

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

May 5, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

Our community continues to be a source of deep gratitude and encouragement. The support we have already received through GiveNOLA Day reflects the strength of our shared mission and a deep belief in what makes our school so special. Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and enthusiasm. Each gift is a powerful reminder that we are not alone in this work.

At Holy Name of Jesus School, we have been forming young leaders for over 125 years, educating the whole child, spiritually, intellectually, socially, and physically. Rooted in our Ignatian values, we strive each day to develop "boys and girls for others," guiding students to pursue excellence while learning to find God in all things.

In just 14 days, we will open the doors to our brand-new facilities, a transformative addition to our campus that includes a beautiful gym, walking track, art room, music room, and 10 early childhood classrooms. These spaces will expand opportunities for learning, creativity, and formation for our youngest learners through our middle school students.

GiveNOLA provides a meaningful opportunity to invest directly in this mission. Every contribution supports the experiences that define our students' formation: strong academics, faith development, physical well-being, and a vibrant community life that nurtures both heart and mind. Your gift also helps offset the financial commitment associated with this new building, ensuring we can sustain both excellence and accessibility for our families.

While we began collecting gifts last week, today is GiveNOLA Day—the moment to come together in a special way.

We invite you to make a meaningful gift and to share our campaign with family and friends:

<https://www.givenola.org/organization/holy-name-of-jesus-school-gnola>

Together, we can ensure that the tradition of excellence at Holy Name of Jesus School continues for generations to come. To wonder... to achieve... to make a difference... together. That is what Holy Name of Jesus School is all about.

Easter Blessings!

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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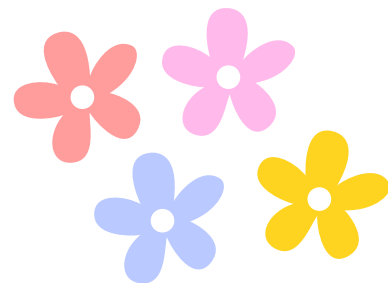


Upcoming Important Dates

Tuesday, May 5

Give NOLA Day

TerraNova Testing (Grades 3 - 7)
Grand Gators Luncheon (see flyer below)



Wednesday, May 6

Discover Holy Name Construction Tour (see flyer below)

Thursday, May 7

Discover Holy Name Construction Tour (see flyer below)

Friday, May 8

NO School Mass

Mary Statue Installation and Blessing, 8:30 AM



Saturday, May 9

Gator Run (see flyer below)

Men's Club Crawfish Boil (see flyer below)



Monday, May 11

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Later Gator Music Recital (see flyer below)

Wednesday, May 13

Men's Club General Meeting, 6:00 PM

Thursday, May 14

Class of 2026 Grad Walk

Friday, May 15

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

PTC End of Year Social (see flyer below)

Monday, May 18 - Wednesday, May 20

7th Grade Exams

Monday, May 18

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, May 20 - Friday, May 22

5th and 6th Grade Exams

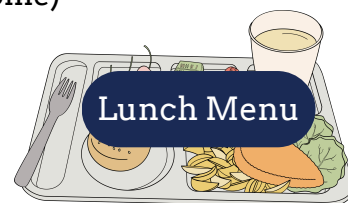
Thursday, May 21

Athletic Awards Ceremony, 1:00 PM in Rivas Family Auditorium

Friday, May 22

Candle Mass, 8:30 AM at HNJ Church (K - 7th, Parents Welcome)

7th Grade Last Day of School



Lunch Menu



New Sock
Order Form



2025-2026
School Calendar



Spirit Shirt
Guidelines

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HNJ: FULL COURT PRESS

MAY 5, 2026

GIVE NOLA DAY
GREATER NEW ORLEANS FOUNDATION

Your gift supports the teachers, programs, and student experiences that define Holy Name every day.



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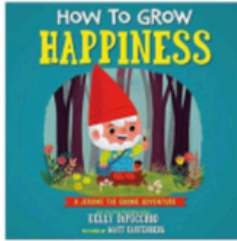


COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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May is Mental Health Awareness Month! To celebrate and discuss the importance of mental health, check out these books on mental health that encourage self care.



Jerome and his friends at the Garden of Wonder discovered the secrets to growing happiness. They learned that with patience, cooperation, and assistance from others, they could help a small black seed flourish into a beautiful plant. With their combined efforts, they nurtured the seed and watched it grow, discovering the joy that comes from working together towards a common goal.



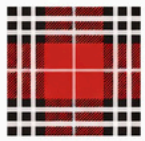
Rabbit is very excited to go fishing with Bear, but unfortunately, Bear is feeling low and not in the mood for it. Bear is having a hard time and feeling sad for no apparent reason. Rabbit wants to help her friend and tries to find solutions on the internet, but none of the self-help tips seem to work. They try everything from meditating to healthy eating and even a new hobby, but nothing seems to help. In the end, Rabbit realizes that the only way to help Bear is through friendship - sometimes all you need is a friend to make you feel better.



This book teaches that joy can be found in the present moment, without waiting for special occasions. Even if feeling sad, there are still ways to work through it.



Life can be tough, but don't give up. Express your feelings and keep moving forward. This book is for those struggling with new experiences and managing emotions.



YOUNG FASHIONS UNIFORMS

15% OFF ALL SCHOOL UNIFORMS in May

10% OFF ALL SCHOOL UNIFORMS in June

Available In-Store & Online



PLUS, BRING IN THIS COUPON FOR

30% OFF ONE ITEM

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One coupon per customer. Not to be combined with other sales. Additional rules may apply. Coupon valid for in-store purchases, only.

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XL SOCKS NOW AVAILABLE



We are excited to announce that we now have XL uniform socks available for purchase in the office.

[Order here](#)

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Thank you!

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YOU'RE INVITED TO THE ANNUAL

Holy Name of Jesus Music Recital

Join us to celebrate our after school music students who have worked hard all year in Piano, Guitar, and Voice Lessons!

Monday, May 11

THERE ARE TWO DIFFERENT RECITAL TIMES!

5:30 - 6:30

7:00 - 8:00

FREE OF CHARGE!

COME FOR ONE, OR COME FOR BOTH!

Holy Name of Jesus School
Rivas Family Auditorium

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FOUNDATIONS *for the* FUTURE

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH AND SCHOOL
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



GRAND *Opening*

**Holy Name of Jesus School
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony**

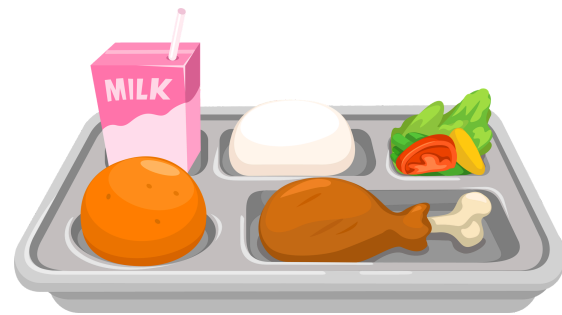
Friday, June 5, 2026

3:45 p.m.

***Join us for the Blessing and Grand Opening
of our new school building.***

***Tours will be available following the ceremony.
Children are welcome.***

A message from the Lunch Room...



Dear HNJ Parents and Guardians,

We wanted to make you aware of a recent system issue that affected lunch account processing between April 15 and April 30.

Due to this, some lunch charges were not applied correctly during that time. We apologize for any confusion this may have caused, especially if you noticed missing charges in your student's account.

The issue has now been resolved, and all charges have been reflected in your student's MySchoolBucks Account as of this weekend.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out at hnlunch@messinascatering.com. We truly appreciate your understanding and support.

Regards,
Messina's Catering



HNJ Alumni

Share your story!



We want to hear from you! We would love to hear a story, experience, or testimonial about your time at HNJ. What you submit may be used as a testimonial on our website, social media, admissions brochures, etc. Current and prospective families love to hear about the impact that an HNJ education had on alumni and how it paved the way to their future

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THANK YOU!



SO MUCH SUPPORT!



PARENTS,
THANK YOU SO MUCH
FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OF THE
FRIENDS
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!



WE APPRECIATE YOU SO MUCH!

YOU REALLY SHOWED UP BY FILLING UP THE SIGNUP GENIUS WITH VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS AND CLEARING THE AMAZON WISHLIST!



THANK YOU!



SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE COORDINATORS!

- ★ ALI LeBOEUF, TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK CHAIR
- ★ JEANNE HIGGINS, ROOM PARENT COORDINATOR

HNJ MEN'S CLUB

Crawfish Cook-off



Come out and celebrate the end of the school year!

- ✓ GATOR RUN AT 8:30 AM. SNOWBALLS TO FOLLOW AT 10 AM IN THE YARD.
- ✓ GRILL WILL BE FIRED UP AND SERVING BURGERS AND DOGS AT NOON.
- ✓ FIRST BOIL AT 1 PM!

WHEN
Saturday, May 9th

WHERE
Chiu Family Yard

HOW MUCH
Free (donations accepted)



Volunteers needed to help setup Friday night.



LEE GARDEMAL GATOR RUN

HOLY NAME OF JESUS



REGISTER NOW

MAY 9

5K RACE & 1.5 MILE FUN RUN

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE LEE GARDEMAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

8:30 AM

**AUDUBON PARK
SHELTER #10**

\$25-40 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES T-SHIRT
WATER AND SNACKS PROVIDED



SNAP INTO SUCCESS

While the weather is heating up, we're keeping our cool—and our focus—at the Snap Into Success summer program.

Your student will work in tailored small groups, ensuring they get the individual attention they need to master tough concepts.

Avoid the seasonal learning dip. Whether it's math, reading, or kindergarten readiness, we're here to keep those academic gears turning.

We believe a sharp mind is a happy one. Expect games, challenges, and plenty of fun.

- **Who:** All rising K-7th grade Gators
- **What:** Comprehensive small-group tutoring covering Math, Reading, and Kindergarten Readiness.
- **When:** Session I : June 8, June 15, June 22 (M-Th)
Session II : July 13, July 20, July 27 (M-Th)

Ready to dive in? Don't wait until the swamp gets murky—secure your spot today and help your student Snap Into Success!

[Register & Learn More Here](#)



THE HNJ PTC INVITES YOU TO THEIR

END OF YEAR SOCIAL

MAY 15, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 PM

PORT ORLEANS BREWERY

**COME CELEBRATE THE
END OF ANOTHER GREAT
YEAR OF PTC EVENTS!**

**ADULTS ONLY
FIRST 100 GUESTS RECIEVE A DRINK TICKET**

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

Grandparents and Friends
Week 2026

September 13 - 18

More details to follow



HNJ ALUMNI

BOWLING

TOURNAMENT
REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2026 | 6-9 PM

ROCK-N-BOWL

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!



**HOLY NAME OF
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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:

April 15, April 16, April 29, April 30, May 3, 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 -->



RISE
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

CLICK THE FLYER FOR
REGISTRATION INFORMATION





HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

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MAY 10, 2026

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ANOTHER ADVOCATE
TO BE WITH YOU
ALWAYS.

JOHN 14:16

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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



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



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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.

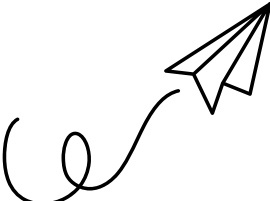
Little Gators is accepting donations of diapers in collaboration with the Junior League of New Orleans' Diaper Drive. Please bring diapers to donate to the Front Office or Little Gators Entrance. Thank you for your support!

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~~ **School Resumes - regular day**
15: PK3 - 7th Grade Half Day - Parent Teacher Conferences (Little Gators regular day)
18: No School - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

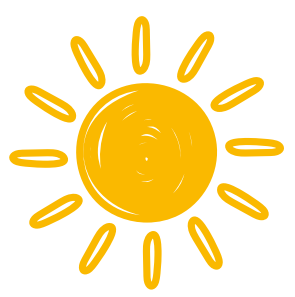
February
4: Half Day - Mardi Gras
5-12: No School - Mardi Gras Break



March
5: No School - Teacher Professional Development
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)



**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

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