

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

April 8, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

What an exciting week at HNJ! We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed to making this such a vibrant time on campus. From our dedicated faculty and staff to the incredible support of our families and volunteers, it's clear that when we come together, amazing things happen. Your energy and enthusiasm are what bring our school to life, and we couldn't do it without you.

Our students continue to impress and inspire us with their creativity and talent. This week's performances of *Into the Woods*—running Thursday through Saturday—are a perfect example of the dedication and hard work our young performers, crew members, and director have poured into bringing this production to the stage. Their passion for the arts shines through, and we can't wait for everyone to experience the magic they've created.

We're also thrilled to have the Book Fair running all week, offering something for every reader in our diverse and dynamic school community. Whether it's the joy of discovering a new story or the excitement of a live performance, this week reflects the wide range of gifts and voices that make HNJ so special. Thank you for being part of it—we are proud to celebrate all that we are, together.

To wonder... to achieve... to make a difference... together!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates



Monday, April 7 - Friday, April 11

HNJ Book Fair (see flyer below)

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)

Tuesday, April 15

Cheer Parent Meeting (see flyer below)

Wednesday, April 16

City Park Night (see flyer below)

Thursday, April 17

Living Stations of the Cross, 8:30 AM in Haase's Auditorium (1st-7th Grade, Parents Welcome)

Early Dismissal for All Students

Little Gators: 11:30-12:00

PK3-7th: 12:00-12:30



Friday, April 18 - Friday, April 25

Easter Break: No School for all students

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday Family Mass, 11:00 AM @ Holy Name of Jesus Church

Easter Egg Hunt Follows (see flyer below)



Monday, April 28

School Resumes

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



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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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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Softball

The HNJ softball team secured their second win of the season with a thrilling 8-7 victory against McGehee on Friday afternoon. The offense was on fire throughout the contest, featuring big hits from Gia Phillippi, Madeleine Yelton, Grace Vodanovich, Stella Ostrow, Madeleine Snyder, and Veronica Douglas. The "Maddy Squared" dynamic duo excelled in the clutch moments of the game, with Maddy Snyder driving in the winning run and Maddy Yelton scoring the decisive run. Equally impressive was the Gator defense, led by Grace Vodanovich, who recorded 5 strikeouts. With this win, our Gators' record stands at 2-1 for the season. They have two pivotal games coming up: one against John Curtis on Wednesday and another against Sacred Heart on Friday. Congratulations once again to the middle school girls' softball team! Go Gators!



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Decatastrophize Testing Worries

Do you have a student with test anxiety? Try using these phrases to help students understand their biggest worries and fears may not be as rational or likely to happen as they think. This strategy will help students align their feelings and thoughts more closely with reality, build their confidence, and make a plan to cope even in the highly unlikely chance that the "worst" does happen.

"What is the best outcome for your test? What are the chances of it happening?"

"If you don't get the score that you hoped for, what will happen? How will you cope?"

"What is the worst possible score that you could earn on the test? How likely are you to earn it?"

"What is the worst possible thing that could happen during the test? What are the chances of that happening?"

"Your worth, intelligence, and future are NOT determined by this test!"

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PLAYFUL PALS

A PLAY THERAPY GROUP FOR PRE-K AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN TO INCREASE:

- ✓ Emotional Regulation Skills
- ✓ Peer Play Skills
- ✓ Joint Attention Development
- ✓ Positive communication skills

Where: Nourish Counseling Studio
When: Wednesdays at 8 am or Saturdays at 3:30 PM

CONTACT [INFO@NOURISHINNOLA.COM](mailto:info@nourishinnola.com) FOR MORE INFORMATION




MINECRAFT MATES

ON THURSDAYS AT 4:30PM
MAY 7TH - AUGUST 6TH

3939 Houma Blvd Suite 15
Metairie, LA 70065

FOR RISING 4TH AND 5TH GRADE BOYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
[INFO@NOURISHINNOLA.COM](mailto:info@nourishinnola.com)



PARENTING SUPPORT 101

NOURISH COUNSELING STUDIO PRESENTS:

\$40/FAMILY PER WORKSHOP

Join us for a summer workshop series designed to support parents and increase your toolbox of parenting skills! Each workshop is stand alone- come to one or come to all!

REGULATE AND RECHARGE: THE POWER OF PARENTAL SELF-CARE IN RAISING THRIVING KIDS - WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 AT 4:30 PM

BEING A THERMOSTAT: TIPS AND TRICKS TO MANAGE TRANSITIONS, TANTRUMS, AND TOUGH SITUATIONS- THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2025 AT 4:30 PM

SCREEN TIME SMARTS: FINDING THE RIGHT BALANCE FOR YOUR FAMILY- WEDNESDAY, JULY 9, 2025 AT 6:30 PM

PARENTING WITH PRESENCE: USING PLAY TO NURTURE YOUR RELATIONSHIP- WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025 AT 4:30 PM

ALL WORKSHOPS ARE VIRTUAL!

Please email info@nourishinnola.com or visit nourishinnola.com to register!



NOURISH COUNSELING STUDIO

Nourishing NOLA Families

OUR SERVICES

- Individual Play Therapy
- Individual Therapy for Teens
- Parent Coaching and Support
- Group Counseling for Kids & Parents
- School Consultations and Observations

Email us today to schedule your intake appointment!

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NourishinnOLA.com



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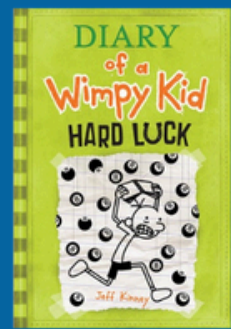
Join us for Holy Name's
Spring Book Fair!
When: April 7th-11th
Where: HNJ School
Lobby



- Monday, April 7th**
Crawfish Class @ 7:30 - 9:00
2nd Grade @ 11:30-12:25
7th Grade @ 12:30-1:10
Tuesday, April 8th
Turtle Class @ 7:30-9:00
1st Grade @ 8:00-9:00
3rd Grade 11:30-12:30
Wednesday, April 9th
Crab Class @ 7:30- 9:00
Kindergarten @ 8:00-9:00
4th Grade @ 12:20-1:00
Thursday, April 10th
Pelican's Class @ 7:30- 9:00
PreK 4 @ 8-9
5th Grade @ 12:30-1:10
Friday, April 11th
PreK 3 @ 8-9
6th Grade 12:40-1:20



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.



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HNJ CHEER PARENT MEETING

**APRIL 15 AT 6:15 PM
IN THE HNJ LOBBY**

Parent meeting for rising
5th grade through 7th
grade girls interested in
trying out for the 25 - 26
Holy Name cheer team!

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



[Click here](#)
[to](#)
[volunteer!](#)

Additional Information:

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

Questions?

Contact Lizzie Frein at lizziefrein@gmail.com or 225.803.6288

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

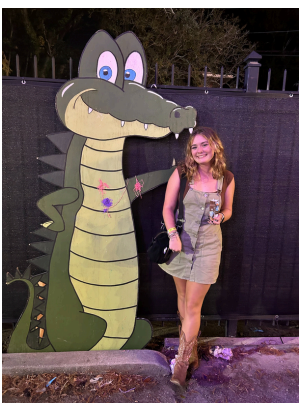
Gator Spotlight

This week's spotlight is on **Greyson Taylor**, a standout shooting guard for the Brother Martin basketball team. Greyson graduated from Holy Name in 2023 and has made an impressive start to his high school journey.

As an 8th grader, Greyson wowed everyone on the court, scoring over 450 points for Brother Martin. This performance earned him a spot on the varsity basketball team as a freshman, where he plays alongside fellow Holy Name alum Raphael Bickham. In his freshman year, Greyson has continued to shine, scoring 105 points. In addition to his basketball achievements, Greyson has maintained an admirable GPA of 3.7. Although he is still undecided about where to attend college, he plans to major in engineering.

When asked what he misses most about his time at Holy Name, Greyson shared that he misses all the friendships and memories he made there. Congratulations, Greyson, on all your achievements! Your Holy Name family could not be prouder of everything you have accomplished and the remarkable young man you have become.

Go Greyson and Go Gators!



Congratulations to **Caitlin Bruno**, an alum of Holy Name who was awarded the Posse Scholarship to Tulane University this coming fall. The scholarship recognizes leadership skills amongst high academic students in the New Orleans area. The scholarship was printed in Advocate newspaper on January 29th. She is currently a student at the Willow School and will graduate with a certificate of artistry in stagecraft and an area of concentration in biomedical science.

We are proud of you, Caitlin!



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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

in Spanish

bit.ly/LWP2025Spa



**Starts March 5
join anytime**



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 with any questions.

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

Suscríbete aquí para recibir las reflexiones diarias en español.

questions: hrrdarrou@loyno.edu

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.

EASTER

• EGG HUNT •



EASTER SUNDAY AFTER 11 A.M. MASS

BAGS PROVIDED OR BRING YOUR OWN BASKET

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY HORSESHOE & PALM COURT



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HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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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.



Holy Name of Jesus Church Engraved Bricks & Pavers

**PLACE YOUR ORDER BY
APRIL 27, 2025 TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE FIRST
INSTALLATION. ORDERS WILL
CONTINUE YEAR-ROUND.**



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



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 or scan the QR code to begin the online application process.

Questions? contact Mary Helen at maryhw@aretescholars.org

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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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

April 13, 2025

PALM SUNDAY



THE MASTER
HAS NEED OF IT.

— LUKE 19:31 —

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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: hollyname@hnpjchurch.org

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

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

WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG

The HNJ Yearbook Committee needs your photos!

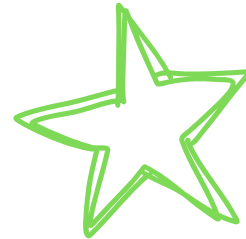
We need pictures from this school year! If you have photos from any of these past events, or any future HNJ events, please submit them to us!

- 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.

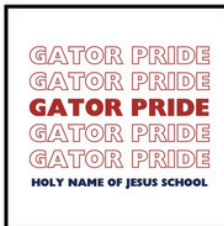
SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

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!**



NOTE: THESE ITEMS ARE NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS.
SQUADLOCKER TSHIRTS ARE ALSO NOT CONSIDERED A SPIRIT SHIRT FOR SPIRIT DAY.

JLN 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.

Did you know? ??

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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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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