

# PRINCIPAL'S PERSPECTIVE

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

The summer has FLOWN by! The teachers have been working together again since last Friday. We have shared many fun vacation stories and swapped new ideas for teaching and learning. We are looking forward to having students back on campus to hear their summer stories and engage them in new ways!

Our teacher Meet and Greet is scheduled for Monday, August 12 from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Students and families are encouraged to come and meet their teachers, see their new classrooms, and visit with friends. It is an exciting time! You will also have the opportunity to see all of the construction projects that have been completed this summer. The basement looks completely different, clean, and new. These construction projects have set us up to begin the necessary foundation work in the yard for our new building. More information will be sent about that timeline soon.

You will receive an email from your homeroom teacher by the end of the day today to welcome you and provide information about themselves. Their email also indicates the half day your child is scheduled to visit campus next week. Then, school officially begins on Thursday, August 15.

This year, we will have a heavy focus on the virtue of kindness. Take the time during car rides, family meals, and bedtime snuggles to ask your child who was kind to them and who have they been kind to that day. This short practice at home will help your child put what they are learning into practice, and you will hear some sweet, heartwarming stories, too.

See you next Monday afternoon!

God Bless,

Kirsch J. Williams







# **TO-DO LIST BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**

Read
Family Handbook
& Submit
Handbook Form

Complete
Required Forms
By August 9
Deadline

Complete
Medical Form
by August 2
Deadline

# **IMPORTANT DATES**

Friday, August 9

Deadline to submit required forms

**Monday, August 12** 

Meet & Greet, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 13** 

Little Gators through 7th Grade, First Half of Students Attend School
No Early/Later Gators
Early Dismissal

Wednesday, August 14

Little Gators through 7th Grade, Second Half of Students Attend School
No Early/Later Gators
Early Dismissal

**Thursday, August 15** 

Little Gators through 7th Grade, First Full Day of School for All Students
No Early/Later Gators
Solemnity of the Assumption Mass (2nd-7th grade), 8:30 a.m.

Friday, August 16

No Early/Later Gators

Saturday, August 17

Men's Club Work Day

Sunday, August 18

Blessing of the Backpacks Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

2024-2025

School Calendar







# ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL POLICIES

Your cooperation regarding all arrival and dismissal policies is crucial for the safety of all students.

The HNJ carpool line is a <u>cell phone free zone</u>. If you are on your cell phone during carpool, you will be directed to park in order to finish your conversation.

### ARRIVAL

### **Arrival Map Key**

- Drop Off 1 (Staff open car doors)
  - Entrance by Boys' Bathroom
  - PK4 & Kindergarten
  - 1st-4th Grades who need assistance
  - Blue line
- Drop Off 2 (Staff open car doors)
  - Center Double Green Doors
  - o All PK3
  - PK4 & Kindergarten
  - 1st-4th Grades who need assistance
  - o Blue line
- Drop Off 3
  - Calhoun Pedestrian Gate
  - Bike Riders
- Drop Off 4 (Independent Rider)
  - Calhoun Red Canopy
  - 1st -7th Grade who can open/close car doors)
  - Walkers
  - Yellow line
- Drop Off 5
  - Cromwell Office Doors
  - Little Gators Only
  - o Green line

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# **Arrival Procedures**

- 1. Students who are sick must stay home.
- 2. Morning carpool will be 7:40-8:00 am. (See <u>Early Gators</u> for morning care information.) Do not drop students off at the Red Canopy or anywhere on campus before the doors open for the morning.
- 3. To the greatest extent possible, children should be seated on the right hand side of the vehicle to expedite the process.
- 4. For the safety of our students, the doors and gates close at 8:00 am.
- 5. Students who arrive after 8:00 am will be counted as tardy and should be escorted to the office doors on Calhoun by their parent/guardian for check in following the <u>visitor guidelines</u>.
- 6. Sidewalks and crosswalks should be used at all times.
- 7. **All Little Gators must be walked in and signed in at the Cromwell Office Doors.** Little Gators arrival procedures refer to <u>addendum</u>.







## DISMISSAL

#### Dismissal Map Key (PK3-7th)

- Do not try to cross Calhoun from the stop sign at LaSalle and Calhoun - turn left only (see green line).
- Take Calhoun from Freret following the blue line.
- A faculty member will be standing at the corner of LaSalle reading carpool signs. Hang your carpool sign in your windshield, clearly visible, for the entirety of the carline (hang on rear-view mirror on a hanger).
- Turn right on LaSalle; enter the yard through the 2nd gate.
- Proceed to the main basement door (highlighted in blue); teachers will be waiting to help your child into the car.
- If you need to help your child with their seatbelt or car seat, pull to the middle of the yard to do so. Do NOT get out of the car when you are still in the line.
- Proceed out the gate on Calhoun St; turn right to exit.
- Cars without a visible sign and or with a driver on the phone will be redirected to the middle to park until the end of carpool where someone can then safely assist.
- Do not get out of your car and approach the staff while they are monitoring carpool. This is a major safety hazard as they are monitoring the movement of multiple students at once.
- Families living within a 1-mile radius of campus may walk to pick up their children from school from the main office door (circled in yellow on map) on Cromwell.

#### **Dismissal Map Key (Little Gators)**

- Follow the green line. Enter the carpool line via LaSalle Place turning left onto Calhoun. Then, turn right onto Cromwell.
- Park and walk in to sign your child out.
- If you have older children, pick them up first. Otherwise, return to Freret St to re-enter the carpool line.

#### **Dismissal Procedures**

- 1. Notify the office IN WRITING if a child is to follow a different routine than normal at dismissal.
- 2. Notify the school office before 2:55 pm to ensure changes will be communicated to the students during announcements. Changes after 2:55 pm will not occur. In rare instances, if a parent must sign out a child early, this must be done in the school office by 2:55 pm.
- 3. The office is closed for safety reasons during dismissal from 2:55 pm 3:30 pm.
- 4. Sidewalks and crosswalks should be used at all times.
- 5. After 3:30 pm, any child who is not picked up will be sent to Later Gators, where policies and fees apply.
- 6. On days when there is no Later Gators, if a child is not picked up by the end of carpool, families will be charged \$5/minute per child once carpool ends.
- 7. Middle School students must have a written note on file to be allowed to leave campus without an adult at dismissal. Parents must submit a written and signed note (email will not be accepted) of permission to the school office for students to walk or bike ride alone.
- 8. Make your child/children aware of who will pick them up each and every day. If someone else is picking up, (grandparents, aunts, uncles, etc.) they must have a card with your name on it.









# Uniforms & Supplies

Dear HNJ Families,

I hope you are enjoying your summer! As we prepare for the upcoming school year, I wanted to send some information about school uniforms and supplies so that everyone can be prepared for the first day of school.

This year, uniforms *must* be purchased from <u>Skobel's</u> and may only have the new HNJ logo. The red and blue polo shirts are no longer allowed, as the 2-year grace period for new uniforms has ended. Please read the uniform requirements carefully on the next page.

**Supplies**: School supplies are included with your tuition and will be waiting for your child on the first day of school, with the exception of school bags and rest mats, as outlined below.

- Little Gator Infants through Kindergarten: Red Skobel's school bag is required. Your child's name must be monogrammed on the bag.
- Little Gators (1 year old+) through Kindergarten: must have a nap mat. The nap mat does *not* have to have the school logo on it. It can be any brand/color/pattern, but *must* be monogrammed with your child's name on it.
- 1st-7th Grade: must have a backpack. Any brand/color/pattern is acceptable, but no wheels are allowed.
- PK3-7th Grade: any lunch box is allowed for those not purchasing school lunch from Messina's.

<u>Uniforms</u>: The official handbook guidelines for uniforms are below. HNJ also has an online Spirit Shop for <u>optional</u> items. The link to this shop will be sent out closer to the beginning of the school year when the shop opens.

Holy Name of Jesus uniforms are sold through Skobel's Uniforms. Orders can be placed online through Skobel's website or by visiting their Gretna (1742 Stumpf Blvd.) or Metairie (4500 York Street) locations. All students are required to wear a uniform. Habits of good grooming, conscientious attention to personal appearance, and Christian modesty are important aspects of a student's education. High standards in dress and personal grooming are important in creating a positive and favorable image of the student body, and should reflect the spirit of the uniform code.

Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding the upcoming school year. I am here to help make your transition as smooth as possible!

Best,

Kaitlin Southwick, Assistant Principal of Student Life







Uniform Requirements							
Grade	Boys	Girls	Notes				
Little Gators	No uniform Optional Little Gators shirt to be sold through HNJ Spirit Shop	No uniform Optional Little Gators shirt to be sold through HNJ Spirit Shop	No uniforms for LG0, LG1, LG2 Red tote required Skobels nap mat optional (PK1 & PK2)				
PK3 through Kindergarten	Khaki bottoms with logo Red t-shirt with logo	Red gingham dress and bloomers with logo on collar (Optional initial embroidery on opposite collar)	Red tote required Skobels nap mat optional				
1st through 4th	Khaki bottoms with logo White boys oxford button down shirt with logo on pocket (Optional name embroidery on opposite side)	Plaid skirt or skort White rounded collar button down shirt with logo on collar (Optional initial embroidery on opposite collar)	Navy girls PE short required to be worn under skirt				
5th through 7th	Khaki bottoms with logo White boys oxford button down shirt with logo on pocket (Optional name embroidery on opposite side)	Plaid skirt White girls oxford button down shirt with logo on pocket (Optional name embroidery on opposite side)	Navy girls PE short required to be worn under skirt				
Outerwear / Spirit / Accessories / Shoes							
Skobel's		HNJ Spirit Shop	Shoes				
Student's name is required to be embroidered on all outerwear pieces and tote bags. Logo is on the left side, and the student's name is on the opposite side.		HNJ sweatshirt with logo HNJ team/club sweatshirts/hoodies	Solid white or solid black all-leather, low-top athletic tennis shoes.  Students who are unable				
<ul> <li>Option #1: First name, last initial</li> <li>Option #2: First initial, last name</li> <li>Red crew neck girls button-down cardigan</li> <li>Red v-neck boys button-down cardigan</li> <li>Navy ¼ zip fleece (unisex)</li> <li>Navy softshell jacket (unisex)</li> <li>Navy heavy jacket (unisex)</li> <li>HNJ socks</li> <li>Little Gators and Early Childhood red tote bags with logo</li> <li>Hair accessories (red, navy, white, plaid)</li> <li>Belts - black leather belt</li> <li>Navy PE short for all girls 1st-7th</li> <li>Navy nap mat (PK1-Kindergarten)</li> </ul>		initial, last name w neck girls button-down eck boys button-down cardigan zip fleece (unisex) ftshell jacket (unisex) avy jacket (unisex) cks ttors and Early Childhood red tote h logo essories (red, navy, white, plaid) lack leather belt short for all girls 1st-7th  HNJ 7tn grade jackets  HNJ 7tn grade jackets					







# **Nurse's Notes**

## IT'S A GREAT YEAR TO BE A HEALTHY GATOR!

Nurse Abby and Nurse Caroline are the two school nurses at HNJ! We are here to provide first aid and triage care for all students during the school day. We are also here to provide daily medications and interventions for students with medical needs. Nurse Abby is the main contact for all health/medical information (adonnelly@hnjschool.org).





# Before the start of school, all Gators must:

- Complete this HNJ Medical Form (one for each student) by Friday, August 2nd.
- Email Nurse Abby a copy of each student's updated immunization record by Monday, August 19th.
- Make sure your student's contact information is up to date in the Family Portal. Current emergency contact names and numbers are absolutely necessary throughout the school year as we try to reach parents for illness and emergencies. Please remember to update this information if a phone number, address, or contact changes during the school year.

# **Important Health Reminders:**

• If your child is diagnosed with any communicable illness/disease during the school year, you must email Nurse Abby in order to notify homeroom parents of the case through email. This includes lice, pinworm, and hand, foot, and mouth disease.

Please review the Health and Safety Policies section of the Student/Family Handbook here to further familiarize yourself with our policies regarding illness, medications, and immunizations for the school year. Remember, MEDICATIONS (BOTH OVER-THE-COUNTER AND PRESCRIPTION) REQUIRE FORMS TO BE COMPLETED FOR ADMINISTRATION AT SCHOOL BY THE SCHOOL NURSE. MEDICATIONS ARE NEVER TO BE SENT IN A STUDENT'S BACKPACK; THEY MUST BE DROPPED OFF TO THE FRONT OFFICE.

It is our greatest pleasure as the school nurses to care for all of our HNJ Gators and keep them well!

Complete
Medical Form









# **COUNSELOR'S** CORNER

**MORGAN SUBERVIELLE** 

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Hello everyone! My name is Ms. Morgan and I am so excited to be joining the HNJ community as the school counselor for 1st-7th grade. This school year I plan to meet with students in group and individual settings, teach life skills lessons to promote positive personal growth and school-wide safety skills, and collaborate with parents. I look forward to getting to know each of our students and their families!



# Is your student nervous for the

first day of school? Check out these books on starting a new school year!

- Butterflies on the First Day of School by Annie Silvestro
- Clothesline Clues to the First Day of School by Kathryn Heling & Deborah Hembrook
- David Goes to School by David Shannon
- Franklin Goes to School Paulette Bourgeois
- I Don't Want to Go to School: Helping Children Cope with Separation Anxiety by Nancy Pando
- The New Bear at School Carrie Weston
- Peanut Butter's First Day of School by Terry Border

https://youtu.be/eWXOurnVTYg









We are thrilled to announce our partnership with Holy Name of Jesus School to provide a delicious & nutritious school lunch program starting this year!

At Messina's Catering, a fourth-generation family-owned business based in New Orleans, we pride ourselves on offering exceptional culinary experiences.

Voted Top Caterer by CityBusiness Readers for the second consecutive year, we are dedicated to bringing the same level of excellence to your child's lunchtime.

# WHAT'S ON THE MENU?

Our school lunch program features a variety of meal options to keep your child excited about lunchtime, including:

- HOT LUNCH
- HAMBURGER/CHEESEBURGER
- · COLD LUNCH
- FRESH SALAD





PK3 - Kindergarten: \$5.75 per meal

1st - 7th Grade: \$6.25 per meal (larger portion sizes)

Take advantage of our convenient pre-payment options and save:

# SEMESTER PAYMENT:

PK3 - Kindergarten: \$460

1st - 7th Grade: \$500

# FULL YEAR PAYMENT:

PK3 - KINDERGARTEN: \$870

1ST - 7TH GRADE: \$945

ACCOUNTS WILL BE SET UP THROUGH MYSCHOOLBUCKS, AS INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE START OF SCHOOL.















# Annual Men's Club Cleanup Day Saturday, August 17th, 8am till complete...



Men of HNJ, please join the HNJ Men's Club on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2024 rain or shine for our annual HNJ School Cleanup Day! It's an opportunity to channel your inner weekend warrior, support our amazing teachers and students as they embark on a new school year, and meet/catch up with the other dads.

We start at 8 am. We'll take all the help we can get. We'll repaint sports lines on the blacktop, do some landscaping, pressure wash many surfaces, repair benches and picnic tables, and do a few other tasks to lighten the load for staff and make the place shine. See you August 17<sup>th</sup>.

# **Details:**

- ☐ Meet @ the yard, but park on the street so we can paint game lines.
- ☐ Bring gloves, rakes, shovels, leaf blowers (cordless preferred), pressure washers, water hoses, ingenuity, positivity, get-r-done attitudes, and anything else you think may be useful.
- ☐ Show up even if you're not yet a dues-paying member or totally committed, we need all the help we can get. We will have drinks and pizza.

Come out to our kick-off meeting Sept. 5th

Website: https://sites.google.com/view/hnjmensclub/home











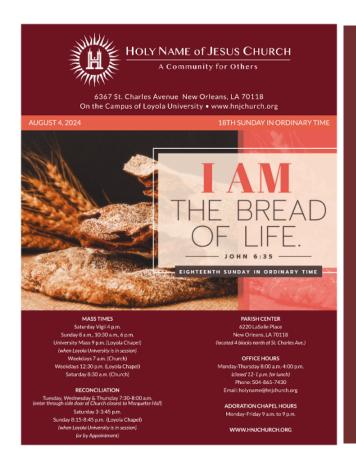






# **HNJ Room Parent Roles**

ROLE 1: C OMMUNICATIONS & COLLECTIONS	ROLE 2: GATOR FEST COORDINATOR	ROLE 3: GALA PROJECT COORDINATOR	ROLE 4: BIRTHDAY & CLASS PARTY COORDINATOR	ROLE 5: APPRECIATION ROOM C OORDINAT OR
Main Teacher / Parent Contact     Class reminders     Grade GroupMe Links     Communicates with other classes on grade level activities and goals	Fair Basket Leader     Identify a class theme and work     with Role I for monetary     collections	Gala Project Leader     Each class leader will work with other leaders in the grade to submit one project per grade for the gala auction	Coordinate the Teacher(s) birthday card cupcakes (f applicable), and any gifts with the money collected with Role #1	Each month, one grade treats the faculty and Staff of HRU to a breakfast/funch by bringing in food and snacks for the teachers to feel appreciated.
Monetary Collections from the class for Gotor Fest basket, gala auction project, birthdays, and other class events as necessary	Submit pictures description, costs, for auction website by     October 25th, 2024     Drop off by     November 1, 2024	Submit pictures, description, costs, for auction website by March 14th, 2025 Drop off project by March 21st, 2025	Responsible for getting the Staff's birthday card, cupcakes (if applicable), and any gifts with the maney collected with Role #1	Staff Appreciation Event Leader     Each class leader will work with other appreciation leaders in the grade to coordinate the Staff Appreciation Event of their assigned month.
Provides links to volunteering events - Gatar Fest, blog trick or trunk, etc.	Volunteer for 9 ator Fest Basket Booth during Gotor Fest November 1st - 3rd, 2024	Volunteer for Gala Set up March 21st - March 22nd, 2025	Coordinate Class Parties (early childhood) and loe Cream Socials (older grades) for different Holldays	Coordinate food, drinks, and decorations for Staff Appreciation     Help Planning Teacher     Appreciation Week and other events
Supports the other Room Parents Roles, as needed	Encourage parents to submit outfion items, volunteer for booth shifts, and attend Gator Fest	Encourage parents to submit auction items, volunteer, and attend the gala	Test Grade specifie: Coordinate with Other Class Party Room Parents for Kindergarten Graduation.  Hit Grade specifie: Coordinate with Other Class Party Room Parents for 7th Grade Promotion.	Sept 18, 2024 - 6th / 7th grade     Oct 16, 2024 - 5th grade     Nov 13, 2024 - 4th grade     Dec 11, 2024 - 3rd grade     Jan 15, 2025 - 2nd grade     Feb 18, 2025 - 1st grade     March 19, 2025 - Kindergarten     April 9, 2025 - PK3     May 14, 2025 - PK3     Summer 2025 TBD - Little Gators



# HNJ Family Mass

Holy Name of Jesus Church is introducing a brand new monthly Family Mass, which will take place at 10:30 a.m. and will feature a family-friendly liturgy, music and fellowship. We encourage families of all ages to join us! Mark your calendars for these upcoming Masses.

August 18 - Blessing of the Backpacks
September 15 - Grandparents Mass
October 13
November 10
January 12
February 9
March 9
April 20







# Blessing of the Backpacks



# Sunday, August 18 10:30 AM Mass

All children in the parish are invited to bring their backpacks to church and receive a blessing as they start the school year









# HNJ Church Renovation Wall-Breaking Ceremony

Sunday, August 18, 2024 Following the 10:30 a.m. Mass Holy Name of Jesus Church

All members of the Holy Name of Jesus Church and School Community and all supporters of the *Foundations for the Future Campaign* are invited to join us as we prepare to officially break ground on our church renovation project.

Reception hosted by the HNF Men's Club to follow.















# **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, projectbased 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

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