

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

September 22, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

At Holy Name of Jesus, our faculty and staff are the heart of everything we do. So this fall, Fr. Kramer and I set out together to listen closely. We invited every teacher and staff member to share honest feedback through a planning survey, and 61 responded thoughtfully and candidly.

We are delighted to share that the results are overwhelmingly positive. 85% of our faculty and staff describe our school culture as positive, and just as many would enthusiastically recommend Holy Name of Jesus to friends and family. When asked what drew them here and keeps them here, their answer was clear: our community and family spirit, our strong Catholic identity and daily faith life, and our shared commitment to educating the whole child. They are proud of one another and of the school you have chosen for your children.

Like any thriving community, our teachers also pointed to ways we can grow and support them even better, and we welcome that feedback wholeheartedly. Fr. Kramer and I are committed to acting on what we heard, and he continues to meet one-on-one with faculty and staff throughout the year so that every voice is heard.

One theme stood out: our teachers give so much, and they deserve to feel noticed and appreciated. Our Parent Teacher Club took this to heart and is determined to support our teachers in the best way they can. After reviewing the survey results last week, the PTC is launching a wonderful new program to celebrate our faculty and staff. They will unveil it at the PTC General Meeting on Wednesday, October 8. Please join us!

Thank you for being part of the Holy Name family, and thank you to our PTC for their generosity and leadership. Together, we are truly blessed.

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

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





Important Dates

Thursday, September 24

Community Conversations - Little Gators, 8:15 AM @ the Parish Center

Friday, September 25

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

PTC Back to School BBQ (see flyer below)

Monday, September 28

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Wednesday, September 30

Progress Reports Sent Home (PK3 - 7th Grade)

Thursday, October 1 - Saturday, October 3

Men's Club Pumpkin Patch (see flyer below)



Thursday, October 1

Community Conversations - Early Childhood, 8:15 AM @ the Parish Center

Friday, October 2

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

Monday, October 5

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day

Tuesday, October 6

Grand Gators Meeting, 10:00 AM @ Parish Center

Thursday, October 8

PTC General Meeting (see flyer below)

Friday, October 9

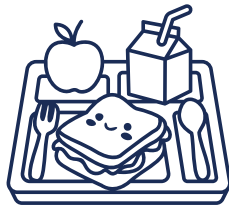
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QUICK LINKS



2026-2027 School
Calendar



Lunch Menus



Parent Reference Guide



Spirit Shirt Guidelines



Sock Order Form



Family Portal Login



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MORGAN SUBERVIELLE,
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

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It's an exciting time for our 5th-7th grade students as high school admissions events are starting to take place! Middle school students have many opportunities to explore the various Catholic high schools in order to identify the school that best suits their unique interests and abilities! We strongly encourage students to experience on-campus events, including Open Houses and Spend-a-Days. To schedule a Spend-a-Day experience or to register for other admissions events, visit the website of the high school(s) of your choice. Absences due to Spend-a-Day events are excused, but missed school work is still expected to be completed.



CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

OPEN HOUSE DATES

SY 2026-2027

September - HS Information Night-all schools at SAS

Academy of Our Lady	W-October 14	4-7 PM
Academy of the Sacred Heart	Tours on request	
Archbishop Chapelle	Th-November 5	4-6:00 PM
Archbishop Hannan	Th-October 22	4:30-6:30 PM
Archbishop Rummel	W-October 28	4 PM
Archbishop Shaw	Th-October 8	5-8 PM
Brother Martin	Th-November 5	4-7 PM
Cabrini High School	Th-October 22	3:30-6:30 PM
De La Salle	T-October 27	4-7 PM
Holy Cross	Th-October 22	6 PM
Jesuit	W-November 4	4:30, 5:30, & 6:30 PM
Mount Carmel Academy	Th-October 8	3-7:30 PM
Pope John Paul II	W-October 28	5-7 PM
St. Augustine	W-October 7	4-7 PM
St. Charles Catholic	W-October 21	5-7:30 PM
St. Katharine Drexel	Th-November 5	5:30-7:30 PM
St. Mary's Academy	W-November 4	6-8 PM
St. Mary's Dominican	Th-October 15	3:30-6:30 PM
St. Michael Special School	Th-October 15	9-11 AM
Saint Paul's	Th-October 29	4-6 PM
St. Scholastica Academy	Th-November 5	4-6:30 PM
St. Therese Academy	W-October 21	5-7 PM
Ursuline Academy	Tours on request	



High School Admissions Dates

2026-2027

Wednesday, September 23, 2026: High School Information Night open to public - St. Andrew the Apostle

October 1- November 10, 2026: Open houses and other recruiting activities

Wednesday, November 11, 2026: Archdiocesan Application emailed to schools and posted on Archdiocesan Website

Friday, November 13, 2026: Applications returned to Catholic Elementary Schools.

Saturday, January 9, 2027: Academic Assessment Day (exact time determined by individual schools)

Friday, February 26, 2027: Notifications of Acceptance sent to students



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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

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

5th Grade

10/21 11/4 12/9 1/13
2/24 3/10 5/12
Wednesdays

7th + 6th Grade

10/20 11/3 12/8 1/12
2/23 3/9 5/11
Tuesdays

Holy Name of Jesus PTC

BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
6:00 – 9:00 PM

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER DINNER!

MEAL ORDERS CLOSE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT NOON

Bring your blankets and chairs and join
HNJ families for a night of food and fun!

Pulled Pork • Hamburgers • Hot Dogs • Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

ORDER DINNER



CLICK HERE TO ORDER

Meals should be pre-ordered.

Only a limited number of meal
tickets will be available at the event.

CAN YOU HELP?

We still need volunteers!



CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP

Extra drinks and desserts available
for purchase at the event.

Beer and wine available
with donation.



GATOR FEST 2026 BORN ON THE BAYOU

PRESENTED BY

Gordon Arata

Attorneys at Law

HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 13-15, 2026

BECOME A SPONSOR TODAY!

Dear HNJ Community,

Holy Name of Jesus School is hosting its **43rd Annual Gator Fest, Born on the Bayou, Presented by Gordon Arata Attorneys at Law, November 13-15, 2026**. We invite you to consider one of our sponsorship opportunities to promote your business or show your family's support. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

To learn more about becoming a Gator Fest Business Partner, visit our website at www.hnjschool.org/gator-fest. This year we are once again offering our Annual Event Sponsorship Bundle, which includes Gator Fest, Gala, Tennis Tournament, and Gator Run, in addition to our a-la-carte event sponsorships. **Please note that our deadline for sponsors to be included on the Gator Fest T-Shirt and printed materials has been extended to September 25, 2026.**

If you have any questions, you may contact Amy Nolan at anolan@hnjschool.org.
Sincerely,

Amy D. Nolan
Director of Advancement & Alumni Relations

Courtney Nalty
Gator Fest Sponsorship Chair

Caroline Young
Gator Fest Chair

Gator Fest 2026
Sponsorship Info

HNJ Annual Event
Sponsorship Bundles

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)**



TRICK OR TRUNK

Oct 17, 5:30-8:30

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

TRICK
-OR-
TREAT



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!



Click here for
**VOLUNTEER AND
TRUNK SIGN UP**



Click here to
ORDER PIZZA



Last day to sign up or pizza orders Oct. 14

HNJ MEN'S CLUB

Pumpkin Patch!



- ✓ **WANT THE BEST FALL DÉCOR ON YOUR BLOCK?**
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.
- ✓ **LOOKING FOR THE FRESHEST PUMPKINS?**
SWING BY AND GRAB YOURS.
- ✓ **CHOOSE FROM A HUGE VARIETY!**
PERFECT FOR CARVING & DECORATING.
- ✓ **SNAP A PHOTO WITH THE KIDS!**
AND MAKE IT A MEMORY.



WHEN

Thursday, Oct 1st 4:30 - 7pm

Friday, Oct 2nd 4:30 - 7pm

Saturday, Oct 3rd 10am - 4pm

****while supplies last****



WHERE

Chiu Family Yard

HNJ School

6325 Cromwell Place



**WE APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!**



FRIENDSHIP BUILDERS

SOCIAL SKILLS PLAY GROUP



Friendship Builders is a play group for children who need extra support with social interactions, emotional regulation, and play skills. Through structured activities and guided play, we will help kids build the tools to thrive socially & emotionally.

Group Details

- For children ages 5-7
- Wednesdays, Oct. 7th - Nov. 11th
- 5pm-6pm

We offer a sliding scale with no one turned away for lack of funds.

Contact LCCE to inquire about joining this play group!



(504) 864-7858



LCCE@LOYNO.EDU

GROUP COUNSELING

Child Parent Relationship Therapy
Creating a fun way to engage with your child



**SPACE
LIMITED**

**SLIDING
SCALE**

REGISTER NOW!

For caregivers of children ages 3-9

Virtual 8 week therapy group on Tuesdays from 1pm-2pm

Sept. 29th - Nov. 17th

- **Enhance the relationship with your child(ren)**
- **Learn the basic skills that play therapists use**
- **Facilitate cooperation with limit-setting that works**
- **Build out your parenting toolbox**

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TO A TAKE HOME FOLDER NEAR YOU!

Don't miss out
on your child's
unforegettable, one of
a kind keepsakes

Help support our HNJ Art Program!



Holy Name of Jesus School MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

We are offering HNJ faculty/staff, students, and families discounted membership rates for use of the USC:

Primary Membership for HNJ Faculty or Staff Member: **\$140 annually**

Primary Membership for HNJ Parent: **\$250 annually**

Secondary Membership for HNJ Spouse/Partner: **\$50 annually**

HNJ Family Member who is a Student: **Free of Charge**

Family Member 14 years and older (Non-HNJ Student): **\$50 annually**

Family Member 13 years or younger (Non-HNJ Student): **\$25 annually**

BM's will be responsible for selecting the appropriate membership on EZ Facility and charging HNJ members with the corresponding rates.

We will have a spreadsheet of potential HNJ members and will link it on the Rec Plex email drive. Please ask for picture ID to verify against the spreadsheet.

2026 Fall Class Schedule



Click here to see the full
Parenting Center Fall Schedule

504.896.9591
chparenting@LCMCHealth.org



**Manning Family
Children's**
LCMC Health

How do I get involved? HNJ Parent/Volunteer Organizations

- Fundraising events
- Faculty/Staff Appreciation
- Room parents

Parent-Teacher Club (PTC)

President: Susana Ruddock
PTC@hnjschool.org

Men's Club

President: Jonah Keller
hnjmensclub@gmail.com

- Fundraising events
- Morning Carpool
- School facilities support
- Monthly Meetings

Meets monthly to
provide guidance,
resources, and
leadership in support of
our mission.

Advisory School Board

President: Tim Hand
schoolboard@hnjschool.org

Gator Fest

Co-Chairs: Caroline Young
& Caroline Sholl
gatorfest@hnjschool.org

- Annual School Fair
- November 13-15, 2026
- Many volunteer opportunities!

- Grandparents Club
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Monthly Meetings

Grand-Gators

President: Yvette Slocum
hnjschool@hnjschool.org

Small Groups. Big Ideas.

Six weeks of play-based therapy in a small group, led by speech-language pathologists.

Fall 2026 at Spark

Our small groups give kids a chance to build real skills alongside peers, in a setting that feels like play instead of work. Every group is led by a speech-language pathologist and capped at four children, so no child gets lost in the shuffle.

Starting September 8th.
6 sessions, 30 minutes each. Capped at 4 children. \$375 per block. No evaluation or referral needed.

Late to sign up, or the time doesn't work?
Call or email us. If a seat is open, we'll get your child in and only charge for the sessions left. If enough families want another time, we'll add one.

Ready, Set, Read! Ages 4 to 6 | Tuesdays @ 3:45 PM
The groundwork that makes learning to read feel natural instead of hard. Rhyming, hearing the sounds inside words, new vocabulary, and following a story.

Social Spark Ages 5 to 7 | Tuesdays @ 4:30 PM
Starting and keeping a conversation, taking turns, reading the room, handling it when a game does not go their way, and making friends.

Brain Builders Ages 5 to 7 | Thursdays @ 3:45 PM
Rolling with changes, staying with a task, following directions with more than one step, waiting their turn, and getting started without a reminder.

Flex and Focus Ages 8 to 10 | Thursdays @ 4:30 PM
Planning a project, keeping up with materials, remembering what was assigned, getting started, and actually finishing. For kids who are bright and trying, and whose work is somehow still in the backpack.

Enroll now

504-222-2447 | hello@sparkpediatrictherapy.com | www.sparkpediatrictherapy.com
2620 Jena Street, 2nd Floor, New Orleans, LA 70115



HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH

A Community for Others

Parish Updates

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



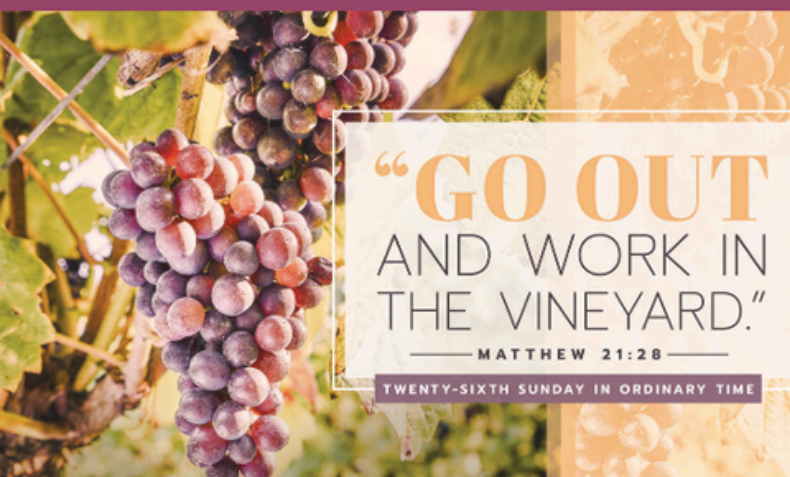
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SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**"GO OUT
AND WORK IN
THE VINEYARD."**
— MATTHEW 21:28 —

TWENTY-SIXTH 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)

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

RECONCILIATION

Monday & Thursday 7:30-8:00 a.m. (Church)
 Saturday 3-4:45 p.m. (Church)
 Sunday 7:15-7:45 p.m. (Loyola Chapel)
 (when Loyola University is in session)
 (or by Appointment)

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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!



HOLY NAME OF JESUS SCHOOL

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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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