

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

October 28, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

Last week, we welcomed a group of math teachers from across the Archdiocese to HNJ to observe our teachers in action, particularly our implementation of *Building Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics*. The goal: to increase thinking, engagement, and achievement in math. Our HNJ math teachers truly exemplify this kind of learning environment. The visiting group shared that watching them teach was the highlight of their day! I am so grateful for the leadership our teachers demonstrate and for their willingness to share their cutting-edge craft with others. You continue to set the bar for excellence in mathematics instruction!

This week is filled with more fun and meaningful opportunities for our students! Our Lower and Middle School students will visit Loyola for their annual **Fit Fest** and end the week with their **fourth House Meeting**. They have one more meeting this semester before their **House Showcase in December**, where they will present their assigned virtue to their peers.

Our youngest learners have an exciting visit from the **New Orleans Fire Department**... always a huge hit! Later in the week, they'll also enjoy a hands-on lesson from **Nature on the Geaux**. And if you want to witness pure cuteness in action, join us for our **Trick-or-Treat Parade** on Friday morning! Our Little Gators and Early Childhood students will parade around Loyola's campus as professors and staff hand out candy. We're so grateful for our partnership with Loyola and for moments like these, when their faculty share in the wonder and joy of our youngest learners, and our students get to experience a college campus with comfort and delight.

Finally, for our **Alumni**, the Advancement Department is hosting an **HNJ Alumni Hour** on Thursday evening, beginning with a tour of the new building at 5:00 PM, followed by a gathering at **The Guilded Perch** on St. Charles Avenue. We hope to see you there!

Happy Halloween!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Upcoming Important Dates

Thursday October 30

Nature on the Geaux (PK-2 - 1st Grade)

Loyola Fit Fest (1st -4th Grade)



Friday, October 31

Happy Halloween!

NO school mass

Halloween Spirt Shirt Day

Little Gators - Kindergarten Trick or Treat at Loyola, 9:00 AM

House Meetings (2nd - 7th Grade)

Later Gator Ends at 4:45 PM for all students

Monday, November 3 - Thursday, November 6

Middle School Exams

Monday, November 3

REGULAR UNIFORM - No Spirit Shirts due to Mass

All Saints Day School Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (K-7th, Parents Welcome)

Tuesday, November 4

October Honorable Gator



Friday, November 7

End of First Trimester

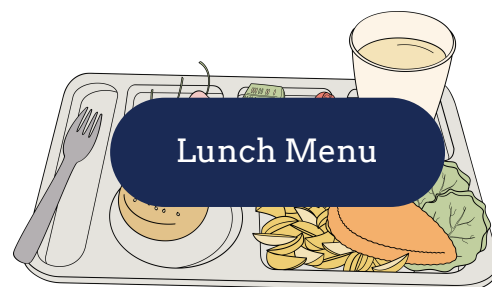
HNJ Goes Totally 80's Performance, 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 8

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Sunday, November 9

Family Mass, 10:30 AM @ HNJ Church



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Art to Remember

Over 50 keepsake products featuring
your child's artwork!

Support our HNJ art program!

order forms are here!

Order by **NOVEMBER 7th** for
FREE SHIPPING to HNJ

Click or scan
here to find
your art!



2025 Pumpkin Carving Contest

Thursday, October 30th

Winners will be announced Halloween Morning

*Pumpkins can be delivered to the
basement starting at 7:25am*

*Please write student name and
homeroom on bottom of pumpkin!*

Carve, Paint, or Decorate
your Pumpkin

Free to Participate!



****All pumpkins must go home on October 31st at Carpool!! All Remaining Pumpkins will be Discarded!****

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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



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org

Halloween Safety Tips

- S**tay in groups
- C**ostumes should be well fitting and flame resistant
- A**lways test makeup
- R**emember to look both ways when crossing streets
- E**xamine all treats before eating
- S**tay on sidewalks when possible
- A**void dark houses
- F**lashlights + glowsticks for visibility
- E**njoy with caution!

American
Safety Council

- Ensure your child's costume fits properly to prevent trips/falls.
- Make your child's costume distinguishable and safe by using glow bracelets, reflective tape, lights or other items that make them more visible.
- Walk (don't run) on sidewalks or near the edge of the roadway, and look both ways before crossing the street.
- Only visit homes that are well-lit or have their porch light turned on.
- Remind children to NEVER enter a residence or vehicle of an unknown person.
- Be aware of your surroundings: stay off of phones unless making phone calls, especially while supervising children.
- Have a family plan in case you and your child(ren) get separated.
- Inspect treats collected and toss any that are not sealed properly.

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Gator Fest Sports Auction!



Dear HNJ Community,

This year, Gator Fest will again have the Sports Auction Booth. In 2024, with the support of our Holy Name Family, the booth was a great success. Once again, I am reaching out to the HNJ community to ask if you have any connections to items that can be auctioned off as prizes throughout Gator Fest weekend.

Items of interest include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Saints tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Pelicans tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Jesters tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Tulane (football, baseball, basketball) tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- LSU (football, baseball, basketball) tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Loyola Athletics tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- UNO baseball or basketball tickets, memorabilia, or paraphernalia
- Sports camp vouchers
- Gift certificates (City Putt, golf courses, restaurants, tennis facilities, etc.)
- Health and wellness memberships

All donations can be turned in to Mrs. Becky Keller in the office. The deadline to submit donations is November 10th. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at davidblamphin@gmail.com.

Please submit any donation with the attached Gator Fest Donor Form. Any donor with a gift of \$50.00 or higher will have their name placed on a banner located in the Sports Auction Booth. Thank you for all of your support. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Gator Fest next month.

Go Gators,

David Blamphin
Co-Chair Sports Auction Booth



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS GATOR FEST 2025

Gordon Arata

Attorneys at Law

**PRE-ORDER YOUR ALL-WEEKEND RIDE BANDS
AND GATOR BUCKS TODAY!**

**DEADLINE:
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AT 8 AM
SAVE MONEY & TIME WAITING IN LINE!**



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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



START CRAFTING!

Text Callie Folsie to Donate

504-250-8185

Gator Fest Needs Your Donations!

November 4
November 6
November 10
November 11
November 12
November 13
November 14

We are collecting used books, gently used games/prizes/puzzles, stuffies, cans, individually wrapped sweets and juice boxes!

***Sweets only accepted November 13/14**

GATOR FEST NEEDS YOU!!

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

**ALL FAMILIES ARE ASKED TO SERVE
 TWO 2-HOUR SHIFTS.
 CLICK THIS FLYER TO SIGN UP TODAY!**

**WHEN YOU ARRIVE TO WORK YOUR SHIFT, YOU
 WILL HAVE A QR CODE TO SIGN IN TO LET US
 KNOW YOU WORKED. FOR EVERY SHIFT
 WORKED, YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A
 PRIZE DRAWING FOR A
 \$1,000 TUITION CREDIT OR CASH PRIZE!**



ALUMNI NIGHT
****FRIDAY****
NOV. 14

HOLY NAME OF JESUS
GATOR FEST 2025

NOVEMBER 14, 15 & 16

FOOD * RIDES * GAMES * MUSIC

PRESENTED BY **Gordon Arata**
 Attorneys at Law



MUSICAL LINEUP:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 7-10 P.M.
RED HOT GENTILLY PEPPERS



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15 | 7-10 P.M.
THAT'S SO FETCH



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 | 3-6 P.M.
CRESCENT KINGS



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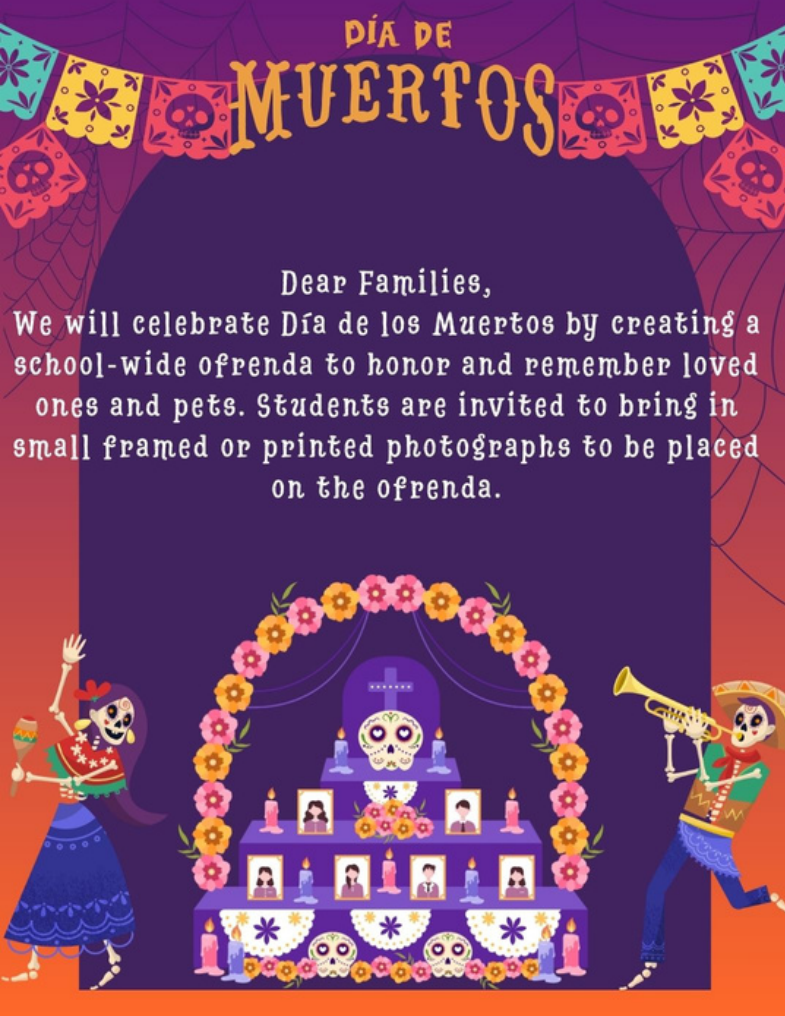


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HORIZON BANK.

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 CATERING & EVENTS

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November is Native American Heritage Month



Here are a few informational texts you can enjoy reading together as a family.



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 Information 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	

Questions? Contact Ms. Hughes

HSPT Test Prep at HNJ

6:00 – 7:30 PM

December 2 December 4
December 9 December 11
December 16 December 18

Full, timed practice test Saturday, January 2

\$250 per student.
Textbook included!



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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



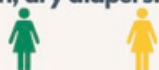
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1 in 2

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

spent on diapers in a month.



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.*

*****They're essential.

**Please support our
DIAPER DRIVE**

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

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PLAYBILL

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

BACK TO FUTURE THE MUSICAL



SCAN FOR TICKETS

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.



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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

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HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

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NOVEMBER 2, 2025

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

I WILL
NOT REJECT
ANYONE WHO COMES.

— JOHN 6:37 —

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
University Mass 5 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
(when Loyola University is in session)
Weekdays 7 a.m. (Church)
Weekdays 12:30 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
Saturday 8:30 a.m. (Church)

RECONCILIATION

Monday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m. (Church)
Saturday 3-3:45 p.m. (Church)
Sunday 4:15-4:50 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



PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES



Eat a Steak

But first, pay your dues. Your contribution keeps the beer cold, the steaks sizzling, and helps us host events and fundraisers all year.



Join the WhatsApp Chat

- Announcements and reminders
- Ask what time dismissal is
- Complain about carpool traffic
- Get a plumber recommendation



Events All Year

- Back to School BBQ
- Pumpkin Patch
- Haunted House
- Xmas Party
- Men's Club on the Avenue
- Crawfish Cook-Off

HNY Men's Club
WhatsApp group

PAY NOW



ORDER YOUR



HNY Door Hanger

DOOR HANGERS ARE NOW
IN STOCK IN THE OFFICE!

\$35 EACH

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

ORDER HERE

HNY Family Masses

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

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

September 21

HNY 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.

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

A LOYOLA UNIVERSITY PARTNER

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

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