



ST. RITA
SCHOOL
of St. Paul VI Parish



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,

Everyone is invited to a special Mass with Archbishop Coyne on Saturday, January 24th at 4 PM at St. Rita Church. We encourage all St. Rita students and families to wear their favorite swag attire.

Join us for National Catholic Schools Week, starting Sunday, January 25, with the theme "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community." A detailed list of activities will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Registration for **NEW** students for the 2026-2027 school year is now open to current families. If you have another child to enroll, please

contact Mrs. Bruno, our admissions director. Re-enrollment for **CURRENT** students will begin in early March.

On Thursday, January 22, we will reach the midpoint of the second trimester with progress reports sent home to parents of students in grades 4-8 who have grades below 70%. Parents can check grades anytime via the FACTS family portal.

Students in grades 1-8 began the NWEA MAP assessment on January 12th. Results will be shared with parents and used to inform instruction.

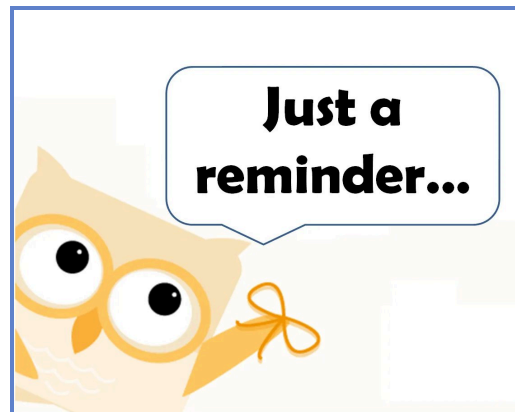
As we honor Dr. King's legacy this holiday, let's engage our children in discussing nonviolent protest. Remember St. Teresa of Calcutta's words: "the world is changed by your example, not your opinion."

School will dismiss early on Friday, January 16, and will be closed on Monday, January 19. Thank you for your trust in us.

God Bless,

Mrs. Robinson

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- **Friday, January 16** will be an early dismissal day - there will be no lunch served 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.

SRS Athletics

ATHLETICS



Upcoming Home Basketball Games:

Saturday January 17th @ SRS Gym JVG 12 P& JVB 1:15 PM



**LET'S FILL THE STANDS!
8th GRADE HOME GAME DAY
SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1st
VB @ 2:45 PM& VG @ 4:00 PM**

USED ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT NEEDED!

Clean out your garage/closet and donate sports equipment to SRS!

We are in need of any of the following:

Lacrosse: sticks, goggles, balls, rebounders

Baseball/Softball: gloves, balls, helmets

Field Hockey: sticks, balls

HEADS UP!

Spring sports are coming, keep checking here for
information on 2026 spring sports at SRS!

INTERESTED IN COACHING? WE NEED YOU!

Please reach out to the Athletic Director for information.

Questions? Email the Athletic Director, Jennifer Buchanon:
srsathletics.stritaschool@gmail.com

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

Family Game Night Sign-Up Here

Save the Date!

ST. RITA SCHOOL HSA

Online Auction



FEBRUARY 2 – FEBRUARY 13
BIDDING OPENS AT 9AM

The St. Rita School HSA Online Auction Fundraiser is Coming! We are excited for you to explore a variety of auction items including experiences, travel, memorabilia, technology, home goods, and more!

Bid with your family, as a group, a couple, or with friends. It's easy to track your bids using the St. Rita School Charity Auction website using the QR code provided. Don't forget to bid on school-specific items such as, "Principal for a Day", Class-Wide Dress Down Days, Pizza Parties, and so much more!

Bid on these exciting items!

- VIRTUAL GOLF
- DINNER NIGHT OUT
- SKI ADVENTURE
- AND MORE!

Online Create your Auction Account **HERE!**



CONTACT TANYA RUCKER OR SHERRYLL ROBERTS AT
HSASRS.STRITASCHOOL@GMAIL.COM

Online Auction Sign-Up Here

Save the Dates

January: Family Game Night

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

February: Online Auction

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

March: Sweet Heart Dance

Chairs: Tanya Rucker and Robin Innaimo | March 6th

April: Mother-Son Event

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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MERCY HIGH SCHOOL
JUNIOR TIGER CLINICS

CHEER

Dance

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
MERCY HIGH SCHOOL

COME AND LEARN A ROUTINE WITH EITHER OUR DANCE OR CHEER TEAM! OPEN TO 4TH - 8TH GRADE GIRLS. COST: \$20 PER STUDENT (T-SHIRT INCLUDED). REGISTRATION LINK CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE @WWW.MERCY HIGH.COM OR SCAN THE QR CODE .
REGISTRATION CLOSSES WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21.



****PARTICIPANTS OF THE CLINIC ARE INVITED TO PERFORM WITH THE MERCY DANCE TEAM OR CHEERLEADING TEAM DURING THE FEBRUARY 13 "JUNIOR TIGER NIGHT" VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME ****

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 pray for all the deceased members of our

Please continue to pray for Mrs.
Tiezzi and her family, and all
those members
of our school family
who are in need of our prayers.



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