

The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

FEBRUARY 6, 2024



PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

I am overwhelmed with the massive amount of support we received from our school families last week. We had over 40 parents help in classrooms, during lunch, and at recess so our faculty and staff would have the opportunity to show our love and support to Mrs. Blum. She truly is the backbone of so many aspects of our school. It was very moving to have so many of our parents help!

Yesterday afternoon, our 7th-grade boys took home the NOAL championship trophy for basketball. This accomplishment is the first in over 15 years. Coach T, our cheer coaches, and all of our athletic coaches create such a positive and encouraging environment for our Gator athletes. We are appreciative of their continued dedication to cultivating the gifts and talents of our students. Don't forget to support our athletic department by purchasing spirit wear, joining the Athletic Gator Club, and/or participating in the upcoming Tennis Tournament.

NWEA scores go home this week. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions. If you need further clarification, please contact Mrs. King at gking@hnjschool.org. We are proud of how hard our students are working and of our teachers who create a rigorous learning environment each and every day!

All of these attributes make Holy Name of Jesus School who we are! And it is showing in our enrollment numbers for the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Southwick has been hosting back-to-back tours and spend-a-days. We are looking forward to welcoming our new students next year with our warm community, diverse opportunities, and rigorous instruction!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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What's Important This Week & Next

Wednesday, February 7

- Yellow Shirt Day (Spirit Dress)
- Honorable Gator Ceremony, 8:05 a.m.
- No Later Gators

Thursday, February 8

- Mardi Gras Spirit Shirt Day
- Ruth's Chris Raffle Drawing
- Little Gators and Early Childhood Mardi Gras Parade, 10 a.m.
- Early Dismissal, 12 p.m.
- No Later Gators

Friday, February 9

- Mardi Gras Holidays begin - February 9-16

Monday, February 19

- School Resumes
- HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 21

- Middle School Exams
- School Advisory Meeting

Thursday, February 22

- Middle School Exams
- HNJ Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 23

- Middle School Exams
- End of Trimester 2
- School Mass (1st-7th), 4M sponsoring, parents invited, 8:30 a.m.
- 4th Grade Reconciliation
- Liturgy of the Word (PK4-K), KH and PK4F sponsoring, parents invited, 9:45 a.m. (auditorium)
- Boy Scout Troop 55 Fish Fry, 6-8 p.m.

Monday, February 26

- PTC Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28

- PTC General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 3

- First Communion Retreat

Quick Links



Please SUPPORT HNJ Annual Giving

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

We are honored to serve as the chairs of our 2023-2024 Annual Giving Campaign. As Holy Name of Jesus parents, we know it's important to be a community for others and to support the mission of our school. Holy Name is a special place where we know that our children learn through innovative teaching, receive spiritual formation in the Catholic faith, and become academically, spiritually and socially prepared for high school and beyond.

We are in an exciting time of growth here at Holy Name. Our enrollment is strong; our students are excelling academically; and this year we are doing even more to promote and measure our core values based on Ignatian principles!

Our Annual Giving Campaign seeks to raise funds that will go directly to supporting the school's annual operating budget. Gifts to the "Forever in Our Hearts Fund" help support our Mission, including:

- Providing innovative academic programs and student support services,
- Maintaining state-of-the-art technology and facilities to support our learning,
- Retaining highly qualified teachers and providing professional development.

Your gift to Holy Name of Jesus School will make a difference! We encourage you to view our [2023-2024 Annual Giving Gift Catalog](#) to learn more about what your donation will support. As you prayerfully consider your gift, please keep in mind that the cost to educate one student at Holy Name is \$910 more than our annual tuition.

We encourage all parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, alumni, parishioners and friends to participate! Please [click here to make an online donation or set up a recurring gift](#).

Thank you for your consideration, and may God bless each of you and your families!

Sincerely,

Chris and Casey Zainey
2023-2024 Annual Giving Chairs



Make a Gift

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BRIANNA BEGAULT

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As Mardi Gras approaches, I wanted to share some safety tips to ensure a safe and fun celebration for you and your family.

- Have children memorize their name and phone number, and mark their clothes with contact information.
- Attend parades in groups.
- Keep children away from the streets and never allow them to follow behind parade floats
- Do not throw anything at the parade marchers or riders.
- Parade in familiar areas, and teach them a landmark to meet at if separated.
- Instruct children to stay calm if lost and find a uniformed police officer or another parent with children for assistance.



Should you become separated from your child(ren), go to the **Lost Children Stations** found at these locations:

- St. Charles Avenue & Napoleon Avenue.
- St. Charles Avenue & Jackson Avenue.
- Canal Street & Baronne St.

Wishing you a joyful and safe Mardi Gras!

Holy Name of Jesus School will be collecting and donating Mardi Gras beads to St. Michael Special School.

Please send bagged beads to the school office. Thank you!

GATORS Win NOAL Championship

Congratulations to the 7th Boys Basketball team for bringing home the New Orleans Athletic League (NOAL) 7th/8th Championship vs. St. George's 37-26 on Monday afternoon. In front of a packed house of over 100 Gator fans, our boys brought home the hardware for the first time in over 10 years. Leading the Gators in scoring was Miles Goudelocke with 11 points, Sam Ostrow with 9 points, and Tyson Magee with 6 points. Logan Edmond had 5 points and Andrew McCormick 4 points while Jameson Ersparmer closed the scoring with 2 points. Patrick Owen and Vance Bukaty controlled the defensive side of the ball, collecting over 14 rebounds to keep the Dragons at bay. A special thanks Coach Hughes, Coach Claire, and the cheerleaders for showing their "Gator Pride" from start to finish. In the words of our beloved Mrs. Lee Gardemal, "It was a great day to be a gator!" The team finished the season with a 9-1 record. Go Gators!

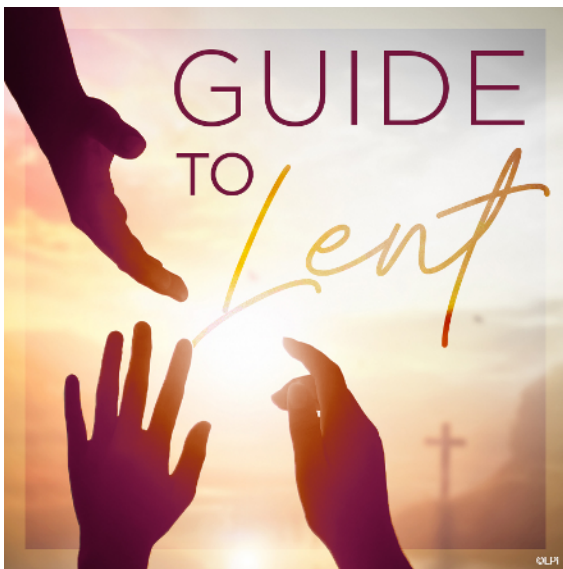


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Music Notes

Our 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students enjoyed their music field trip watching the Louisiana Philharmonic Orchestra perform a variety of music ranging from Beethoven to Hindustani classical inspired music, to Mavis Staples' civil rights anthems, and Stravinsky's Firebird Suite Finale. Prior to this fun culminating event, each week in Mrs. Ptak's general music class, HNJ students explored, studied, sang, and learned each and every piece that was performed at the concert using the [Carnegie Hall Link Up curriculum](#).



SAVE THE DATE
PTC GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:30 P.M.

Safe Path To School Awareness Day



HNJ will be participating in Yellow Day on February 7 to raise child pedestrian safety awareness and show appreciation for the staff that help keep our kids safe around parking lots and carlines. HNJ will allow our students and faculty to wear yellow shirts (Spirit Dress) on Wednesday, February 7, and we encourage our students to make cards or write letters to the teachers, staff, Men's Club members, and Loyola Police officers who help to keep our carpool time safe.



HNJ Grand Gators

**FOR GRANDPARENTS AND
GRAND FRIENDS**

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING
FOR SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS:
TO BE RESCHEDULED
STAY TUNED!**

**NEXT MEETING:
TUESDAY, MARCH 5
10:30 AM
HNJ PARISH CENTER
6220 LASALLE PLACE**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:
CAFETERIA HELPERS
CLICK THIS FLYER TO
SIGN UP AS A
CAFETERIA VOLUNTEER**

SAVE THE DATE!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

LOWER SCHOOL

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

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

GRANDPARENTS/ GRANDFRIENDS DAY

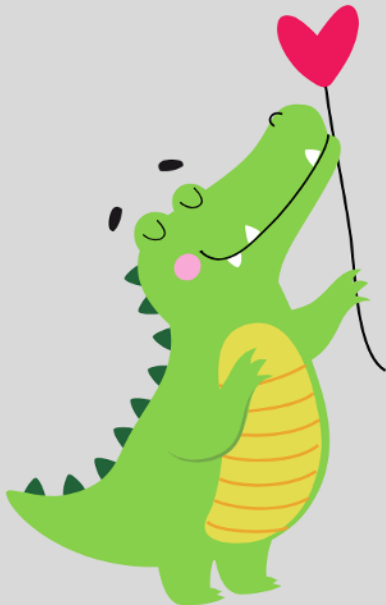
COME HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD:

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.



CLICK FLYER TO REGISTER!



Purchase a ticket for a chance to win a \$300 gift card to any Ruth's Chris restaurant. Winner will be drawn on Thursday, February 8, 2024. The winner need not be present.

Gaming License: G-0004386



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HOLY NAME OF
JESUS SCHOOL
INVITES YOU
TO JOIN US FOR

ISLAND NIGHTS *Gala*

SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
7-11 PM * LOYOLA ST. CHARLES ROOM
TROPICAL COCKTAIL ATTIRE

DONATE AUCTION ITEMS
BECOME A SPONSOR * PURCHASE TICKETS
HNJSCHOOL.ORG/GALA-AUCTION



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS WOMEN'S TENNIS TOURNAMENT

MARCH 15, 2024

9 AM * City Park * New Orleans



REGISTER OR SPONSOR NOW

hnjschool.org/tennis-tournament



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Lenten Fish Fry

Feb. 23 * March 8 * March 22

6-8 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus School

Walk-ups are welcome. Please pick up your order by 7:45 p.m.

Proceeds to support Boy Scout Troop 55 activities

Call Daniel Quintana with questions (504) 715-3490

- Adult Shrimp \$14
- Child Shrimp \$11
- Adult Catfish \$14
- Child Catfish \$11
- Shrimp & Fish Combo \$15

All plates include French Fries, French Bread and Potato Salad.

Our food is outstanding because all fish and shrimp are Louisiana products!



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

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



BE MADE CLEAN.
MARK 1: 41
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 5 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 Monquette Hall)
Saturday 3-3:45 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.-6:00 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.



Ash Wednesday

MASS TIMES
7 A.M., 12 NOON, 5:30 P.M. (CHURCH)
9 P.M. (IGNATIUS CHAPEL)

Grandparents Club

Holy Name of Jesus School has formed a brand new grandparents club called the Grand Gators! 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!

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.

**Click here to get involved
with our Grandparents Club**

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.

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](#)





HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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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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