



ST. RITA  
SCHOOL  
of St. Paul VI Parish



## From the Desk of Mrs. Robinson

Dear St. Rita Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your generous contributions during the Christmas holiday, which brought joy to our dedicated faculty and staff. Your unbelievable support of the Advent Giving Tree Project allowed us to help so many children in both our school and parish with an overwhelming amount of gifts and food!

On January 6th, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, highlighting Jesus' message for all. Mrs. Hamling and the Three Wise Men visited classrooms to bless them and distribute treats.

The second NWEA MAP assessment for grades 1-8 will be administered starting on Monday January 12th. This assessment helps track student growth and guides personalized instruction.

Our lost and found bin is overflowing with winter items, located in the gym. Please remind your child to care for their belongings, including musical instruments.

A reminder to all Pre-Kindergarten parents - please do not block the entrance where buses drop off and pick up students.

As winter is here, please note that school weather updates will be communicated via text, email, and robo call, and will follow the Town of Hamden's decisions regarding delays and closures.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2026.

God Bless,

**Mrs. Robinson**

## Announcing SRS "The Little Mermaid" Auditions

St. Rita School is proud to announce our 2026 show, "The Little Mermaid." Students who would like a speaking/singing character role, or want to be a lead dancer need to audition. Students who are interested in ensemble do not need to audition.

- Drama welcomes students grades 5-8th.
- Production dates will be Friday, May 15th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 16th at 12 p.m. and 5 p.m.
- Practices will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3-4:30 p.m. for leads and dancers. Saturdays will be full cast practices from 12-2.
- Auditions will be held Tuesday & Wednesday, January 13th and 14th from 3:45 p.m. Students only need to attend one of the two days.
- Prepare a short (1 min or less) song.
- Rehearsals will begin Tuesday, January 20th, 2026.

Please click the link below to register your student for an audition. If you have any questions, please contact Deborah Keyes at [dkeyes.stritaschool@gmail.com](mailto:dkeyes.stritaschool@gmail.com)

## **Audition Sign up**

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- 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



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](mailto:office.stritaschool@gmail.com) or 203-248-3114.

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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*



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.hisasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com](mailto:www.hisasrs.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 Morrisey and Pete Reynolds

**June:** Ice Cream Social  
Chair: HSA Board

Please reach out to [hsasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com](mailto: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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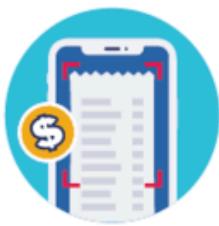
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Dance



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\*\*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:**

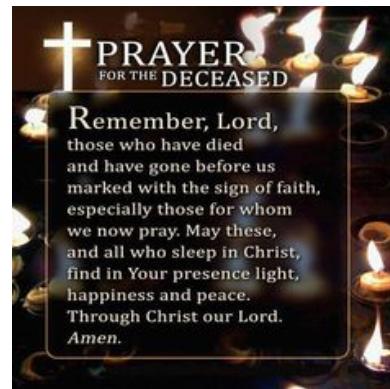
Please do not send medication into school with your child. This includes any Over The Counter medication (Advil, Tylenol, Midol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc). Medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be brought into school by an adult along with a medication order from the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



Please pray for all the deceased members of our St. Rita Community.



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