

# The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

March 31, 2026

## Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

We are excited to invite you and your family to celebrate the joy of Easter with our parish community through several special events and gatherings.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we offer multiple opportunities to celebrate the Resurrection at our **Easter Masses: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (Family Mass), and 6:00 p.m.** The 11:00 a.m. Family Mass is a wonderful way for our students and families to celebrate together in a joyful and welcoming environment.

Following the Family Mass, children are invited to participate in a festive **Easter Egg Hunt in the Loyola Horseshoe**, a tradition that brings fun and community spirit to the day.

In addition, we hope you will join us for a very special occasion as we honor a beloved member of our community. **Father Mark's Farewell Celebration** will take place on **Monday, April 6, from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at the Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center**. This will be a meaningful time to come together in gratitude, share memories, and wish Father Mark well as he begins his next chapter.

We encourage all families to take part in these joyful celebrations of faith, fellowship, and community. Your presence helps make these moments truly special for everyone. May God bless you during this Easter season!

God Bless,  
Kirsch J. Williams

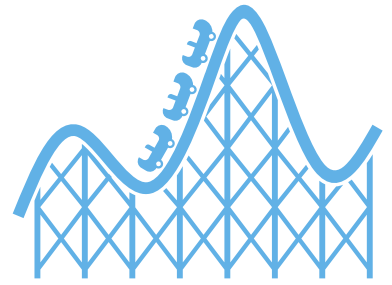
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# Upcoming Important Dates

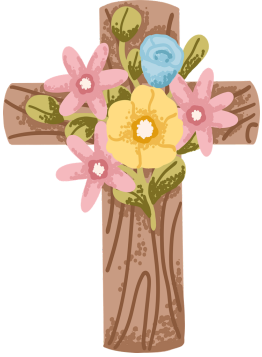
## Wednesday, April 1

Spring Sports and Club Photos  
City Park Night (see flyer below)



## Thursday, April 2

Living Stations of the Cross, 8:30 AM in Rivas Family Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, parents welcome)  
Kindergarten Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 AM  
PK4 Easter Egg Hunt, 10:45 AM  
PK3 Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 AM  
Early Dismissal and No Later Gators (LG - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade)



## Friday, April 3 - Friday April 10

No School, Easter Break



## Sunday, April 5

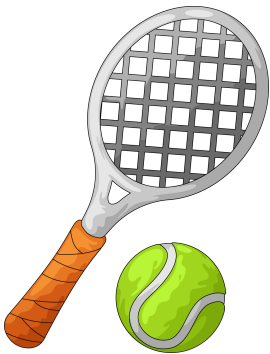
HNJ Family Mass and Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 AM

## Monday, April 13 - Friday, April 17

Free Dress for students who purchased passes at the Gala

## Monday, April 13

School Resumes  
HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



## Wednesday, April 15

HNJ Tennis and Pickleball Tournament  
Discover Holy Name Construction Tour (see flyer below)  
Last Day for PTC Board Nominations (see flyer below)

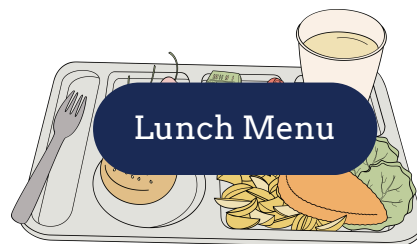
## Thursday, April 16

Discover Holy Name Construction Tour (see flyer below)  
PK-3 - 2nd Grade Field and Water Day  
Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM in the Parish Center



## Friday, April 17

School Mass, 8:30 AM @ HNJ Church (K - 7<sup>th</sup>, Parents Welcome)  
3rd - 7th Grade Field and Water Day



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

## Track/Field

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Boys for an outstanding 3rd place overall finish, and to the 5th Grade Girls for earning 5th place overall at the John Curtis meet on Thursday afternoon!

What makes these results even more impressive is that the HNJ team is made up of just four boys and four girls. Their effort, determination, and teamwork truly stood out while competing against much larger teams.

### **Top HNJ Performers:**

#### **5th Grade Girls – 5th Overall**

- Elodie Trahant – 100m (4th), 200m (4th), Long Jump (2nd)
- Stella Miller – 1600m (1st)
- Gavyn St. Julien – Turbo Javelin (3rd)

#### **5th Grade Boys – 3rd Overall**

- Peyton Johnson – 100m (1st), 100m Hurdles (1st), Long Jump (1st), 200m (2nd)
- William McCormick – 1600m (4th)
- Banks Lunsford – Turbo Javelin (5th), Shot Put (4th)

## Baseball

The HNJ baseball team earned an exciting 8–7 victory over St. Martin's on Thursday afternoon, marking their first win of the season. Trailing 7–3 in the final inning, the Gators mounted an impressive comeback, scoring five runs to seal the win. The rally was capped by a game-clinching inside-the-park home run from **Dean Seerman**.

**Vicente Valero** contributed with an RBI single and later crossed the plate, while **Luciano Valero**, **Isaiah Phillips**, **Andrew Harris**, and **Gabe Gallant** each added key singles to spark the offense. The Gators will look to add their second win of the season this week as they take on St. Pius X on Tuesday and Trinity on Wednesday. Both games are set for a 4:10 PM start at La Salle Field 1.



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# COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,  
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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## Resources for Growing Up

As our students continue to grow and develop, we understand that the changes that come with puberty can bring both curiosity and questions. Several local hospitals are offering education classes designed specifically for children and their parents.

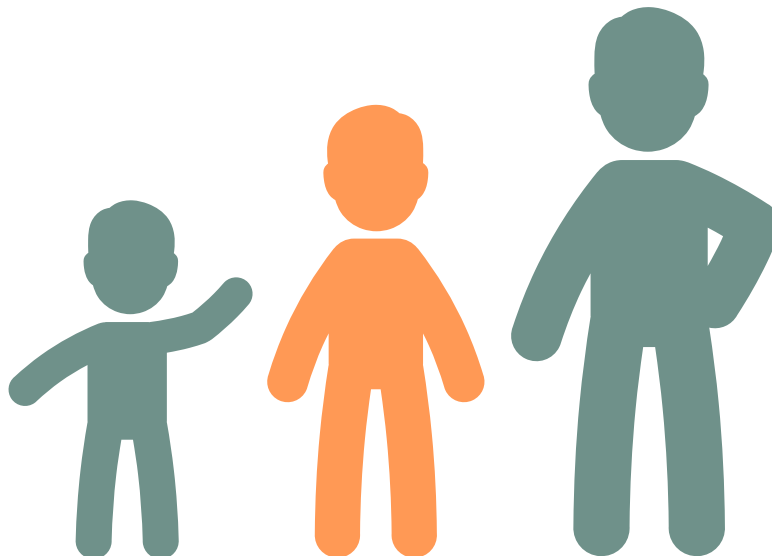
Participating in one of these classes can be a wonderful way to help your child feel informed, reassured, and prepared as they grow. It can also open the door for meaningful discussions within your family.

Feel free to explore these opportunities if you feel your child would benefit. See the resources below for classes about puberty for both boys and girls in the New Orleans area:

<https://www.manningchildrens.org/services/the-parenting-center/parenting-classes-playroom-reservations/growing-up-puberty-/>

<https://www.lcmchealth.org/events-calendar/event-details/?event=28491>

<https://www.lcmchealth.org/events-calendar/event-details/?event=25566>



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# Free Dress Passes

**April 13-17, 2026**

**\$20 Each**

**If you were unable to purchase your Free Dress Passes through the Auction system, please click this flyer to fill out the Google Form. Purchases will be charged to your FACTS account.**

**DEADLINE: April 12, 2026**

Free Dress Guidelines Apply



# 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  
Register for the  
Event!](#)

[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



FAREWELL CELEBRATION



*Thank you*  
*Father Mark*

Please join us for a celebration to thank Father Mark Thibodeaux, SJ  
for his ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Parish  
and to wish him well as he takes on his new assignment.

**Monday, April 6, 2026**

5:00-7:30 p.m.

Holy Name of Jesus Parish Center

6220 LaSalle Place, New Orleans, LA 70118

*Father Mark has asked that if you feel inclined to give him a gift that  
he would have to pack in his bag, please instead consider making a  
donation to the Holy Name of Jesus Capital Campaign.*



# **HNJ CHEER PARENT MEETING**

**APRIL 13 AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE HNJ LOBBY**

Parent meeting for rising  
5th grade through 7th  
grade girls interested in  
trying out for the 26 - 27  
Holy Name cheer team!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

# T.E.A.C.H.E.R.S & S.T.A.F.F

APPRECIATION WEEK

4/27 - 5/1, 2026

[Sign Up Here](#)

[Wish Lists](#)

**MONDAY**

“Chandler steals the cheesecake”

Lunch hosted by PTC in the Parish Center. Donated by Messina's

**TUESDAY**

“The one with all the coffee and muffins”

Breakfast and coffee in the lounge!

**WEDNESDAY**

“Joey doesn't share food”

Grab & go snacks in the lounge!

**THURSDAY**

“18 pages front and back”

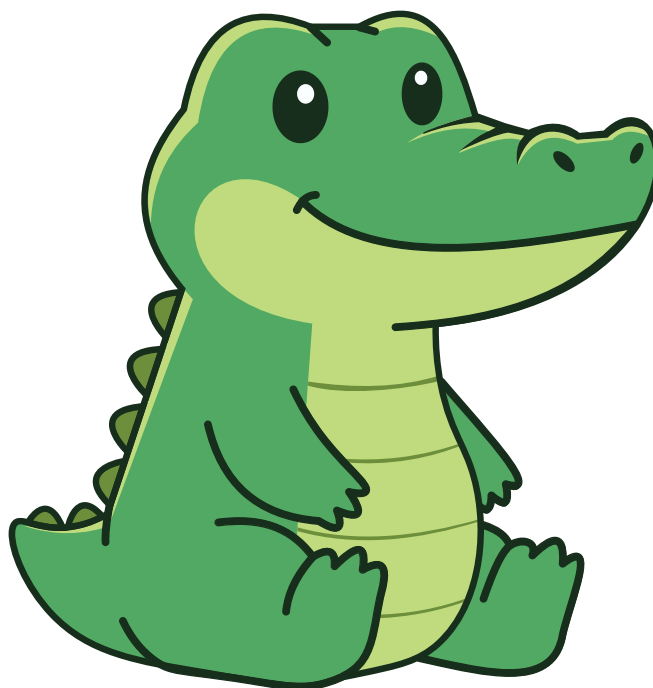
Teacher supplies giveaway in the lounge!

**FRIDAY**

“Well, maybe I don't need your money. Wait, wait, I said maybe.”

Favorites Friday - bring something from your teacher's favorites list

**THANK YOU FOR BEING THERE!**



## 2026 Autism Acceptance Month Webinar Series



**WEEK 1**  
**April 7**

**12:00pm - 12:30pm**  
**How to Identify Safe &  
Effective Care for Autism**  
• Dr. Sara Shank

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**  
**Como identificar una  
atención segura y eficaz  
para el autismo**  
• Dr. Magdalena Houssay



**WEEK 3**  
**April 21**

**12:00pm - 12:30pm**  
**Early Autism Diagnosis from a  
Parent/Professional Perspective**  
• Dr. Lynn Adams

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**  
**Language-Based Learning  
Disorders in Children with Autism:  
Challenges & Treatment**  
• Dr. Elisa Moran



**WEEK 2**  
**April 14**

**12:00pm - 12:30pm**  
**Beyond Diagnosis: Matching  
Referrals to the Individual Needs  
of Children with Autism**  
• Dr. Emily Mathis, BCBA-D

**12:30pm - 1:00pm**  
**From Evaluation to Access & Why  
Diagnosis Isn't Enough: Bridging the  
Gap Between Evaluation & School-  
Based Support Under Bulletin 1508**  
• Dr. Christiane Creveling



**WEEK 4**  
**April 28**

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**  
**Toilet Training & Autism:  
Recognizing Readiness &  
Supporting Success**  
• Dr. Eboni Smith-Hollier  
• Addie Andrus, BCBA

### Register Today!

Join us virtually for a **free** 4-part webinar series.

» **Tuesdays in April**  
**12:00pm - 1:00pm**



# 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

2026-2027

## Parent-Teacher Club Board Nominations



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



*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

# Save the Date

Grandparents and Friends  
Week 2026

September 13 - 18

More details to follow



# TENNIS + TEQUILA

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](#)



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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





# LSU Health CAMP RAMP UP NEW ORLEANS

### 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 approach 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

**FEES** \$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  
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.

Ramp up reading readiness for the next school year!

*Easter Sunday  
Family Mass*

**April 5, 2026  
11:00 a.m.**

**Children's Homily  
Holy Name of Jesus Church**

**Easter Egg Hunt following Mass**

# 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!



## 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

6367 St. Charles Avenue New Orleans, LA 70118  
On the Campus of Loyola University • www.hnjchurch.org

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



HE HAS BEEN  
**RAISED!**

MATTHEW 28:6

EASTER SUNDAY

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)

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

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)

ADORATION CHAPEL HOURS

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

WWW.HNJCHURCH.ORG



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



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.

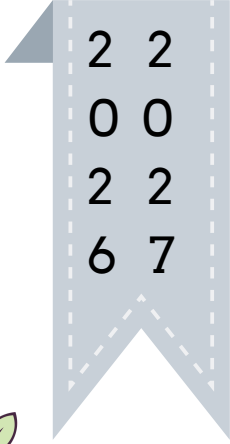
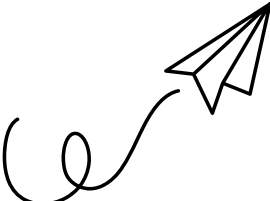
Little Gators is accepting donations of diapers in collaboration with the Junior League of New Orleans' Diaper Drive. Please bring diapers to donate to the Front Office or Little Gators Entrance. Thank you for your support!

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



**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

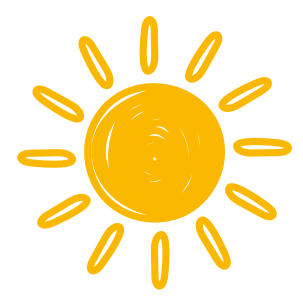


**March**

- 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)



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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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