

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

At the 10:30 AM Mass this past Sunday, the HNJ Community sent our 7th-grade students off to their retreat with a blessing and promised prayers. During his homily, Fr. Mark talked about vulnerability. He discussed how power comes with vulnerability pointing out how a baby can change everyone, even the most "powerful" and most "sinful" among us. A baby has the ability to make us stop, rethink our actions, and tend to their vulnerable needs.

I have noticed that our 7th-grade students do this very well; they tend to take care of those who are in need and those around us who are the most vulnerable. Again, I am so proud of this group of leaders. They will no doubt bring back many fruits from their retreat that will be cultivated over the next few weeks. It makes me smile! Thank you to the teachers who worked so hard to put on this retreat and to the parents for entrusting their children to us.

This Wednesday is our Community Dinner at 6 PM in the Parish Center. The Women of Wisdom ministry group is hosting this dinner. This is a great opportunity for our school families to socialize with our amazing and supportive HNJ parishioners. And, you get a free meal for your family! Families can park on the blacktop and walk across the street behind the Parish Center to enter the Faber room through the patio. There is also a quaint, little yard with a prayer section around the back corner for those children who want to spend time running around and enjoying their socialization!

Our parish is always booming with events and activities of all kinds. Check out the weekly bulletin for more information: https://hnjchurch.org/parish-bulletin

God Bless, Kirsch J. Williams









Important Dates

Wednesday, September 25

Community Dinner 6:00 PM (see flyer below)



Friday, September 27

Mercy Day Prayer Service and Celebration (PK3-7th Grade - parents welcome)
PK3-7th Grade Early Dismissal (no Later Gators)
PK3-7th Grade Faculty Professional Development

Little Gators regular day

Men's Club Pumpkin Patch (see flyer below)



Saturday, September 28

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Sunday, September 29

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Monday, September 30

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, October 1

Grand Gators Meeting



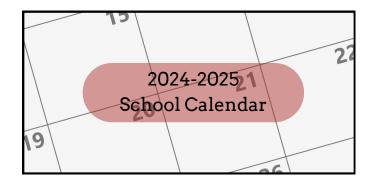
Coffee and Conversation 8:15 AM

Topic: Family Engagement - Learn about all the ways to get involved



Thursday, October 3

Alumni Happy Hour (see flyer below)









Let's Make a Difference... Together!



We are in an exciting time of growth here at Holy Name. Our enrollment is growing; our students are excelling academically and are being accepted into their high schools of choice; and this fall we will break ground on a brand new Little Gators Early Childhood Center, along with the first phase of our new school gym!

Our Annual Giving Appeal is something we do every year to support the school's annual operating budget. We rely on your gifts to help bridge the gap between what parents pay for tuition and what it actually costs to educate each student. This campaign is separate from our Capital Campaign, which raises funds for capital improvements. Gifts to the Annual Fund help support our Mission, including:

- · Attracting and retaining highly qualified teachers with competitive salaries,
- Providing tuition assistance for families who need it,

 And equipping our students with the resources they need to strive for their personal excellence.

Make a Gift!

View Our Gift Catalogue Here!

Read the full letter from our Annual Fund co-chairs here!









NURSE'S NOTES

ABBY DONNELLY, SCHOOL NURSE

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RETURNING TO SCHOOL AFTER BEING SICK REMINDERS (From the Student & Family Handbook)

- To return to school, the child must be free of symptoms for at least 24 hours without medication.
- If a child is sent home with fever, vomiting, or diarrhea, he or she may not return to school the next day.
- We understand that all parents need to work, but your child's health is important. Likewise, keeping the teachers and all the other children free from illness is also important.
- This means if you pick your child with symptoms up from school at 10 am, they may not return to school the next morning.
- The 24 hours begins when your child's symptoms have broken and remains in a normal range without medication.
- Do not give a child fever reducing medication and send them to school.
- A parent will be contacted to pick up a sick child when the child exhibits any of the above.
- A call to a parent will be made if a student reports experiencing any symptoms within 24 hours or less upon their return to school. Call the school office for further guidance.



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Is your child struggling with friendships? Check out these books on making and keeping friends!

Other Books to Check Out:

- Franklin's New Friend by Paulette Bourgeois
- Ira Crumb Makes a Pretty Good Friend by Naseem Hrab & Josh Holinaty
- The Berenstain Bears and the Trouble with Friends by Stan and Jan Berenstain
- The Invisible Boy by Trudy Ludwig
- Let's Be Friends: A Workbook to Help Kids Learn Social Skills and Make Great Friends by Dr. Lawrence Shapiro
- Nobody Likes Me, Everybody Hates Me: The Top 25 Friendship Problems and How to Solve Them by Michele Borba
- Sometimes I Feel Like I Don't Have Any Friends (But Not So Much Anymore): A Self-Esteem Book to Help Children Improve Their Social Skills by Dr. Lawrence Shapiro & Tracy Zimmerman











COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Here are some important social skills you can work on with your pre-school aged children at home!

Preschool Life Skills



INSTRUCTION FOLLOWING SKILLS

- 1. Responding to name
- Following simple (single) instructions
- 3. Following multi-step instructions

FUNCTIONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS

- 4. Requesting help
- 5. Requesting adult or peer attention
- 6. Requesting materials from adult
- 7. Requesting materials from peer





TOLERANCE SKILLS

- 8. Tolerating delays from adults
- 9. Tolerating delays from peers

FRIENDSHIP SKILLS

- 10. Saying "thank you"
- 11. Acknowledging/complimenting others
- 12. Offering & sharing
- 13. Comforting others









WHAT'S HAPPPENING THIS WEEK IN

HNJ ATHLETICS?





FOOTBALL SPOTLIGHT

After a couple of closely contested games, Holy Name's 6th and 7th grade football teams will be aiming to secure their first victories of the season this week. Just like in life, football is a game of inches. With continued hard work and perseverance, the teams will be well-prepared for the second half of the season and the playoffs.

Here are the highlights from the games:

- George Woodrow scored a rushing touchdown
- Vance Bukaty caught a touchdown pass from Andrew McCormick
- Levi McLeish scored a rushing touchdown
- Vincent Emrick, Benjamin Nalty, George Woodrow, and Ryan Cesarini all have at least one interception on the season
- Reid Orgeron caught a touchdown from Levi McLeish
- Drew Fallo threw a touchdown pass to George Woodrow



Upcoming Athletic Events

6th Grade Football

Monday, September 23- Game vs. St. Martin's 4p @ Avenger (Large) Wednesday, September 25- Game vs. St. George's 4p @ Avenger (Large)

7th Grade Football

Wednesday, September 25- Game vs St.George's 4p @ Avenger (Large)

5th/6th Grade Volleyball

Wednesday, September 25- Game vs. Ursuline 3:45p @ Ursuline

7th Grade Volleyball

Wednesday, September 25- Game vs. Ursuline 4:30p @ Ursuline

Swim Team

Thursday, September 26 - Meet at St. Martin's Episcopal 4p

Cross Country Team

Saturday, September 28- Mt. Carmel Invitational/St. Pius X Meet @ City Park 9:30a









Music Notes



Gator Fest Grade Level Performances

We encourage all students in grades K-4 to come sing and perform with their class for Gator Fest! Student performances during Gator Fest will be inside the building in the Haase Auditorium.

> <u>Saturday, November 2</u> 11:00-11:05 Kindergarten 11:30 - 11:35 1st grade 12:00 -12:05 2nd grade

Sunday, November 3 12:00-12:05 3rd grade 12:30-12:35 4th grade

Please email Mrs. Ptak at eptak@hnjschool.org with any questions.

All-State Honor Choir Auditions Complete

Congratulations and good luck to the following 4th through 7th grade students who have been striving for excellence! After many rehearsals with Mrs. Ptak and also practicing on their own, students learned two songs and completed a recording of their very best vocal performances. These students will receive a score from music professionals from across the state of Louisiana. Some of these students may score high enough to be accepted into the 2024 All State Honor Choir!

Liam Bustamante
Charlie Chiu
Laura Dawson
Jill Donnelly
Anna Gay
Amelia Greiffenstein
Olivia Hand
Margaret Koegler

Anna Kramer
Julie Kurtz
Adelaide Majoue
Brighton Materne
Molly Mortillaro
Mia Reyes
Catalina Rice
Jose-Antonio Rosales
Olivia Shaw

Madeleine Snyder Charlotte Suire Virginia Waldron Mae Baldwin Wands Olivia Watson Madeleine Yelton Elise Young James Zubic

Music Collaboration with Loyola <u>University</u>

Kate Duncan, Director of the School of Music & Theatre Professions brought the Loyola Jazz Vocal Ensemble to HNJ School this past
Thursday. Our middle school choir members got to watch Professor Duncan as she ran a college level rehearsal right in our HNJ music room. She spoke about and demonstrated how to work on vocal blend, chromatic scales, rhythm, improvising, "crunchy" notes, and how even tiny differences in the way we sing can make a big impact on the music! We love our collaborations and partnership with Loyola University!











Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! ¡Feliz Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15), we will have a wall display with photos to celebrate the Hispanic American community here at HNJ.

If you would like to be included, please send in a few family photos with your child's name on the back and the name of the Spanish speaking country or countries of their heritage. Students in PreK-3 - 3rd grade should bring their photos to the main office, and students in 4th - 7th should bring their photos directly to their Spanish teacher.

All photos will be returned at the end of October.

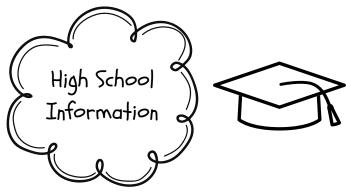
Gracias!









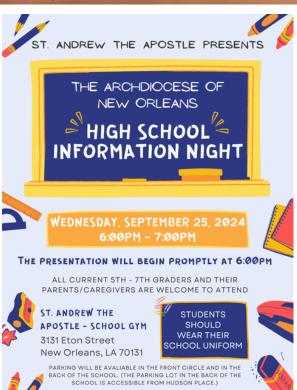


For more information about High School, email Brianna Begault bbegault@hnjschool.org



Register Online at flourishprep.com

For More Info Call: (504) 400-7308



Not just for 7th Grade!
All Middle School students
are invited to attend High
School Open Houses and
other Admissions Events

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE DATES

2024 September 27- HS Information Night-all schools at SAS		
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours on request	
Archbishop Chapelle	Th-November 7	4-6 PM
Archbishop Hannan	Th-October 24	4:30-6:30 PM
Archbishop Rummel	W-October 30	6 PM
Archbishop Shaw	Th-October 15	5-8 PM
Brother Martin	Th-November 7	4-7 PM
Cabrini High School	Th-October 3	3:30-6:30 PM
De La Salle	T-October29	4-7 PM
Holy Cross	W-October 16	6-8 PM
Jesuit	W-November 6	4:15, 5:00, 5:45 & 6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Academy	Th-October 10	3-7:30 PM
Pope John Paul II	Th-October 24	5-7 PM
St. Augustine	M-November 11	4:30-7:30 PM
St. Charles Catholic	W-October 23	5-7:30 PM
St. Katharine Drexel	Th-November 7	5:30-7:30 PM
St. Mary's Academy	W-November 6	6-8 PM
St. Mary's Dominican	Th-October 17	3:30-6:30 PM
St. Michael Special School	Th-October 17	9-11 AM
St. Paul's	Sat-November 2	1-3 PM
St. Scholastica Academy	Th-November 7	4-6:30 PM
St. Therese Academy	W-October 23	5-7 PM
Ursuline Academy	Th-October 24	4-6

REV 9-5-24







3rd & 4th Grade

Once a Month from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Meeting Dates:

10/9, 11/13, 12/4, 1/15, 2/5, 3/12, 4/2, 4/30

join to participate in projects like:



to Sign Up



If you have any questions, please email: kdaly@hnjschool.org

Middle School Art Club Art Club

Once a Month from 3:30pm-4:30pm

Meeting Dates: 10/16, 11/20, 12/11, 1/22, 2/12, 3/19, 4/16, 5/14

join to participate in projects like:







to Sign Up

If you have any questions, please email: kdaly@hnjschool.org









HNJ MEN'S CLUB Pumpkin patch

PUMPKINS FOR SALE* TAKE PHOTOS WITH THE KIDS

Friday, Sept. 27, 4:30-8:00 Saturday, Sept. 28, 10:00-4:00 Sunday, Sept. 29, 10:00-4:00

CHIU FAMILY YARD HNJ SCHOOL

*While supplies last















LAST CALL FOR BOOTH CHAIRS!

Football & Baseball Little Yard Playground



Without booth chairs, these booths will be canceled from Gator Fest 2024!

Reach out to Breland Sternberg or Julie Koegler for more information on how to become a Booth Chair.

BrelandSternberg@gmail.com or JulieKoegler@gmail.com

SPONSORS NEEDED



Dear HNJ Community,

On November 1, 2, and 3, 2024, Holy Name of Jesus Parish and School will celebrate our annual Gator Fest with the theme "Gators Go Marching In." As we prepare for our 41st Gator Fest, we look forward to another wonderful weekend with fabulous food, music, rides, fun, and fellowship.

We invite you to consider one of our sponsorship opportunities to help support the event and promote your business. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Please note that our deadline for sponsors to be included on the Gator Fest T-Shirt and printed materials is September 27, 2024.

To learn more about becoming a Gator Fest Sponsor, visit our website at www.hnjschool.org/gator-fest.

If you have any questions, please contact
Amy Nolan, Director of Institutional Advancement
anolan@hnjschool.org.











GATOR FEST 2024

MADE BY ME

DONATIONS NEEDED

Please consider donating your handcrafted items to our 2024 Gator Fest Made by Me Booth. We had such wonderful donations last year. I wanted to give everyone time to make their creations. Students, faculty, family and friends of HNJ are all welcome to donate items.

HAVE FUN CRAFTING! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE FAIR!



Slime
Tumblers
Earrings
Bracelets
Door Decor
Painted Pots
Stationary
Photography
Apparel/
Accessories
Art
Face Glitter
HNJ Themed
Items

PLEASE SEND ALL ITEMS TO:

Kathryn Suire via the HNJ Front Office Kathryn: 504.251.2442



Looking for the perfect Birthday Party?

Gator Fest 2024 has you covered!

Reserve a table right by the stage to set up your party headquarters!

\$50/table for a 2-hour reservation*

Email Caroline Sholl for more information! csholl@hnjschool.org

*table reservation only. Supplies, decorations, and food not included.













Alumni HAPPY HOUR

Join us for an HNJ Alumni Meet & Greet Thursday, October 3 HNJ School Tour 5 p.m. Happy Hour (Dutch treat) at The Gilded Perch inside the Park View Hotel 6-8 p.m.

Parking Available in the HNJ Chiu Family Yard

Come see our renovations and learn about what's going on at HNJ School!

RSVP





Diaper Need Defined

Diaper need is the lack of sufficient supply of diapers to keep an infant or toddler clean, dry & healthy.

1 in 2

1 in 2 U.S. families cannot afford enough diapers to keep their infant clean, dry & healthy

3 in 5

3 in 5 parents miss work or school because they can't afford diapers to leave their baby in childcare

28%



28% of parents experiencing diaper need reported skipping meals to afford diapers

Without diapers, babies cannot attend childcare.

Without childcare, parents cannot attend work or school.

Diaper need has adverse health risks for children and stress, anxiety & depression for parents.

Little Gators will be collecting diapers for the Junior League drive for the next couple of weeks. Please drop diapers off at the Little Gators Entrance (Cromwell Pl) OR the Front Office (Calhoun Red Canopy)

> Email Stephanie Rios for more information srios@hnjschool.org



INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW HNJ SQUADLOCKER SHOP!

LOOKING FOR MORE HNJ GEAR?

THIS CONVENIENT ONLINE STORE IS ALWAYS OPEN! NO DEADLINES OR ORDER WINDOWS. ALL SHOP PRODUCTS CAN BE CUSTOMIZED USING ANY OF THE BELOW NEWLY DESIGNED LOGOS

SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO! SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SEE ALL THE GREAT OPTIONS!

ADULT, YOUTH, INFANT, AND TODDLER SIZES AVAILABLE

SALE! 15% off 9/24-10/8

SWEATSHIRTS TSHIRTS SHORTS **SWEATPANTS** WATER BOTTLES AND MORE!

















NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS. SQUADLOCKER TSHIRTS ARE ALSO NOT CONSIDERED A SPIRIT SHIRT FOR SPIRIT DAY.











Altar Servers Needed!



Interested in becoming an altar server at Holy
Name of Jesus Church? Any students who
have received First Communion are
encouraged to sign up. We are in need of altar
servers at all weekend masses. Please contact
Kristy Christiansen at
kristy.christiansen@gmail.com for details.







Men's Club News

The Men's Club Softball Team competed in the Annual Archdiocese Tournament at LaSalle Park on Saturday. The team finished in third place out of 16 teams with wins over St. Christopher, St. Pius, St. Edward's and Christian Brothers. Special thanks to our dad's who put in a long day at the park and represented HNJ well.

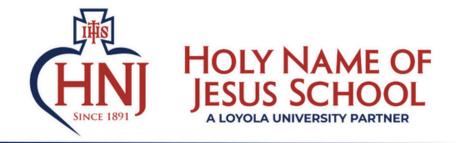
Team Members: Peter Blamphin, Jonah Keller, Jacob Keller, Noah Slater, Hudson Higgins, Adam Jeanfreau, Patrick Holder, Phillip Moseley, Russ Johnson, Fielding James, David Griener, Taylor Gallant, Rocky Daigle, Pat Winters, Jonathan Garrett, Ryan Emrick and David Searman.











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

Learn more about Holy Name of Jesus School www.hnjschool.org 504-861-1466





