

# The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

March 17, 2026

## Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

Last week in music class, the students began learning how to create the rhythms of "The Cup Song." This is their second lesson on beats and rhythms, and I was taken by surprise by how fully committed they were from the beginning to perfecting that rhythm in unison! It made my week.

Thinking about their commitment to this coordinated task then brought me to mornings with my Corgi. Each morning when I eat my yogurt, she watches impatiently until she gets to lick the cup. She gingerly licks around the edges at first until I finally gently shove her snout into the cup so she can reach the bulk of the leftovers at the bottom. Each day, I have to take the initiative to force her snout in, and each time she is delighted to find the goldmine of yogurt!

Both of these situations with a cup bring me to examine how I enter into my prayer time and my relationship with Jesus. Do I jump in with everything I have, like the students' immediate commitment to perfecting the rhythm of "The Cup Song," or do I require a gentle shove to push me fully into the experience? I think it is probably a little bit of both. And, I am grateful to Fr. Mark for often being the one to provide that gentle shove when necessary. The goldmine of Ignatian Spirituality is an amazing place to sit, be still, and enjoy.

While he will not be in our presence soon, his impact will definitely live on!

God Bless,  
Kirsch J. Williams

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



# Upcoming Important Dates

## Wednesday, March 18

Discover HNJ Construction Tour (see flyer below)



## Thursday, March 19

Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM

## Saturday, March 21

HNJ Spring Gala @ Val's (see flyer below)

## Monday, March 23 - Sunday, March 29

Scholastic Book Fair



## Monday, March 23

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

## Thursday, March 26-Saturday, March 28

Spamalot (see flyer below)

## Friday, March 27

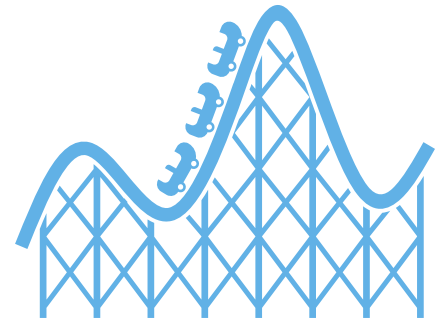
Troop 55 Lenten Fish Fry (see flyer below)

## Monday, March 30

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

## Wednesday, April 1

City Park Night (see flyer below)



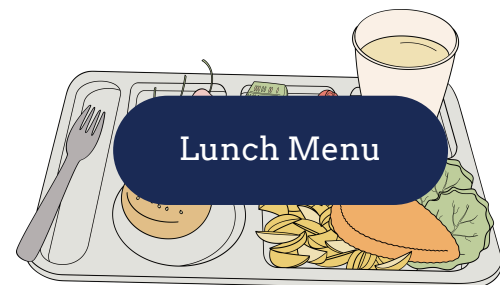
## Thursday, April 2

Living Stations of the Cross in Rivas Family Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, parents welcome)

Early Dismissal (LG - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)

## Friday, April 3 - Friday April 10

No School, Easter Break



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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

[msubervielle@hnjschool.org](mailto:msubervielle@hnjschool.org)

## Check out these books on Self-Esteem

- Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman
- Dear Girl by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Exclamation Mark Amy Krouse Rosenthal
- Feel Confident!: A Book About Self-Esteem by Cheri J. Meiners & Elizabeth Allen
- Girlwise: A Guide to Being You by Sharon Witt
- Good Selfie: Tips and Tools for Teens to Nail Life
- How to Like Yourself
- I Can Handle It (Mindful Mantras) Vol 1 by Laurie Wright
- I Like Me! by Nancy Carlson
- I'm Going to Like Me by Jamie Lee Curtis
- Just As You Are
- The Body Image Book for Girls: Love Yourself and Grow Up Fearless
- The Body Image Workbook for Teens
- The Confidence Code for Girls
- Zero by Kathryn Otoshi
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

The 1st through 4th graders participated in track meets on Saturday, March 7 and March 14 on the Northshore.

**Congratulations to the 1st/2nd Grade Girls and the 1st/2nd Grade Boys for securing 1st place during the March 14 meets!**

## March 14 Meet Results

### **1st/2nd girls (Sub-elementary) - Champions**

- Harriet Miller - 55m - 5th
- Harriet Miller - 200m - 3rd
- Cosette Sholl - 200m - 5th
- Cosette Sholl - 400m - 2nd
- Harriet Miller - 800m - 2nd
- Cosette Sholl - 800m - 3rd
- Harriet Miller - Long Jump - 3rd
- Lainie Henville - Turbo Javelin - 2nd
- Julia Ruddock - Turbo Javelin - 3rd
- Lainie Henville - Shot Put - 2nd
- Colette Springer - Shot Put - 3rd
- Lainie Henville, Julia Ruddock, Lyla Bode, Sidney Levert - 4\*100m - 2nd

### **1st/2nd boys (Sub-elementary) - Champions**

- Langston Terrel, II - 55m - 3rd
- Langston Terrel, II - 100m - 3rd
- Frank Weaver - 400m - 1st
- Eli Ross - 400m - 3rd
- Phoenix Williams - 400m - 4th
- Lucas Bruno - 400m - 5th
- Frank Weaver - 800m - 1st
- Eli Ross - 800m - 2nd
- Frank Weaver - Shot Put - 3rd
- Thomas Catlin - Turbo Javelin - 4th
- Phoenix Williams, Lucas Bruno, Miles Moore, Langston Terrel, II - 4\*100m - 2nd

## March 7 Meet Results

### **1st/2nd girls (Sub-elementary) - 3rd overall**

- Cosette Sholl - 400m - 4th
- Harriet Miller - 800m - 2nd
- Cosette Sholl - 800m - 4th
- Lainie Henville - Turbo Javelin - 1st
- Julia Ruddock - Turbo Javelin - 5th
- Lainie Henville - Shot Put - 2nd
- Colette Springer - Shot Put - 5th
- Lainie Henville, Julia Ruddock, Addison Gaffney, Lyla Bode - 4\*100m - 3rd

### **1st/2nd boys (Sub-elementary) - 7th overall**

- Frank Weaver - 400m - 1st
- Eli Ross - 800m - 5th
- Frank Weaver - Shot Put - 3rd
- Phoenix Williams, Kase Feeman, Frank Weaver, Langston Terrel, II - 4\*100m - 4th

### **3rd/4th boys (Elementary) - 8th overall**

- Samuel Johnson - 400m - 2nd
- Samuel Johnson - 800m - 3rd

### **3rd/4th girls (Elementary) - 3rd overall**

- Cecilia Johnson - 100m - 4th
- Camille Young - 400m - 5th
- Hattie Rice - 800m - 3rd
- Cecilia Johnson - 800m - 4th
- Hattie Rice - Discus - 2nd
- Avery Welch - Discus - 3rd
- Vivian Harrell - Turbo Javelin - 5th

### **3rd/4th boys (Elementary) - 4th overall**

- Samuel Johnson - 400m - 5th
- Samuel Johnson - 800m - 2nd
- Beckett Simpson - 800m - 4th
- Whit Hamilton - 800m - 5th
- Sebby Miller - Long Jump - 4th
- Ben Hand - Discus - 4th
- Beckett Simpson - Discus - 5th



**Congratulations, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Boys CHAMPIONS!**



JOIN US FOR  
**HNJ**  
GALA 2026

*Glamour Shots*

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026  
7-11 PM

VALS  
4632 FRERET STREET  
NEW ORLEANS

[HNJSCHOOL.ORG/GALA-AUCTION](http://HNJSCHOOL.ORG/GALA-AUCTION)

DONATIONS NEEDED

*Auction 2026*



Beach Houses \* Art \* Vacations \* Jewelry  
Restaurants \* Hosting Dinner Parties  
Fun Family Experiences \* Memberships  
Spa Days \* Gift Cards \* Home Decor Items \* Tickets

Donate at [hnjschool.org/gala-auction](http://hnjschool.org/gala-auction)



# HNJ GALA AIRBRUSHED HATS

Pre-order yours today and  
get it airbrushed at the Gala!

[ONECAU.SE/\\_EXWAN1](http://ONECAU.SE/_EXWAN1)

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OF JESUS  
SCHOOL

## *Tuition/Cash* **RAFFLE**

Purchase a ticket for a chance to win your choice of  
either a \$5,000 tuition credit for the 2026-2027  
school year OR a \$2,500 cash prize. Raffle will  
convert to a 50/50 drawing if minimum is not met.  
Winner will be drawn on Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

The winner need not be present.

Gaming License: G-0004386

\$50 each or 3/\$100



# BOOK FAIR

March 23-28

HNJ Lobby

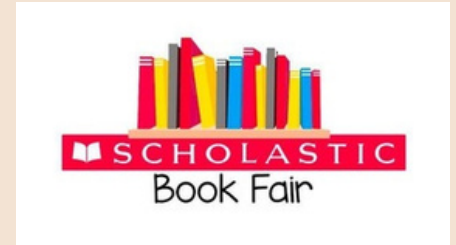
This year's Book Fair will be operating on a cashless system to provide a convenient and efficient shopping experience for all students and families.

1. Preview the BookFair - Click the links below to explore available titles and get your children excited about their selections.
2. Create an E-Wallet - Set up a digital wallet account using the links provided below. This account will allow you to add funds that your child can use during their shopping visit.
3. Click on the book fair schedule link to view the shopping schedule for all grades.

## Book Fair Schedule

Early Childhood  
eWallet sign up

1st-7th eWallet  
sign up



\*Dress Down Shop  
Days\*

Little Gators-4th

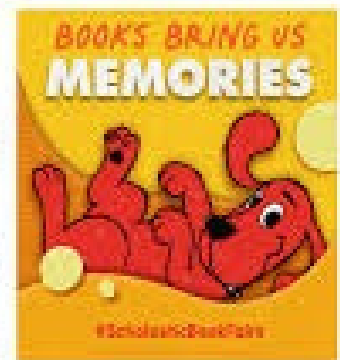
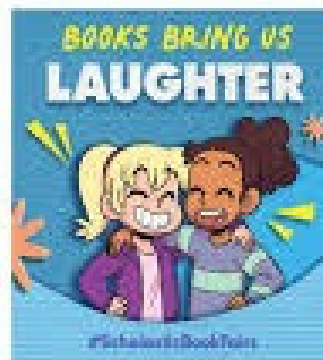
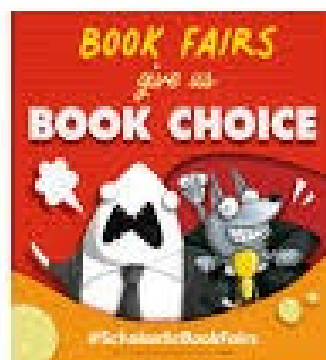
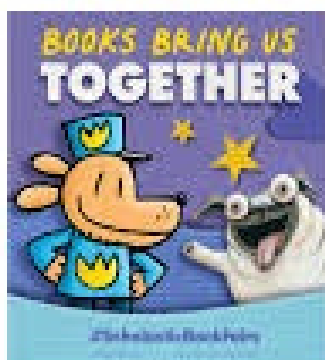
Pajamas

5th-7th

Book Characters



Parents are welcome to  
join their children on  
their assigned shopping  
day.





# HNJ CITY PARK NIGHT

Wednesday, April 1 | 6:00 – 9:00 PM  
City Park Carousel Gardens Amusement Park

**Advanced Wristbands** (purchased by Tuesday, March 31):  
First four wristbands \$20 each  
Each additional wristband \$15 each

**Onsite Wristbands:**  
\$25 each



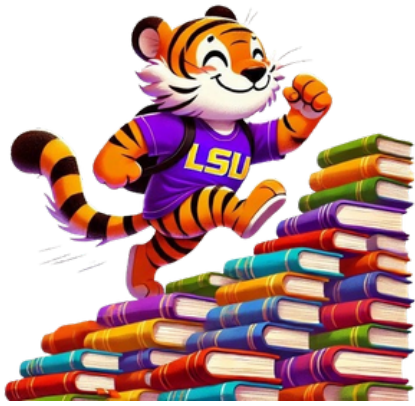
[Click here](#)  
[to](#)  
[volunteer!](#)

## Additional Information:

- Wristbands required for anyone age 2 or older
  - Includes access to all open rides
- City Park concessions are cashless and will be open
  - No outside food and drink allowed

Questions?

Contact Lizzie Frein at [lizziefrein@gmail.com](mailto:lizziefrein@gmail.com) or 225.803.6288



# LSU Health NEW ORLEANS

# CAMP RAMP UP

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## **Camp Ramp Up: Summer Reading Support for Grades 1–4**

Get your child ready for the upcoming school year with **Camp Ramp Up**, a specialized literacy program for children entering grades 1–4. Designed to support both the eager and struggling readers, this program helps combat summer slide while building essential reading skills in a structured and engaging way.

Led by experienced speech-language pathologists and graduate student clinicians, **Camp Ramp Up** uses evidence-based, multisensory phonics approaches tailored to your child's needs. Small group sizes (max of 4 children) ensure personalized attention.

Through interactive lessons, learning games, and plenty of encouragement, your child will strengthen their phonological awareness, decoding, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension skills. Whether your reader needs extra help or just a boost, help them start the school year strong with **Camp Ramp Up!**

**DATES & TIMES:** Monday, July 27 – Friday, July 31, 2026, from 9:00am–12:00pm

**F EES** \$400 per camper, plus a \$50 screening fee

**LOCATION:** LSU Speech and Hearing Clinic, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of 1900 Gravier Street, NOLA 70112

**FOR MORE INFO:** Leslie Lopez, PhD, Camp Ramp Up Coordinator

Email: [llope4@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:llope4@lsuhsc.edu)

Phone: (504) 568-4341

**A non-refundable deposit of \$100 is due upon registration. Before June 1<sup>st</sup>, your payment is refundable, minus the \$100 deposit. All payments are non-refundable after June 1, 2026.**

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## **Ramp up reading readiness for the next school year!**

# SAVE THE DATE

Grand Gators  
Year-End Luncheon  
Tuesday, May 5, 2026  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
HNJ Parish Center

Please RSVP and Sign Up to bring  
a Cinco de Mayo themed dish



Save the Date  
THE LEGACY CONTINUES  
45TH ANNUAL  
**LEE GARDEMAL  
MEMORIAL**  
GATOR RUN  
Hosted by Holy Name of Jesus  
VARIOUS RACES FOR ALL AGES | THERE WILL BE PRIZES  
DATE: **Saturday, May 9, 2026**  
LOCATION: **Audubon Park Station 10**  
New Orleans, LA

## 2026-2027 Parent-Teacher Club Board Nominations



Self-Nominations or  
Nominations of other  
parents will be accepted.  
Nominations will close  
Monday, April 13.



**\$15**  
PER PLATE  
KIDS ONLY  
\$11

Catfish, Shrimp or Combo  
includes french fries, french  
bread & potato salad.

Fresh, Authentic  
Louisiana  
Seafood!



TROOP 55  
**FISH  
FRY**  
FUNDRAISER  
FRIDAY FEB 27,  
MARCH 13 & 27



St. Francis of Assisi  
Church Yard  
6 pm until 8 pm





# TENNIS + PICKLEBALL

HNJ'S Annual Tennis + Pickleball  
Tournament

Music, Food, Drinks, Prizes

City Park

4.15.26 | 9:00 AM

To Register scan the QR code below

Or click [here](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities

Click [here](#)



## Share Your Culture with Us to Create an Authentic Learning Experience

Fill out **THIS** survey to share your culture with us!



**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.

**Tour Dates:**

Feb. 25, March 11, March 18, March 30  
April 1, April 15, April 16, April 29, April 30, May 5, May 6

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. All tours will meet at the HNJ Parish Center, 6220 LaSalle Place, at 7:45 a.m.

**REGISTER -->**



RISING  
PK4 - 7<sup>TH</sup>  
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

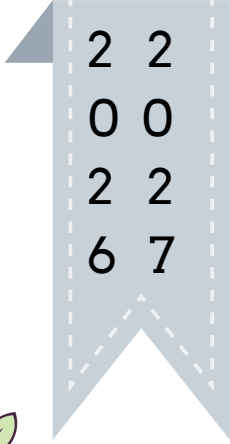
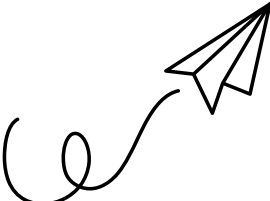
MESSY MASTERPIECES

JULY 27-31

END SUMMER WITH A SPLASH  
+ ACADEMIC JUMP START

CLICK THE FLYER FOR  
REGISTRATION 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
- 17: First Day of Early/Later Gators



**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

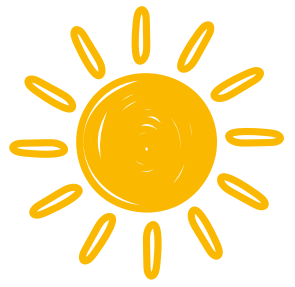


**March**

- 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)



**DEADLINE FOR SPRING GRAND  
OPENING INSTALLATION:  
MARCH 20, 2026**

## 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.



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

# 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!



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!

**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](mailto:kristy.christiansen@gmail.com) for details.



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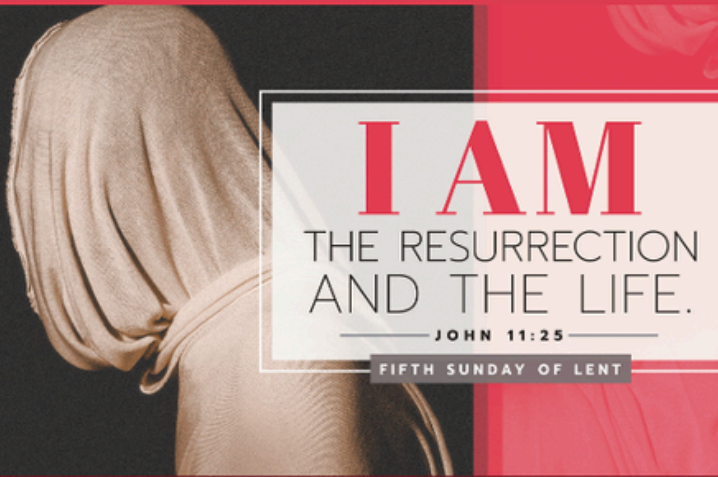
HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

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On the Campus of Loyola University • www.hnjchurch.org

MARCH 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**I AM**  
THE RESURRECTION  
AND THE LIFE.

JOHN 11:25

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**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)  
(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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.hnjschool.org)**

**504-861-1466**

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