

# The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

**MAY 7, 2024**



## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

I want to first say how much I appreciate our faculty at Holy Name of Jesus School. I often think that I am living a dream being able to work alongside this talented, hardworking, mission-driven group of teachers and professionals. They truly are the dream-team of educators!

I have some good news from the contractors working on the Loyola Mercy site project. Many people have stopped me in carpool to tell me “The Lorax” would be upset about the removal of the oak trees. I inquired about them and learned that new oak trees are being planted in their place in addition to more trees throughout Loyola’s campus, totaling 26 new trees. Recognizing those trees were too weak and compromised to survive long-term, this was the plan they put into place to go above and beyond to support our environment. I know many of you will be pleased to learn this information!

Recently, a co-worker reached out to invite me and my family to sing in the choir on Easter. Mark and I enjoyed it so much that we are continuing to sing at the 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday as often as our schedules permit. This experience has enlightened our spirits and filled our cups each weekend! Why do I share this? It is on my heart to tell you to find what you love in your church community and offer to help. It can be anything from greeting people at the door, reading, or singing to leading a youth group activity or an adult bible study. Take some time to sit still with God and ask Him to put His will on your heart. And, if you do not currently have a church, come join us at HNJ! Our church is an inclusive community for others, similar to our school core belief that we are boys and girls for others! If you want support connecting with our church community, reach out. I would be glad to help!

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams

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# What's Important This Week & Next

## Tuesday, May 7

- Give NOLA Day
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- NWEA Testing
- iReady Diagnostic Testing, 7th grade

## Wednesday, May 8

- Rosary Procession and May Crowning Mass, 1st-7th grade, 8:30 a.m., parents invited
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- NWEA Testing
- iReady Diagnostic Testing, 7th grade
- City Park Night, 6-9 p.m.

## Thursday, May 9

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Field & Water Day (PK3-2nd grade)

## Friday, May 10

- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Field & Water Day (3rd-7th grade)
- PK4 Muffins with Mom
- Later Gators Music Recital, 6 p.m.

## Saturday, May 11

- HNJ Parish Sock Hop, 7-9 p.m.

## Monday, May 13

- HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

## Tuesday, May 14

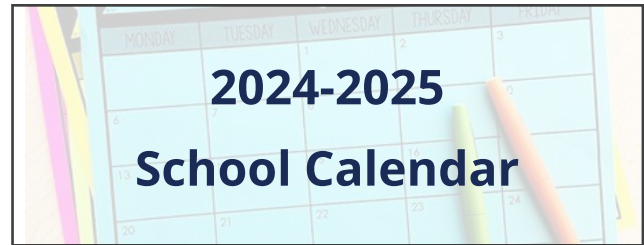
- 7th Grade Exams (May 14-16)
- PTC Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

## Wednesday, May 15

- 7th Grade vs. Faculty Basketball Game at Loyola, 1:15 p.m.

## Thursday, May 16

- Athletic Awards Presentation, 1:15 p.m.



## Quick Links







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# GIVE NOLA DAY

GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION



**Make a Gift**

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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BRIANNA BEGAULT

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month! To celebrate and discuss the importance of mental health, check out these books on mental health that encourage self care.



Jerome and his friends at the Garden of Wonder discovered the secrets to growing happiness. They learned that with patience, cooperation, and assistance from others, they could help a small black seed flourish into a beautiful plant. With their combined efforts, they nurtured the seed and watched it grow, discovering the joy that comes from working together towards a common goal.



Rabbit is very excited to go fishing with Bear, but unfortunately, Bear is feeling low and not in the mood for it. Bear is having a hard time and feeling sad for no apparent reason. Rabbit wants to help her friend and tries to find solutions on the internet, but none of the self-help tips seem to work. They try everything from meditating to healthy eating and even a new hobby, but nothing seems to help. In the end, Rabbit realizes that the only way to help Bear is through friendship - sometimes all you need is a friend to make you feel better.



This book teaches that joy can be found in the present moment, without waiting for special occasions. Even if feeling sad, there are still ways to work through it.



Life can be tough, but don't give up. Express your feelings and keep moving forward. This book is for those struggling with new experiences and managing emotions.

## SPIRIT SHIRT Design Contest Winner!

This year our sixth graders got the opportunity to each create a design idea for the official HNJ Spirit Shirt for next year. Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade voted on their favorite designs. Congratulations to our winner, Laura Redmann, whose design will be featured on the 2024-2025 Spirit Shirt.

Click [here](#) to see our top finalists' designs.

#7 is Laura Redmann's design which placed 1st

#11 is Caroline Jarreua's design which placed 4th

#14 is Cosimo de Candia's design which placed 3rd

#4 is Josephine Flannigan's Design which placed 2nd



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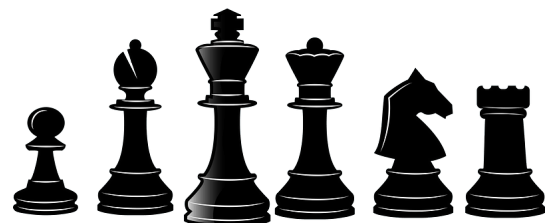


# GATOR ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

Olivia Hand and Achilles Scafati-Bradford competed in the Louisiana scholastic chess championship on Saturday, May 4. Achilles won two out of five games. Playing against mostly 6th-graders, Olivia had forced a draw out of five games. Congratulations to our chess gators!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, May 9 - Field/water day (PreK3 - 2nd)
- Friday, May 10 - Field/water day (3rd - 7th)
- Wednesday, May 15 - Teachers vs. 7th-grade basketball game (1:15p)
- Thursday, May 16 - Athletics awards ceremony (1:15p)



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# Music Notes...

## **Student Jazz Performance Thursday, May 9 at 7 p.m. HNJ Willoz Family Auditorium**

This Thursday, guest musician, Mr. Mark-Anthony Thomas, will host the following HNJ students as they perform a jazz concert for our community! All are invited. Mr. Thomas has been working with our student vocalists in a series of jazz masterclass sessions. Admission is free, and we hope to see you there!

Liam Bustamante  
James Zubic  
Jillian LaFrance  
Chase Zippert  
Vance Bukaty  
Maeve Graffagnini  
Anna Hattier  
Reed Holder  
Ava Landry  
Olivia Shaw  
Savannah Kristol  
Vincent Emrick  
Anders Eriksen

George Berlin  
Annie Heeren-Mueller  
Lottie Wilson  
Bethany Chavez  
Caroline Suire  
Catalina Rice  
Elle Gandy  
Jill Donnelly








HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
INVITES YOU TO

*Rosary Procession  
and  
May Crowning*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8  
8:30AM  
HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
CHURCH



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# **HNJ CITY PARK NIGHT**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8 / 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
CITY PARK CAROUSEL GARDENS AMUSEMENT PARK**

**ADVANCED WRISTBANDS (TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH):  
FIRST 4 WRISTBANDS \$15 EACH  
EACH ADDITIONAL WRISTBAND \$10**

**ONSITE WRISTBANDS:  
\$20 PER PERSON**



**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
**WRISTBANDS REQUIRED FOR ENTRANCE.**  
**ENTRY WRISTBAND REQUIRED FOR ANY PERSON 2 OR OLDER.**  
**INCLUDES ACCESS TO ALL OPEN RIDES.**  
**CITY PARK CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**  
**NO OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK ALLOWED.**

Any Questions?  
Contact Gillian Stagg Teale [gillian.stagg@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.stagg@gmail.com) or (504) 201-8610



# UNIFORM DISCOUNT

# Skobel's

SCHOOL UNIFORMS  
SINCE 1976

# 15% OFF

## JUNE 1-15

In store and online

Skobels.com Discount Code:

HNJ15

Metairie: 4500 York St. 264-7733  
Gretna: 1742 Stumpf Blvd. 366-6887

## Holy Name Of Jesus Uniforms

Extended Back to School Hours

## Skobels.com

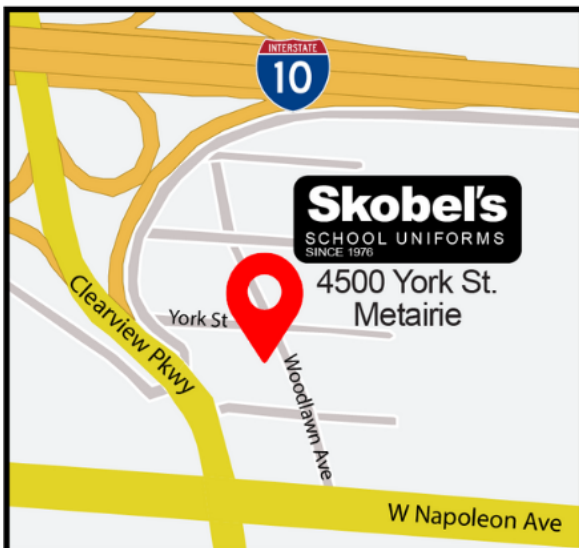
**BUY NOW**

**PAY LATER**



**Express  
Instore  
Pickup**

Please purchase all name embroideries by  
July 10th to ensure a smooth start of school  
for all students. Missed the deadline?  
Late Embroidery Service and Priority Service  
are also available for a fee.



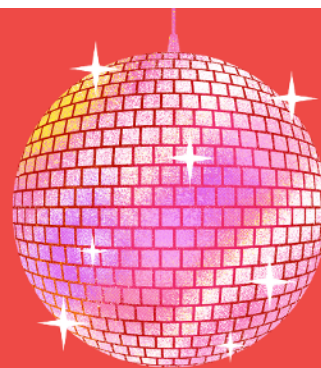
**Approved uniform items for the 2024-2025  
school year are available exclusively at  
Skobel's Uniforms.**

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**Entry:**  
**\$10 per student**  
**at the door**



**WHO?**  
**HNJ PARISH & SCHOOL**  
**5TH-7TH GRADERS**

# **Sock Hop**

**May 11**  
**7-9 PM**

**HNJ Parish Center**  
**6220 LaSalle**  
**Enter through**  
**Calhoun Driveway**

**MUSIC &**  
**DANCING**



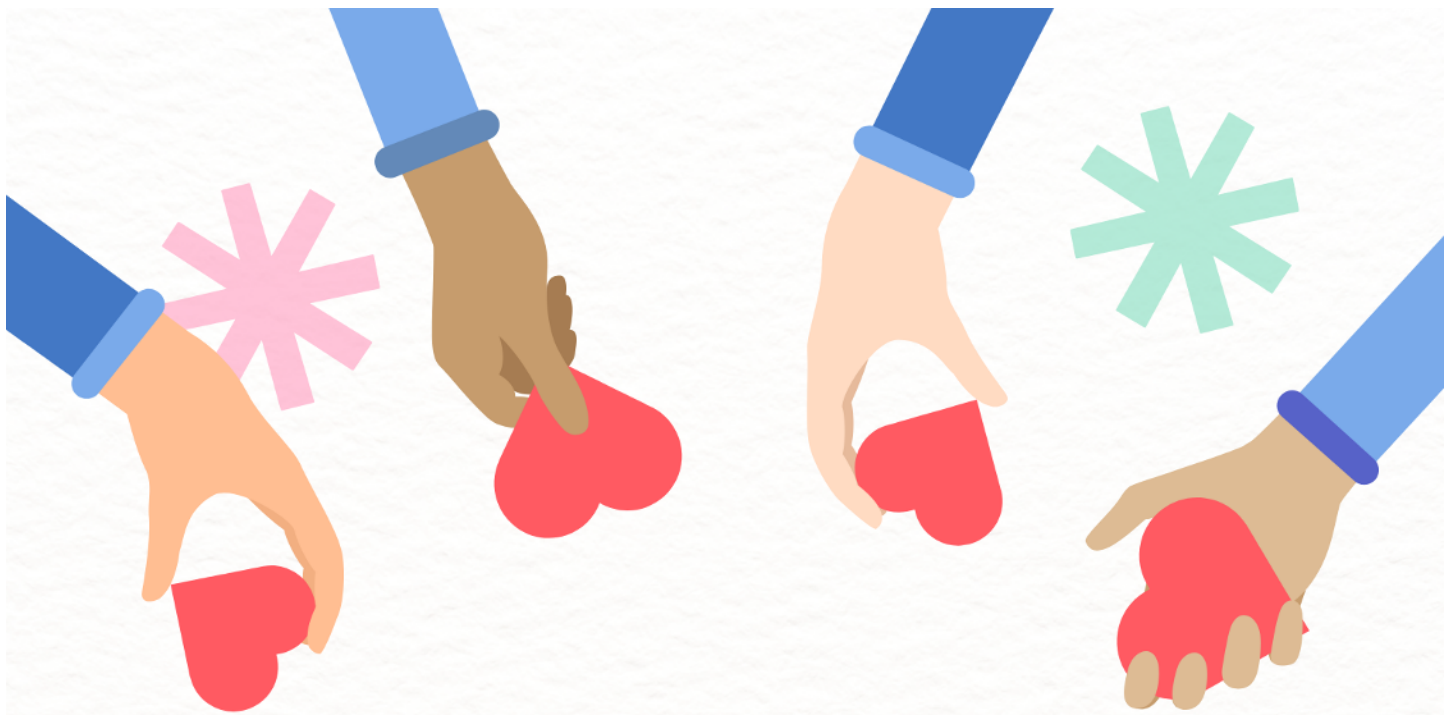
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**Holy Name of Jesus**  
**Pastoral Council**



**Scan**  
**to**  
**sign**  
**up!**







# **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION PARTY!**

All parents are invited to join us for a volunteer appreciation party. Open food and bar until the tab runs out. We will have a drawing for a tuition discount for those who attended all four PTC meetings!

**FRIDAY, MAY 17**

6-9 p.m.

Grits Bar | 530 Lyons Street

Adults Only

Sponsored by Holy Name of Jesus PTC

HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
PRESENTS:

# LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

AN HNJ SUMMER YOUTH RETREAT  
RISING 9TH -11TH GRADERS

JUNE 22ND, 2024 | 9 AM - 3 PM

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel  
basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all  
in the house." Matthew 5:15

Where? Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center



Scan Code to Register



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## 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

# 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)

MAY 11, 2024

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

**MASS TIMES**  
Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 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)

**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  
Email: [holyname@hnjchurch.org](mailto:holyname@hnjchurch.org)

**RECONCILIATION**  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m.  
(enter through side door of Church closest to Marquette Hall)  
Saturday 9-3:45 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Ignatius Chapel)  
(when Loyola University is in session)  
(or by Appointment)

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

[WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG)



## 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](#)







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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**