

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

January 21, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus Community,

This Sunday is Catholic Schools Week Mass at the 10:30 Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mass. *We need our students to show up in uniform to represent our school!* Volunteers are also needed for readings, altar serving, bringing up gifts, and singing ([click here](#)). We need a lot of singers! Our choir will sing "*Lord, I Need You*," a beautiful song that our students have also learned in sign language—making this a truly special experience for everyone in attendance. This Mass is also a wonderful opportunity to express gratitude for the unwavering support of our Parish, especially in helping us achieve our dream of building a gym. I invite you to consider supporting this important Mass.

Re-enrollment ends today for returning Little Gator families and ends Friday for returning PK3 through 6th-grade families. (Sadly, 7th is saying goodbye.) If you did not receive an email from Ms. Kaitlin Southwick, please reach out to her for assistance: ksouthwick@hnjschool.org. Great things are in store for next year! We look forward to welcoming your family back to Holy Name of Jesus School next year as we continue our mission to partner with you in nurturing your children's personal excellence and preparing them to lead lives of purpose and service to others. Together, we will help them grow into the individuals they are called to be.

As promised, the results of the Ultimate Question Survey conducted in December are on the second page of this Gazette. Each fall semester, Holy Name of Jesus conducts the Ultimate Question Survey to gather insights and identify key trends. This initiative is essential for driving continuous improvement and fostering a vibrant, mission-centered school community. The survey serves the following purposes:

1. **Celebrate Successes** - Highlight achievements and areas of celebration to be recognized during the spring semester.
2. **Target Areas for Growth** - Pinpoint opportunities for improvement to address in the spring semester of the current academic year.
3. **Engage Stakeholders** - Identify stakeholder groups requiring focused attention and tailored engagement.
4. **Strategic Planning** - Inform the development of actionable plans for the subsequent school year.

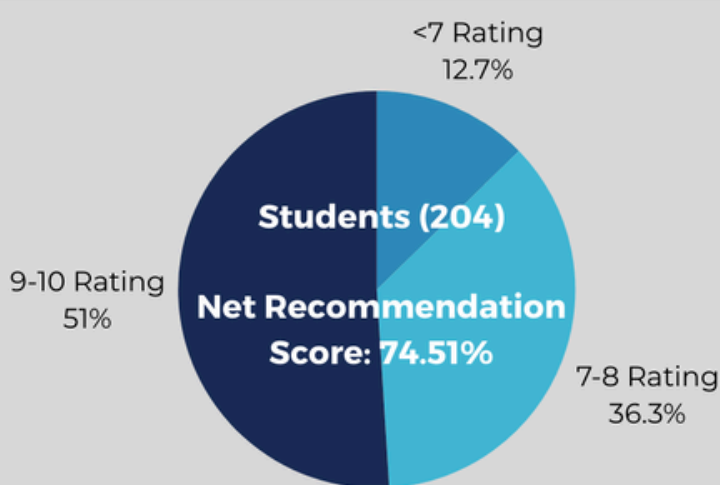
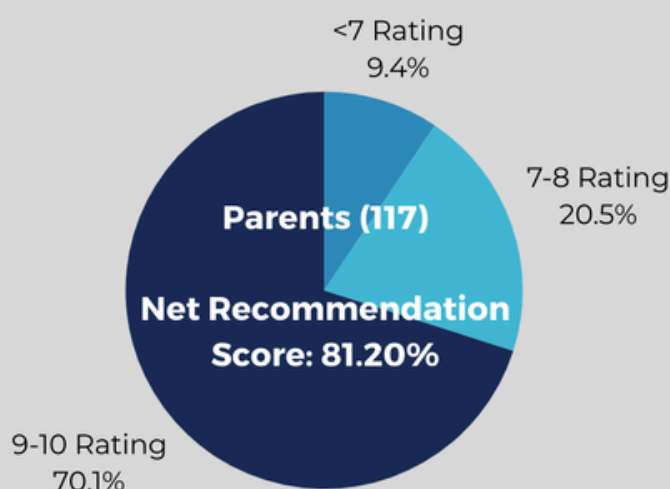
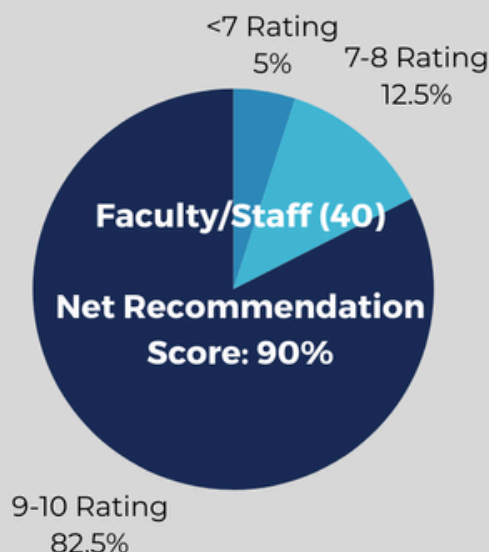
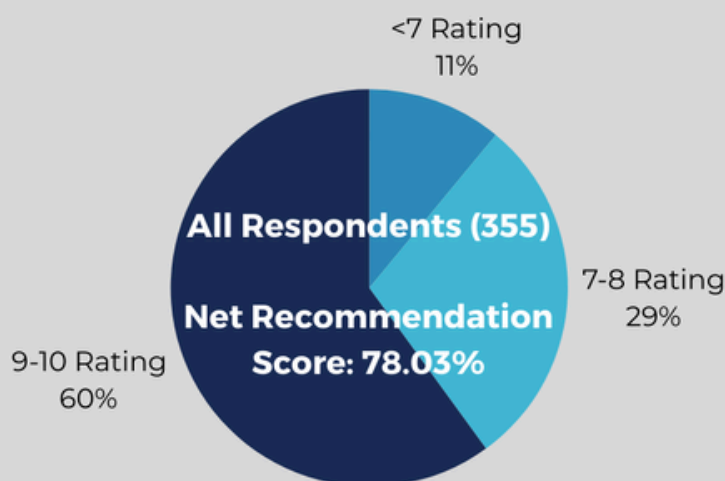
This survey reflects our commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and the ongoing growth of our school community. We are pleased to share the highlighted celebrations and resulting action steps to support continued growth.

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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HNJ ULTIMATE QUESTION SURVEY 24-25



A Net Recommendation Score (NRS) measures how likely parents, staff, or the community would be to recommend the school to others. A typical Net Recommendation Score of 70-80% or higher is considered excellent. This reflects strong community satisfaction and trust in the school.

"Glows" - Faculty, Staff & Parents

- Sense of community
- Dedicated, caring staff
- Academic excellence & engagement
- Safety & security
- Supportive & caring environment
- High quality teachers & administration
- Arts & enrichment programs
- Faith-based education
- Student happiness & well-being

"Glows" - Students

- Positive school environment
- Engagement & learning
- Safety & support

"Grows" - Spring 2025

- Reinforcement of behavior management & routines
- Support teachers with the student support process
- Make use of technology purposeful and more focused during indoor recess or down time
- Offer Little Gator & Early Childhood families a way to experience upper school to learn about educational opportunities
- Implement Athletic Day of Service to tidy campus

"Grows" - 2025-2026

- Develop refined approach to new family integration
- Review math curriculum & science labs
- As we expand campus, explore ways to expand PE program
- Evaluate the idea of a male disciplinarian for upper school grade levels

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Important Dates

Friday, January 24

School Mass 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (2nd-7th Grade, parents welcome)

Liturgy of the Word 9:45 AM in Haase's Auditorium (PK4 - 1st Grade, parents welcome)

Saturday, January 25

Athletics Day of Service

Sunday, January 26

Alumni Mass (see flyer below)

Monday, January 27-Friday January 31

Catholic Schools Week

NWEA Testing (PK4-7th)

Tuesday, January 28

Chick Fil A Fundraiser for 7th Grade 3:30-8:00 PM (i10 and Carrollton location)

Friday, January 31

Catholic Schools Week Archdiocesan Mass

School Mass 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (2nd-7th Grade, parents welcome)

Liturgy of the Word 9:45 AM in Haase's Auditorium (PK4 - 1st Grade, parents welcome)

2nd-5th Grade LPO Field Trip @ Loyola (10-12)

Capital Campaign Groundbreaking Ceremony (see flyer below)

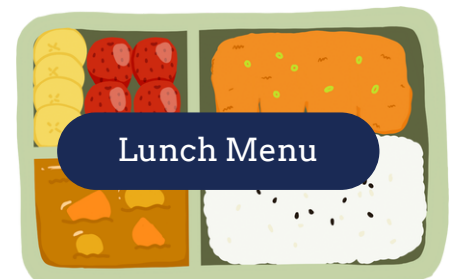
HNJ Night at the Pelicans Game (see flyer below)

Saturday, February 1

Darling Dance (see flyer below)

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, February 5: PTC Social 6:30-8:00 PM

Childcare provided (more info to follow)





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Qualities of a Good Friend

Forming and maintaining good friendships is great for increasing overall happiness, mental health and sense of belonging; they help with self-confidence and self-worth and can also reduce stress. Talking to your student about the qualities of real friends is helpful as they navigate the dynamics of different personalities of classmates and peers.

Signs of a 50/50 Friend:

- They're "hot" and "cold" – They love spending time with you one day and give you the cold shoulder the next. You're never sure where you stand.
- They often make you feel bad about yourself, sometimes underhandedly. They make everything seem like your fault.
- They are only available on their terms – Whether it's a small issue or an emergency, you're never sure you can rely on them.
- They make promises they don't keep – They make plans then later cancel, they leave you out on purpose.
- They are overly competitive – Your success secretly bothers them and your problems delight them.

Signs of a Real Friend:

- They're loyal and steady – Even when you disagree, you aren't worried about losing their friendship.
- They build you up, and they stick up for you if anyone else tries to insult you.
- They are always there for you, especially in an emergency.
- They are honest and upfront with you – no mind games being played.
- They root for your successes and are happy for your wins!
- You have fun together, and you feel uplifted after spending time together.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN **HNJ ATHLETICS?**

Mardi Gras Shirts are Back!

The 2025 HNJ Mardi Gras t-shirts are now available for purchase!
Place your order by Monday, January 27 at noon.

Students can wear an HNJ Mardi Gras shirt in place of regular Spirit Shirts on Mondays for the remainder of the Mardi Gras season.

[Click here to order](#)



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Want to shout out some Gators in next week's Gazette?
Email text and photos to Kaitlin Southwick at ksouthwick@hnjschool.org

Gator Spotlight

This week's spotlight Gator is **William Hudlow**, a punter for the Tulane University football team. William graduated from Holy Name of Jesus in 2018 and went on to have a spectacular career at Jesuit High School.

Throughout his career at Jesuit, William showed just how talented of a punter he is. He was named to the All-Catholic league team three times, the All-District and All-Metro teams twice, and the LA Football Magazine team. In his senior season with the Blue Jays, William also averaged 44 yards a punt. In addition to his honors on the field, William is excelling in the classroom. At Tulane, William is majoring in real estate and homeland security and has earned a 3.4 GPA, along with a 3.7 GPA last semester. After he finishes his undergraduate degree, William plans to go to grad school.

When asked about his time at HNJ, William states that he misses building relationships with his teachers and peers that last a lifetime. He explained that these relationships give him the ability to reach out whenever he is in need or just wants to speak to someone. Congratulations to William for all of your success on and off the football field! The Holy Name community could not be more proud of the things you have accomplished, along with the amazing person you have become!

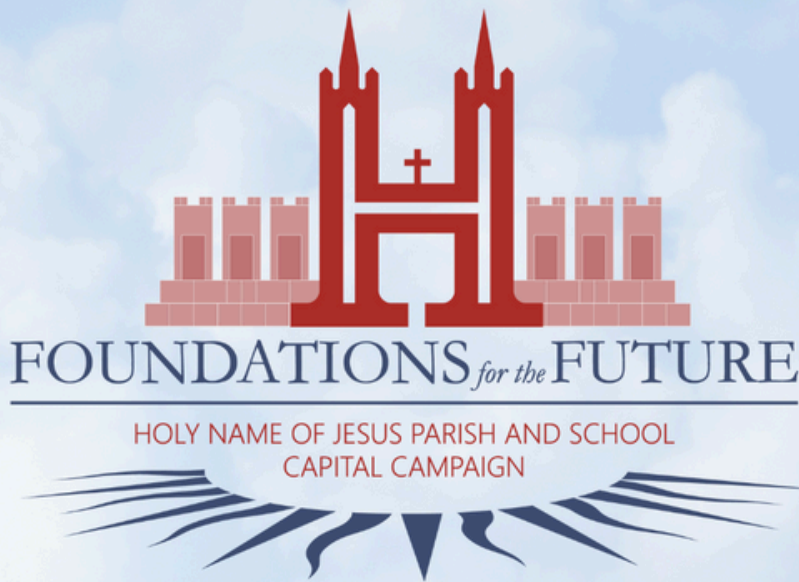


Go William and
Go Gators!



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Join us!

Holy Name of Jesus School Ground-Breaking Ceremony

Friday, January 31, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus School
Chiu Family Yard

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 new classroom building and gymnasium!

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*From Your
Home to Ours*

GROUND BEAKING

January 31, 2025

All students are invited to bring one snack-sized zip-top bag with a small scoop of dirt from your family's home to contribute to our groundbreaking ceremony for our new building on Friday, January 31. The dirt will be placed into the ground when we start construction!



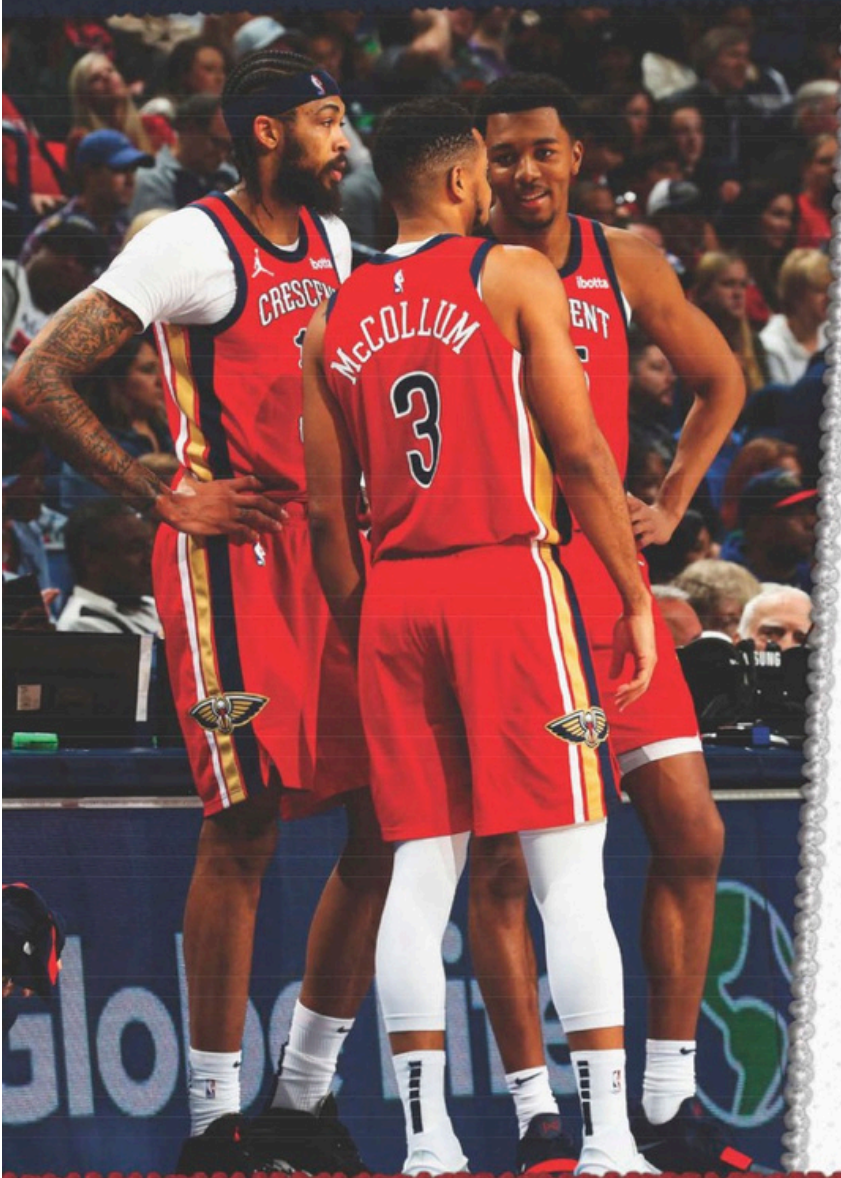
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PELICANS VS. CELTICS • FRIDAY, JAN. 31 • 7:00PM

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Join Holy Name of Jesus School for a night of fun at the Pelicans basketball game! A portion of the ticket sale proceeds will benefit Holy Name of Jesus School.

Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT AARION HARTMAN (504-593-4784) OR AARION.HARTMAN@PELICANS.COM

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THE HOLY NAME 7TH GRADE CLASS
INVITES YOU TO

Darling Dance

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH
YOUR HOLY NAME DARLING!

FEBRUARY

SATURDAY | **1** | 6PM - 8 PM
2025

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)

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Holy Name of Jesus Church Engraved Bricks & Pavers

Our new entry plaza at Holy Name of Jesus Church will feature an installation of commemorative bricks and pavers that can honor or memorialize loved ones in a special way. Engraved bricks and pavers are the perfect gift for weddings, anniversaries, graduations, or birthdays as well as a meaningful memorial for a loved one who has passed away.



We have two size options available: 4x8 and 8x8. You can choose from several options, including text only or text with a choice of several clip-art icons. Mini replicas are also available for purchase.

BRICK DETAILS: The bricks are 4" x 8" and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology. The price for a 4x8 brick is \$400.

PAVER DETAILS: The pavers are 8" x 8" and are engraved using state-of-the-art laser technology. The price for an 8x8 paver is \$800.

MINI REPLICAS: Mini Replicas are available for purchase for \$25. The 4x8 brick replica measures 1.5 x 3 inches (about the size of a business card), and the 8x8 paver replica measures 3x3 inches in size. Mini replicas will be shipped to the HNJ Parish Center. You will receive a call from us when they are available for pickup.

Learn more at hnjchurch.org/bricks-pavers or scan the QR code below.



JOE & JANE SMITH
JANUARY 1, 2025



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HNJ CAMP GATOR

RIISING PK4-7TH GRADE STUDENTS

JUNE 2-6: MESSY MASTERPIECES

JUNE 9-13: GALACTIC ADVENTURES

JUNE 16-20*: MID-SUMMER MARDI GRAS

JUNE 23-27: MAD SCIENCE LAB

JULY 7-11: SPORTS MASHUP

JULY 14-18: GATOR BUILDERS

JULY 21-25: ENDING SUMMER WITH A SPLASH

*NO CAMP ON 6/19 IN OBSERVANCE OF JUNETEENTH

HOURS

BEFORE CARE: 7:00-8:30

CAMP: 8:30-3:15

AFTER CARE: 3:15-5:30

[LEARN MORE](#)

PRICING

\$250/WEEK (\$200 WEEK OF 6/16)

BEFORE AND AFTER CARE \$100/WEEK (\$80 WEEK OF 6/16)

REGISTRATION

2/17 PRIORITY FOR CURRENT AND NEWLY ENROLLED HNJ STUDENTS

3/10 OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



@CAMPGATOR_HNJ

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**Save the
Date
for the**

7TH Grade Art Show

Wednesday,

March 19th

6pm-8pm

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2025 HNJ GALA

Sunset in Sedona

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

7PM - 11PM

VALS

SOUTHWESTERN CHIC ATTIRE



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SAVE THE DATE

'80s

Totally
Totally



HNJ SCHOOL
TENNIS + PICKLEBALL
TOURNAMENT

March 26th, 2025

[Click Here to Register](#)

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The HNJ Yearbook Committee needs your photos!

We need pictures from this school year! If you have photos from any of these past events, or any future HNJ events, please submit them to us!

- HNJ Athletics
- Gator Fest
- Back to School BBQ
- Class Parties
- Field Trips
- Pure Imagination
- Choir
- Other HNJ Events!

GOOD
TIMES



Click the camera
icon to upload your
photos directly to our
yearbook photo
library!





UPCOMING

SEVENTH GRADE

RESTAURANT FUNDRAISERS

SUPPORT THE HNJ SEVENTH GRADE CLASS TRIP THIS SPRING BY PURCHASING FOOD FROM THESE LOCAL RESTAURANTS.

BE SURE TO MENTION HNJ!

January 15	BLUE OAK BBQ All Day!
January 28	CHICK FIL A Carrollton and I-10 location, 3:30 - 8:00
February 7-9	PEPPERONI'S CAFE Breakfast only for all three days

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES COMING SOON

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR 7TH GRADE STUDENTS!

Contact Gwen Chavez for more information
gpeacoc@tulane.edu

FREE SPIRIT

Nourish Counseling Studio

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FACILITATED BY NOURISH COUNSELING STUDIO

Strengthen your relationship with your child and improve challenging behaviors.

MEETS VIRTUALLY EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 4:30 PM FOR 10 WEEKS!

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www.NourishinNOLA.com

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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

JANUARY 26, 2025

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE SPIRIT
OF THE LORD
IS UPON ME.

LUKE 4:18

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 4 p.m.
University Mass 9 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
Weekdays 7 a.m. (Adoration Chapel)
Weekdays 12:30 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Church)

RECONCILIATION

Wednesday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m.
(Adoration Chapel)
Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.
Sunday 8:15-8:45 p.m. (Loyola 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-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
(closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch)
Phone: 504-865-7430
Email: holyname@hnjchurch.org

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG



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Alumni MASS

Join us on
Sunday, January 26
10:30 AM Mass ~ Holy Name of Jesus Church
Celebrating all HNJ Alumni

Bring the whole family!
Alumni of all ages and class years are welcome
to attend and will receive a special blessing.



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.

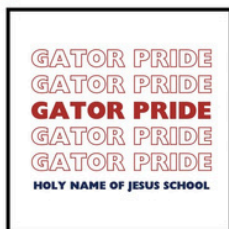
SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW TO SEE ALL THE GREAT OPTIONS!

ADULT, YOUTH, INFANT, AND TODDLER SIZES AVAILABLE



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.



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DIAPER
BANK
Diapers • Period Supplies
Adult Incontinence Products

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

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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 Catalog
Here!](#)

[Read the full letter from
our Annual Fund
co-chairs here!](#)

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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

504-861-1466

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