

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

May 6, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

As you read this, I am currently with the Class of 2025 on a 3,400-acre private wildlife preserve nestled in the breathtaking Blue Ridge Mountains of Western North Carolina. We are completely unplugged, no WiFi, no cell service, just the sounds of nature and the laughter of students. Green River Preserve offers a truly extraordinary setting that encourages deep connection: with ourselves, with one another, and with God's creation.

Our days are filled with adventure, hiking to waterfalls, exploring hidden caves, and taking in sweeping mountain views. There's even talk of a cliff jump on the horizon! This trip marks a meaningful chapter in our students' journey, what feels like the perfect beginning to the end of their time as 7th graders. Please keep them in your prayers: that they may find joy in one another, grow in self-awareness, and continue shaping who they are called to be as graduates of HNJ.

Back on campus, our 2nd graders are preparing for an incredibly special moment—receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday. I am deeply honored to share in this sacred milestone with them next Friday at our school Mass. These students have waited with hearts full of faith and anticipation to receive the Eucharist with our school community. Please keep them in your prayers as well, that their joy and reverence may continue to grow.

Finally, congratulations to all of our Honorable Gator recipients, this morning and throughout the year - 358 in total this year! Your leadership and commitment to living our core beliefs are truly a gift to our school. Keep shining - you inspire us all!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates

Monday, May 5 - Friday, May 9
7th Grade Trip

Friday, May 9

PK4 Donuts with Grownups, 8:30 AM
NO SCHOOL MASS



Liturgy of the Word, 9:45 AM in Haase's Auditorium (PK3-Kindergarten, parents welcome)

Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13

NWEA Benchmark Testing grades PK4-7th

Students can wear their Striving for Personal Excellence shirt both days!

Tuesday, May 13

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

Thursday, May 15

HNJ Class of 2020 Grad Walk 1:45 PM

Friday, May 16

May Crowning and Rosary Procession, 8:30 AM (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)



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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

Track & Field

On Friday afternoon, the Gator Middle School track team competed in the New Orleans Athletic League Track & Field Championship. Our 5th and 6th grade boys' team finished in 4th place overall, while our 5th and 6th grade girls' team secured 6th place. Here are the top 5 performers from the meet:

Girls:

Khloe Hodge - 100m - 3rd place

Khloe Hodge - 400m - 3rd place

Stella Miller - 1600m - 4th place

Boys:

Peyton Johnson - 100m hurdles - Champion

Peyton Johnson - High Jump - 2nd place

Peyton Johnson - Long Jump - 3rd place

Andrew Harris, Charley Jarreau, Jase McGrew, Jay Batiste - 4*100m relay - 4th place

Andrew Harris, Charley Jarreau, Jase McGrew, Jay Batiste - 4*200m relay - 4th place



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN **HNJ ATHLETICS?**

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**



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44TH ANNUAL LEE GARDEMAL GATOR RUN

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



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GADZINSKI FAMILY



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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month!

To celebrate and discuss the importance of mental health, check out these books on mental health that encourage self care.



Jerome and his friends at the Garden of Wonder discovered the secrets to growing happiness. They learned that with patience, cooperation, and assistance from others, they could help a small black seed flourish into a beautiful plant. With their combined efforts, they nurtured the seed and watched it grow, discovering the joy that comes from working together towards a common goal.



Rabbit is very excited to go fishing with Bear, but unfortunately, Bear is feeling low and not in the mood for it. Bear is having a hard time and feeling sad for no apparent reason. Rabbit wants to help her friend and tries to find solutions on the internet, but none of the self-help tips seem to work. They try everything from meditating to healthy eating and even a new hobby, but nothing seems to help. In the end, Rabbit realizes that the only way to help Bear is through friendship - sometimes all you need is a friend to make you feel better.



This book teaches that joy can be found in the present moment, without waiting for special occasions. Even if feeling sad, there are still ways to work through it.



Life can be tough, but don't give up. Express your feelings and keep moving forward. This book is for those struggling with new experiences and managing emotions.

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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



Congratulations to our 2nd Grade students for making their First Communion this weekend.

We hope you all feel the light of Christ in your hearts!

Chess Club

On Saturday, the Holy Name of Jesus chess club participated in the Louisiana State Scholastic Championship. This event marked the first time in over 12 years that the HNJ chess club competed in this prestigious tournament.

The K-4 team, consisting of Olivia Hand and Achilles Scafati-Bradford, placed 5th overall with a total of 4 wins. The K-6 team, made up of Mary Ryan DeLucca and Patrick Cutrer, secured 3rd place in their division with a total of 2 wins. Additionally, the K-8 team, which included Cosimo de Candia and AJ Merlino, finished 5th in their division with a total of 5 wins.

Congratulations to all the members of the Holy Name competitive chess club for their outstanding performance!

Checkmate!



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**HOLY NAME OF
JESUS SCHOOL**
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Men's Club Final Meeting of 2024-2025



Details:

- **Thursday, May 8th at 6:30pm**
- @ the Parish Center (across from the school)
- Come have some food and beverages and learn about the **Crawfish Cookoff**

It's our last meeting of the school year. Come by to hangout, have some food and beverages, and hear the plans for our annual ***Crawfish Cookoff May 17th.***

We've had a great year. Come by to toast the successes of our kids and say congratulations to the 7th grade dads whose kids will be moving on to high school.



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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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HNJ ALUMNI



BOWLING

TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025 | 6-9 PM

ROCK-N-BOWL

LIVE MUSIC: THE MIXED NUTS STARTS AT 8:30PM

Ponseti's

SHOES

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



HOLY NAME OF JESUS
INVITES YOU TO

*Rosary Procession
and
May Crowning*

FRIDAY, MAY 16

8:30AM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS
CHURCH



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

MAY 11, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.HNPJCHURCH.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.

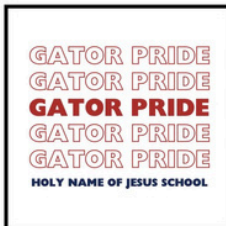
SHOW OFF YOUR GATOR PRIDE EVERYWHERE YOU GO!

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.

JLNB 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.

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

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