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Holy Name of Jesus School (HNJ) is an elementary school within the Roman Catholic Diocese of Harrisburg located at 6190 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg, PA, 17112. The school provides classes for children in PreK-3, Pre-K4, Kindergarten, and grades 1 – 8. The school has been Middle States Accredited since 2008.

Students at Holy Name of Jesus School are immersed within the three-fold purpose of Catholic education: doctrine, community, and service. The Catholic identity of our school is woven within the fabric of a curriculum that is developed and approved by our Diocese. Students receive academic instruction in the core subject areas of integrated language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, and religion. Specialty subjects of art, music, computer, and physical education, which are provided by the Diocese of Harrisburg, are also taught at each grade level. The world language of Spanish is taught at Holy Name of Jesus School at all grade levels. Weekly library instruction is included within the language arts curriculum. Intensive instructional support services exist for students who have been recommended for more extensive academic interventions.

Extracurricular activities abound at Holy Name of Jesus School, ranging from music, chorus, band, academic clubs and National History Day. With service as a primary focus, a student council consisting of eighth grade students provides opportunities for our students to help others within the church and local communities.

Operating as a learning community within a faith community, the school's financial means is provided by a number of sources, including tuition, parish subsidy, financial scholarships provided by outside resources, and minimal large event fundraisers. Families are required to commit to all financial tuition agreements made in order to maintain efficiency in our operating budget.

Holy Name of Jesus School welcomes students from diverse backgrounds. We strive to live our motto, "Where love and learning go hand in hand."

PHILOSOPHY

Holy Name of Jesus School is dedicated to the total formation of the student: spiritual, academic, and human. We strive to provide a safe and secure atmosphere that is fully and dynamically Catholic, and academically sound and challenging. We affirm that every human being is made in God's image and likeness.

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We know and teach that every person is a unique creation with intrinsic value who is loved by God and has been created by Him to share in His eternal life and joy.

It is of the utmost priority to us that our students develop the talents God has given them, acquire important knowledge in the core subjects, learn skills that will help them to make of their lives a gift to God and make positive contributions to society in many and various human endeavors. May they be builders of a culture of life and a civilization of love.

MISSION STATEMENT

Growing together in faith, we foster love and reverence for God and for every human being. Rooted in Christ, and as his disciples, we strive to provide a dynamic Catholic atmosphere in which academic excellence can flourish in a safe and nurturing environment. Reflecting the teachings and actions of Christ through the Catholic Church, we instill a desire to know, to love, and to serve God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

With the understanding that we are all made in God's image and likeness, we acknowledge that every child has the right to learn. In accordance with this, we believe that we:

- Help our children grow into responsible and loving adults as Disciples of Christ in the model of Mary, the Mother of God.
- Foster a love for the teachings of the Catholic Church in their fullness.
- Encourage a love for the practices of the Catholic faith through frequent celebrations of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the sacramental life, and regular prayer and devotion.
- Incorporate our Catholic faith in all subject areas with high standards for a quality education.
- Provide a safe, healthy, and drug-free environment.
- Prepare the child for spiritual and academic success.
- Model the Christian spirit of giving to the needy and caring for others through works of mercy.

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- Teach the importance of justice and fairness through daily practice and examples.
- Share the responsibility as parents, teachers, and students in maintaining cooperative relationships to cultivate the success of every child.
- Teach virtue, morality, and reverence according to God's Commandments.