

# The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter



**FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

As we enter this Lenten Season, I have been reflecting on the word Lent. In several languages, the word lent means slow, in slow time, or slowly. In music, *lento* means to be performed slowly. Slow is not a word that can be used to describe the beginning of this school year or even the past three years! I think that is why reflecting on this aspect of Lent captivates me at this time. I pray that we all have a chance to find moments when we discover ourselves living slowly. It is a pace that we are not accustomed to, particularly after the very fast Mardi Gras season we just experienced.

During a moment when you are able to slow down and be still, I invite you to listen to Father Mark's homily from Ash Wednesday. After he tells a really funny story, which you will have to listen to, he challenges us to view our daily penance during Lent as the door prize that leads to a greater grand prize, a transformation of our hearts. As we focus on prayer, fasting (daily penance), and almsgiving (sharing what you have with others), we have the opportunity to transform our love relationship with God, ourselves, and others:

- Prayer - our love relationship with God (Finding God in All Things)
- Fasting - our love relationship with ourselves (Striving for Personal Excellence)
- Almsgiving - our love relationships with the people around us and humanity in general (Boys and Girls for Others)

What a great opportunity! And, we have the structure in place within our school community to help us reflect on and more fully develop these relationships by using the practice of Pray-dreaming as St. Ignatius did. Pause in a quiet place, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, then daydream in prayer (pray-dream) about the following:

1. Imagine yourself as a really great lover of God.
2. Imagine yourself as a really great lover of yourself.
3. Imagine yourself as a really great lover of the people around you and humanity as a whole.

Play a movie in your head about the person you would be in each situation. After each pray-dreaming session, you will find natural results of the transformation. They will flow out of you naturally because of a transformation of your heart that comes directly from God, divine transformation. Naturally, you will become a better lover of God, a better lover of yourself, and a better lover of all the people around you.

Happy pray-dreaming!  
Kirsch J. Williams

*If you would like to hear Father Mark's homily in its entirety, [Click Here](#).*

**TO WONDER...TO ACHIEVE...TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE...TOGETHER**



# What's Important This Week & Next

## 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

- HNJ Spirit Shirt Day
- PTC Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

## Tuesday, February 27

- Grandparents & Grandfriends Lunch, 1st Grade, 10:45 a.m.

## Wednesday, February 28

- Grandparents & Grandfriends Lunch, 2nd Grade, 11:20 a.m.
- PTC General Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

## Thursday, February 29

- Grandparents & Grandfriends Lunch, 3rd Grade, 11:50 a.m.

## Friday, March 1

- Grandparents & Grandfriends Lunch, 4th Grade, 12:30 p.m.
- School Mass (1st-7th), 3B sponsoring, parents invited, 8:30 a.m.
- Liturgy of the Word (PK4-K), KM and PK4L sponsoring, parents invited, 9:45 a.m. (auditorium)
- 7th Grade Reconciliation

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## 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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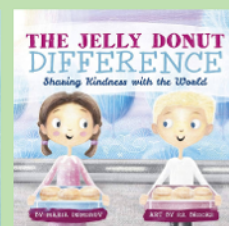
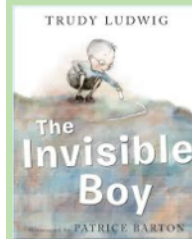
# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BRIANNA BEGAULT

[bbegault@hnjschool.org](mailto:bbegault@hnjschool.org)

Cultivating kindness in children helps build strong relationships, promotes a positive and inclusive school environment, and enhances empathy and social skills. By encouraging kindness, we aim to foster a caring and supportive community where all students can thrive. Books are an excellent way to teach children about empathy, understanding, and the importance of treating others with respect.

## Check out these books on Kindness!



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

**We are also collecting plushies and toys for Gator Fest.**

**Please send bagged items to the school office this week.**

**Thank you!**



**CAFETERIA MENU  
UPDATE:**

**WE WILL NOT SERVE  
HAMBURGERS ON  
FRIDAYS DURING LENT.  
CLICK HERE TO SEE  
DAILY MENU.**



# **PTC GENERAL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:30 P.M.**

**GRADE LEVEL WITH HIGHEST ATTENDANCE  
WINS A PRIZE!**

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR BABYSITTING.**

## **GATOR ATHLETICS**



Spring sports sign-ups are still open until the end of this week. Please email Coach T ([Iterrel@hnjschool.org](mailto:Iterrel@hnjschool.org)) if your child is interested in playing 1st-7th Track & Field, 3rd-4th Basketball, Middle School Baseball, Middle School Softball, Middle School Golf, or Middle School Tennis.

# **Safe Path To School/**

## **CARPOOL SAFETY REMINDERS**

**Sidewalks and crosswalks should be used at all times.  
Follow instructions of crossing guards.**

**Students should never walk through the car gates on LaSalle Place or Calhoun Street.**

**Parents may not exit their vehicles while parked on the blacktop. If you need assistance, drive around and go to the walker door.**

**Children should remain in seat belts or car seats until the car is stopped and they are exiting the car, and again as soon as they get back in the car.**

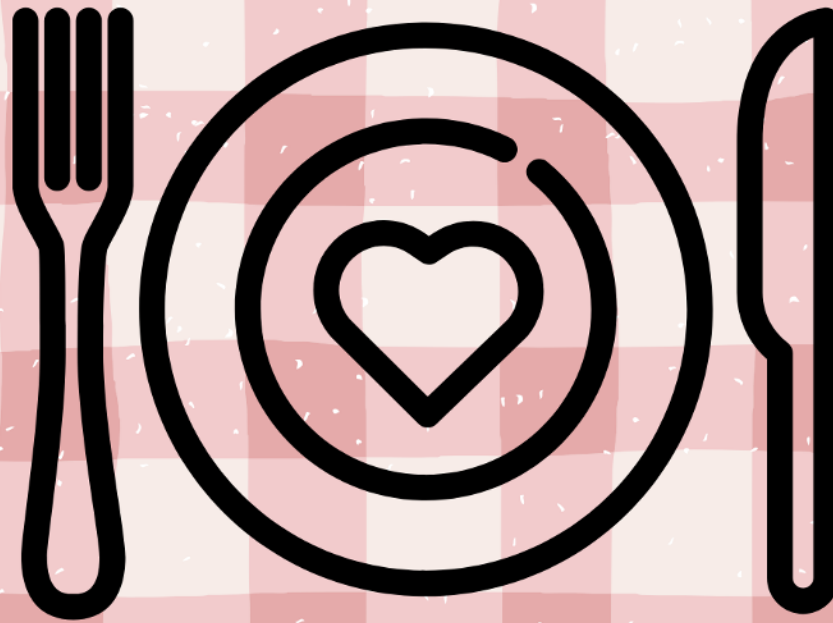
**Enter and exit the vehicle from the sidewalk side.**

**The HNJ carpool line is a cell phone-free zone. Please stay alert at all times to keep our students safe.**

**Once students exit the building for the day, they will not be allowed to re-enter the building for anything. If you need urgent assistance, drive around and go to the walker door.**



HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
**COMMUNITY**  
— *Dinner* —



**FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAMILY.**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 AT 6:30 P.M.

HNJ PARISH CENTER

ENTER THROUGH ADORATION CHAPEL DOORS OR BACK PATIO

SPONSORED BY HNJ MEN'S CLUB

# 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!





# SAVE THE DATE!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

LOWER SCHOOL

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

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE

## GRANDPARENTS/ GRANDFRIENDS DAY

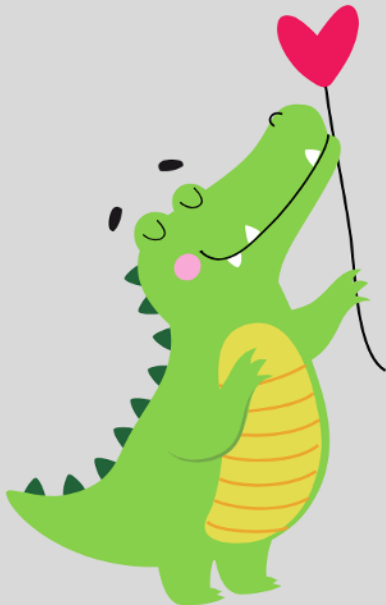
COME HAVE LUNCH WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD:

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!



# 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**



# MOM & MISTER

Saturday, March 2 | 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

REGISTER HERE:

<https://forms.gle/GXkFXEWrfPsZdjyx9>



# DAD



## & Darling

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

6:00 - 8:00 PM

REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/7UQQG1CJRBMHFQE77](https://forms.gle/7UQQG1CJRBMHFQE77)





# 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](https://hnjschool.org/tennis-tournament)



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HOLY NAME OF  
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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](https://HNJSCHOOL.ORG/GALA-AUCTION)



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# AUCTION DONATIONS

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING DONATIONS OF THE  
FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR OUR AUCTION:

VACATIONS, STAYCATIONS, EXPERIENCES  
TICKETS TO CONCERTS, SPORTING EVENTS  
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES  
JEWELRY, ART, SPORTS COLLECTABLES  
GIFT CARDS TO RESTAURANTS, BOUTIQUES  
[CLICK HERE TO MAKE A DONATION](#)



**HNJ Summer Camp  
is now on  
Instagram!  
Follow us @campgator\_hnj  
for updates and all the  
summer fun!**





## Summer 2024 Dates

**PK4  
through  
7th Grade**

**June 3 - 7  
June 10 - 14  
June 17 - 21  
June 24 - 28  
July 8 - 12  
July 15 - 19**

**CLICK  
FLYER TO  
REGISTER**

### **February 19 - March 3**

Priority registration for students enrolled at  
HNJ for the 2024-2025 school year.

### **March 4**

Registration open to the public

MARCH 16, 2024  
10 AM - 1 PM



# FAMILY DAY *at the fest!*



March  
14|15|16  
2024

**FAMILY DAY** at the **NEW ORLEANS BOOK FESTIVAL** is a **FREE** family event on the campus of Tulane University full of fun activities, a Scholastic book giveaway, as well as some of your favorite children's book authors!

**FREE SHUTTLE RIDES TO FAMILY DAY FROM A LOCATION NEAR YOU!**

**ALGIERS  
REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
3014 Holiday Dr

**EAST NEW ORLEANS  
REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
5641 Read Blvd

**NORMAN MAYER  
LIBRARY**  
3001 Gentilly Blvd

**BALDWIN & CO.  
BOOKSTORE**  
1030 Elysian Fields Ave

Shuttles will provide free round-trip rides to Family Day from the above locations to drop off in front of Devlin Fieldhouse on Freret St. Pick-ups from each location are at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively. Departures from Tulane back to the designated locations are at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

[bookfest.tulane.edu](http://bookfest.tulane.edu)

   @nolabookfest



Mayor's Office of Youth & Families

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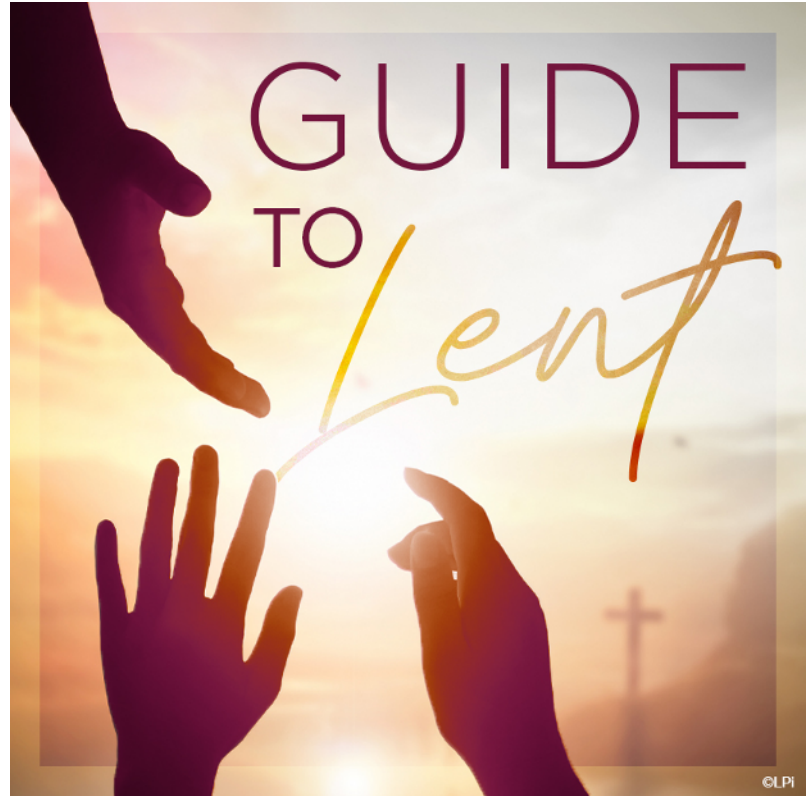
# HNJ Parish Updates

**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](http://www.hnjchurch.org)

FEBRUARY 25, 20242ND SUNDAY OF LENT

**LED THEM  
UP A HIGH  
MOUNTAIN.**  
— MARK 9:2 —  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4 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 3-3:45 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.-4:00 p.m.  
(closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch)  
Phone: 504-865-7430  
Fax: 504-866-3391  
Email: [holyname@hnjchurch.org](mailto:holyname@hnjchurch.org)  
**ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS**  
Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.



## 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  
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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](http://www.hnjschool.org)**

**504-861-1466**