

Holy Name of Jesus School Event

Descriptions

***This is a guide for parents to refer to for further details about an event on the school calendar or events that occur regularly throughout the year during the school day.**

ALS Dress Down Day

All students are encouraged to dress down for \$1.00 (or more) for a charitable cause, ALS. Also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. Donations should be given to the child's teacher on that given day.

Time of Year: October

Awards Ceremony

On the last day of school, students in grades 1-7 receive various awards in academics and extracurricular activities. The event takes place in church after the 9:00 school mass.

Time of Year: June

Back to School Night

This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and hear his/her expectations for the school year.

Time of Year: September (evening)

Black History Month Assembly

Students gather in the gym during the school day to learn about famous African-Americans and their influence on society. Selected children in grades 3-8 participate in the assembly itself.

Time of Year: February

Book Fair

This Scholastic sponsored event takes place in the school library for one week and serves as a fund-raiser, as well as an opportunity to further reading skills. Parents are welcome to come and shop before school starts and after dismissal till 4:00pm.

Time of Year: October & May

Box Tops

Each class collects Box Tops to raise money for our school. As an incentive, a contest is held for each school quarter. The class with the most Box Tops wins a dress down day. One winner is chosen from grades PreK-3 and another from grades 4-8.

Time of Year: ongoing

Calendar Raffle

This is one of our major fund-raisers! Tickets are created with the days of the selected month posted with monetary prizes assigned and awarded each day. It makes better sense when you look at the ticket! This is the ONLY mandatory fund-raiser for HNJ families that takes place TWICE a year.

Those with one child are expected to sell \$100 worth of tickets at \$20 each (5 tickets) and more than one child should sell \$200 worth (for each term). Any unsold ticket amounts will be added to tuition.

Time of Year: Fall and Winter

Catholic Schools' Week

This week is set aside throughout the Archdiocese to celebrate Catholic School Education. HNJ acknowledges this time by scheduling a different activity for each day of that week, such as a Children's Mass, a fun-filled assembly, Open House, a dress down day for charity, a Religion Bee, and a Ziti Dinner.

Time of Year: Jan. – Feb.

Celebration of Faith Steak Dinner

Sponsored by the Fathers' Club, this event involves good food and good company. It takes place in our school gym where everyone enjoys a home-cooked meal that includes barbequed steaks prepared by the dads themselves. Along with raffles being sold, this is becoming one of our popular fund-raisers. Any dad of HNJ is more than welcome to be a part of the Fathers' Club!

Time of Year: April

Christmas Dance Party

After attending 9:00 mass, the entire school gathers in the gym to celebrate Jesus' birthday. Mr. Mauro is our DJ and knows just what music the children like to listen and dance to. Snacks are provided by the Parent Council.

Time of Year: December

Christmas Shoppe

All students love this time they have to shop for loved ones for Christmas. A committee of parents purchase items at a low cost in nearby stores and make them available for our students. Donations are always welcome! Keep in mind that this is not a fund-raiser. Volunteers are always needed to be store clerks!

Time commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: December

D.A.R.E.

Officers from the Mt. Pleasant Police Department conduct a 6 week program for our fifth and sixth grade students on drug and violence prevention. They visit with the classes once a week during the school day. At the conclusion of the program, a D.A.R.E. Graduation Ceremony takes place in the school gym with friends and family.

Time of Year: Fall

Dress Down for Heart

\$1.00 donations are collected from the students for the Heart Association on Valentine's Day or relatively before.

Time of Year: February

Field Day

This day is set aside for all the students to unwind and enjoy various activities after working so hard all year. Sponsored by the Parent Council, hot dogs/hamburgers and chips are provided for lunch.

Time commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: June

French Toast Purchases

When families purchase school uniform items from www.frenchtoast.com, the school receives 5% of all net sales.

Time of Year: ongoing

Father Dave Golf Outing

In memory of Fr. Dave, this event takes place to raise money in his name which in turn is used for the Church and/or school's benefit. It takes place at the Somers Pointe Golf Club.

Time of Year: September

Fire Safety Assembly

Every year during Fire Safety Week, the Valhalla Fire Department conducts an assembly in the school parking lot for grades PreK-4.

Time of Year: October

First Friday Mass

Each first Friday of the month is a Children's Mass at 9:00. All classes attend. Families are welcome!

Time of the Year: Oct. – June

Gold Party

Enjoy a "ladies night out" with guaranteed fun to be had by all! Sell your unwanted gold from coins to necklaces and trade it in for elegant LiaSophia jewelry or money for Christmas shopping! *New committee members are always welcome!

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: December

Halloween Dance Party

Costumes, DJ, snacks and more! All students are welcome to attend and parents may drop off their child or stay. This takes place in the gym in the evening time.

Time of Year: October

Health and Safety Fair

Students in grades 4-8 work on projects to share reminders and facts about various health and safety concerns. It is a school day event organized by Mrs. Gibbons, our 7th grade teacher. Parents are welcome to visit in the afternoon.

Time of Year: March

Honors Assembly

After each report card, students who earned First or Second Honors in grades 3-8 are acknowledged with an award in Church.

Time of Year: quarterly

International Food Festival

This day celebrates our diverse community. Each family is asked to bring in a food that represents their culture. Parents' help is needed to help organize and serve the food.

Time commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: October

May Crowning

We honor our Mother Mary during this ceremony that takes place during the school day. The whole school participates in a prayer service and crowning of the statue behind the school.

Time of Year: May

Mid-Winter Ball

This dinner-dance is organized each year at an outside catering hall to honor an important member of our community. Business or personal ads may be taken for the journal. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Time of Year: January

Open House

The school is open for visits from prospective families during the scheduled school day. Parents are always needed to help host the event.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours

Time of Year: Feb. and May

Parent Council Meetings

Each month a Parent Council Meeting is scheduled usually on the second Tuesday at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria. ALL parents are welcome to engage in planning events and listen to various school updates. Any personal concerns or issues should be discussed with the principal privately.

Time commitment: 1 hour- 1 1/2

Time of Year: monthly

Parish Festival

Rides, food, and games right on our school premises! Volunteers needed throughout the scheduled four days.

Time Commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: September

Peer Tutoring

Students in grades 2-8 who need extra help are tutored by an Honors student in grade 5, 6, 7, or 8 for an hour after school, one day a week. Mrs. Stults is the coordinator.

Time of Year: Jan. - June

Ragamuffin Assembly

Grades PreK-4 perform a skit in their Halloween costumes and parade to the rectory to receive treats from our pastor, Fr. Joe. Parents are invited to join us at 1:15 pm in the gym.

Time of Year: October

Read-a-thon

This event takes place in memory of a graduate of Holy Name, Ryan Maher. Students are to gain sponsors to help raise money for the Ryan Maher Memorial Scholarship which is awarded to an 8th grade student at graduation. Students are also asked to dress down in green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.

Time of Year: March

Recycling Program

Capri Sun, Frito Lay chip bags, Oscar Mayer lunchables, and other items are collected to send in for money in return. Children are reminded of the accepted recyclable items regularly. This is organized by our 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Gembecki.

Time of Year: ongoing

Religion Bee

Two students are selected from grades 5-8 to participate in this religious competition during Catholic Schools' Week. It takes place in the gym during the school day.

Time of Year: February

Ring Day

Our 8th grade students receive a class ring as a reminder of their years at Holy Name. This takes place in Church after the 9:00 mass.

Time of Year: December

Service Hours

Parent involvement is greatly encouraged and necessary throughout the year. Each family is expected to earn 20 service hours by helping out at certain school events.

Time of Year: ongoing

Spirit Day

In honor of receiving news that HNJ would remain open, a special Mass and an afternoon of activities are prepared to celebrate that "HNJ IS HERE TO STAY".

Time of Year: January

Stop & Shop Program

The school receives a percentage of purchases made on certain items during this promotion when parents use their Stop & Shop card.

Time of Year: Oct.- April

Student Council

This involves students in grades 5-8 who are interested in campaigning and enhancing leadership abilities. Mrs. Stults is the coordinator.

Time of Year: Oct.- June

Swedish Raffle

This is a night of food, fun, and winning prizes. This event is our biggest fund-raiser and takes place in the gym. We rely on soliciting for donations to gain the prizes to give away. It is similar to a "Penny Social" or "Card Party" event. Volunteers are needed!

Time commitment: 3-4 hours

Time of Year: November

Target Program

When parents use their Target credit card, the school receives a percentage of the final amount of their purchase on all items.

Time of Year: ongoing

Teacher Appreciation Brunch

The Parent Council caters a brunch for the faculty/staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day.

Time of Year: May

Thanksgiving Luncheon/Food Drive

After a prayer service in Church, the whole school gathers in the gym for a “feast” to commemorate the First Thanksgiving and give thanks for all that we have. Food is collected beforehand to donate to the Ecumenical Pantry in White Plains. Parent help is requested for that day.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours

Time of year: November

Toys for Tots

All students are asked to bring in a toy to donate to the Cardinal McCloskey House in White Plains.

Time of Year: December

Values Student of the Month

Each month, a different value is acknowledged and posted in the school hallway outside the office. A student who exemplifies that value is chosen by their teacher to receive a pin at the First Friday Mass.

Time of year: Oct.- June

Walk-a-thon

Students, staff, and families join at the Kensico Dam to raise money for the school. Fun-filled activities follow the “walk-a-thon” in the school gym to complete a day to CELEBRATE our school. This takes place during a school day.

Time of Year: October

Ziti Dinner

HNJ families gather for a delicious pasta dinner in the gym to celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week.

Time of Year: February

***Each event organized by the Parent Council has a committee with a chairperson/s who will coordinate the event with the volunteers.**

****Never hesitate to volunteer, help is always needed!! CONTACT our Parent Council at pca@hnjschool.net.**