

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

October 6, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

A couple of years ago, I sat with a student who was feeling overwhelmed. In that moment, there was nothing I could do to make it all easier for him. So, leaning on our gift of Ignatian spirituality, we simply stopped. We then took turns naming what was true.

When we are overwhelmed, or when the voices around us make us question our worth, it can be difficult to see clearly. Naming the truths helps us return to what is real and good and true. It reminds us that the things that tell us we are less than are not the voice of God. Naming truths also has a powerful effect on bringing us out of desolation and is extremely helpful during times of discernment.

Recently, during a spiritual direction session, I was introduced to an image that has stayed with me. Stepping stones. Sometimes we become stuck because we're looking too far ahead. We want to know exactly where we're going and how we'll get there. But perhaps God is just asking us to take the next step.

Imagine one stepping stone in front of you. What is written on it? Perhaps it's a truth about who you are. Perhaps it's a strength God has given you or a reminder of His presence. Perhaps it is simply that you are loved.

Before stepping onto it, talk to Jesus. Ask Him, is this the truth you want me to stand on? Then take the step. And when you are ready, look for the next stone. We do not always need to see the entire path. We simply trust enough to take the next faithful step. One step, one truth, one stone at a time.

I thank God for our Ignatian charism at Holy Name of Jesus School. May our Ignatian tradition continue to teach us to listen for God's voice, stand firmly on His truth, and follow where He leads, one step at a time.

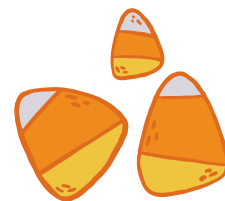
God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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Important Dates



Wednesday, October 7

Trick or Trunk Candy Collection Day (see flyer below)

PINK Shirt Day - Students can wear a pink shirt following Spirit Shirt Guidelines

Volleyball Home Game (6th Grade @ 4:15, 7th Grade @ 5:00) - **PINK GAME!** (see flyer below)

Swamp Open During Volleyball Game



Thursday, October 8

PTC General Meeting (see flyer below)

Friday, October 9

Father Kramer's Birthday

School Mass, 8:30 AM @ HNJ Church (K - 7th Grade, parents welcome)

Gator Fest T-Shirt Orders Due (see flyer below)

Monday, October 12

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



Wednesday, October 14

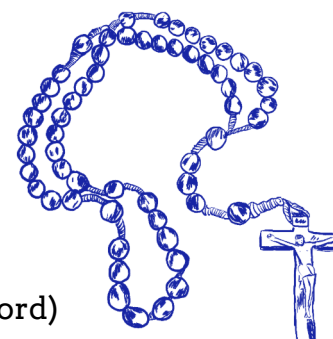
Trick or Trunk Candy Collection Day (see flyer below)

Thursday, October 15

Living Rosary (see flyer below)

Early Dismissal for ALL Students (LG - 7th Grade)

Admissions Open House (see flyer below and help spread the word)



Friday, October 16

No School for PK3 - 7th Grade

PK3 - 7th Grade Parent-Teacher Conferences (see flyer below)

Regular Day for Little Gators



Saturday, October 17

Trick Or Trunk (see flyer below)

Men's Club Haunted House (see flyer below)

Monday, October 19

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, October 21

Fall Sports and Club Photos

Thursday, October 22

School Picture Re-Takes



QUICK LINKS



School Calendar

Athletics Calendar



Parent Reference Guide

Spirit Shirt Guidelines



Sock Order Form

The Swamp



Lunch Menus

Family Portal Login





WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?



7th grade Volleyball brought home their first win of the season last week against St. Martin's! The girls have been working hard since the very first day of practice and it is paying off. Driven by strong serves, great teamwork, and high energy from start to finish, the girls rallied to win in back-to-back sets. It was a fantastic team effort and a well-deserved first win!

GAMES THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 10/6

- 5:00 pm: 6th/7th Grade **Flag Football** vs. Trinity @ Avenger Large Field



Wednesday 10/7

- 4:00 pm: 4th/5th Grade **Flag Football** vs. Country Day @ Avenger Large Field
- 4:15 pm: 6th Grade **Volleyball** vs. Country Day @ HNJ
- 5:00 pm: 7th Grade **Volleyball** vs. Country Day @ HNJ

Thursday 10/8

- 4:00 pm: 7th Grade **Volleyball** vs. Trinity @ Trinity
- 4:45 pm: 6th Grade **Volleyball** vs. Trinity @ Trinity



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Parent- Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 16,
2026

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PK-3 through 7th Grade parents will receive an email directly from their child(ren)'s teacher(s) to schedule a conference time. You will receive this email by **Wednesday, October 7 at 3:00 PM.**

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in your child's education.

Note: If you need to meet with an **Enrichment Teacher**, please email that teacher directly to schedule a conference.



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SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY ALERT
PUT THE PHONE AWAY!
Protect Our Students



School zones require your full attention. Students, pedestrians, crossing guards, and school staff depend on drivers to stay alert.

WHILE DRIVING IN A SCHOOL ZONE



- No texting
- No handheld phone calls
- No browsing the internet
- No taking photos or videos
- No social media use
- No holding or supporting a phone



STAY FOCUSED

- Slow down
- Watch for children crossing
- Obey crossing guards and traffic signs
- Eliminate distractions



HANDS ON THE WHEEL

EYES ON THE ROAD

PHONES OFF AND AWAY

Protect Our Students. Prevent a Tragedy.

RS 32:59

ALMOST FULL!

3rd Grade
10/19 11/2 12/7 1/11
2/22 3/8 5/10
Mondays

4th Grade
10/22 11/5 12/10 1/14
2/25 3/11 5/13
Thursdays

5th Grade
10/21 11/4 12/9 1/12
2/23 3/9 5/11
Tuesdays

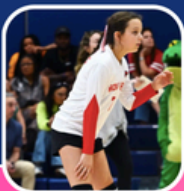
7th + 6th Grade
10/20 11/3 12/8 1/12
2/23 3/9 5/11
Tuesdays

CLASS FULL!

SIGN UP FOR
ART CLUB!
ONCE A MONTH AFTER
SCHOOL FROM 3:00-4:00
CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S GRADE
FOR A LINK TO THE
REGISTRATION FORM

JOIN THE WAITLIST

HOME VOLLEYBALL GAMES



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
WEAR PINK!

6TH GRADE: 4:15 PM

7TH GRADE: 5:00 PM

DURING THE GAMES, VOLLEYBALL PARENTS WILL BE SELLING PINK RIBBONS IN HONOR / MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER. PROCEEDS FROM THOSE RIBBONS AS WELL AS GAME DAY CONCESSIONS WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEW ORLEANS MEDICAL MISSION SERVICES. LEARN MORE AT NOMMS.ORG

JOIN US TO HONOR MARY

LIVING ROSARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

8:30 AM -HNJ Gymnasium



GATOR FEST T-SHIRT ORDERS



**ORDER YOUR OFFICIAL
2026 GATOR FEST
TSHIRT**

**GATOR FEST T-SHIRTS CAN BE
WORN TO SCHOOL ON DESIGNATED
GATOR FEST SPIRIT SHIRT DAYS**

GATOR FEST IS NOW A COMPLETELY CASH-LESS EVENT. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

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TRICK OR TRUNK

Oct 17, 5:30-8:30

Admission:
\$5 per child
Cash or FACTs form only
Adults get in Free!

New this year:
SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT!
Participate in the hunt and win a basket full of Treats!

Candy Collection Days
Oct 7th & Oct 14
Bring candy to school and wear spooky socks on Oct 30!

VOLUNTEER & TRUNK SIGN UP

EVENT TICKETS & PIZZA ORDERS

Last day to sign up or pizza orders Oct. 14

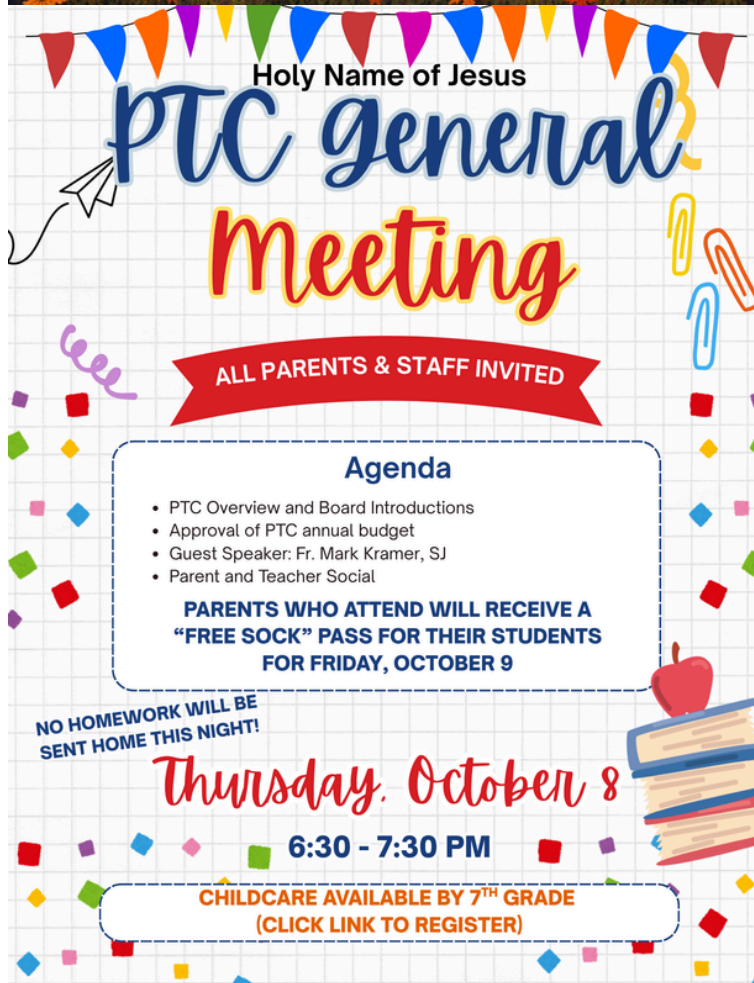


HNJ MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

HAUNTED HOUSE

OCTOBER 17, 2026, DURING TRICK OR TRUNK

\$2 PER ENTRY
CASH ONLY



Holy Name of Jesus

PTC General Meeting

ALL PARENTS & STAFF INVITED

Agenda

- PTC Overview and Board Introductions
- Approval of PTC annual budget
- Guest Speaker: Fr. Mark Kramer, SJ
- Parent and Teacher Social

PARENTS WHO ATTEND WILL RECEIVE A "FREE SOCK" PASS FOR THEIR STUDENTS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

NO HOMEWORK WILL BE SENT HOME THIS NIGHT!

Thursday, October 8

6:30 - 7:30 PM

CHILDCARE AVAILABLE BY 7TH GRADE
(CLICK LINK TO REGISTER)



Congratulations to Miriam Gonski!

Winner of the ULTIMATE SQUISHY BASKET

Thank you to the HNJ community that supported the 7th Grade snack booth at the Pumpkin Patch! ♥



2026 Catholic High School OPEN HOUSES

Academy of Our Lady
October 14, 4:00-7:00pm

Academy of the Sacred Heart
Tours on Request

Archbishop Chapelle
November 5, 4:00-6:00pm

Archbishop Hannan
October 22, 4:30-6:30pm

Archbishop Rummel
October 28, 4:00pm

Archbishop Shaw
October 8, 5:00-8:00pm

Brother Martin
November 5, 4:00-7:00pm

Cabrini High School
October 22, 3:30-6:30pm

De La Salle
October 27, 4:00-7:00pm

Holy Cross
October 22, 6:00pm

Jesuit
November 4, 4:30pm, 5:30pm,
and 6:30pm

Mount Carmel Academy
October 8, 3:00-7:30pm

Pope John Paul II
October 28, 5:00-7:00pm

St. Augustine
October 7, 4:00-7:00pm

St. Charles Catholic
October 21, 5:00-7:30pm

St. Katharine Drexel
November 5, 5:30-7:30pm

St. Mary's Academy
November 4, 6:00-8:00pm

St. Mary's Dominican
October 15, 3:30-6:30pm

St. Michael Special School
October 15, 9:00-11:00am

Saint Paul's School
October 29, 4:00-6:00pm

St. Scholastica Academy
November 5, 4:00-6:30pm

St. Therese Academy
October 21, 5:00-7:00pm

Ursuline Academy
Tours on Request



Loyola Center for Counseling and
Education

FOR ADOLESCENTS 6-WEEK GROUP

DBT Skills Group for Teens

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) teaches practical skills for handling strong emotions, coping with stress, and building healthier relationships. Come learn and practice the DBT skills in a supportive group.

Mindfulness

Staying present, noticing without
judging

Distress Tolerance

Getting through hard moments safely

Emotion Regulation

Understanding and easing big feelings

Interpersonal Effectiveness

Asking for what you need, setting
boundaries

WHEN Tuesdays, 6-7 pm

6 sessions · October 13 – November 17

WHERE

Loyola Center for Counseling and Education, 7224 Dominican Ave.

COST

\$5-15 sliding scale

LED BY

Dehan Elcin, Counseling Intern and Ruba Kenyi, PLPC

To join, contact:

delcin@my.loyno.edu 504-313-6533

Please reach out if you need any accessibility accommodations to take part.

A TOKEN OF OUR APPRECIATION

40% OFF

SCHOOL UNIFORMS*

CODE: ONUS40
ENDS 10/13

EXCLUSIONS APPLY*



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OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 15, 2026



3RD - 7TH GRADE
9:15 - 11:15 AM

INFANTS - 2ND GRADE
4:00 - 7:00 PM

HNJSCHOOL.ORG/VISIT

Dear Lands' End customer,

We're grateful for your ongoing support and patience. In appreciation, please enjoy 40% off your next school uniform purchase.

We also want you to know that we are continuing to work on operational enhancements that will improve your ordering experience.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
The Lands' End School Team



FEST SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

MUSIC LINEUP

NOV 13 7:00 - 10:00 PM	RED HOT GENTILLY PEPPERS
NOV 14 7:00 - 10:00 PM	CRESCENT KINGS
NOV 15 3:00 - 6:00 PM	BIG IN THE 90'S

GATOR FEST IS NOW A COMPLETELY CASH-LESS EVENT. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.



HNJ FAMILY INFORMATION

DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE START SAVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO DONATE TO GATOR FEST.
SPECIFIC DONATION DAY INFORMATION COMING SOON.

- EMPTY SODA CANS (RINSED AND CLEANED)
- GENTLY USED BOOKS
- PLUSHIES (PLEASE NO NON-PLUSH MARDI GRAS THROWS)
- PRIZES
- THE “MADE BY ME BOOTH” WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING HAND-MADE ITEMS TO SELL - START CREATING!
- SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES FOR THE “CUTEST PET” BOOTH! PRINTED 4X6 PHOTO SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE LABELED WITH THE PET’S NAME AND FAMILY NAME

CLASS PERFORMANCE TIMES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 ATHLETICS PEP RALLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:00-11:05 KINDERGARTEN

11:30 - 11:35 1ST GRADE

12:00 -12:05 2ND GRADE

12:30- MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TEAM PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:00-12:05 3RD GRADE

12:30-12:35 4TH GRADE

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS COMMUNITY Dinner



FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAMILY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 5:30 P.M.

HNJ PARISH CENTER

ENTER THROUGH ADORATION CHAPEL DOORS OR BACK PATIO

SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF WISDOM

WELCOME To the Brotherhood



Join us for meetings every month!



Pay Your Dues

Your contribution keeps the beer cold, the steaks sizzling, and helps us host events while giving back to your HNJ community.



Join the WhatsApp Chat

- Announcements and reminders
- Stay in the know
- Get a plumber recommendation
- And enjoy the friendly banter



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



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 11, 2026

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

COME TO THE FEAST.

MATTHEW 22:4

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 4 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.
University Mass 8 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 3:45 p.m. (Church)
Sunday 7:15-7:45 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: holyname@hnjchurch.org

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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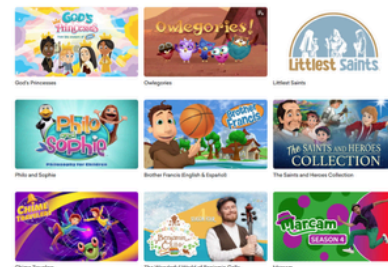
Register for a free Formed account at signup.formed.org

An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

All Holy Name of Jesus Families are eligible to register for a **FREE** Formed account.

Follow the steps below to get started.

1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Click on Continue to Sign up/Login
3. Enter your email address and click Next
4. Confirm your email address and enter your first and last name
5. Check the agreement box and click Sign Up
6. Join your Parish - enter the HNJ Church zip code 70118 and select Holy Name of Jesus from the drop-down list
7. You have the option to set up a password, if you wish (not required)
8. Start exploring the vast amount of content, including movies, books, audio resources, family programming, and more!



Children's Programming
Movies & Documentaries
e-Books
Audio Books
Faith Formation
Spanish Language Resources
And More!



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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:

2026-2027

GOAL #1

Empower Student
Agency through
Data-Driven
Reflection

2026-2027

GOAL #2

Cultivate
Responsible, Ethical
Learners in a
Digital World

2026-2027

GOAL #3

Give Students
Ownership of Data
Learning Targets

Learn more about Holy Name of Jesus School

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