

# The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

March 18, 2025

## Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

**Are your boots ready? Mine are!** Our HNJ Gala Committee has been hard at work planning an unforgettable evening for our families. *Sunset in Sedona* at Val's on Freret is happening this Saturday, and we can't wait to celebrate together. So dust off your best Southwestern attire and get ready for a fantastic night! [Also, don't miss out on the tuition/cash raffle.](#)

Meanwhile, we're officially in full **construction mode**! This is an exciting time for the HNJ community. Last month, we partnered with Entergy to remove the overhead power lines between our blacktop and the Loyola Dana Center, investing in burying them as part of our long-term campus improvements.

Now, we're ready to begin the **test pile phase**, which will take about a month. Just as we focus on building a strong foundation for our students, we're committed to laying the groundwork for our new building with care and precision. During Assembly, we'll continue discussing how our core beliefs serve as the foundation for our students—just as this construction phase ensures a strong future for HNJ.

Over the next few months, **carpool routes will be adjusted** to accommodate our ongoing construction. We appreciate your patience and flexibility during this transition. A special thank you to our Men's Club for their extra effort in helping us navigate and communicate these changes—your support makes a tremendous difference! We will continue to provide updates to ensure a smooth and safe process for everyone.

Lastly, I hope you're finding moments to **slow down and be still with God**. The recent beautiful weather has been a wonderful reminder to pause and appreciate the world around us. I've been finding peace and solitude in the outdoors—where do you find yours?

God Bless,  
Kirsch J. Williams

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## Important Dates

### Tuesday, March 18

Trimester 2 Honor Roll and Honorable Gator, 8:05 AM in Haase's Auditorium

### Wednesday, March 19

7th Grade Art Show (see flyer below)

### Thursday, March 20

Boots and Bandanas Free Dress Day (see flyer below)



### Friday, March 21

School Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (1st-7th Grade, parents welcome)

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

Boy Scouts Fish Fry (see flyer below)



### Saturday, March 22

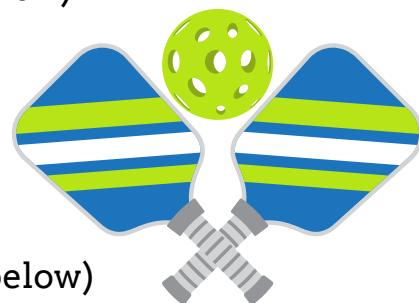
Sunset in Sedona Gala (see flyers below)

### Monday, March 24 - Friday, March 28

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week (see flyer below)

### Monday, March 24

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



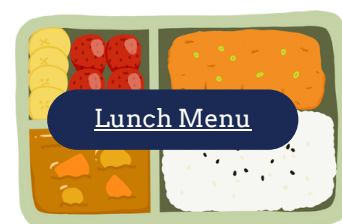
### Wednesday, March 26

HNJ Tennis/Pickleball Tournament (see flyer below)

### Friday, March 28

School Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (1st-7th Grade, parents welcome)

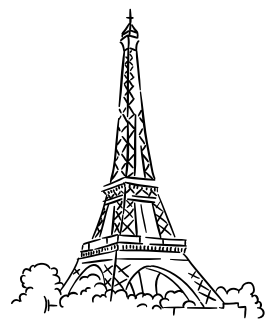
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## Bon appétit, les élèves!

The Middle school students in the French elective Bon appétit! began this trimester by making their own Croque-Monsieur. "De véritables petits chefs" according to Madame Foley who is looking forward to a new trimester of cooking French with these budding francophones...Bon appétit, les élèves!



## COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

[msubervielle@hnjschool.org](mailto:msubervielle@hnjschool.org)

A "frenemy" often appears as a friend but may secretly feel resentment or jealousy. This mix of companionship and competition can lead to widespread rumors in class, passive-aggressive comments in the lunchroom, or rivalry in group projects. For students trying to navigate through the social maze of school, recognizing and understanding frenemy relationships is key.

How parents can help:

- Teach children to notice friendship red flags
- Foster self and mutual respect by highlighting the importance of respect and modeling respecting others in all interactions
- Promote honest conversations by encouraging children to share their thoughts worries about friendships.
- Offers support or reflection when relationships hit rocky patches.

## FRENEMIES

unhealthy friendships



Mrs. Bell  
The CRAFTY Counselor

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# Lenten Update from the Lunch Room!

Dear HNJ Parents/Guardians PK3-7th grades:

Please make a note that hamburgers will not be served for lunch on Fridays in observance of Lent. In addition, Friday cold lunch options will be grilled cheese and/or tuna salad sandwiches. Messinas will continue serving hamburgers on Fridays after the Easter holiday.

Thank you!



## 7<sup>TH</sup> Grade Art Show

# TOMORROW!

**March 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-7:30pm**

Come visit our Art Exhibition in the Xavier and Faber Rooms of the HNJ Parish Center and celebrate our 7th Grade Artists.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Thank you 2025 HNJ Tennis & Pickleball Sponsors!

## LEMOINE



## MINT JULEP PRODUCTIONS



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Holy Name of Jesus School

Department of Theatre

Proudly Presents...

# INTO THE WOODS JR.

April 10 - 12, 2025

Direction by  
Greg Kata



HNJ School  
6325 Cromwell Place  
New Orleans, LA 70118

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# **HNJ TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 1983 2025**

**MONDAY  
MARCH 24TH**

**NEON NOTES**

**SHARE NOTES OF  
APPRECIATION**

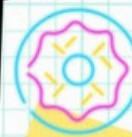


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**TUESDAY  
MARCH 25TH**

**"BREAKFAST CLUB"**

**TEACHER'S LOUNGE**



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 26TH**  
**WISH LIST WEDNESDAY**

**"MIX TAPE"**

**SUPPLIES GIVEAWAY  
IN THE LOUNGE**

[Click  
Here](#)



**THURSDAY  
MARCH 27TH**

**"SAVED BY THE BELL"**

**GRAB & GO  
SNACKS & DRINKS**



**FRIDAY  
MARCH 28TH**

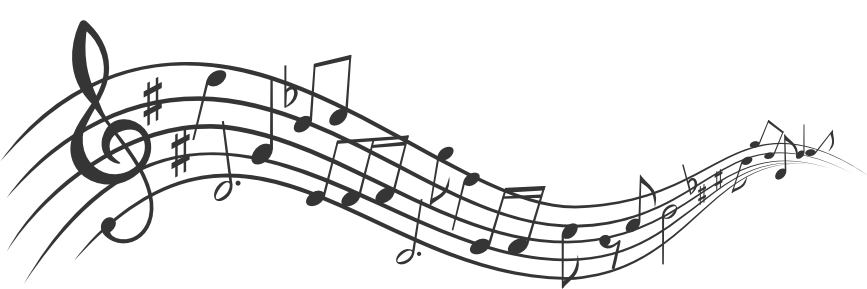
**"CHEERS"**

**PTC PROVIDED LUNCH  
PARISH CENTER**

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# Music Notes

March is Music In Our  
Schools Month®

## HNJ MUSIC

Every day, music educators across the United States are shaping lives by guiding students through a transformative journey of exploration, practice, and growth. While parents and the wider community get to witness the magic of performances, they often miss the powerful day-to-day moments of music education, connection, and discovery that truly make the process special.



### What music is happening at HNJ School?

- ~Weekly interactive music classes offered to EVERY HNJ student grades Pre-K1 through 7th grade.
- ~Every day during assembly Ms. Williams works with all students grades 1-7 on singing and signing (ASL sign language) our liturgical songs.
- ~Third grade students learn how to play recorder. Some have earned "black belts" in our Recorder Karate curriculum.
- ~Interactive LPO music field trip for grades 2, 3, 4, and 5
- ~HNJ Choir sings weekly for Mass. ~Through the Jazz and Heritage Partnership Grant, HNJ will purchase a brand new set of tone chimes for our music classes and for student performances at the church.
- ~HNJ Choir attended a vocal workshop with VOCES8, a Grammy-nominated British vocal ensemble and is now preparing to compete in the Large Ensemble Festival Competition in April @ UNO.
- ~HNJ currently has over 60 students taking private piano, guitar, and voice lessons in our after school music program.
- ~Through the Jazz and Heritage Partnership Grant, HNJ will host guest artist, Joel Dyson, as she provides a music series open to grades 4-7.
- ~All 4th graders are learning how to play the ukulele and compose their own songs.

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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](mailto:ksouthwick@hnjschool.org)

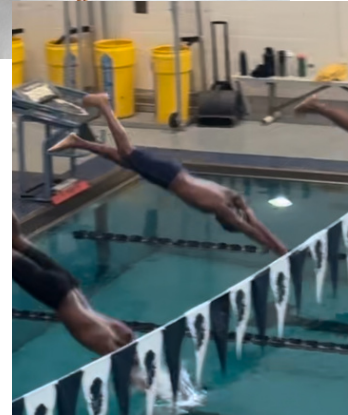
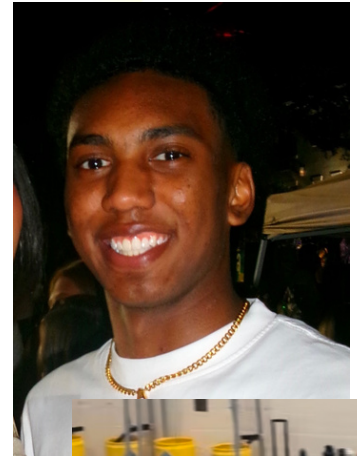
# Gator Spotlight

This week's spotlight Gator is **Aiden Boykins**, a standout swimmer at Brother Martin High School. Aiden graduated from Holy Name of Jesus in 2021 and has been having an impressive high school experience.

One of Aiden's notable accomplishments at Brother Martin is his election to the Student Council, where he serves as Secretary. He is also making a positive impact in the classroom, maintaining a current GPA of 3.47 and a cumulative GPA of 3.05. After graduating from Brother Martin, Aiden plans to attend college on the West Coast, with San Diego State University being one of his top choices. Although he is still undecided about his major, Aiden is considering business and finance.

When reflecting on his time at Holy Name of Jesus, Aiden mentioned that he misses seeing all his friends daily and cherishes the bonds they formed together. Congratulations to Aiden for all of his achievements! Your Holy Name family is incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished and, more importantly, the remarkable young man you have become.

Go Aiden and Go Gators!



HNJ School graduate of 2020, and current high school senior shortstop **Carter Ptak** recently committed to play college baseball at St. Peter's University in New Jersey, a Division 1 school.

Ptak is a two-time All-District honoree, the leadoff hitter for his high school team at The Willow School, and he is batting well over .400 this season.

He already holds the all-time record for singles at The Willow School and is quickly approaching becoming the all-time hits leader in program history.

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# BOOTS & Bandanas

THURSDAY | MARCH 20

**All HNJ students  
will get to have a  
"Boots &  
Bandanas"  
Free Dress Day  
following  
handbook  
guidelines!**



**CLICK TO BUY TICKETS OR  
BECOME A SPONSOR**

EARLY BIRD PRICE \$125 UNTIL 2/21/25 | \$150 AFTER 2/21/25

*Sunset in  
Sedona*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

7PM - 11PM

VALS ON FRERET

SOUTHWESTERN CHIC ATTIRE



**HOLY NAME OF  
JESUS SCHOOL**

## *Tuition/Cash* **RAFFLE**

Purchase a ticket for a chance to win your choice of  
either a \$5,000 tuition credit for the 2025-2026  
school year OR a \$2,500 cash prize. Winner will be  
drawn on Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

The winner need not be present.

Gaming License: G-0004386

**DEADLINE TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS IS MONDAY,  
MARCH 24 AT 11:59 PM**

**\$50 each  
or 3 for \$100**



DONATIONS NEEDED

## *Auction 2025*



**Beach Houses \* Art \* Vacations \* Jewelry  
Restaurants \* Hosting Dinner Parties  
Fun Family Experiences \* Memberships  
Spa Days \* Gift Cards \* Home Decor Items**

**Click flyer to submit a donation!**

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The 7th Grade Class is  
hosting  
**POPCORN**  
**FRIDAY**

Friday, March 28 | [Click Here to Order!](#)



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# LENT WITH THE PACK

Scripture-based reflections from Loyola community members emailed daily throughout Lent (March 5 - April 17, 2025)

## Free to subscribe

in English

[bit.ly/LWP2025Eng](https://bit.ly/LWP2025Eng)

in Spanish

[bit.ly/LWP2025Spa](https://bit.ly/LWP2025Spa)



**Starts March 5  
join anytime**



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS Student Life and Ministry

questions: [hrrdarrou@loyno.edu](mailto:hrrdarrou@loyno.edu)

Join Loyola University New Orleans' Lent with the Pack as we reflect on the ways we are invited to Cura Personalis (or caring for the whole person) each day. Voices from across the Loyola community in English and Spanish share how they are inspired and renewed through scripture, and each reflection includes a prompt for your own prayer or reflection time.

Click the flyer to learn more!

Contact Hunter Darrouzet, Loyola's University Minister for Communal Reflection, at [hrrdarrou@loyno.edu](mailto:hrrdarrou@loyno.edu) with any questions.

Subscribe here to receive the daily reflections via email in English.

Suscríbete aquí para recibir las reflexiones diarias en español.

## BOY SCOUT TROOP 55 Lenten Fish Fry

6 pm until 8 pm

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish Courtyard  
631 State Street (NEW LOCATION  
DUE TO HNJ CONSTRUCTION)**

(We accept cash, checks, Venmo, and Zelle)

Walk-up orders only.

Proceeds to support Boy Scout Troop 55 activities

Call Daniel Quintana with questions – (504) 715-3490

MARCH 14

MARCH 21

APRIL 11

<u>Menu Item</u>	<u>Price</u>
Adult Shrimp	\$15.00
Child Shrimp	\$12.00
Adult Catfish	\$15.00
Child Catfish	\$12.00
Shrimp/Fish Combo	\$16.00

All plates include French Fries, French Bread and Potato Salad.

Our food is outstanding because all fish and shrimp are Louisiana products.

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# SAVE THE DATE

'80s

## Totally Totally tennis

### HNJ SCHOOL TENNIS + PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

March 26th, 2025

[Click Here to Register](#)



Your child may be eligible for a K-12 private school scholarship

ARETESCHOLARS provides private K-12 scholarships exclusively to qualifying low-to-moderate-income students. The scholarships empower parents who otherwise have limited options to select a school that best meets their child's unique gifts, talents, and learning needs.

**Maximum scholarship amounts:** \$4,400 for grades K-8; or \$4,950 for grades 9-12.

**Application period:** February 25, 2025–May 31, 2025 (or until we receive 4,000 applications, whichever comes first)

Note: Applications are first-come, first-served, with priority given to returning students, and students using the Louisiana Scholarship Program Scholarship. An application does not guarantee a scholarship.

**To be eligible** for a scholarship in Louisiana, a student must meet the following income, residency, and prior school year requirements

1. Louisiana resident, *AND*
2. Enrolled in Louisiana public school for 2024-25, *OR*
3. Entering kindergarten in 2025-26, *OR*
4. Received a TDC or Louisiana Scholarship Program award in 2024-25, *AND*
5. Family income less than the following maximum amounts:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAX ANNUAL \$
2 People	\$52,875
3 People	\$66,625
4 People	\$80,375
5 People	\$94,125
6 People	\$107,875
7 People	\$121,625



**Instructions to apply:** visit [www.aretescholars.org](http://www.aretescholars.org) or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

**Questions?** contact Mary Helen at [maryhw@aretescholars.org](mailto:maryhw@aretescholars.org)

## 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](http://hnjchurch.org/bricks-pavers) or scan the QR code below.



JOE & JANE SMITH  
JANUARY 1, 2025



## 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

[Click to Register](#)

### 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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A Community for Others

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On the Campus of Loyola University • www.hnjchurch.org

March 23, 2025

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

IT MAY BEAR  
FRUIT IN THE  
**FUTURE.**

— LUKE 13:9 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.  
University Mass 9 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 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

# 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!



## 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!



**GATORS**  
Holy Name of Jesus School

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PARENT

HOLY NAME OF JESUS  
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NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS.

SQUADLOCKER TSHIRTS ARE ALSO NOT CONSIDERED A SPIRIT SHIRT FOR SPIRIT DAY.



**JIN  
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

Did you know?  
???

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@hjnjschool.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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# 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:

### 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](http://www.hnjschool.org)**

**504-861-1466**

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