

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

September 30, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

Seeing Christ in Every Neighbor

This past Sunday's Gospel from Luke 16:19–31 reminds us of the importance of attentiveness and compassion in how we live our daily lives. Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus, challenging us to notice the needs of those around us and to respond with generosity and care. The rich man's neglect serves as a cautionary reminder that wealth, comfort, or routine can sometimes blind us to the suffering of others.

In our Ignatian community, this message resonates deeply with our call to *find God in everyone and everything*. Each day at school, we have countless opportunities to see Christ in the faces of our students, families, and colleagues, whether in moments of struggle, joy, or ordinary interaction. Just as Ignatius encouraged reflection and discernment in everyday life, we are invited to pause and ask: "Where is God calling me to act with love today?"

I am continually inspired by the ways our students, faculty, staff, and families embody this value. From simple acts of kindness in the classroom to standing up for a peer in need, our community consistently demonstrates that caring for others is not just an ideal, but a lived reality. These actions, small or large, remind us that our faith is expressed most powerfully through service, empathy, and integrity.

Let us continue to encourage our students to see beyond themselves, to recognize moments when someone is in need, and to act courageously and lovingly. In doing so, we deepen our Ignatian mission and nurture a school culture where every person feels seen, valued, and called to greater compassion.

Have a great week!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Upcoming Important Dates



Tuesday, September 30

September Honorable Gator Ceremony
PTC Board Meeting, 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 2

Trick or Trunk Candy Collection (see flyer below)

Friday, October 3

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

Friday, October 3 - Sunday October 5

Men's Club Pumpkin Patch (see flyer below)
Pepperoni's Cafe Cheer Team Give Back Weekend (see flyer below)

Tuesday, October 7

Pink Shirt Day (with Spirit Shirt guidelines)
Grand Gators Meeting, 10:00 AM in Parish Center

Thursday, October 9

Pink Shirt Day (with Spirit Shirt guidelines)
Trick or Trunk Candy Collection (see flyer below)

Friday, October 10

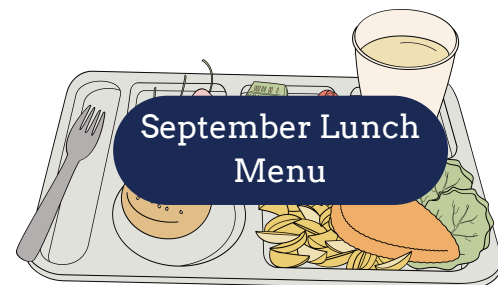
School Mass, 8:30 am at HNJ Church (Kindergarten - 7th Grade, Parents Welcome)

Monday, October 13

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, October 15

Trick or Trunk Candy Collection (see flyer below)





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

6th Grade Volleyball

The Gators battled hard against a tough Kehoe-France team, but fell short in the end. **Gia Phillippi** led the offense with 6 points off serves and aces, along with 3 solid hits. **Vera Bukaty** and **Karolina Kadkova** added strong serving to keep the team competitive. The girls showed great effort and teamwork throughout the match.

7th Grade Volleyball

The 7th-grade team lost a nail-biter to Kehoe-France, playing their best match of the season so far. The girls went neck-and-neck in the second set, even taking the lead late, before falling by just 2 points. **Charlotte Suire** and **Olivia Watson** combined for 13 points on strong serves — including 5 straight from Charlotte to tie the game! **Gia Phillippi** and **Grace Vodanovich** also contributed with points from serves and hits, stepping up to help the offense.

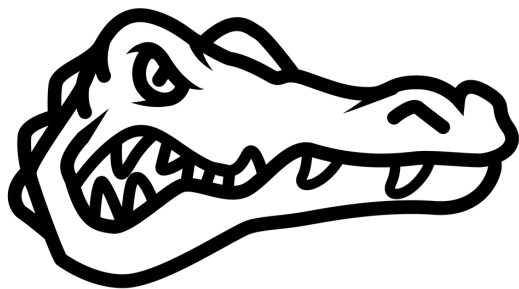
5th Grade Football

The 5th-grade football team improved to 3–0 with a 19–12 win over Stuart Hall on Thursday afternoon. **Peyton Johnson** scored two rushing touchdowns and added a long touchdown pass to **Gabe Gallant**. On defense, **William McCormick**, **Gabe Gallant**, and **Graham Gardner** all came up with big sacks. The Gators look to continue their hot start against St. Pius X on Tuesday afternoon.

6th/7th Grade Football

The 6th/7th-grade football team stayed undefeated with a 6–2 victory over St. Pius X. In a defensive battle, **Vicente Valero** connected with **Isaiah Phillips** on a 65-yard pass to set up the game's only touchdown — a 2-yard strike to **Ben Nalty** on 4th and goal. The defense was dominant, recording interceptions from **Andrew Harris**, **Ben Nalty**, and **Jay Batiste**, plus sacks from **Jase McGrew, J.P. Inderbitzin**, and **Isaiah Phillips**. The Gators will put their undefeated record on the line Wednesday against Kehoe-France.

Go Gators!



Upcoming Athletic Events

5th Grade Football

9/30 vs. St. Pius X @ Avenger, 4:00 PM
10/9 vs. Willow @ Avenger, 5:00 PM

6th & 7th Grade Football

10/1 vs. Kehoe France @ Avenger, 4:00 PM
10/6 vs. St. Paul's @ La Salle (#5), 4:00 PM

6th Grade Volleyball

10/1 @ John Curtis, 4:00 PM
10/7 PINK GAME vs. ASH @ Loyola, 3:45 PM
10/9 PINK GAME vs. Newman @ Loyola, 3:45 PM

7th Grade Volleyball

9/30 @ St. Martins, 4:00 PM
10/7 PINK GAME vs. ASH @ Loyola, 4:30 PM
10/9 PINK GAME vs. Newman @ Loyola, 4:30 PM

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HELP SUPPORT HNJ CHEER



Dine at Pepperoni's Cafe (and mention HNJ cheer) on any of the listed days to help support the HNJ Cheer team!

Breakfast All Day!

- Friday, October 3,
8AM - 7PM
- Saturday, October 4,
8AM - 4PM
- Sunday, October 5,
8AM - 4PM



The HNJ Cheer team needs your support to help cover costs of cheer camp, new uniforms, new gear, and new props!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

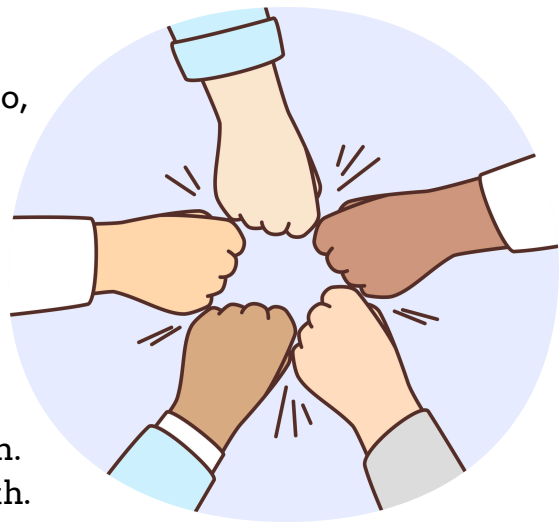
MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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Self Care and Friendship

Self-care is the “care of oneself without medical, professional, or other assistance or oversight”. Self-care is also an art and science—and it takes practice! We try things. Some work, some don’t, but we need to keep practicing. The secret? Consistency and simplicity. Also, just do it! Here’s my message of self-care: keep it simple and get going with it. Let’s start with friendship.

How are friends a part of self-care? First, friendships teach us how to talk to ourselves. Have you ever heard someone say, “Would you say that to a friend?” Treat yourself like you would treat a good friend: with kindness, love, and honesty. Second, maintaining close and healthy friendships is an important part of being a happy human. We need connection, a shoulder to cry on and someone to laugh with.



Help your kiddos learn self-care by nurturing their friendships! Schedule play dates, meet new friends at the park, write to an old friend, talk to a neighbor, bring a treat to an unsuspecting friend.

Lastly, don't forget, adults can do this, too!



Start saving your aluminum cans!

Gator Fest will have collection days that include empty, rinsed aluminum cans for the Can Smash booth! It’s never too soon to start saving them!

Love, your Gator Fest Chairs!

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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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**ORDER YOUR GATOR FEST
T-SHIRT TODAY!
ORDERS DUE
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15**

CLICK FLYER FOR ORDER FORM.

**GATOR FEST T-SHIRT DAYS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
ONCE THE SHIRTS ARRIVE.**

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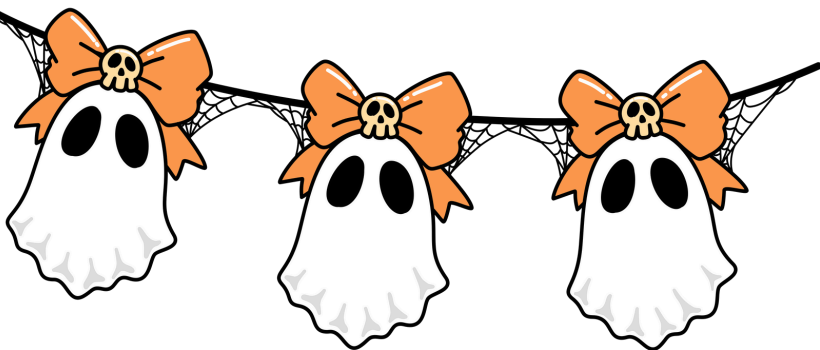
PLAYBILL®

annual SAENGER THEATRE field trip
December 10, 2025 @ 7:30pm



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Volunteer!

Sign Up For a Trunk!

Event Registration and
Food Pre-Orders



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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 3rd 4:30 - 7pm

Saturday, Oct 4th 10am - 4pm

Sunday, Oct 5th 10am - 4pm

****while supplies last****



WHERE

Chiu Family Yard

HNJ School

6325 Cromwell Place



WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!



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Nourish Counseling Studio Presents:

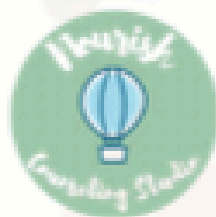
REGULATE AND RECHARGE:

The Power of Parental Self-Care in Raising Thriving Kids

October 23rd at 12:15pm

\$40 PER FAMILY

Join Haley Thomas, PLPC in exploring the importance of parental self-care through a nervous system lens in this hour-long virtual workshop.



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

HOUSE SYSTEM: OCTOBER 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



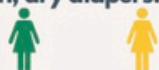
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1 in 2

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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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 FOR
MORE INFORMATION.



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

OCTOBER 5, 2025

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

LUKE 17:6

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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 3-4:45 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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