

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, we are excited to announce several leadership updates. We celebrate the retirement of **Ruth Blum**, whose dedication has greatly shaped our school community. Additionally, **Brianna Begault** will step into the role of **Assistant Principal**, bringing her expertise in teacher support and student wellbeing. We also welcome **Christina Calderaro** as **Assistant Principal of Academics (1st-7th Grade)** and **Maya Scheuermann** as **Director of Early Childhood (Infants-Kindergarten)**, both of whom will play key roles in strengthening our academic programs.

Furthermore, we are introducing a **Dean of Students**, **Anthony Chatham**, who will oversee student formation, behavior, and enrichment programs, including **PK4-7th grade Summer Camp and PK3-7th grade Later Gators**. This role will focus on fostering a positive school culture through a new House System, character development initiatives, and mentorship programs supporting all students. For full details on these leadership updates, please see the next page of the Gazette.

Test Pile Update: The test pile program is underway, marking a crucial step in foundation work to evaluate soil conditions, confirm load-bearing capacity, and verify pile design before full-scale installation. A limited number of test piles have been installed and will undergo load testing to measure settlement and structural performance. This process also includes soil analysis, monitoring pile driving resistance, and assessing friction and end-bearing capacity. Based on the results, engineers may adjust pile length, diameter, or material to ensure a structurally sound foundation. Over the next month, this careful evaluation will take place, and once complete, the remaining 200+ piles will be installed to support the full construction.

With two weeks left in Lent, let us remember to pause, reflect, and draw closer to the glorious mystery of Jesus, making the most of this sacred time for prayer and renewal.

God Bless, Kirsch J. Williams







HNJ Leadership 25-26

Dear HNJ School Community,

As we prepare for an exciting 2025-2026 school year, I am pleased to share important leadership updates.

First, we celebrate the retirement of **Ruth Blum**, a beloved leader who has shaped Little Gators, discipline practices, and academics with her unwavering dedication. While stepping away from her full-time role, Ruth will remain connected to our community, and we look forward to honoring her at the end of the year.

We are thrilled to announce **Brianna Begault** as our new Assistant Principal. Having played a key role on our Administrative Team, Brianna's expertise in teacher support, parent partnership, and student well-being will be a tremendous asset. **Kaitlin Southwick** will continue to serve as the Director of Admissions.

Joining our team as Assistant Principal of Academics (1st-7th Grade) is Christina Calderaro, who will oversee curriculum and instructional leadership while fostering a faith-filled learning environment rooted in Jesuit values and cura personalis. We also welcome Maya Scheuermann as Director of Early Childhood (Infants-Kindergarten). With our early childhood program expanding, Maya will ensure strong curriculum alignment, faculty support, and compliance while working closely with Stephanie Rios, Director of Little Gators. Both Christina and Maya will visit HNJ this spring to ensure a smooth transition.

Additionally, we are introducing a **Dean of Students, Anthony Chatham**, a role shaped by parent, teacher, and student feedback. This leader will oversee **PK4-7th grade Summer Camp and PK3-7th grade Later Gators**, while fostering a positive school culture through a new House System inspired by Ignatian saints. A proactive approach to **student formation and behavior** will emphasize responsibility, leadership, and faith-based character development, with special initiatives focused on mentorship and personal growth for all students.

We are excited about these changes and confident they will strengthen our school community. Thank you for your continued support as we move forward together!

With Excitement

Kirsch Jones Williams, Principal



Maya Scheuermann

Director of Early Childhood Infants through Kindergarten



- Academics: Oversees the alignment of curriculum and learning targets for Little Gator through Kindergarten.
- Cura Personalis: Ensures a nurturing, faith-filled environment that aligns with our Jesuit values and fosters the development of the whole child through play-based learning.
- Instructional Coach: Supports faculty, maintains compliance with daycare regulations for Little Gators, and leads Professional Learning Communities to enhance instructional practices.

Maya Scheuermann was born and raised in New Orleans and comes to HNJ with over 15 years of experience in the education field. She attended Catholic schools from pre-kindergarten through high school. She graduated from the University of New Orleans in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus on pre-law, business, and education. Maya continued her education by earning a Master's Degree from the University of Holy Cross in Curriculum and Instruction with Educational Leadership. She is happily married to her husband of 10 years. They have two children who will attend HNJ in the fall.

Maya has served in various roles in public and private schools as an educator, observer, PLC leader, grade level mentor, instructional coach, and she has taught pre-kindergarten through first grade. For the past three years, she has observed and coached educators and directors in daycare centers for multiple parishes, as well as early intervention for infants through three-years-olds.

Maya is excited to spearhead the expansion of Little Gators to accommodate our growing families and community at HNJ. She is passionate and dedicated to nurturing young minds and fostering a love for learning through play. Maya is committed to creating environments that inspire curiosity and growth. She is thrilled to join the HNJ family!

Christina Calderaro



Assistant Principal of Academics Ist through 7th Grade

- Academic Innovation: Supports the Principal in providing instructional leadership and ensuring the effective administration of academic programs for Elementary and Middle School students.
- Personal Excellence For All: Helps foster a learning community rooted in Jesuit tradition where faith, service, and academic excellence are central, while promoting cura personalis - the care of the whole person - in both students and staff.

We are thrilled to announce that Christina Calderaro will be joining our HNJ family as the new Assistant Principal of Academics for grades 1 through 7. Christina brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for fostering student growth and academic excellence. A lifelong learner, Mrs. Calderaro earned her undergraduate degree in Applied Behavioral Sciences from the University of Holy Cross and a Master's in Education in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in Literacy from LSU-S.

Throughout her career, she has served in various educational roles, including Curriculum Coordinator for both Lower and Middle School and classroom teacher in Catholic, private, and public school settings. Christina is dedicated to educating the whole child, emphasizing the importance of both academic achievement and personal growth. As a Responsive Classroom educator, she is deeply committed to student-centered learning, data-driven instruction, and supporting teachers through effective curriculum design. She is excited to collaborate with our talented educators to create a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

Outside of her professional life, Christina and her husband, August, are proud parents to three sons: August IV, Jackson, and Bennett. As a family, they enjoy traveling, dining out, and enjoying outdoor adventures together. We are excited for Christina to bring her passion, experience, and leadership to HNJ, and we look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students and school community.



Anthony Chatham

Dean of Students 1st through 7th Grade



- Director of Summer Camp & Later Gators: Lead PK3-7th grade Later Gators and PK4-7th grade Summer Camp, ensuring safe, enriching experiences.
- Student Formation & Behavior: Foster a positive culture through an Ignatian House System and proactive character development.
- Preventative Approach: Promote responsibility, leadership, and faith-based growth, including programs for boys' formation.



Anthony Chatham is excited to take on the role of Dean of Students. Surprisingly, he had never planned on working in education. Following his graduation from Spring Hill College, he went into the Peace Corps and briefly attended Tulane Law School. He realized that law school was not his calling, and he found himself in Mass at HNJ and heard that Kirsch was looking for teachers.

After substituting at HNJ, Kirsch offered him a teaching position. With Kirsch's and Lizzie's guidance, as well as the other amazing 4th grade teachers, Tracy and Enola, and his mentor, Coach T, his professors, the other social studies teachers, Fr. Mark, and many others, he has had a great first few years teaching 4th grade filled with support. Anthony discovered how incredible the HNJ community is, and he is grateful to be part of such an active community, which he gets to be involved in both inside and outside of the classroom. To Anthony, HNJ is really more than just a school, but a very engaged and loving community.

He will miss teaching 4th grade students every day, but looks forward to growing more in his capacity to help others as a member of the leadership team. He looks forward to fostering a "cura personalis" mentality in our students, supporting them as children of God and helping them live out the mission of being for and with others.







<u>Important Dates</u>

Monday, March 31 - Thursday, April 3

Gala Auction Free Dress Week (if purchased)

Wednesday, April 2

Coffee and Conversation (see flyer below)

Thursday, April 3 - Sunday, April 13

Book Fair (see flyer below)



Friday, April 4

School Mass at HNJ Church, 8:15 AM (1st-7th Grade, Parents Welcome) Liturgy of the Word in Haase's Auditorium, 9:45 AM (PK3-Kindergarten, Parents Welcome)

Monday, April 7

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Thursday, April 10 - Saturday April 12

Into the Woods Performances (buy tickets on flyer below)

Friday, April 11

Boy Scouts Fish Fry @ St. Francis of Assisi (see flyer below)

Wednesday, April 16

City Park Night (see flyer below)



Early Dismissal for All Students Little Gators: 11:30-12:00 PK3-7th: 12:00-12:30

Friday, April 18 - Friday, April 25 Easer Break: No School for all students

















JOIN US FOR



ADMIN

WITH HNJ SCHOOL ADMIN TEAM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2
8:00 A.M.
HNJ PARISH CENTER FABER ROOM
PLEASE UTILIZE STREET PARKING



COME LEARN ABOUT CONSTRUCTION UPDATES, END-OF-YEAR ACTIVITIES, AND SUMMER CAMP!









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MORGAN SUBERVIELLE, SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Kids in the Digital Age

A major concern for parents raising children in the digital age is safety. How can parents keep children safe on the internet? The Department of Homeland Security have a few tips for parents:

Start a dialogue about your child's internet safety:

- What apps do you like?
- Who do you talk to when you play games?
- What pictures/ videos do you post?
- What would you do if someone sent you inappropriate images, etc.

Be proactive in protecting your children from risk on the internet:

- Establish rules about what they can share
- Learn about reporting options
- Help children set privacy settings
- Help create strong passwords
- Talk about friends lists
- Talk to children about how sharing personal information puts them at risk. Personal information includes:

passwords, home address, email address, location, home/cell number, school or sports uniforms, geotags

- Explain to children that a stranger talking to you at the mall is just as risky as a stranger talking to you online!



Help children to respond to inappropriate behavior online:

- Turn off screen
- Use back button
- Tell trusted adult
- Report it to website or app
- Report it to cybertipline.org

Visit Netsmartz.org for more tips on keeping children safe on the internet!









WHAT'S HAPPPENING THIS WEEK IN

HNJ ATHLETICS?

HNJ Spring sports apparel is now available for purchase. Click here to order!. The deadline for orders is Thursday, April 3, at 12 PM. Thank you for your continued support of the HNJ athletics department. Go Gators!





NURSE'S NOTES

ABBY DONNELLY, SCHOOL NURSE

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Nurse Abby and Nurse
Caroline want to say thank
you so much to Nurse
Addison, Nurse Cosette,
Nurse Jill, and Nurse Lynn
for being Nurses for the Day
this year! We are so
thankful for their help and
assistance to keep all of our
Gators safe and healthy
today! Great job!





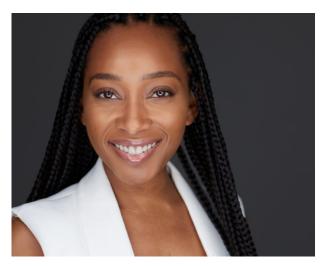






Music Notes

Thanks to the grant we have received from the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Foundation, we have begun our vocal master class series open to students in grades 4-7. Students are working with expert clinician, Ms. Joel Dyson and pianist, Mr. Brandon Banks. At the next session, students will individually perform a solo and receive immediate, personalized feedback. Many common issues music students face are universal, so the lessons shared can be valuable to every student in the room.



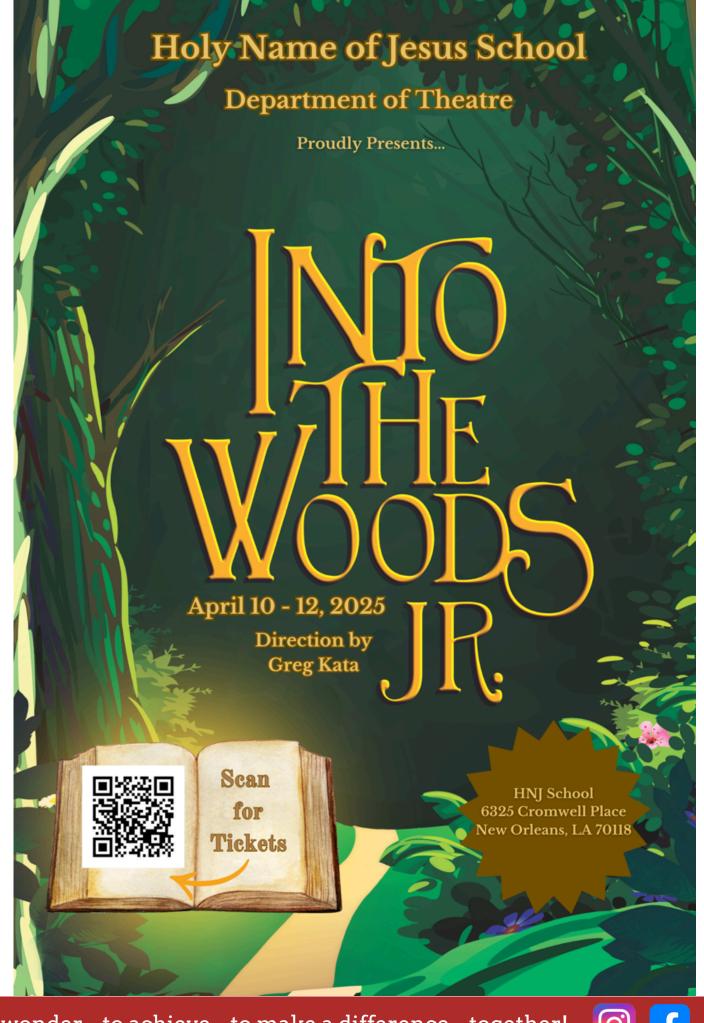








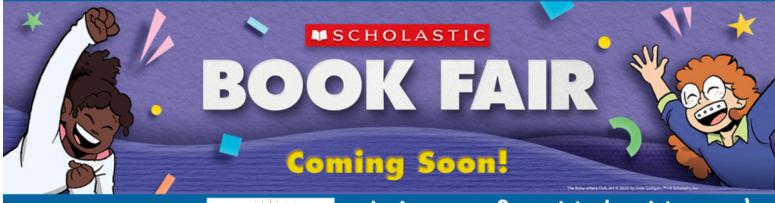














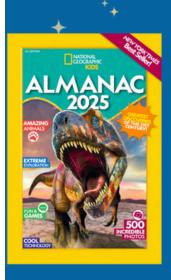
Join us for Holy Name's Spring Book Fair! When: April 7th-11th Where: HNJ School Lobby



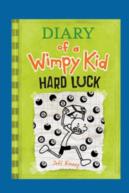




Students in PK3-1st Grade are invited to wear pajamas on their book Shop Day!
Students in grades 2nd-7th are invited to dress as their favorite book character.



















HNJ CITY PARK NIGHT

Wednesday, April 16 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM City Park Carousel Gardens Amusement Park

Advanced Wristbands (purchased by Tuesday, April 15):
First four wristbands \$15 each
Each additional wristband \$10 each

Onsite Wristbands:

\$20 each



Additional Information:

- Wristbands required for anyone age 2 or older
 - Includes access to all open rides
- City Park concessions are <u>cashless</u> and will be open
 - No outside food and drink allowed

Questions?

Contact Lizzie Frein at <u>lizziefrein@gmail.com</u> or 225.803.6288









HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

Discover HOLY NAME

Parents, Grandparents, Alumni & Friends

Join us for an exclusive tour of Holy Name of Jesus School. Learn about our Jesuit-inspired values. Meet our passionate faculty and staff. Discover how our students are engaging with one another and striving for personal excellence each day.

Tours:

Monday, April 7, 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 9, 7:45 a.m.
Friday, April 11, 7:45 a.m.
Tuesday, April 15, 7:45 a.m.
Thursday, April 17, 7:45 a.m.

Pre-Registration Required. HNJ Parents or Grandparents who attend will receive a FREE DRESS PASS for their student.

Please utilize street parking in the neighborhood.









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

Gator Spotlight

Congratulations to HNJ alum **Leon Edmond** for earning a 36 on the ACT.

Leon attended HNJ from PK4 through 7th Grade and is now a Sophomore at Jesuit High School.

We are so proud of Leon for Striving for Personal Excellence.









This week's spotlight Gator is **Zoey Ochoa**, a track and field athlete at St. Mary's Dominican High School. Zoey graduated from Holy Name of Jesus in 2023 and has already made a name for herself on and off the track.

As a freshman, Zoey had an impressive start to her high school track and field career. She placed 2nd in the 4 x 400 meter relay and 3rd in the 400-meter dash. Additionally, Zoey received the prestigious Lou Reilly Award, given to an athlete who seeks ways to improve, gives their best effort for the team, and encourages their teammates.

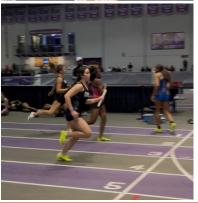
Outside of track, Zoey excels academically with a 4.0 GPA. She is also actively involved in several extracurricular activities, including the Student Ambassadors, Student Council, and the Beta Club.

Though Zoey is unsure about where she wants to attend college, she is considering architecture as a potential major.

Reflecting on her time at Holy Name, Zoey expresses that she misses the HNJ community the most. Congratulations to Zoey on all her achievements! The HNJ community is incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished and the amazing person you have become.

Go Zoey and Go Gators!











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

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

in Spanish bit.ly/LWP2025Spa



Starts March 5 join anytime



questions: hrdarrou@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 hrdarrou@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

 Menu Item
 Price

 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.









ARETESCHOLARS provides private K-12 scholarships exclusively to qualifying low-to-moderateincome 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

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

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





Instructions to apply: visit www.aretescholars.org or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

Questions? contact Mary Helen at 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 or scan the QR code below.











\$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



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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)
for 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@hnichurch.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 ImaginationChoir
- · Other HNJ Events!





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





INTRODUCING THE ALL NEW HNJ SQUADLOCKER SHOP!



THIS CONVENIENT ONLINE STORE IS <u>ALWAYS OPEN!</u> 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.



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%

(46)

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







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.

View Our Gift Catalog

Here!

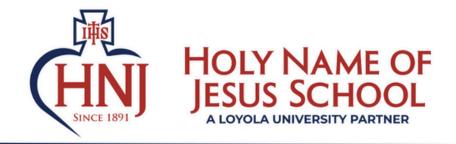
Make a Gift!

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









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





