



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,

This **Sunday, November 16**, St. Rita School will have an Open House from 12:30 to 2:00 P.M. for families interested in our school. Please invite your friends, neighbors, and family members to join us for a tour. Current students from our Crusader Club will guide the tours, and visitors can talk with our caring teachers about our strong academic programs and activities. You can find more details [here](#).

This **Thursday, November 20**, we will celebrate the Feast Day of Blessed Clelia Merloni, who founded the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Both Sr. Anne and Sr. Barbara, who are daughters of Blessed Mother Clelia, share their talents with our school community. We are thankful for their support.

The first trimester ends on **November 21**, and report cards will be sent home on **December 2**. Parents of students in grades 4-8 can check their child's grades. Please review these grades with your child and remind them about their responsibility to complete and turn in work, as well as catch up on any missed assignments or tests. If they are struggling, now is a good time for them to ask for extra help. Please do not ask teachers for extra credit work if your child is not completing their assigned tasks.

Our winter sports season is starting, and basketball games will begin soon. To help families worship together, we will not schedule any practices or games before 12:00 noon on Sundays. Many families find it hard to balance faith and sports. The Archdiocese of Hartford has shared a video on youth sports that I encourage all parents to watch and share. Please follow this [link](#).

November 13 is World Kindness Day. Let's support our Raise Craze event by encouraging children to share kindness with others. Simple acts, like compliments, smiles, and saying thank you, can make a big difference. As Fred Rogers said, "There are three ways to ultimate success. The first way is to be kind, the second way is to be kind, and the third way is to be kind." Imagine how much better our neighborhoods would be if everyone offered just one kind word.

The NJHS is collecting food for our Thanksgiving Food drive. Please help us fill our Parish pantry for the Holiday.

God Bless,

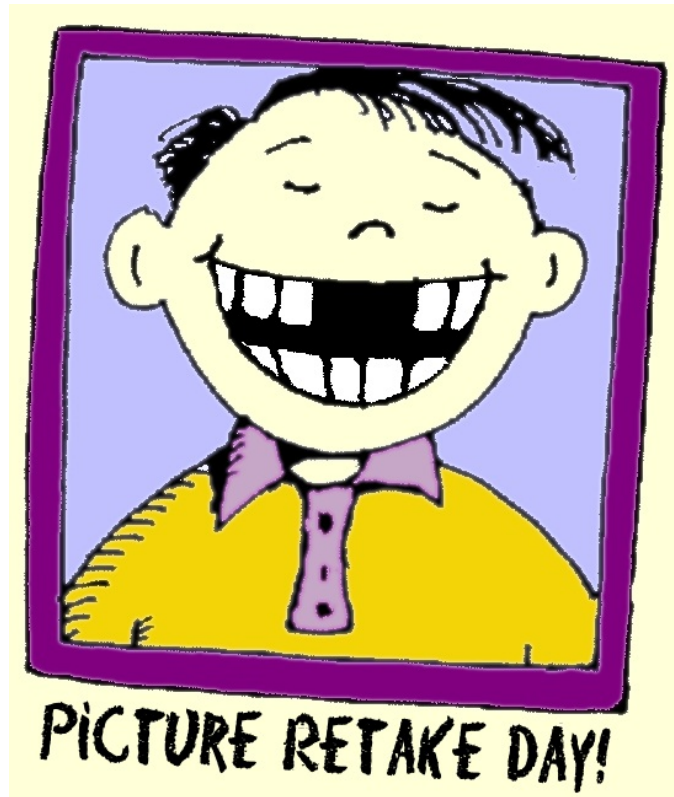
Mrs. Robinson



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.



Legacy Studios photographers will be here on Monday, November 24 for students who missed picture day, families who would like sibling pictures, and/or re-takes.

Sign Up Here - School Code is 3668

The National Junior Honor Society would like to announce our annual partnership with St. Paul the VI Parish for the Thanksgiving Food Drive! We are collecting non-perishable food items to help families in need this holiday season. Please see the flyer below and send in donations to your child's homeroom. Every donation makes a difference, so let's come together to spread kindness and gratitude this Thanksgiving season!

NJHS Thanksgiving Food Drive

Nov 6-14



PreK 3+4

**Stuffing mix
Gravy mix
Pie mix
Pudding mix**



4th Grade

**Canned vegetables
Canned fruit**



Kindergarten

**Cereal
Oatmeal**



5th Grade

**Canned chicken
Canned tuna**



1st Grade

**Coffee
Pie filling**



6th Grade

**Juice
Boxed cookies**



2nd Grade

**Apple sauce
Canned cranberry sauce**



7th Grade

**Peanut butter
Jelly**



3rd Grade

**Salad dressing
Instant mashed potatoes**



8th Grade

**Pasta
Pasta sauce
Macaroni and cheese**

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus present...

47TH ANNUAL

Holly Berry Festival



November 21

3:00 – 8:00 pm

November 22

10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Featuring:

50+ Crafter Booths
Raffle Prizes
Kids' Activities
Food Court
Bake Sale
Santa & More!



Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING!

Proceeds benefit the retired Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

[Holly Berry Festival Website](#)

HSA

(Home/School Association)

We are off to a great start! We have raised \$5,770 with 68 participants. As a reminder, the first class to reach 100% participation (every student registered with at least one donation) by the first Friday of the fundraiser will win a pizza party!



**FUNDRAISING THROUGH
KINDNESS**
RAISE CRAZE™



Show Gratitude for Donations by Giving Back to Others!

\$ GOAL: \$45,000

DATES: November 10 - November 21

WELCOME ST. RITA SCHOOL PARENTS!

- 1 Register & create your student's donation page! *Additional siblings can be added*
- 2 Help your child select 3-5 Acts of Kindness (AOK) to complete for others. Yay KINDNESS!
- 3 Invite friends & family to donate and start spreading kindness!

WHAT IS RAISE CRAZE?

Raise Craze is an online platform enabling parents to set up secure, custom websites where they request donations via email, text, and social. *Emails will never be shared or used for marketing*

During the fundraiser, students pay it forward by completing Acts of Kindness for others ... a great way to learn the value of gratitude. Spend time serving, not selling!

OUR GOAL IS \$45,000 FOR ...

- Facility Renovations
- Bridge Tuition Gap

Below are the selected Charities for Acts of Kindness

Join us in supporting these wonderful causes! Your generosity will make a meaningful difference.

- Columbus House – New clothes for women and children
- Evening Soup Kitchen – Non-perishable food items and reusable bags
- Cards for the Military – Handwritten notes of appreciation (students will complete in class)
- Ronald McDonald House – New infant and child pajamas, toys, and candy
- Dog Rescue – Used towels and sheets for furry friends in need

 **Donation Drop-Off: November 10–21.** Drop-off bins will be located at the main entrance.

REGISTER: raisecraze.com/join **CODE:** 4 8 2 – 1 8 5

Questions? Contact Katie Arcangelo | hsasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com

Raise Craze Registration - CODE: 482-185



THE HSA PRESENTS...

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!



Saturday, December 6

**ST. RITA SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**



Wear your Christmas attire or matching PJs for a family photo with Santa. Start shopping now for the Ugly Sweater Contest. Bring your Christmas list for Santa's special mailbox, enjoy a cup of hot chocolate in a holiday souvenir cup, and create a Christmas craft. Children can sit with "Santa's special helper" for a Christmas story and parents and children alike can snack on yummy goodies for purchase. All this with Christmas music in the air to bring holiday cheer to our SRS families and friends!

SINGLE CHILD: \$20

TWO CHILDREN: \$35

THIRD OR ADDITIONAL CHILD: \$10 EACH

CHILDREN 2 AND YOUNGER ARE FREE

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Scan the QR Code for online payments. Pre-registration before December 4 is recommended, or pay at the door. Only cash or check will be accepted at the door.



PHOTOS WITH SANTA

Photos will begin at 10:00 AM and end at 11:30 AM. Parents, please arrive on time for your photos! Santa is very busy getting ready for Christmas.



HO HO HO! SANTA SAYS, "A TIMELY ARRIVAL WILL PUT YOU ON THE GOOD LIST."

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!



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Save the Dates

November: Raise Craze

Chairs: Katie Arcangelo and Robin Innaimo | Nov. 10th – Nov. 21st

December: Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

Chairs: Rosa Sullivan and Zulma Davila | December 6th

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

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

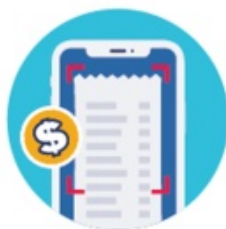
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reach our goal!



We Need You!

Please register for

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



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.

Reminder:

Required physicals for PreK , Kindergarten and Grade 7:

Please remember to send in your child's physical if they are entering grade 7, PreK, and/or Kindergarten .These are required for entry into school in August.

Medication reminder:

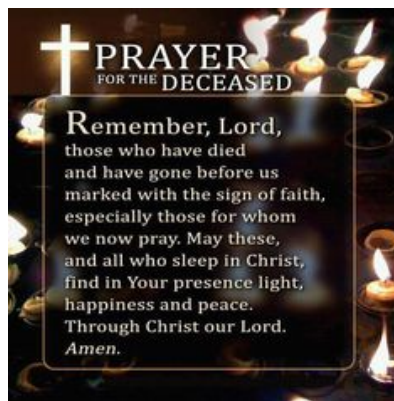
Please do not send medication into school with your child. This includes any Over The Counter medication (Advil, Tylenol, Midol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc). Medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be brought into school by an adult along with a medication order from the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