

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

February 3, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

To pause and complete the Examen has become a powerful way for me to remain centered on God's way and to recognize the many gifts around me. This past weekend, as I paused to give thanks, my gratitude simply kept growing.

I am incredibly thankful for the overwhelming outpouring of love and support as I turned 50 last Friday. Parents transformed my office with joyful splashes of pink. The Men's Club surprised me with a "Birthday Girl" sash, complete with pink lettering, and even wore hot pink "Birthday Squad" sashes themselves. I received flowers, plants, gift cards, handwritten notes, posters, emails, and more cakes than I could count.

After the Prayer Service, our K-7th graders sang "Happy Birthday," waving pink pom-poms with pure enthusiasm. When I walked to the lobby, Little Gators and PK were waiting to host a brief celebration of their own. I was handed even more posters, letters, and a book filled with the sweetest notes. I still haven't finished reading all of the messages. They continue to bring me joy!

One of my favorite moments of the day was taking a photo with a student, Vivian, wearing a pink shirt that read, "Best Day Ever." And truly, that's exactly what it was. I could never have imagined such an extraordinary celebration. I am deeply and sincerely grateful for the many ways you made me feel so loved and supported as I reached this meaningful milestone.

The HNJ community has truly become an extension of my family. I am incredibly blessed to have each of you in my life. I thank God for you every day, but especially this past Friday.

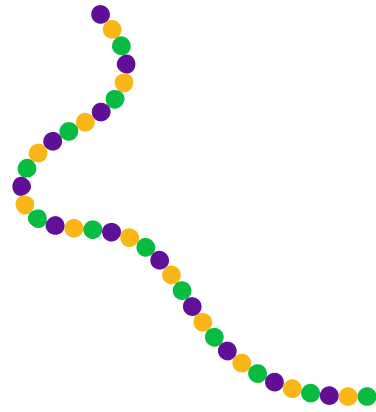
God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams



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Upcoming Important Dates



Tuesday, February 3

Athletics Mardi Gras Warm Up Party (see flyer below)

Wednesday, February 4

Class Pictures

Thursday, February 5

Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM

Friday, February 6

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

2nd - 5th Grade field trip to see LPO @ Loyola

NO LATER GATORS LG - 7th

Saturday, February 7

Men's Club on the Avenue (see flyer below)



Monday, February 9 - Thursday, February 12

Students can wear the ***HNJ Mardi Gras t-shirt only*** any day with spirit shirt guidelines

Wednesday, February 11

Yellow Spirit Shirt Day (see School Safety Blurb below)

NO LATER GATORS LG - 7th



Thursday, February 12

Little Gators & Early Childhood Mardi Gras Parade

Early Dismissal (LG - 7th)

Friday, February 13 - Friday, February 20

Mardi Gras Break - No School for All Students



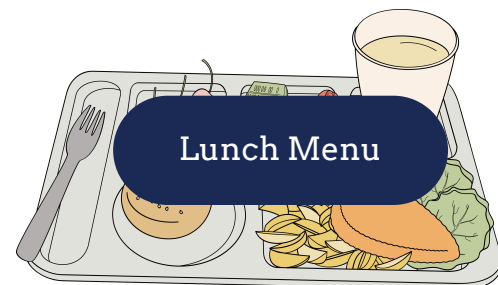
Monday, February 22

School Resumes

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, February 25 - Friday, February 27

Middle School Trimester 2 Exams



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

msubervielle@hnjschool.org



Counselor Minute Meetings

Dear Parents,

Building a student-counselor relationship is so important when meeting the needs of the whole student. This spring I will be conducting "Minute Meetings". Minute meetings are just that – an individual one or two minute meeting with each student (grades 1st-7th) that serves as a form of social-emotional check-in. Students use a numbered scale to rate their feelings toward school, friends, and family.

Aside from serving to build a relationship with students, Minute Meetings also help to identify those students that may need extra support throughout their school day. Minute Meetings will take place throughout the month of February. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached via email or by calling the front office.

Thanks,
Morgan Subervielle, MA., PLPC
School Counselor
msubervielle@hnjschool.org



Holy Name of Jesus Joins in "Yellow Day" to Support School Safety

Schools across Louisiana are participating in **Wear Yellow Day on Wednesday, February 11th** to highlight pedestrian and school safety. Students are encouraged to wear **yellow** as a way to promote safety awareness in and around school campuses, including carpool and dismissal areas. As always, we appreciate our families' attention in and around our carlines and thank those who help keep our campus safe!

Spirit Shirt Guidelines Apply



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

MS Boys Soccer

The Gators' season came to an end last week with a hard-fought 2-1 loss to the top seed in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs. The boys competed with heart and determination all season, and we are extremely proud of their effort, growth, and improvement throughout the year.

Aiden Lawson led the team with 8 goals during the season followed by **Ben Nalty** with 2. **Marcel Inderbitzin**, **George Arch**, and **Gabe Gallant** each added one goal. Playmaking was led by **Ben Nalty** with 4 assists, while **George Arch** and **Marcel Inderbitzin** recorded 2 assists apiece, and **Gabe Gallant** added one.

Congratulations to the entire team on a strong season, and thank you to our players and families for their continued support. Go Gators!

5th/6th Boys Basketball

The Gators' 5th/6th boys basketball season came to an end last week with a hard-fought quarterfinal playoff loss to the number one seed. Throughout the season, the team showed tremendous effort, growth, and resilience.

Every player on the roster scored at least two points this season, highlighting the team's unselfish play and commitment to one another. **Peyton Johnson** and **Andrew Harris** led the Gators' offense and consistently set the tone on the court.

Congratulations to the entire team on a great season, and thank you to our players and families for their continued support and school spirit. Go Gators!

6th/7th Boys Basketball

The 6th/7th boys basketball team picked up their second win of the season last week with a dominant 34-17 victory over St. George's. **Ben Nalty** led the Gators with 14 points, followed closely by **Ford Strickland** with 12. **Jay Batiste** added 4 points, while **Liam Lemoine** and **Chris Cooney** each chipped in 2. The Gators head into the playoffs as the No. 5 seed and will face Kehoe-France next week with a chance to keep their season alive. Go Gators!



GATORS IN ACTION



PHOTOS BY PAT GARIN PHOTOGRAPHY

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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](#)



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FOUNDATION, INC.**

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RIISING
PK4 - 7TH
GRADE



JUNE 1-5

SOAR INTO SUMMER

JUNE 8-12

GALACTIC ADVENTURES

JUNE 15-18

CAMP CAMP

JUNE 22-26

MAD SCIENCE LAB

JULY 13-17

SPORTS MASHUP

JULY 20-24

MESSY MASTERPIECES

JULY 27-31

END SUMMER WITH A SPLASH
+ ACADEMIC JUMP START

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PLAYFUL PALS

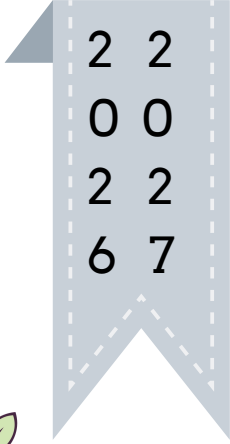
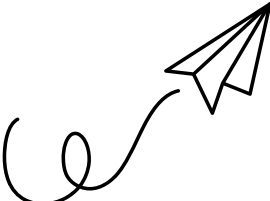
A PLAY THERAPY GROUP FOR CHILDREN AGES
3 TO 7 YEARS OLD TO INCREASE:

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

Where: Nourish Counseling Studio

CONTACT INFO@NOURISHINNOLA.COM OR
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INFORMATION





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)



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



Share Your Culture with Us to Create an Authentic Learning Experience

Fill out THIS survey to share
your culture with us!



Save the Date
for HNJ's



TENNIS



TEQUILA

Annual Tennis and
Pickleball
Tournament

4.15.26





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!

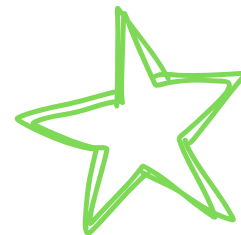
We need pictures from this school year! If you have photos from any of these past events, or any future HNJ events, please submit them to us!

- 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 DRIVE

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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A Community for Others

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FEBRUARY 8, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



YOUR LIGHT MUST
SHINE.

MATTHEW 5:16

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 3-4:45 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

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
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

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