

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

September 23, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

As we move into another week at HNJ, I want to take a moment to celebrate the many ways our students are already living out our school's mission. From faith-filled experiences to academic excellence, their energy and growth are truly inspiring.

This past weekend, we sent our 7th-grade students off for their overnight retreat. They attended the 10:30 Mass together, sat on the steps of the altar during the homily, led the readings and served at the altar, and were blessed by the community at the end of Mass. This class is a wonderful group of spiritually centered and kind students. On Monday morning, I was blessed to spend time with them at Camp Abbey, where they participated in a prayer service and each received a word from Scripture to guide them throughout the school year. I look forward to seeing who they will become during their final year at HNJ and the mark they will leave on our school before they graduate.

This week, teachers also began reviewing NWEA data to help students set individual goals and guide classroom instruction. I am proud to share that **our 7th-grade students scored in the 91st percentile overall in Math and the 80th percentile in Reading**, an incredible accomplishment at the very start of the school year! I look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievement when we measure again in the winter and spring.

As a whole, our students from Kindergarten through 7th grade performed very well in both Reading and Math. These beginning-of-year benchmarks will help us set school-wide, class, and individual goals. The bar is high at HNJ, and I know our students and teachers will continue to raise it even higher throughout the year.

I am so proud of our students and teachers. We are truly living out our core belief of *Striving for Personal Excellence*.

As we look ahead, let's continue to celebrate these moments of growth, both spiritual and academic, that make HNJ such a special place. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting our students and helping them shine. Have a wonderful week!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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hello
FALL

Upcoming Important Dates

Wednesday, September 24

Back to School BBQ Pre-Orders Due

Friday, September 26

School Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (Kindergarten - 7th, Parents Welcome)

House Meetings (2nd - 7th Grade)

PTC Back to School BBQ, 6:00 PM (see flyer below)



Monday, September 29

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, September 30

September Honorable Gator Ceremony

PTC Board Meeting, 6:00 PM



Friday, October 3

School Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (Kindergarten - 7th, Parents Welcome)

Friday, October 3 - Sunday October 5

Men's Club Pumpkin Patch (see flyer below)

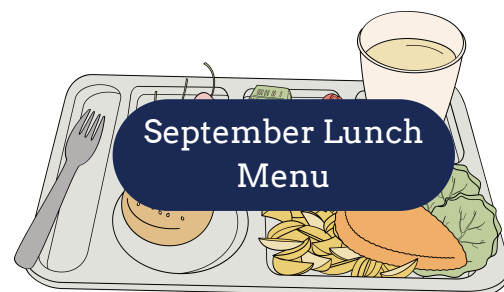


Tuesday, October 7

Grand Gators Meeting, 10:00 AM in Parish Center

Thursday, October 9

PTC Fall Meeting and Social (more details to follow)



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

5th Grade Football

The Gators 5th football team earned a strong 32-18 win. **Peyton Johnson** led the offense with four touchdowns and an extra point. **Gabe Gallant** added a touchdown catch and an extra point, while **Marcel Inderbitzen** contributed an extra point as well.

Defensively, **Logan Ryan** and **William McCormick** each recorded a sack, helping secure the victory. Great job, Gators, let's keep this momentum going!

7th Grade Football

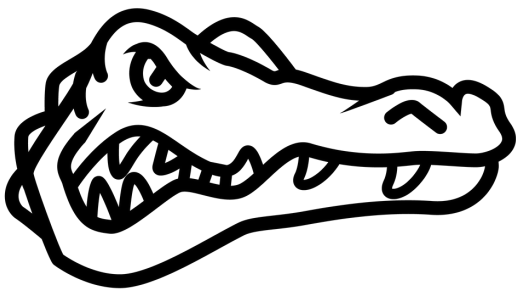
The 7th football team secured their second win of the season with a dominant 19-0 victory against St. Paul's on Wednesday afternoon.

Offensively, **Vicente Valero** was a standout, contributing with a rushing touchdown and a touchdown off an interception (commonly known as a pick-six). **Peyton Johnson** also added to the score with a rushing touchdown to finalize the win.

On the defensive side, **Anthony Rochoa**, **Jase McGrew**, **J.P. Inderbitzin**, and **Isaiah Phillips** each recorded a sack, while **Ben Nalty** and **Andrew Harris** both made interceptions.

Cross Country

The girls Middle School CC team placed 6 out of 14 teams at the St. Pius X Middle School Invitational. 17th place overall finisher **Stella Miller** led the charge with a 15:09 2 mile time. **Elodie Trahant** placed 24th with a 2 mile time of 15:36. The boys Middle School team placed 14 out of 15 teams. **Anders Eriksen** had a time of 15:24 in the 2 mile. The boys Middle School non-scored division had the performance of the day with 3rd grader **Minor Azuma's** 2 mile time of 15:43. Tied for second best for the entire boys team scored or non scored way to go Minor!



Upcoming Athletic Events

5th Grade Football

9/23 vs. Stuart Hall @ Avenger, 4:00 PM
9/30 vs. St. Pius X @ Avenger, 4:00 PM

6th & 7th Football

9/24 vs. St. Pius X @ Avenger, 4:00 PM
10/1 vs. Kehoe France @ Avenger, 4:00 PM

6th Grade Volleyball

9/23 @ Kehoe France, 4:00 PM
10/1 @ John Curtis, 4:00 PM

7th Grade Volleyball

9/23 @ Kehoe France, 4:45 PM
9/30 @ St. Martins, 4:00 PM

Cross Country

Holy Cross Meet @ City Park, 8:30 AM

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Dear Gator Fans,

HNJ Fall Sports apparel is now on sale! The shop includes Holy Name-only apparel, a general Athletics option, as well as sport-specific items for cross country, golf, football, swimming, and volleyball.

To place your order, please use this link: [Fall Sports Apparel](#).

HNJ Pink Volleyball Games

Please come out and support our 6th and 7th grade volleyball teams during the annual Pink Games at Loyola University Gym (5th floor):

- Tuesday, October 7 – vs. Sacred Heart
- Thursday, October 9 – vs. Newman

📍 6th Grade First Volley: 3:45 PM

📍 7th Grade First Volley: 4:30 PM

In recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the HNJ Athletics Department will also be selling special edition Pink Volleyball t-shirts.

To purchase, please use this link: [VB Pink T-shirt](#).

Deadline: All Fall sports apparel orders and Pink Volleyball t-shirt orders are due Friday, September 26 at 9:00 AM.

As always, thank you for your continued support of Holy Name Athletics.

One... Two... Three...

Gator Pride!

Coach T

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org

Managing the Daily Stress (for students AND their adults!)

How are you doing now that school is in full swing? Undoubtedly tears have been shed, drama has unfolded and a few solid victories were achieved! Here are a few tips for managing the stress of everyday life.

- In the morning, decide on a primary goal for the day & accept that things could go wrong. This may sound counter-intuitive, but you know from experience things can go wrong and when they do, you already have a backup plan in your mind.
- Throughout the day: Be mindful of how you respond to daily stress. If you feel emotional, pause and reflect about where this is coming from. These are thoughts you are responding to; focus on what you have control over. Think about having ?... the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.?
- Reflect at the end of the day. Whether it went well or not, there are lessons you can learn by stepping back and getting perspective. Ask yourself the following questions: What went well? 2) What needs to be worked on? 3) What did I miss?
- Step outside of yourself as if you were talking to a friend. Avoid negative self-talk about failures, focus on solutions and allow yourself to feel good about your victories!



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High School Information

It's an exciting time for our 5th-7th grade students as **high school admissions** events are starting to take place! Middle School students have many opportunities to explore the various Catholic High Schools in order to identify the school that best suits their unique interests and abilities! We strongly encourage students to experience on-campus events, including Open Houses and Spend-a-Days. To schedule a Spend-a-Day experience or to register for other admissions events, visit the website of the high school(s) of your choice. Absences due to Spend-a-Day events are excused, but missed school work is still expected to be completed.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE DATES

2025

September 24- HS Information Night-all schools at SAS

Academy of Our Lady	W-October 22	4-7 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours on request	
Archbishop Chapelle	Th-November 6	4-6:00 PM
Archbishop Hannan	Th-October 23	4:30-6:30 PM
Archbishop Rummel	W-October 29	4 PM
Archbishop Shaw	Th-October 16	5-8 PM
Brother Martin	Th-November 6	4-7 PM
Cabrini High School	Th-October 2	3:30-6:30 PM
De La Salle	T-October 28	4-7 PM
Holy Cross	W-October 15	6 PM
Jesuit	W-November 5	4:30, 5:30, & 6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Academy	Th-October 9	3-7:30 PM
Pope John Paul II	W-October 29	5-7 PM
St. Augustine	M-November 10	4-7 PM
St. Charles Catholic	W-October 22	5-7:30 PM
St. Katharine Drexel	Th-November 6	5:30-7:30 PM
St. Mary's Academy	W-November 5	6-8 PM
St. Mary's Dominican	Th-October 16	3:30-6:30 PM
St. Michael Special School	Th-October 16	9-11 AM
Saint Paul's	Th-October 30	4-6 PM
St. Scholastica Academy	Th-November 6	4-6:30 PM
St. Therese Academy	W-October 22	5-7 PM
Ursuline Academy	Tours on request	

Questions? Contact Ms. Hughes

HSPT Test Prep at HNJ

6:00 – 7:30 PM

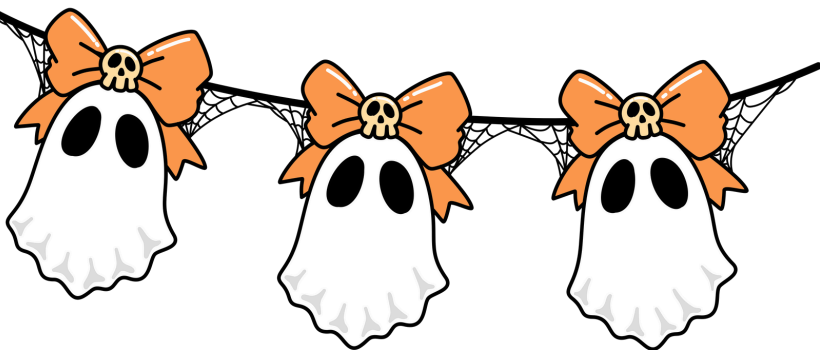
December 2 December 4
December 9 December 11
December 16 December 18

Full, timed practice test Saturday, January 2

\$250 per student.
Textbook included!

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Volunteer!

Sign Up For a Trunk!

Event Registration and
Food Pre-Orders



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Dyslexia Support Through Play

A weekly group utilizing play therapy and CBT activities to assist children:

- Manage frustration, anxiety, and self-doubt
- Build confidence and self-esteem
- Practice social skills with peers
- Develop positive coping strategies for schoolwork

Ages 8-10

Where: Nourish Counseling Studio

When: Saturdays @ 3:30

contact
info@nourishinnola.com for
more info



PLAYFUL PALS

A PLAY THERAPY GROUP FOR CHILDREN AGES
4 TO 6 YEARS OLD TO INCREASE:

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

Where: Nourish Counseling Studio
When: Saturdays at 8 AM

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

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HNJ MEN'S CLUB

Pumpkin Patch!



- ✓ WANT THE BEST FALL DÉCOR ON YOUR BLOCK?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
- ✓ LOOKING FOR THE FRESHEST PUMPKINS?
SWING BY AND GRAB YOURS.
- ✓ CHOOSE FROM A HUGE VARIETY!
PERFECT FOR CARVING & DECORATING.
- ✓ SNAP A PHOTO WITH THE KIDS!
AND MAKE IT A MEMORY.



WHEN

Friday, Oct 3th through
Sunday, Oct 5th

while supplies last



WHERE

Chiu Family Yard
HNJ School



WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!



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PHILOSOPHER KIDS! ✨

Inspiring Young Minds to Think Big

★ **What We Do**

It's never too early to start thinking philosophically! Through children's stories, discussions, and games, we explore big ideas:

- ✓ Courage
- ✓ Altruism
- ✓ Respect for Others
- ✓ Justice

We help kids learn to think critically, coherently, and ethically- skills that last a lifetime!

🌱 **When We Meet** Mondays • 3:30 – 5:00

Philosophy & Big Questions

1 Do you have to look smart to be smart?



Petunia
by Roger Davidson

2 What does being smart look like?

Come join us on this journey of discovery!

Questions? Contact cmui@loyno.edu



LOYOLA UNIVERSITY NEW ORLEANS

Free program!

FREE!



We are proud to offer a FREE Later Gator class through our Loyola Partnership.

Philosopher Kids is a FREE after-school program run by the Philosophy Department at Loyola University.

In this class, **1st through 4th grade** students can learn to engage with philosophical questions and learn critical thinking skills through children's literature!

At each meeting, undergraduate students from Loyola facilitate various types of discussions, games, and activities surrounding philosophical topics introduced in the selected books read as a group. The meetings occur weekly from 3:30pm to 5pm on Monday.

[Click here](#) to register!

It's never too early to start learning philosophy!

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HOUSE SYSTEM: MONTHLY CHALLENGES

Click the symbol for each house to find instructions for the house challenge of the month. We look forward to building community with the house system this year!

House of Excellence



House of Reverence



House of Service



House of Truth and Light



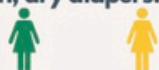
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1 in 2

caregivers struggle to provide their child with clean, dry diapers.



28%

of parents experiencing "diaper need" reported skipping meals to afford diapers.

2,800

amount of diapers a baby will use in the first year.



\$100

spent on diapers in a month.



3 IN 5

parents miss work or school because they can't afford the diapers required to leave their baby in childcare.

Without diapers, babies cannot attend childcare or participate in early childhood education.



Educated women and stable families are critical to solving the larger, systemic problems facing Metropolitan New Orleans.

Little Gators is accepting donations of diapers in collaboration with the Junior League of New Orleans' Diaper Drive. Please bring diapers to donate to the Front Office or Little Gators Entrance. Thank you for your support!

DIAPERS AREN'T BASIC.*

*****They're essential.

**Please support our
DIAPER DRIVE**

All funds and diapers donated benefit the
Junior League of New Orleans Diaper Bank

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Holy Name of Jesus PTC

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
6:00 - 9:00

[Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Dinner Order](#)

The Back to School BBQ is a PTC Fun (and Fund) raiser - you get to enjoy a fun family dinner with HNJ friends and the \$ raised allows us to provide faculty and staff with frequent appreciation events and give back to the school!

REMINDERS:

Bring your own blanket or chairs!

Tickets will come home Thursday. Bring them with you.

Sign up to help - we NEED volunteers to make this work!

Pre-order your dinner. Only a limited number of tickets will be available at the door.

Additional desserts (\$1) and beer/wine (donations) will be available using cash at the event.

HNJ Cheerleaders Fundraiser!

✨ Support our Cheer Team and enjoy a refreshing treat! ✨

🌈 What: Fresh Fruit Frozen Bars (partnering with Pepperoni's Café)

📅 When: Friday, September 26 - during House Meetings

🐊 Who: All grade levels (Little Gators through 7th Grade)

🍉 Flavors: Watermelon • Mango • Pineapple

To participate, please fill out the order form by Wednesday, September 24 at 10:00 AM

👉 [Fresh Fruit Frozen Bars.](#)

Thank you for cheering on our cheerleaders!
Your support makes a difference!
Go Gators!



GATORS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

GATOR FEST 2025

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025

WE ARE SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR LEADERSHIP POSITIONS ON OUR GATOR FEST TEAM!

Your gift of service is what makes this amazing event run smoothly, providing a fun, safe, enjoyable experience for our community. We are seeking volunteers to serve in various leadership roles to help organize and manage our event.



Scan QR Code or visit
hnjschool.org/gator-fest



GATORS UNDER CONSTRUCTION PRESENTED BY:

Gordon Arata
MONTGOMERY BARNETT

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

GATOR FEST 2025

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2025

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES ARE NOW OPEN!

Holy Name of Jesus School is hosting its 42nd Annual Gator Fest, Gators Under Construction, November 14-16, 2025. We are inviting businesses and families to partner with us in hosting this event, which supports the mission of our school.

Scan QR Code or visit
hnjschool.org/gator-fest

Deadline:
September 26



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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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

LUKE 16:10

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
University Mass 5 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 4:15-4:50 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



PAY YOUR ANNUAL DUES



Eat a Steak

But first, pay your dues. Your contribution keeps the beer cold, the steaks sizzling, and helps us host events and fundraisers all year.



Join the WhatsApp Chat

- Announcements and reminders
- Ask what time dismissal is
- Complain about carpool traffic
- Get a plumber recommendation



Events All Year

- Back to School BBQ
- Pumpkin Patch
- Haunted House
- Xmas Party
- Men's Club on the Avenue
- Crawfish Cook-Off

HNJ Men's Club
WhatsApp group

PAY NOW



ORDER YOUR



HNJ Door Hanger

DOOR HANGERS ARE NOW
IN STOCK IN THE OFFICE!

\$35 EACH

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

ORDER HERE

HNJ Family Masses

Mark your calendars for our Family Masses featuring family and child-centered liturgies.

September 7 ~ Grandparents Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

September 21

HNJ School 7th Grade Retreat Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

November 9 ~ Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

December 24

Christmas Eve Masses – 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.

January 25

Catholic Schools Week
Family & Alumni Mass, 10:30 a.m.

March 15 ~ Family Mass, 10:30 a.m.

April 5 ~ Easter Family Mass – 11:00 a.m.

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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:

2025-2026

GOAL #1

Empower Student
Agency through
Data-Driven
Reflection

2025-2026

GOAL #2

Cultivate
Responsible, Ethical
Learners in a
Digital World

2025-2026

GOAL #3

Build on Home-School
Partnerships Rooted
in Cultural
Celebration

Learn more about Holy Name of Jesus School

www.hnjschool.org

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