

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

I would like to take a moment to celebrate two of our HNJ leaders who also serve as spiritual leaders in their faith communities, living out our mission to spread God's love through word and action. First is **Jeremiah**Smith, our Director of Facilities, whose journey through the Bachelor of Ministry and Theology program at the Loyola Institute for Ministry (LIM) was transformational. Through his studies, Jeremiah discerned a call to serve in the Episcopal Church and is now pursuing ordination as a priest. Since graduating, he has become an Aspirant to the Priesthood and serves as a ministry intern at St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Metairie, Louisiana. A major milestone came on September 7, when he delivered his first sermon, a moment that reflected both courage and deep faith. Once uneasy with public speaking, Jeremiah found his voice through the encouragement of LIM Director Dr. Tracey Lamont, who invited him to speak at the 2023 commencement liturgy. Jeremiah's journey reminds us how God works through our gifts and challenges to shape us as witnesses of His Word. Check out his sermon and more about his story here: Loyola Institute for Ministry.

Secondly, **Langston Terrel**, our Athletic Director, continues to live his faith boldly within his community at Asia Baptist Church of New Orleans, where he recently spoke at the Men's Day Service on September 28. Centered on the theme "Courageous Men," Langston shared a heartfelt reflection on standing firm in faith and relying on God during life's most difficult moments. His reflection is based on 1 Corinthians 16:13. He also spoke about visiting his wife's church to better understand her faith, an act that beautifully captures humility, love, and a desire to grow in God's presence. Langston and his wife now raise their two boys in that same spirit of devotion, modeling faith in both family and leadership. We are grateful for the example he sets at HNI, showing our students and community what it means to walk with courage and share God's word in everyday life. You can view his reflection here: Asia Baptist Church Facebook Page.

We are grateful for these two leaders who emulate what it is to be Men for Others!

God Bless, Kirsch J. Williams







Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, October 15

Trick or Trunk Candy Collection - SILLY SOCKS for those who donate! (see flyer below)

Trick or Trunk Food Orders Due (see flyer below)

Gator Fest T-Shirt Order Deadline (see flyer below)

Thursday, October 16

Living Rosary, 8:30 AM, Chiu Family Yard (PK3 - 7th Grade, Parents Welcome)
Early Dismissal, Little Gators - 7th Grade - No Later Gators

Prospective Family Open House 3:00 - 6:00 PM Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, October 17

No School PK3 - 7th Grade Parent Teacher Conferences, PK3 - 7th Grade Regular day for Little Gators



Saturday, October 18

Trick or Trunk and Men's Club Haunted House (see flyers below)

Monday, October 20

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day House Meetings (2nd - 7th Grade)

Wednesday, October 22

School Picture Re-takes

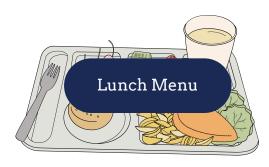
Thursday, October 23

PTC Fall Meeting and Social, 6:00 PM

















HNJ ATHLETICS?

On behalf of the HNJ Gator Club Board Members,

Thank you to our 4 Business Members and 43 Gator Athletic Club (GAC) Members so far this year for your generous support! Your contributions have already made a tremendous difference in the lives of our student-athletes.

Thanks to your support, the GAC has been able to fund:

- New volleyball jerseys
- · New swim caps
- · Facility rental fees for swim and volleyball practices for the year
- A record-breaking 20 coaches for the fall season
- · Additional cheerleading uniforms for our growing team

There's still time to help us reach our goal of 60 total members this year! Each member will also receive a special edition GAC Nike hat as a thank-you gift for joining.

Use the link below to sign up and become a member: 25-26 GAC Membership.

Go Gators!







Hudson and Alyssa Higgins

Wesley Keller Tammy Gadzinski Emily Erspamer Jacob Keller Russell Johnson Mallory and Langston Terrel

Patrick Sheehan Jonah Keller Mary Beth Green Dustin and Abby Donnelly

Kirk Talavera Roger Dunaway Matthew Cutrer Aaron Ross

Christopher England

Davis Ruddock
Paul Bode
David Theriot
Charlie Hornsby
Michael McHugh

Malcolm McBee
Billy Crosby
Beau Nesbit
Aaron Ready
Ethan Zubic
Santi Iturralde
Carson Strickland
Andrew Merlino
Billy Baxter

Larry Wolford Stephen Orkus David Munson Andrew Gomila Douglas Fletcher

Scott and Breland Sternberg

Britny Trahant
David Griener
Fielding James
Peter Blamphin
Jordan Keller
Margaret Watkins

Upcoming Athletic Events

5th Grade Football 10/14 vs. Christian Brothers @ La Salle, 4:00 PM

> 6th & 7th Football 10/22 vs. Trinity @ Avenger, 4:00 PM

> > 5th Grade Volleyball 10/17 @ Trinity

6th Grade Volleyball 10/14 @ Hynes, 4:00 PM

7th Grade Volleyball 10/14 @ St. George's, 4:15 PM

Swim Team 10/16 Meet @ St. Martin's

Cross Country 10/15 NOAL Championship Meet @ City Park









COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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Growth Mindset

Whether a student holds a fixed mindset or growth mindset significantly impacts their learning experience from elementary school to high school. Students that hold a fixed mindset give up when they can't solve a problem and admit defeat. This can be detrimental to students' future efforts and leads to limited student growth.

With a growth mindset, students continually work to improve their skills, leading to greater growth and ultimately, success. The key is to get students to tune into that growth mindset. What's the right approach?

First, focus on strategies not effort. Instead of, "Great effort, you really tried!" say, "That isn't working. What else can you try?"

BOOKS ON GROWTH MINDSET

Bubble Gum Brain by Julia Cook Mistakes that Worked by Charlotte Foltz Jones My Fantastic Elastic Brain by JoAnn Deak My Strong Mind by Niels van Hove A Whale of a Mistake by Ioana Hobai Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg It's Okay to Make Mistakes by Todd Parr The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi The Girl Who Never Made Mistakes by Mark Pett & Gary Rubenstein Zach Makes Mistakes by William Mulcahy"





Start saving your aluminum cans!

Gator Fest will have collection days that include empty, rinsed aluminum cans for the Can Smash booth! It's never too soon to start saving them!

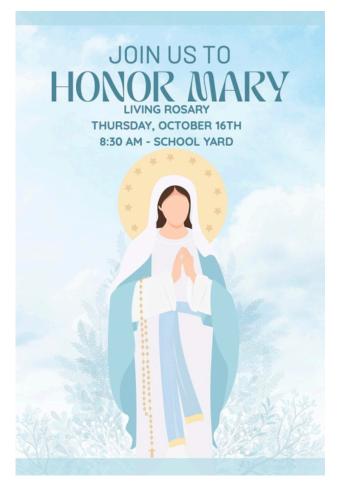
Love, your Gator Fest Chairs!











2025 Pumpkin Carving Contest Thursday, October 30th Winners will be announced Halloween Morning



Please write student name and homeroom on bottom of pumpkin!

Free to Participate!



All pumpkins must go home on October 31st at Carpool!! All Remaining Pumkins will be Discareded!









Music Notes

The HNJ music department is pleased to announce that grades K-4 will present grade level student performances during Gator Fest. Student performances will be in the auditorium so please bring your child to the auditorium 20 minutes prior to his/her start time. Here are the class performance dates and times. Please email Mrs. Ptak at eptak@hnjschool.org with any questions.



Saturday, November 15 11:00-11:05 Kindergarten 11:30 - 11:35 1st grade 12:00 -12:05 2nd grade

Sunday, November 16 12:00-12:05 3rd grade 12:30-12:35 4th grade



You are invited to the 2025 Louisiana ACDA All-State Honor Choir concert! The <u>concert will be held at</u>
<u>the Lafon Performing Arts Center on Saturday, October 18</u> and is free and open to the public.

Congratulations again to our students who were chosen to participate this year and who will represent our HNJ music program.

Children's Honor Choir 1:00pm concert 10/18/25



Stella Adams
Aubrie Rose Amedee
Arlen Bustamante
Peyton Caside
Olivia Caside
Marguerite Folse
Margaret Koegler
Adalie Queyrouze
Madeleine Yelton
James Zubic



Youth Mixed Honor Choir 2:15pm concert 10/18/25

Catalina Rice Olivia Shaw Charlotte Suire Brighton Materne William Baxter









Friday, October 17, 2025 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PK-3 through 7th Grade parents will receive an email directly from their child(ren)'s teacher(s) to schedule a conference time. You will receive this email by **Wednesday**, **October 8 at 3:00 PM**.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education.

Note: If you need to meet with an **Enrichment Teacher**, please email that teacher directly to schedule a conference.

- HNJ Cheerleaders Fundraiser!
 Support our Cheer Team and enjoy a refreshing treat!
- What: Fresh Fruit Frozen Bars (partnering with Pepperoni's Café)
- When: Monday, October 20 during House Meetings
- → Who: All grade levels (Little Gators through 7th Grade)
- ▶ Flavors: Watermelon Mango Pineapple

To participate, please fill out the order form by Friday, October 17 at 10:00 AM

<u>Fresh Fruit Frozen Bars.</u>

Thank you for cheering on our cheerleaders!
Your support makes a difference!

Go Gators!

HNJ GRAND GATORS CRAFTING DAY!

Join our Grand Gators on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 10 a.m. at the HNJ Parish Center!

We will be crafting HNJ Sunglasses to sell in the Made-By-Me Booth at Gator Fest. We will provide all the supplies. No talent needed! Come have fun crafting with us!





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.







HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

Alumni HAPPY HOUR

Join us for an HNJ Alumni Meet & Greet
Thursday, October 30, 2025
HNJ School Construction 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











JEWELRY & ACCESSORIES

Earrings – clay studs, glitter resin shapes, pom-poms, tassel dangles
Friendship Bracelets - beaded or woven / HNJ colors
Beaded Keychains / Bag Tags – initial beads, sports themes, or mascot colors.
Hair Bows / Scrunchies / Resin Clips – school colors or glittery/funky fabrics.
Button Pins – with fun sayings, doodles, or school spirit designs
Beaded Rings - trendy with glass or plastic beads

FUN & SEASONAL

Resin Key Chains – glitter, pressed flowers, or school colors

Bookmarks – laminated with doodles, tassels, or school themes.

Seasonal Items – Christmas Ornaments, Mardi Gras Sunglasses

Tie-Dye - Pet Bandanas, Tees, Socks, Hats

Mini Plant Pots - painted or decoupaged

Mini Canvases on Easels – painted inspirational quotes or mascots.

GATOR FEST FAVORITES

Slime Jars (already made, labeled)

Bath Bombs | Scented Candles

Seasonal Soaps
Face Glitter

Text Callie Folse to Donate

504-250-8185









ORDERS DUE OCTOBER 15

Event Registration and Food Pre-Orders















ORDER YOUR GATOR FEST
T-SHIRT TODAY!
ORDERS DUE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15

CLICK FLYER FOR ORDER FORM.

GATOR FEST T-SHIRT DAYS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ONCE THE SHIRTS ARRIVE.

CLICK HERE TO RESERVE
A GATOR FEST YARD
SIGN FOR YOUR HOME
OR BUSINESS!



Gordon Arata

NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16 FOOD * RIDES * GAMES * MUSIC



GATORS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

GATOR FEST 2025

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON OUR GATOR FEST TEAM!

Your gift of service is what makes this amazing event run smoothly, providing a fun, safe, enjoyable experience for our community. We are seeking volunteers to serve in various leadership roles to help organize and manage our event.

Scan QR Code or visit hnjschool.org/gator-fest











High School Information

It's an exciting time for our 5th-7th grade students as **high school admissions** events are starting to take place! Middle School students have many opportunities to explore the various Catholic High Schools in order to identify the school that best suits their unique interests and abilities! We strongly encourage students to experience on-campus events, including Open Houses and Spend-a-Days. To schedule a Spend-a-Day experience or to register for other admissions events, visit the website of the high school(s) of your choice. Absences due to Spend-a-Day events are excused, but missed school work is still expected to be completed.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE DATES

	2025	
September 24- HS In	formation Night-all	schools at SAS
Academy of Our Lady	W-October 22	4-7 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours on request	
Archbishop Chapelle	Th-November 6	4-6:00 PM
Archbishop Hannan	Th-October 23	4:30-6:30 PM
Archbishop Rummel	W-October 29	4 PM
Archbishop Shaw	Th-October 16	5-8 PM
Brother Martin	Th-November 6	4-7 PM
Cabrini High School	Th-October 2	3:30-6:30 PM
De La Salle	T-October 28	4-7 PM
Holy Cross	W-October 15	6 PM
Jesuit	W-November 5	4:30, 5:30, & 6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Academy	Th-October 9	3-7:30 PM
Pope John Paul II	W-October 29	5-7 PM
St. Augustine	M-November 10	4-7 PM
St. Charles Catholic	W-October 22	5-7:30 PM
St. Katharine Drexel	Th-November 6	5:30-7:30 PM
St. Mary's Academy	W-November 5	6-8 PM
St. Mary's Dominican	Th-October 16	3:30-6:30 PM
St. Michael Special School	Th-October 16	9-11 AM
Saint Paul's	Th-October 30	4-6 PM
St. Scholastica Academy	Th-November 6	4-6:30 PM
St. Therese Academy	W-October 22	5-7 PM
Ursuline Academy	Tours on request	











Dyslexia Support Through Play

A weekly group utilizing play therapy and CBT activities to assist children:

- Manage frustration, anxiety, and self-doubt
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Practice social skills with peers
- Develop positive coping strategies for schoolwork

Ages 8-10

Where: Nourish Counseling
Studio

When: Saturdays @ 3:30

contact

info@nourishinnola.com for more info



annual SAENGER THEATRE field trip December 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm









HOUSE SYSTEM: OCTOBER CHALLENGES

Click the symbol for each house to find instructions for the house challenge of the month. We look forward to building community with the house system this year!

House of Excellence



House of Reverence



House of Service



House of Truth and Light









1 in 2

caregivers struggle to provide their child with clean, dry diapers.





28%

of parents experiencing "diaper need" reported skipping meals to afford diapers.

2,800

amount of diapers a baby will use in the first year.



\$100





3 IN 5

parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.

Without diapers, babies cannot attend childcare or participate in early childhood education.





Educated women and stable families are critical to solving the larger, systemic problems facing Metropolitan New Orleans. Little Gators is accepting donations of diapers in collaboration with the Junior League of New Orleans' Diaper Drive. Please bring diapers to donate to the Front Office or Little Gators Entrance.

Thank you for your support!

DIAPERS AREN'T BASIC.*



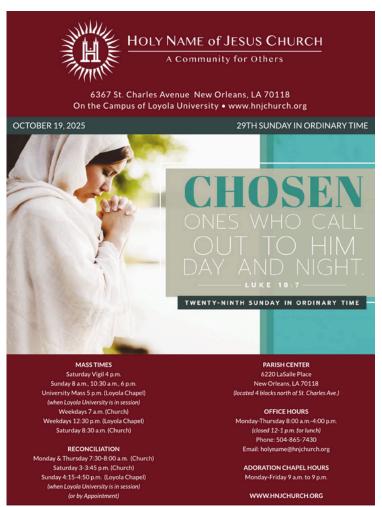
Please support our DIAPER DRIVE

All funds and diapers donated benefit the Junior League of New Orleans Diaper Bank











Haunted House
 Xmas Party

PAY NOW

Men's Club on the Avenue
 Crawfish Cook-Off



HNJ Family Masses

HNJ Men's Club

Mark your calendars for our Family Masses featuring family and child-centered liturgies.

September 7 ~ Grandparents Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

September 21 HNJ School 7th Grade Retreat Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

November 9 ~ Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

December 24 Christmas Eve Masses - 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

January 25 Catholic Schools Week Family & Alumni Mass, 10:30 a.m.

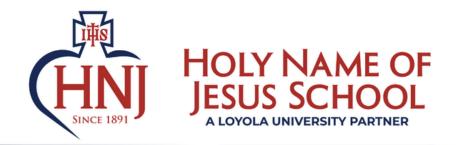
March 15 ~ Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

April 5 ~ Easter Family Mass – 11:00 a.m.









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:

2025-2026

GOAL #1

Empower Student
Agency through
Data-Driven
Reflection

2025-2026

GOAL #2

Cultivate
Responsible, Ethical
Learners in a
Digital World

2025-2026

GOAL #3

Build on Home-School Partnerships Rooted in Cultural Celebration

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





