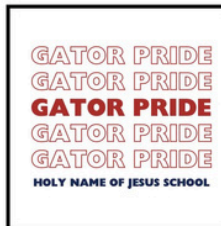
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AND MORE!



NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS.

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

# 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



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## 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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# HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

A LOYOLA UNIVERSITY PARTNER

## 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)**

**504-861-1466**

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