

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

January 20, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

We are grateful and energized by the incredible response to re-enrollment this year. Your continued trust in our mission speaks volumes about the strength of our community and our shared commitment to forming young people in faith, knowledge, and service. Because of this strong response, we are now ready to accept new student applications soon.

We are especially excited to share that the completion of our new building positions us to support even more families, particularly those with infants and toddlers. This expansion is a direct reflection of our mission to meet families where they are and to walk alongside them from the very beginning of their educational journey. Our hope is to place very few families on a waitlist this year. That said, due to consistently high demand, we do anticipate waitlists for PK3, PK4, and Kindergarten. If you know families who are discerning Catholic education, we encourage them to apply as soon as possible before spaces fill.

Next week, we joyfully celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a time to honor the heart of Catholic education and the people who make it thrive. We will begin with our kickoff Mass on Sunday, January 25, at 10:30 a.m. During this Mass, we will also recognize our outstanding alumni and announce our 2025 Distinguished Graduate. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our past, present, and future as one faith-filled community.

Following the kickoff, we will host tours of the new building from Monday through Thursday mornings, January 26–29, immediately after drop-off. These tours offer an exciting glimpse into what is taking shape: walls are up, learning spaces are clearly defined, and the gym is truly impressive. There is a sense of awe when you walk in... a tangible reminder that God continues to do **big things** in our community.

[Click here to register!](#)

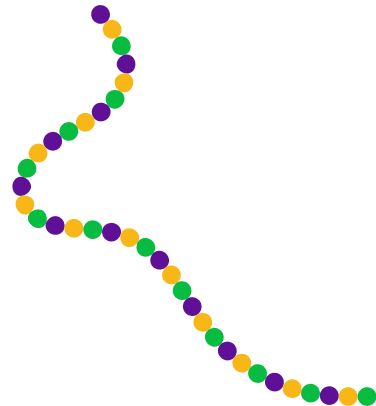
God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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





Upcoming Important Dates



Thursday, January 22

Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, January 23

Prayer Service, 8:30 AM in Rivas Auditorium (K - 7th, parents welcome, seating may be limited)

Saturday, January 24

Dad and Darling Night (see flyer below)

Sunday, January 25 - Saturday, January 31

Catholic Schools J Week



Sunday, January 25

Alumni Mass (see flyer below)

Monday, January 26 - Thursday, January 29

Discover HNJ Tours (more info coming soon)



Monday, January 26

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Little Gators - Kindergarten 26-27 Admissions Decisions Released

Friday, January 30

Prayer Service, 8:30 AM in Rivas Auditorium (K - 7th, parents welcome, seating may be limited)

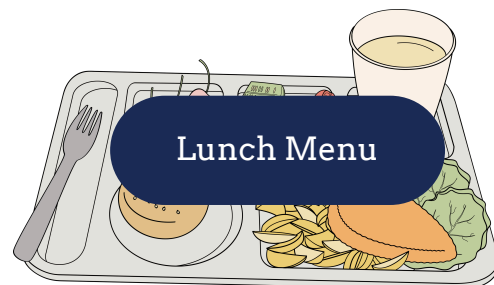
PINK Spirit Shirt Day - Mrs. William's 50th Birthday!

Monday, February 2

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, February 3

Grand Gators Meeting, 10:00 AM in Parish Center



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
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Qualities of a Good Friend

Forming and maintaining good friendships is great for increasing overall happiness, mental health and sense of belonging; they help with self-confidence and self-worth and can also reduce stress. Talking to your student about the qualities of real friends is helpful as they navigate the dynamics of different personalities of classmates and peers.

Signs of a 50/50 Friend:

- They're "hot" and "cold" – They love spending time with you one day and give you the cold shoulder the next. You're never sure where you stand.
- They often make you feel bad about yourself, sometimes underhandedly. They make everything seem like your fault.
- They are only available on their terms – Whether it's a small issue or an emergency, you're never sure you can rely on them.
- They make promises they don't keep – They make plans then later cancel, they leave you out on purpose.
- They are overly competitive – Your success secretly bothers them and your problems delight them.

Signs of a Real Friend:

- They're loyal and steady – Even when you disagree, you aren't worried about losing their friendship.
- They build you up, and they stick up for you if anyone else tries to insult you.
- They are always there for you, especially in an emergency.
- They are honest and upfront with you – no mind games being played.
- They root for your successes and are happy for your wins!
- You have fun together, and you feel uplifted after spending time together.



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Music Notes

NEW ORLEANS YOUTH HARMONY FESTIVAL

Presented by:
HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL AND NOLA VOX
New Orleans A Cappella Ensemble



SIGN UP TODAY!

Learn to sing in harmony, build confidence and strengthen your vocal skills in a workshop lead by award winning quartet Bruouhaha.

February 27 & 28

SPONSORED BY THE JAZZ AND HERITAGE FOUNDATION GRANT. OPEN TO ALL HNJ MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS. REGISTER NOW TO HOLD YOUR CHILD'S SPOT FOR HNJ SCHOOL'S FIRST NEW ORLEANS YOUTH HARMONY FESTIVAL.

[HOLD MY CHILD'S SPOT/REGISTRATION FORM](#)



**NEW ORLEANS
JAZZ & HERITAGE
FOUNDATION, INC.**

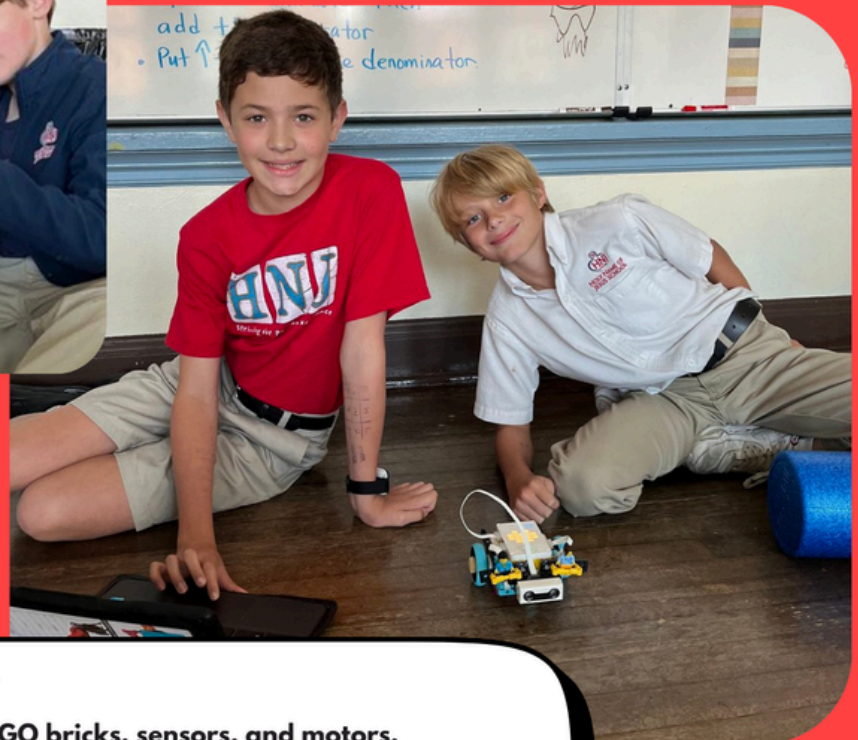
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Middle School

LEGO[®]

Robotics Club



What will we do in Robotics Club?

- **Build:** Construct robots with LEGO bricks, sensors, and motors.
- **Code:** Program robots to perform tasks using block-based coding.
- **Engineer:** Solve challenges, design solutions, and test prototypes.

When will we meet?

- Tuesdays from 3:30-4:30 January 27th-May 19th (15 classes)

What is the cost?

- \$365 (Breaks down to \$25 per class!)

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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Discover HOLY NAME

Parents, Grandparents, Alumni & Friends

Join us for an exclusive tour of Holy Name of Jesus School's construction site, which includes 10 classrooms for Little Gators and PK3, a dedicated early childhood playground, a new gymnasium with elevated running track, concession stand, and coaches' offices, new art and music studios, a new elevator, and student locker rooms and bathrooms.

Tours:

Monday, January 26, 7:45 a.m.

Tuesday, January 27, 7:45 a.m.

Wednesday, January 28, 7:45 a.m.

Thursday, January 29, 7:45 a.m.

Pre-Registration Required. HNJ Parents or Grandparents who attend will receive a FREE DRESS PASS for their student. Please utilize street parking in the neighborhood. Hard hats and safety vests provided. Please wear sturdy, closed-toe shoes. Meet at the HNJ Parish Center, 6220 LaSalle Place, at 7:45 a.m.



GATOR ATHLETIC CLUB
PRESENTS 2ND ANNUAL

FEBRUARY 3RD

MARDI GRAS

*Warm Up
Party*

THE GILDED PERCH
7004 ST CHARLES AVE
6 PM - 10 PM

JOIN US FOR CRAFT COCKTAILS AND AMAZING COMMUNITY

BUY A ROUND AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENT ATHLETES

***Get a sitter and make it a date night or bring your kids.

Non-alcoholic beverages and king cake will be served.***



HNJ MEN'S CLUB

On The Avenue



Join us for one of Holy Name's favorite traditions!



PARADES ARE BETTER WHEN YOU ARE FED — STEAK SANDWICHES, BURGERS & HOTDOGS.



BEVERAGES — YEAH WE ALREADY KNOW HOW YOU LIKE TO QUENCH YOUR THIRST.



PORTA POTTIES — SEE ABOVE. SAY LESS. DRINK MORE.



WHEN

Saturday, February 7th



WHERE

Neutral Ground between Marengo & Constantinople



HOW MUCH

\$20 for adults / kids free



PURCHASE
TICKETS



Scan or Click to Order





Save the Date
for HNJ's

HNJ

TEENIS

AND

PICKLEBALL

Annual Tennis and
Pickleball
Tournament

4.15.26





THE HOLY NAME 7TH GRADE CLASS
INVITES YOU TO

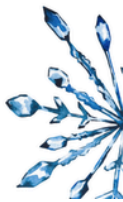
Darling Dance

COME DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY WITH
YOUR HOLY NAME DARLING!

JANUARY
SATURDAY | **24** | 6PM - 8 PM
2026

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#)



HOLY NAME OF
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Alumni MASS

Join us on
Sunday, January 25
10:30 AM Mass ~ Holy Name of Jesus Church
Celebrating all HNJ Alumni

We will recognize our Distinguished Alumnus,
take a group Alumni photo, and enjoy
refreshments & fellowship after Mass.



**Sports,
Music, &
More!**

LATER GATORS SPRING ACTIVITIES REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

**Soccer
Basketball
Volleyball**

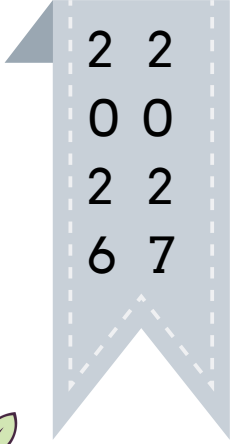
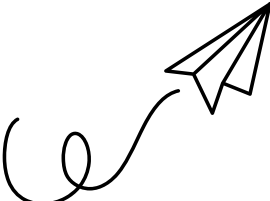
**Guitar
Piano
Voice**

Philosophy

[Click for more information](#)

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TENTATIVE School Days 2026-2027
Applies to all students (LG-7th) unless otherwise noted



August

11 & 12: First Two Half Days
13: First Full Day for all students

September

4: Half Day - Teacher Professional Development
7: No School - Labor Day
25: Half Day - Teacher Professional Development



October

15: Half Day, Prospective Student Open House
16: PK3 - 7th Grade No School - Parent Teacher Conferences (Little Gators regular day)
30: Half Day - Teacher Professional Development



November

13: Half Day - Gator Fest Set Up
16: No School - Gator Fest Clean Up
23-27: No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

18: Christmas Programs, dismissal immediately follows
21-31: No School - Christmas Break



January

1: No School - Christmas Break
4: No School - Teacher Professional Development
15: PK3 - 7th Grade Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences (Little Gators regular day)
18: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



February

4: Half Day - Mardi Gras
5-12: No School - Mardi Gras Break



March

25: Half Day - Easter
26-31: No School - Easter Break



April

1-2: No School - Easter Break
30: Half Day - Teacher Professional Development



May

21: 7th Grade last day
27: PK3, PK4, Kindergarten last day
28: 1st-6th End of Year Mass (dismissal immediately follows)





FAMILY DAY at the fest!

Book it!

SUNDAY
MARCH 15
2026

10 AM - 2 PM



Bring the magic of books to life with a full day of stories, activities & discovery.

**FREE BOOKS, FREE FOOD & FUN
FOR READERS OF ALL AGES!**

The New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University will take place on March 12-15, 2026, featuring local, regional and national authors participating in moderated panel discussions and keynote lectures on the uptown campus. The Festival will continue to engage the local community through specially curated events that highlight New Orleans as a hub for important literary conversations. New in 2026, the Festival will expand to include an additional day of programming on Sunday, March 15, dedicated to young readers and their families. *Family Day at the Fest* will feature educational activities and special programming in partnership with Scholastic and the City of New Orleans.

In 2010, the New Orleans Book Festival hosted by the City of New Orleans was established to create a free event for the children of New Orleans and their families to celebrate reading. By 2013, the festival had attracted a total of 10,000 attendees and donated 35,000 books to children of the community. In 2026, Family Day at the Festival will continue this tradition and remain a place for people from different backgrounds and neighborhoods to come together for a shared love of reading and learning.

A single book can change a young person's life. Providing young people in our community with exposure to new voices and giving them access to engaging literary experiences fosters their imaginations and positively affects them and their families. This joyful, high-energy celebration brings literature to life with live author readings, interactive performances, book giveaways and hands-on activities for kids of all ages. Admission is free and open to the public, thanks to generous support of our sponsors.



The **NEW ORLEANS
BOOK FESTIVAL**
at Tulane University

march
15



FAMILY DAY at the fest!

Family Day at the New Orleans Book Festival is a family-centered, free event that will include lively author presentations, book readings, book-related activities and a book distribution. It will be open and accessible to all children of our community and their families, and the Festival will work with public schools to encourage participation. Attendees will enjoy a full schedule of presentations, activities and entertainment.

Family Day is designed to be a dynamic and fun experience for all ages. A diverse selection of authors and presenters will interact with students and sign books throughout the day. Book characters will walk around the festival grounds creating a lively atmosphere. Children will find something that appeals to all reading levels, backgrounds and reading interests. As part of the Family Day programming, the Festival will host outreach programs including author visits to local schools. On the day of the Festival, organizers will engage a bus service to provide all day round trip transportation to and from the festival grounds from various locations throughout the Greater New Orleans area. To participate in programming, the Festival also plans to engage local partners whose mission includes literacy and family-centered initiatives. The mission of the New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane is to support and nurture a literary community by connecting readers of all ages and backgrounds with local and national authors through experiences that celebrate the power of literacy and ideas. The New Orleans Book Festival at Tulane University is housed as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization within the structure of and is presented in partnership with Tulane University. The Festival is made possible by the support of Tulane University and the generosity of individuals, corporations and literacy and family foundations.

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
- HNJ Goes Totally 80's!
- Choir
- Other HNJ Events!

GOOD TIMES



Click the camera icon to upload your photos directly to our yearbook photo library!



HNJ SCHOOL BRICK & PAVER SALE

Celebrate your family's connection to Holy Name of Jesus School with a custom brick or paver. Your personalized inscription will be placed at the Mother McAuley Entrance upon completion of our new building. This is a perfect way to make a lasting tribute to the students, families, alumni, and educators who built our HNJ community.

JANE SMITH CLASS OF 2025

4x8 BRICK ~ \$400
8x8 PAVER ~ \$800



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!

JUNIOR LEAGUE OF NEW ORLEANS' DIAPER BANK

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.

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

Altar Servers Needed!



Interested in becoming an altar server at Holy Name of Jesus Church? Any students who have received First Communion are encouraged to sign up. We are in need of altar servers at all weekend masses.

Please contact Kristy Christiansen at kristy.christiansen@gmail.com for details.



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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

JANUARY 25, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HAVE SEEN
A GREAT
LIGHT.

MATTHEW 4:16

THIRD 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)
(see 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.HNJCCHURCH.ORG

WELCOME To the Brotherhood



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.



**HOLY NAME OF
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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:

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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