

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

May 13, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

What an extraordinary experience! The 7th-grade trip to Green River Preserve is one thing that sets our school apart! Students had an amazing time climbing mountains and bald rocks, exploring plants (even tasting some), rock wall climbing, playing with farm animals, performing in a variety show, and learning about composting and organic recyclable materials! One even picked up a chicken with ease!

Many accomplished things they had never done before, not knowing they had the ability to do so. There was something in nature for everyone; some compared rocks or took a cold plunge in 52-degree river water, while others played endlessly with salamanders and river crawfish. As students were asked questions about what they were experiencing, I often heard, "We learned that in science class," or "That was a vocabulary word in 5th grade!"

But the most rewarding aspects of the experience for me were twofold. First, watching students jump into the experience with both feet and eyes wide open with wonder! Second, the Green River Preserve staff constantly complimented our students, calling them mature, thoughtful, and exemplifying "Southern respect." I was told that the staff loves when HNJ comes because our students are always a cut above the usual. That tells me our job is done and they are ready to fly the coop! They have cultivated the character of a true Gator, formed in our Ignatian charism, and have developed a love of learning, making them lifelong learners. That sums up what we strive to do at HNJ.

Now, they will go out to wonder... to achieve... to make a difference... together, only in different schools. I am so blessed to have had this experience with them and to have witnessed each of them in our school over the past five years.

Finish strong, Class of 2025! Your legacy will not be forgotten.

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates

Tuesday, May 13

Grand Gators Social, 1:00 PM (see flyer below)

Wednesday, May 14

Students participating in Gator Run can wear this year's Gator Run t-shirt

Thursday, May 15

HNJ Class of 2020 Grad Walk 1:45 PM

Friday, May 16

May Crowning and Rosary Procession, 8:15 AM procession beginning on blacktop (1st-7th Grade, parents welcome)

Liturgy of the Word, 9:45 AM in Haase's Auditorium (PK3-Kindergarten, parents welcome)
PTC Volunteer Appreciation Party (see flyer below)



Saturday, May 17

Gator Run (see flyer below)

Men's Club Crawfish Boil (see flyer below)

Monday, May 19 - Wednesday, May 21

7th Grade Exams

Monday, May 19

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



Wednesday, May 21

Faculty vs. 7th Grade Basketball Game

Thursday, May 22

Athletic Awards, 1:15 - 2:45 PM in Haase's Auditorium, Parents Welcome

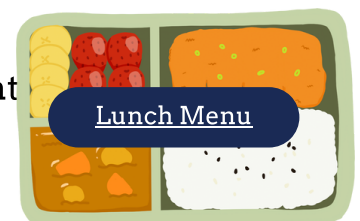
Friday, May 23

7th Grade Last Day of School

3:30 AM at HNJ Church (1st - 7th Grade, Parents Welcome)

Monday, May 26

No School, Memorial Day





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

HNJ Physical Education/Athletics upcoming events:

May 17: 44th annual Lee Gardemal Memorial Gator Run

May 21: HNJ teachers vs. 7th-grade basketball game

May 22: Athletics awards ceremony

LEE GARDEMAL GATOR RUN



REGISTER NOW

5K RACE & 1.5 MILE FUN RUN

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LEE
GARDEMAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

9:00 AM

**AUDUBON PARK
SHELTER #10**

**\$40 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT
WATER AND SNACKS PROVIDED**

**17
MAY**

All Gator Run
participants can wear
THIS YEAR'S Gator Run
shirt to school on
Wednesday, May 14
following Spirit Shirt
Guidelines



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44TH ANNUAL LEE GARDEMAL GATOR RUN

THANK YOU, SPONSORS!
BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT,
WE'RE RUNNING FARTHER—
TOWARD BRIGHTER FUTURES.



CRANE REHAB CENTER



JOHNSON FAMILY
GADZINSKI FAMILY



MAY



Please support our students and come to their piano, voice,
and guitar concert. Free admission!

*HNJ School
Presents*

Music Concert

Two recitals on Friday, May 23, 2025

5:30-6:30pm

7:00-8:00pm

Reception to follow each recital

**Guitar, piano, and vocal
performances featuring students
from our Later Gators program**

Haase Family Auditorium

Please wear concert attire



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org



Guided
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COUNSELING ART GROUP

A group to aid in emotional expression, peer communication, and social skills

For Kids
7-12

Wednesdays
3-4pm

\$360 for
8
sessions

\$15
Registration
Fee

Register by May 30th by
emailing
Kaitlyn@guidedgrowthllc.com

7 STOREHOUSE LANE IN DESTREHAN

WORRY WARRIORS

8- Week Group Sessions

Thursdays Beginning June
5th
3-4PM

A Group For Kids Coping With Anxiety,
Worry, & Stress

LEARN
ABOUT:

Emotions
Triggers
Coping Skills
Facing Fears

Reserve your spot today!

Email:

Kaitlyn@guidedgrowthllc.com

\$15

Registration
Fee

Ages: 6-8

\$280

Limited
Space!



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Destrehan

DEADLINE
TO SIGNUP
IS MAY 30TH.

LET'S TALK IT
OUT

Ages 10-13

A group for pre-teen girls to express themselves

Come join in creative activities while discussing friends, school, coping skills, and so much more!

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 2-3PM
STARTING JUNE 3RD

\$15
Registration
Fee

5 Sessions
\$250

To register or for inquiries email kaitlyn@guidedgrowthllc.com by May 30th

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Unit C & D
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guidedgrowthllc.com

Check out these summer programs geared towards building social emotional skills!

Nourish
Counseling Studio

THE PAGE TURNERS
BOOK CLUB

Join us for a therapeutic book club for rising 4th & 5th grade girls!

6-6:45 PM
WEDNESDAYS in
JUNE AND JULY

AT NOURISH COUNSELING
STUDIO
3939 Houma Blvd Suite 15
Metairie, LA 70006

contact info@nourishinnola.com

Nourish
Counseling Studio

The Friendship Lab

A group for rising 6th and 7th grade girls that explores what makes friendships thrive

Tuesdays at 11 am from
June 3 to August 5
No meeting on 7/1

PLEASE VISIT NOURISHINNOLA.COM
OR EMAIL
INFO@NOURISHINNOLA.COM TO
REGISTER

Nourish
Counseling Studio

HOORISH COUNSELING STUDIO PRESENTS

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

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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

Gator Spotlight

Junior Troop 40199 bridged from Juniors to Cadettes on May 6 at City Park! The troop also planted Aloe Vera Gardens at Camp Mary Dale and Camp Covington close to the fire circle. That way if someone burns themselves, they can treat themselves with the Aloe Vera. By doing this they earned their Bronze Award. Congratulations girls!



Congratulations to Gigi Seerman, Marian Keller and Viviana de Candia for taking home first place in their division at the Big Wave Classic soccer tournament this weekend!! We are proud of our Gators!!!



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HNJ Men's Club Presents



2025 Crawfish Cook-off



Saturday, May 17th

Chiu Family Yard

11:30am

(following Gator Run)

***FREE for HNJ Families**
Donations appreciated but
not required.

Following the Gator Run, come out
and celebrate the end of the school
year and all that our children have
accomplished.

*We will have: Crawfish, burgers, soft drinks, and beer (21+).
Coach T's water slides will be out for the kids.*

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Grand Gators Coffee & Tea Social

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
1:00 p.m.

HNJ Parish Center | 6220 LaSalle Place
Faber Room & Patio

*Enjoy Refreshments & Fellowship
with HNJ Grandparents & Friends*

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THE HNJ PTC
INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION *Party*

FRIDAY, MAY 16 @ 6:00 PM

GRITS BAR
430 LYONS ST

ALL PARENTS WELCOME!

Come celebrate another amazing
year of volunteering!

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Uniform School Shoes Since 1965
3501 Severn Ave. Metairie La 70002
504-354-9692

Back To School SALE!

***Holy Name of Jesus
School Shoes 10% Off***

Regular Price

During July, 2025

Come in-store for the perfect fit!
Know the Size? Visit our website:
www.ponsetis.com

Free in-store pick-up

Free shipping on orders \$99+
Discount applied automatically



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

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

[Click to Register](#)

@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

MAY 18, 2025

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

POPE LEO XIV

DEO
GRATIAS
HOLY
FATHER
POPE
LEO XIV



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.

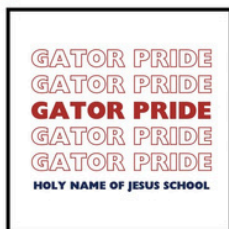
SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

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!



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@hnschool.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

504-861-1466

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