

The Gator Gazette



Holy Name of Jesus School Parent Newsletter

September 29, 2026

Principal's Perspective

Dear Holy Name of Jesus School Community,

Our Back-to-School BBQ was a wonderful reminder of what makes Holy Name of Jesus such a special community. It was a joy to see students, parents, faculty, and staff gathered together to celebrate the start of another school year. The fellowship, laughter, and sense of community were truly uplifting. I must admit that the pork roasts were my favorite part of the evening!

Events like these are made possible by the dedication and generosity of countless volunteers who give their time and talents to support our school. I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our PTC and Men's Club members who helped plan, organize, cook, serve, and clean up after the event. Your willingness to serve reflects the spirit of being men and women for others, and we are incredibly grateful for all you do for our school community.

As we continue settling into the school year, please remember that Progress Reports for students in PK3 through 7th grade will be distributed on Wednesday. These reports are intended to provide families with an early snapshot of academic progress and growth. If you have questions, concerns, or would like additional information regarding your child's progress, I encourage you to reach out directly to your child's teacher. Along those same lines, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be here before we know it. Please save the date for Friday, October 16, 2026. More information regarding scheduling and conference procedures will be shared in the coming weeks.

Finally, be sure to stop by and support the Men's Club Pumpkin Patch, which opens Thursday and runs through Saturday. It is a wonderful HNJ tradition and a great way to celebrate the fall season while supporting our school community.

Thank you for being such an important part of the Holy Name of Jesus community.

God Bless,
Kirsch J. Williams

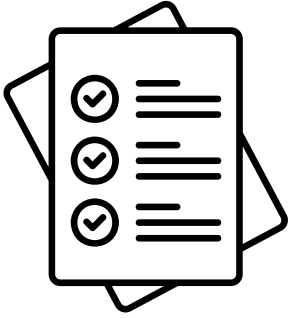
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Important Dates

Tuesday, September 29

HNJ Volleyball Home Game (6th Grade @ 4:00, 7th Grade @ 4:45)
Swamp Open During Volleyball Game



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

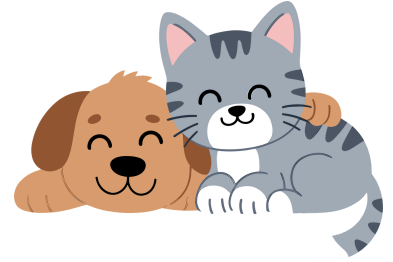
Community Conversations - Early Childhood, 8:15 AM @ the Parish Center

Friday, October 2

Mercy Day School Mass, 8:30 AM @ HNJ Church (K - 7th Grade, parents welcome)
Pet Blessing at Mass (see flyer below)
Swamp Open 9:30 - 10:30

Monday, October 5

HNJ Spirit Shirt Day



Tuesday, October 6

Grand Gators Meeting, 10:00 AM @ Parish Center

Wednesday, October 7

PINK Shirt Day - Students can wear a pink shirt following Spirit Shirt Guidelines

Volleyball Home Game (6th Grade @ 4:15, 7th Grade @ 5:00) - **PINK GAME!** (see flyer below)
Swamp Open During Volleyball Game



Thursday, October 8

PTC General Meeting (see flyer below)

Friday, October 9

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

Thursday, October 15

Living Rosary (see flyer below)
Early Dismissal for ALL Students (LG - 7th Grade)
Admissions Open House (see flyer below for volunteer opportunities)



Friday, October 16

No School for PK3 - 7th Grade
PK3 - 7th Grade Parent-Teacher Conferences
Regular Day for Little Gators

QUICK LINKS



School Calendar

Athletics Calendar



Parent Reference Guide

Spirit Shirt Guidelines



Sock Order Form

The Swamp



Lunch Menus

Family Portal Login





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

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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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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK IN HNJ ATHLETICS?

Cross Country

The girls' Middle School Cross Country team placed an impressive 4th out of 12 teams at the Dominican/Holy Cross Invitational! In the 1.5-Mile Girls 5th-8th Grade Race, **Stella Miller** took 2nd place overall with a time of 9:42. **Elodie Trahant** placed 8th with a time of 10:14, and **Cora Wolford** placed 20th with a time of 11:21.

The boys' Middle School team placed 13th out of 15 teams. In the 1.5-Mile Boys 5th-8th Grade Race, **Austin Labauve** finished with a 10:49 time, **James Boyer** came in at 11:48, and **Minor Azuma** finished with a time of 11:57.

Way to go, Gators!



Tuesday, 9/29

6th Grade Volleyball vs Kehoe France at 4 pm - HOME GAME
7th Grade Volleyball vs Kehoe France at 4:45 pm - HOME GAME

Wednesday 9/30

4th/5th Grade Flag Football vs St. Martin's at LaSalle Field 6 at 4 pm
6th/7th Grade Flag Football vs Christian Brothers at LaSalle Field 6 at 5 pm

Thursday 10/1

4th/5th Grade Flag Football vs Willow White at Avenger Small at 4 pm
7th Grade Volleyball vs St. Martin's at St. Martin's at 4 pm

Friday, 10/2

5th Grade Volleyball playdate at Trinity

Saturday, 10/3

Swim Meet at Newman



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A message from Lands' End Regarding Uniforms

LANDS' END

SCHOOL OUTFITTERS

Dear Lands' End customer,

We recognize that some families have recently experienced challenges ordering school uniforms from Lands' End.

Your feedback matters. We are actively working to address these challenges and strengthen the experience for families moving forward.

Please take a moment to hear directly from Lands' End CEO Charlie Cole as he shares more about the work underway and our ongoing commitment to serving schools and families.

As always, we thank you for being a Lands' End customer. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
The Lands' End School Team

WATCH
VIDEO

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

PET BLESSING

STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 7TH GRADE CAN BRING A PHOTO OF THEIR PET TO SCHOOL MASS THIS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND.

FATHER EDDIE WILL DO A SPECIAL PET BLESSING.



INTRODUCING

THE SWAMP

HNJ's New Spirit Shop

Want to show off your Gator Pride? Check out The Swamp!



Click the flyer or Scan QR code to place an order



All items on the Order Form are currently In Stock!

More exciting offerings are coming soon... stay tuned!

GO GATORS!

ALMOST FULL!

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

ALMOST FULL!

HOME VOLLEYBALL GAMES



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
WEAR PINK!

6TH GRADE: 4:15 PM

7TH GRADE: 5:00 PM

DURING THE GAMES, VOLLEYBALL PARENTS WILL BE SELLING PINK RIBBONS IN HONOR / MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AFFECTED BY BREAST CANCER. PROCEEDS FROM THOSE RIBBONS AS WELL AS GAME DAY CONCESSIONS WILL BE DONATED TO THE NEW ORLEANS MEDICAL MISSION SERVICES. LEARN MORE AT NOMMS.ORG



**HOLY NAME OF
JESUS SCHOOL**
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OPEN HOUSE
OCTOBER 15, 2026



3RD - 7TH GRADE
9:15 - 11:15 AM

INFANTS - 2ND GRADE
4:00 - 7:00 PM

HNJSCHOOL.ORG/VISIT

JOIN US TO HONOR MARY

LIVING ROSARY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

8:30 AM -HNJ Gymnasium



TRICK OR TRUNK

Oct 17, 5:30-8:30

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

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!

VOLUNTEER & TRUNK SIGN UP

EVENT TICKETS & PIZZA ORDERS

Last day to sign up or pizza orders Oct. 14

HNJ MEN'S CLUB PRESENTS

HAUNTED HOUSE

OCTOBER 17, 2026, DURING TRICK OR TRUNK

\$2 PER ENTRY
CASH ONLY

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)

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

Seventh Grade
WILL BE THERE SELLING TREATS, SNACKS, AND WATER.
FACE PAINTING WILL BE AVAILABLE!

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

HNJ



FEST SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13	6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14	10:00 AM - 10:00 PM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15	11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

MUSIC LINEUP

NOV 13 7:00 - 10:00 PM	RED HOT GENTILLY PEPPERS
NOV 14 7:00 - 10:00 PM	CRESCENT KINGS
NOV 15 3:00 - 6:00 PM	BIG IN THE 90'S

GATOR FEST IS NOW A COMPLETELY CASH-LESS EVENT. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.



HNJ FAMILY INFORMATION

DONATIONS NEEDED

PLEASE START SAVING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO DONATE TO GATOR FEST.
SPECIFIC DONATION DAY INFORMATION COMING SOON.

- EMPTY SODA CANS (RINSED AND CLEANED)
- GENTLY USED BOOKS
- PLUSHIES (PLEASE NO NON-PLUSH MARDI GRAS THROWS)
- PRIZES
- THE “MADE BY ME BOOTH” WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING HAND-MADE ITEMS TO SELL - START CREATING!
- SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES FOR THE “CUTEST PET” BOOTH! PRINTED 4X6 PHOTO SUBMISSIONS CAN BE SENT TO THE FRONT OFFICE LABELED WITH THE PET’S NAME AND FAMILY NAME

CLASS PERFORMANCE TIMES

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13

6:00 ATHLETICS PEP RALLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:00-11:05 KINDERGARTEN

11:30 - 11:35 1ST GRADE

12:00 -12:05 2ND GRADE

12:30- MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE TEAM PERFORMANCE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

12:00-12:05 3RD GRADE

12:30-12:35 4TH GRADE

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS COMMUNITY Dinner



FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. FAMILY.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT 5:30 P.M.

HNJ PARISH CENTER

ENTER THROUGH ADORATION CHAPEL DOORS OR BACK PATIO

SPONSORED BY WOMEN OF WISDOM

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



HOLY NAME of JESUS CHURCH
A Community for Others

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

OCTOBER 4, 2026

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A LANDOWNER
PLANTED A
VINEYARD.

MATTHEW 21:33

TWENTY-SEVENTH 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)

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)

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.

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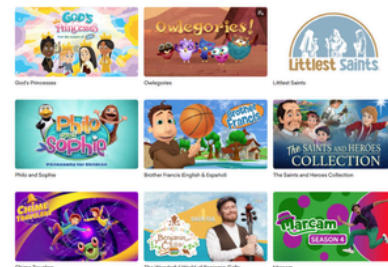
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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

All Holy Name of Jesus Families are eligible to register for a **FREE** Formed account.

Follow the steps below to get started.

1. Visit signup.formed.org
2. Click on Continue to Sign up/Login
3. Enter your email address and click Next
4. Confirm your email address and enter your first and last name
5. Check the agreement box and click Sign Up
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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