

# The Gator Gazette

Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

MAY 21, 2024



## PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

This is our last Gazette of the school year. This evening, our 7th graders will attend their promotion ceremony in the church. Kindergarten students have their closing ceremony on Thursday at 8:30 a.m. in the Willoz Auditorium. It is hard to believe we are at this moment in the school year. It seems to come faster and faster each year. It is so very appropriate that this past weekend we celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming down. The Holy Spirit provides us with the gifts and fruits necessary to then "go out and preach the Gospel to all nations." I am confident that the young men and women in the Class of 2024 will go out into their new world (new schools) and carry with them the gifts they have received and cultivated at Holy Name of Jesus School. May they each continue to *Find God in All Things* as they are *Boys and Girls for Others, Striving for Personal Excellence*. Always remember to *Open your Hearts with Faith, Your Ears with Truth, and Your Hearts with Love*. Most Holy Name of Jesus... forever in our hearts!

As we close the school year, take time with your Gator(s) to reflect on their outstanding moments during this academic year. Those moments may include academic successes, achievements on the field or court, receiving Honorable Gator, a performance, a creation, or simply a small charitable moment they had with someone else. We are so proud of all of our students. Thank you for entrusting them to us and partnering with us for their education. Our families are what make Holy Name of Jesus such a special place.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our wonderful faculty and staff. From teachers in the infant room to 7th grade, fine arts teachers to PE coaches, and front office staff to our three fabulous nurses, our HNJ team is the best! I love working with this talented, dedicated, and compassionate group of educators.

Many of us will be here all summer, and for those that will not be around, see you in August! May each of you have a blessed, fun, and restful summer.

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams

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# What's Important This Week & Next

## Tuesday, May 21

- 7th Grade Promotion Ceremony

## Wednesday, May 22

- 5th & 6th Grade Exams
- Flag Retirement Ceremony
- Last Day of Later Gators (All School)
- PK3 & PK4 Last Day of School
- PK3 Class Picnic, 11 a.m.

## Thursday, May 23

- 5th & 6th Grade Exams
- 7th Grade Report Cards Emailed
- Kindergarten Last Day of School
- Kindergarten Closing Ceremony, 8:30 a.m.
- No Later Gators (Infants through 6th Grade)

## Friday, May 24

- 1st-6th Last Day of School
- Farewell Mass & Awards, 1st-6th, 6Z sponsoring, parents invited, 8:30 a.m.
- No Later Gators, Early Dismissal

## Monday, May 27

- School Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday

## Friday, May 31

- Report Cards Emailed

## Monday, June 3

- Summer Camp Begins



## 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



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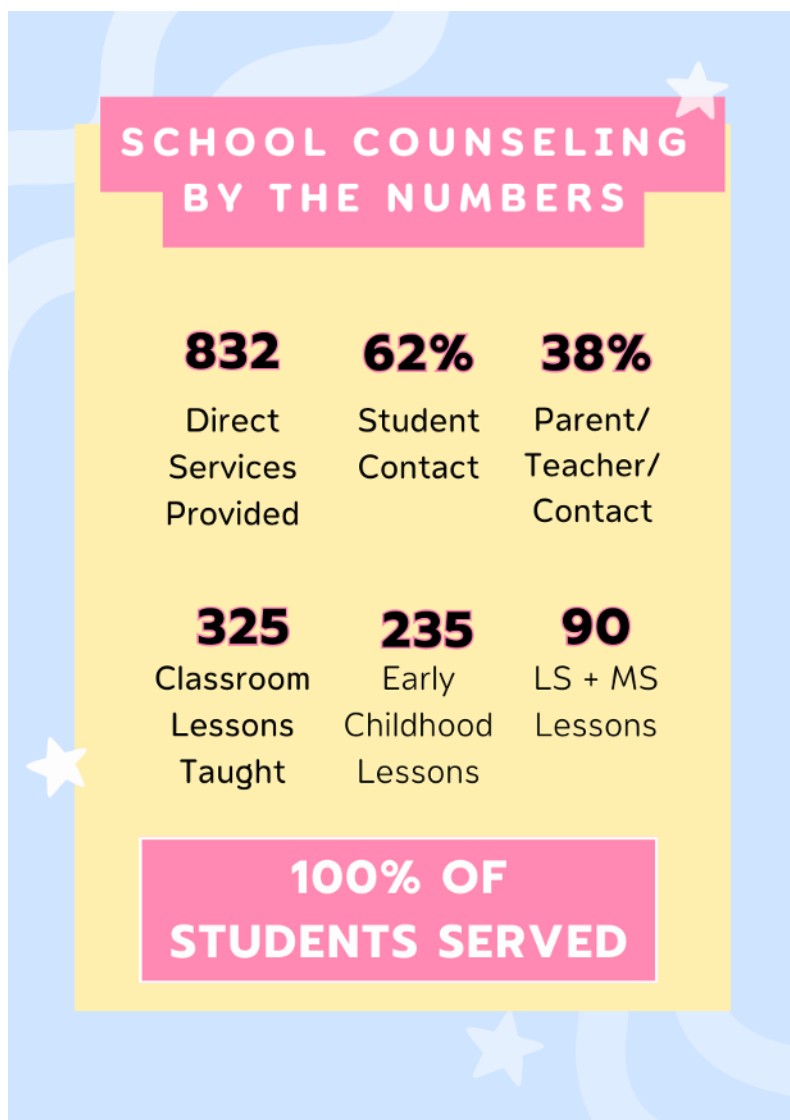


# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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The Counseling Department at HNJ had a fantastic year! Within our comprehensive school counseling program, we develop strategies to work with students both in groups and individually. Together, Ms. Bri and Ms. Angelle provided over 830 student services this year! Students were referred to the counseling department by teachers/faculty, parents, and themselves. The top reasons students were referred to the counselor this year include: coping skills/emotional regulation, impulsivity, feelings/mood/affect, peer relations, and friendship skills.



In addition to meeting with students individually or in small groups, the counseling services at Holy Name of Jesus include Life Skills lessons to promote positive personal growth and school-wide safety skills. Topics included: Empathy, Identifying Feelings, Calming “Big” Feelings, Interpersonal Communication, Conflict Resolution, Problem Solving, Careers, and more. Thank you all for supporting our school counseling program!





# GATOR ATHLETIC AWARDS

On Thursday, May 16 Holy Name of Jesus School hosted its annual Athletic Awards ceremony. The event kicked off with special guest speaker Sophia Freeze, a 2019 HNJ alumnus and 2024 graduate of Ursuline Academy. Freeze is a four-time cross country and track MVP who got her start in athletics while she was a student at Holy Name. She shared inspiring words of wisdom with our HNJ student athletes.

Congratulations to our special award winners from the event.

**Mohammad Charlot Team Spirit Award** - The 7th-grade boys basketball team

**Barcia Award** - Ashlyn Taylor and Miles Goudelocke

**Lee Gardemal Award** - Josephine Flanagan and Andrew McCormick

**The Golden Whistle Award** -Raleigh Kennedy (2x winner), Sam Ostrow (2x winner), Miles Goudelocke, Jill Donnelly, William Baxter, Tyson Magee, Veronica Douglas, Cosimo de Candia, and George Woodrow



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# 7TH Grade vs. Faculty Game

*By James Zubic and William Baxter, Official Sports Reporters of Holy Name of Jesus*

During the 7th Grade V.S Faculty & Staff basketball game, faculty and staff won. Here's the story.

## First Half

The 1st half began with a 2-pointer by 7th Grade, but the faculty very quickly established dominance on the field. Some leaders on the faculty side include Coach Josh and Jeff Zschiedrich, and our official student coach was Peyton Johnson. Leaders for 7th grade include Patrick Owen and Logan Edmond, and their student coach was Aiden Quin. The audience cheers for the 7th graders, although they could lose! And they did, at least for this half.

## Second Half

The ball starts with 7th grade and they score a two-pointer, running up the score to 33-22 Faculty. At 16:00, Logan Edmond slips and falls right on the head. But do not fear! Within mere seconds, the star player is back on his feet. 7th grade is coming in strong at this beginning point. Despite the faculty hitting the ball out of bounds multiple times, nothing can make the 7th graders lose their "sparkle."

The final seconds of the game, the faculty shot 3...2...1... and missed, but still won 48-36! FACULTY WIN AGAIN!!!

## Comments from our Players:

### Overall Experience:

"Overall, I had fun and enjoyed the game. We played and lost, but we didn't care."

### Who Was The Hardest Teacher To Defend?

"Really the hardest teacher to defend was coach Josh because sitting in the stands watching a 4-foot boy defend a 6-foot man is VERY difficult.

### What was your team's strategy?

"Honestly, we didn't have a strategy. We just wanted to have fun."







# Enrichment Awards

Students in grades 1-6 were awarded for their effort and achievement in enrichment during our end-of-the-year enrichment award ceremony. Congratulations to the following students for outstanding effort and achievement in enrichment subjects:

Theatre: Caroline Jarreau, Evans Treadway

Spanish: Ava Landry, Laine Shlosman, Porter Gallagher, Ryan Cesarini

French: Ingrid Griener

Art: George Berlin, Savannah Kristol

Music: George Sternberg, Elle Gandy





# GATOR FEST 2024

## JOIN OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM!!



There are several major and minor leadership roles open for Gator Fest 2024. If you have ever considered any sort of leadership role at the fair, this is your chance to join the team! We have an amazing board this year, and we want the 2024 fair to be the best HNJ has ever seen.

If you are interested in any of the below positions or if you have any questions about any of the positions, please reach out to Caroline Young and/or Caroline Sholl, your Gator Fest Gals! (Caroline Young 337-519-9402, [ccafferyyoung@gmail.com](mailto:ccafferyyoung@gmail.com); Caroline Sholl, [cackal@gmail.com](mailto:cackal@gmail.com)).

The fair cannot operate without support and volunteers from our HNJ families. Thank you so much for your consideration- Gator Fest is truly one of the best weekends of the year, and we are SO excited for all that the 2024 fair has in store!

- Co-Chairs (fair co-chair, food co-chair, volunteer co-chair, ticket booth co-chair, t-shirt co-chair, entertainment co-chair)
- Games Chair
- Donation Drive Chair
- Clean-Up Chair
- Booth chairs (list of available food and game booths will be available later this summer)
- If you want to be involved but don't quite know what to do, talk to Caroline Young or Caroline Sholl! We will be happy to give you advice!

Again, please reach out to one of the fair chairs with any questions you might have. Thank you all so much!

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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

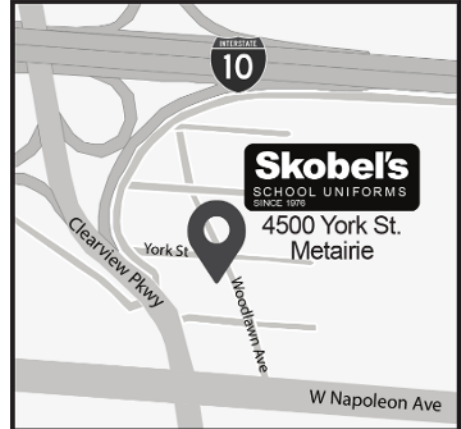
# UNIFORM DISCOUNT

## Official Holy Name of Jesus Uniforms **15% OFF JUNE 1-15**

Skobels.com Discount Code: HNJ15



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# BEST SERVICE BEST SELECTION

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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  
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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



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# HNJ Parish Updates

**HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH**  
A Community for Others  
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On the Campus of Loyola University • [www.hnjchurch.org](http://www.hnjchurch.org)

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"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."  
- Mt. 28:19

**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)

**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 2-3:45 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)**

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