



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,

Please join Archbishop Coyne in celebrating Mass on Saturday, January 24 at 4:00 PM at St. Rita Church. Students are asked to wear their St. Rita swag to Mass to show their school pride.

Our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week begins this Sunday, January 25. This year's CSW theme, "Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community," emphasizes our commitment to academic excellence, faith development, community service, and future success. We have organized a variety of events to showcase how our community at St. Rita School is thriving.

Saturday - Archbishop Coyne will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 PM at St. Rita Church. All are welcome to join and wear St. Rita swag.

Monday - Celebrate Your Community - Sock day. Wear your favorite socks (with school uniform) & bring in a new pair to donate to the local shelter. Thank you bags to our local Police Department, Fire Department, Bus Drivers & Crossing Guards

Tuesday - Celebrate Your Students- PJ Day \$1 to (CT Children's Hospital). Students will create encouraging notes for classmates. Cookies & Cocoa treat during lunch.

Wednesday - Celebrate the Nation - Patriotic Accessories Red, White & Blue with uniforms. Students will learn Flag etiquette. Flag Raising Ceremony.

Thursday - Celebrate Our Vocations- K-8 Bowling, wear gym uniforms. Afternoon visit from Seminarians.

Friday - Celebrate Our Faculty & Volunteers- Volunteer recognition at 9 AM Mass. All school BINGO in Gym at 1:30.

Thursday marks the halfway point of the second trimester, and I'm concerned about students with poor grades due to incomplete work. Students need to take responsibility for their assignments. Many students make excuses—like being too busy with extracurricular activities. Please note that students with grades below 70% may not be allowed to participate in these activities. Encourage your child to talk to their teachers and seek extra help if needed. Parents of grades 4-8 can check student grades anytime via the FACTS Parent Portal; I encourage you to do so regularly.

Together, we can support our students and foster a spirit of faith in our school community.

Thank you for your continued support!

God Bless,

Mrs. Robinson

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- When celebrating your students birthday at school please order treats through Erin Carmody in advance, or send in a non-food

item for everyone in the class.
Please reach out to the
classroom teacher before
planning.



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.

Enrollment Update!

Attention SRS parents interested in enrolling your new student(s) for the 2026-2027 school year. **PreK 3 and PreK 4 new enrollment is filling up quickly. Please submit your new student application via your FACTS Family Portal ASAP to secure your spot.** Questions can be directed to Mrs. Bruno in Admissions at 203-248-3114.



Rally Your School

Catholic Schools Week starts on Sunday, and many of you are likely gearing up for a (holy) spirit-filled week. Add to the celebrations by rallying your community to vote for your school to win our annual Catholic Schools Week Giveaway!

This year, one school will receive a FREE Tiny Saint for all students, PLUS a swag bag with an assortment of saint-inspired supplies for

Inspire your students with a new saint friend to walk with them through the remainder of this school year, and beyond! Plus, stock every teacher's desk with Tiny reminders of the saints who are praying for them with pencils, lanyards, and a custom notebook to write the stories of sainthood you experience every day.



We use a lottery system for our giveaway, so every school has a chance of winning - no matter how big or small. Each vote helps your chances, though, so make sure to enlist the help of your friends, family, and favorite grocery store clerk.

To help you spread the word, we have put together a collection of helpful resources, including social media posts and a flyer to share, along with a **BONUS** set of Catholic Schools Week-inspired coloring pages.

Voting begins soon, so start spreading the news TODAY! And be on the lookout for our official giveaway launch email later this week.

[Tiny Saints Catholic Schools Week Voting](#)

SRS Athletics



Upcoming Home Basketball Games:

Sunday January 25th @ SHA>>JVB1:30 PM, GV 2:45 PM, BV 4:00 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**

***GOOD LUCK TO THE 5TH GRADE JVG IN THE ST. MARY
TOURNAMENT THIS WEEKEND!***

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

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall

\$5 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!



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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](#)

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

Chairs: Edith Johnson and TBD

May: Plant Sale

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.MERCYHIGH.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:

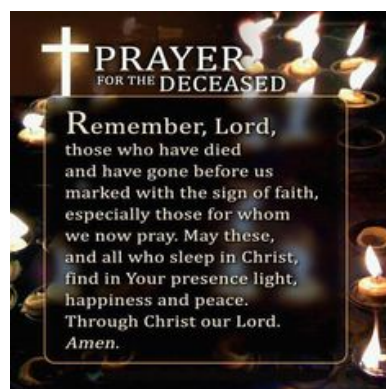
Please do not send medication into school with your child. This includes any Over The Counter medication (Advil, Tylenol, Midol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc). Medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be brought into school by an adult along with a medication order from the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