

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

September 9, 2025

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

The Holy Name of Jesus School community gathered for a lively Back to School Night to kick off the 2025-2026 academic year. We started with the school year theme, "**Human Connection is our Greatest Tool**," which sets a positive and collaborative tone for the year ahead.

A highlight of the presentation was the exciting introduction of our new **House System**. This initiative is designed to foster a stronger sense of community and belonging among our students. The system is comprised of four mixed-grade houses, each named after a revered figure and focused on a core virtue:

- **House of Reverence (St. Ignatius):** Led by Kirsch Williams
- **House of Service (Mother McAuley):** Led by Brianna Begault
- **House of Excellence (Mother Doyle):** Led by Maya Scheuermann
- **House of Truth and Light (St. Aloysius):** Led by Kaitlin Southwick

Houses will meet monthly to engage in activities and reflections centered on their guiding virtue. This year's calendar includes a series of special events, such as the **House Showcase Month** in December and a **Justice in Action Month** in April, providing students with unique opportunities to live out their house's mission. These groups will remain constant throughout a student's time at Holy Name, providing a consistent network of support and mentorship with faculty and staff sponsors and older student leaders.

In addition to the new house system, parents were reminded of several key logistical items for the year. This includes utilizing the school's **Gazette and Google Calendar** for important dates and announcements, and the mandatory use of **carpool tags** to ensure the safety of all students. The presentation also provided an opportunity for parents to meet with homeroom and enrichment teachers, as well as representatives from the PTC, Men's Club, and Grand Gators in a social setting. The evening was a wonderful start to the school year, and we look forward to a year filled with meaningful connections and spiritual growth.

As we look to create a welcoming and spiritually nourishing environment, we are asking for your help in creating prayer tables for our students. We are seeking **donations of small statues of Mary, suitable for a classroom setting**. If you have a statue you would like to donate, please bring it to the front office. Your contributions will help enrich our students' daily spiritual lives.

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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





Upcoming Important Dates



Monday, September 8 - Friday, September 12

Grandparent/Grandfriends Week Lunches (see flyer below)

Tuesday, September 9

7th Grade Parent Information Meeting, 5:00 PM in Rivas Auditorium

Thursday, September 11

Men's Club Steak Night (see flyer below)

Friday, September 12

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

Grandparents/Grandfriends Movie Night (see flyer below)

Monday, September 15

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Friday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 20

Men's Club Softball Tournament

Sunday, September 21

HNJ Family Mass: 7th Grade Send Off, Catechetical Sunday, 10:30 AM

Sunday, September 21 - Monday, September 22

7th Grade Retreat - Camp Abbey

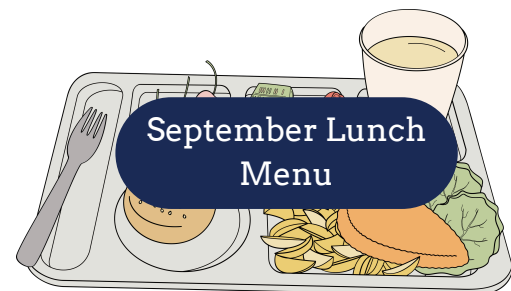
Monday, September 22

Spirit Shirt Day

Friday, September 26

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

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



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





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Dear Gator Parents,

By now, all families who placed orders before the first deadline should have received their spirit shirts, car magnets, and garden flag. If you are missing any items, please contact me at ltterrel@hnjschool.org.

Grandparent car magnets are expected to arrive later this week.

The **second ordering window** is now open! You can place your order here:

[HNJ Spirit Shirt Form](#)

Please note that the deadline for all orders is **Friday, September 12**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the Holy Name Athletics Department.

Go Gators!
Coach T

Upcoming Athletic Events

5th Grade Football

9/11 vs. St. Andrew's @ Avenger, 5:00 PM
9/18 vs. Willow @ Avenger, 5:00 PM

6th/7th Grade Football

9/11 vs. St. Andrew's @ Avenger, 4:00 PM
9/17 vs. St. Paul's @ Avenger, 4:00 PM

5th Grade Volleyball

9/11 @ Trinity, time TBD

6th Grade Volleyball

9/11 @ St. Pius X, 3:45 PM
9/16 @ McGehee, 4:00 PM

7th Grade Volleyball

9/11 @ St. Pius X, 4:30 PM
9/16 @ St. Paul's, 4:00 PM

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





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org

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	

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





Music Notes

Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into this year's **Louisiana ACDA All State Honor Choir**. These students will perform in a choir with 200 selected students from across the state of Louisiana on Saturday, October 18 at Lafon Performing Arts Center:

Children's Choir 4th - 6th grade 1:00pm performance

Stella Adams
Aubree Amedee
Arlen Bustamante
Peyton Caside
Olivia Caside
Marguerite Folse
Margaret Koegler
Adalie Queyrrouze
Madeleine Yelton
James Zubic

Youth Mixed Choir 7th-9th grade 2:15pm performance

Catalina Rice
Olivia Shaw
Charlotte Suire
Brighton Materne
William Baxter



3rd Grade

10/9 11/6 12/4 1/15
2/5 3/12 4/16 5/7

4th Grade

10/23 11/20 12/11 1/22
2/26 3/19 4/23 5/14

SIGN UP FOR
ART CLUB!
ONCE A MONTH AFTER
SCHOOL FROM 3:15-4:15
CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S GRADE
FOR A LINK TO THE
REGISTRATION FORM

5th Grade

10/14 11/4 12/9 1/13
2/3 3/10 4/21 5/5

7th + 6th Grade

10/21 11/18 12/16 1/20
2/24 3/17 4/28 5/12
Tuesdays

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE WAITLIST](#)

GRANDPARENTS / FRIENDS LUNCHESES

Grandparents and friends are invited to bring a lunch to share with their students in the HNJ Parish Center.

Note that there is no catered option this year.

Limited Parking is available on the HNJ Blacktop.
Additional Parking is available in the neighborhood.

SEPT
8

PK-3 ~ 10:45 - 11:45
3RD GRADE ~ 12:30 - 1:30

SEPT
9

PK-4 ~ 10:45 - 11:45
4TH GRADE ~ 12:30 - 1:30

SEPT
10

KINDERGARTEN ~ 10:45 - 11:45
5TH GRADE ~ 12:30 - 1:30

SEPT
11

1ST GRADE ~ 10:45 - 11:45
6TH GRADE ~ 12:30 - 1:30

SEPT
12

2ND GRADE ~ 10:45-11:45
7TH GRADE ~ 12:30 - 1:30

Pat Garin will be on site to take portraits of Grandparents with their students



HAPPY GRAND PARENTS DAY



THE GRAND GATORS INVITE YOU TO THE FIRST
ANNUAL GRANDPARENTS



ENJOY A MOVIE NIGHT WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM

TOY STORY BEGINS AT 6:30 PM IN THE RIVAS AUDITORIUM
MOVIE SNACKS ARE PROVIDED

LIMITED PARKING AVAILABLE ON THE BLACKTOP
ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

COST: \$5 PER PERSON



REGISTER HERE



Click the heart to download picture order
forms for Grandparents Day

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



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



GENERAL MEETING

Steak Night!



CAN YOU HEAR THE SIZZLE?



WHEN

Thursday, Sept 11
6:30pm



WHERE

HNJ Parish Center
across from school



WHY

Come meet the new dads and
find out what we do and how
to get involved.

*Pay your dues now to reserve
your steak.*

SCAN OR CLICK
TO PAY



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



ORDER YOUR



HNJ Door Hanger

DOOR HANGERS ARE NOW
IN STOCK IN THE OFFICE!

\$35 EACH
ORDER YOURS TODAY!

ORDER HERE

Holy Name of Jesus PTC

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

Bring your blanket or chairs and
enjoy a back to school BBQ
dinner with HNJ families!



FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
6:00 - 9:00

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP



DINNER ORDER



PLEASE PRE-ORDER MEALS. A LIMITED NUMBER OF
MEAL TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE EVENT.
DRINKS AND DESSERTS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE
EVENT. BEER AND WINE AVAILABLE WITH DONATION.



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



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

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

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





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 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



THAT THE WORLD
MIGHT BE
SAVED.

JOHN 3:17

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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

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.



Messina's
CATERING & EVENTS

LUNCH PROGRAM UPDATE

WELCOME BACK! 😊

We're so excited to be back for our second year of serving lunch at HNJ!

We also listened to your feedback from our recent parent survey, and we're introducing something new... **SECONDS!** ←

Students will now have the option to purchase seconds on entrée items for \$2 each.

What's for Lunch? 💡

This year, we've added a Suggestion Box for students, faculty, and parents to share their ideas! We love hearing from you!



For more information about our program:
HNJ Lunch Program
Monthly Lunch Menu

If you ever have questions, comments, or concerns email us at: hnjlunch@messinascatering.com.

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





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

504-861-1466

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

