



OUR MISSION:

St. Rita School inspires students in Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight to achieve academic excellence in a safe, nurturing and faith-filled Catholic environment. We prepare students to be morally responsible, innovative thinkers who, in today's technology-guided global community, live and share the Love of Christ.

From the Desk of Mrs. Robinson

Dear St. Rita Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to all our families who contributed to the Advent Collection. Over \$3000 was raised to assist families within our parish community to make Christmas a little brighter this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

As we approach the winter break, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support and understanding during what has been a challenging start to the school year.

Your encouraging words, patience, and unwavering belief in our students and staff have truly made a difference. Navigating new situations is always difficult, but your partnership and resilience have been a source of strength for our entire school community.

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope, and the peace of His love at Christmas and always. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Thank you for entrusting your children to our care.

God Bless,

Mrs. Robinson

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- **Friday, December 19th** is a half day and the last day of school before Winter Recess. There will be no lunch and no after care.
 - During morning drop off the right lane is for stopping and getting your child out of the car and the left lane is for a quick drop off so that traffic can keep moving.
 - Please add your child's first and last name in all school communication
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To sign up for before or after care, please go to the **FACTS Family Portal**, click on WEB FORMS on the left, then choose WEEKLY BEFORE AND AFTER CARE SIGN UP. Then click on Weekly Before and After Care Sign Up next to your child's name. A listing for the week will pop up, allowing you to choose the days when before and/or after care will be needed.

Please note that this is a WEEKLY sign up - you will need to do it each weekend before 9:00 pm on Sunday.

If you have any questions please contact the office at office.stritaschool@gmail.com or 203-248-3114.

The National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a new blanket and gently used coat drive, from January 5, 2026 to January 16, 2026. We are collecting gently used coats for the Knights of Columbus and new blankets for Columbus House in New Haven.

Please help us keep our local community warm this winter season. Thank you for your continued support!



HSA

(Home/School Association)

ST. RITA HSA PRESENTS

FAMILY *Game Night*

BINGO

JANUARY 23

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall

\$25 for a family of four and \$5 for each additional guest. Bring your dinner, snacks, and BYOB, and we'll provide the popcorn and prizes! Pizza will also be available for purchase.

Scan the QR Code to register!



www.hsasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com

[Save the Dates](#)

January: Family Game Night

Chairs: Kim Willis, Katie Arcangelo and Robin Innaimo | January 23rd

February: Online Auction

Chairs: Sherryl Roberts and Tanya Rucker | Feb. 2nd – Feb. 13th

March: Sweet Heart Dance

Chairs: Tanya Rucker and Robin Innaimo | March 6th

April: Mother-Son Event

Chairs: Edith Johnson and TBD

May: Plant Sale

Chairs: Liz Pietrantuno and TBD | May 7th and May 8th

Golf Tournament

Chairs: Nina Martire, Melba Ifill, Jimmy Morrissey and Pete Reynolds

June: Ice Cream Social

Chair: HSA Board

Please reach out to hsasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com with any questions.

We are looking forward to an amazing school year!

Thank you,

Katie

HSA President

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Nurse's Corner

Hamden Public Schools and St. Rita School will now be following the new respiratory virus guidelines set forth by the CDC and our local health department.

COVID will now fall into the same category as the flu and RSV as a respiratory virus.

If your child develops symptoms of a respiratory virus (cough, fever, runny nose, congestion, fatigue), they should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours without the use of medication and their symptoms are improving. They can return to school and we would encourage the use of a mask for 5 days.

Medication reminder:

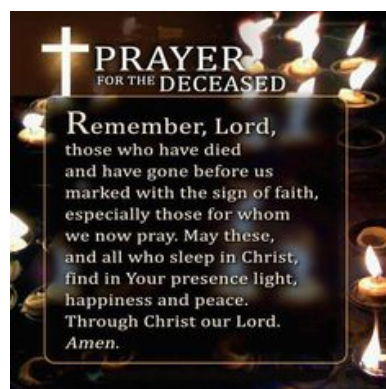
Please do not send medication into school with your child. This includes any Over The Counter medication (Advil, Tylenol, Midol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc). Medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be brought into school by an adult along with a medication order from the physician.

If you wish to have cough drops available to your child please send them into school with a note. The nurse will keep them in her office and administer them to your child as needed.

Thank you for your cooperation



Please continue to pray for Mrs. Tiezzi and her family, and all



Please pray for all the deceased members of our

those members
of our school family
who are in need of our prayers.

St. Rita Community.



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