



**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,

Thank you to our parents, students and staff who assisted Mrs. Bruno at last Sunday's open house. Over 30 new families visited. Thank you to all

our families for contributing to the NJHS food drive. Through your generous donations, over 200 families who visit the parish food pantry weekly will have the fixings for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. If you would still like to participate, please send in your food donations by tomorrow.

The first trimester ends on Friday and report cards will be sent home with your child on **Tuesday, December 2**. I ask that you sign the report card envelope and return it to your child's teacher. The report card is yours to post on the refrigerator! As per school policy, if your tuition account is delinquent, your child's report card will be withheld. Please contact Mrs. Nugent directly at 203-248-0141 if you are having difficulty meeting your tuition obligations.

Make-up pictures and Sibling pictures will take place on Monday, **November 24**.

All are invited to our Thanksgiving/Advent Prayer service on Tuesday, **November 25, at 2 P.M.** in our gym. Members of our school community will lead this prayer service, where we will express gratitude for God's gifts and blessings and also welcome the arrival of the Advent season, which starts on November 30. What a marvelous way to come together as a loving school community in prayer and thanksgiving. Please join us if you can!

Thank you for entrusting your child/ren to our care. There will be no newsletter next Wednesday as school will be closed for Thanksgiving break from **Wednesday, November 26 - Sunday, November 30**. Best wishes for a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Safe travels everyone!

God Bless,

Mrs. Robinson

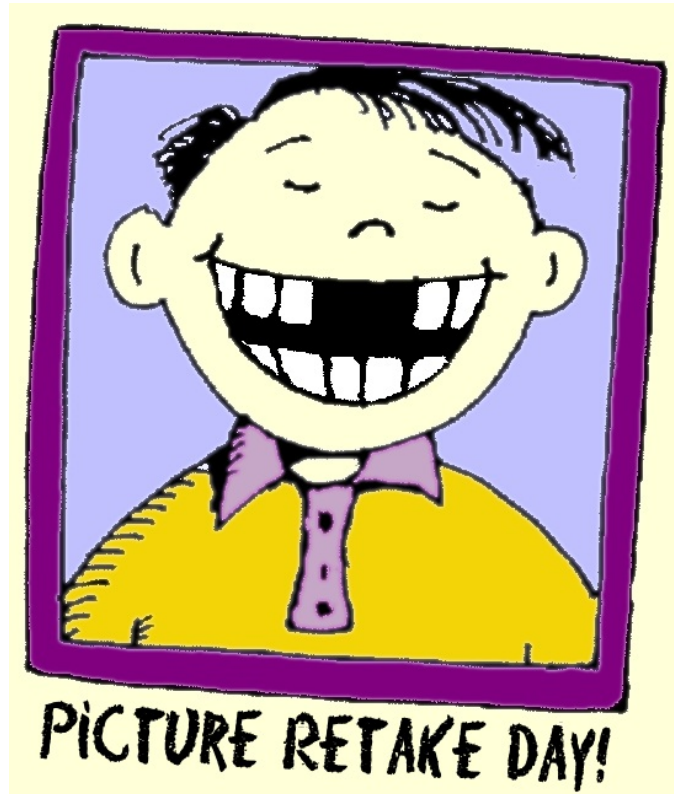


To sign up for before or after care, please go to the **[FACTS Family Portal](#)**, click on WEB FORMS on the left, then choose WEEKLY BEFORE AND AFTER CARE SIGN UP. Then click on Weekly Before and After Care Sign Up next to your child's name. A listing for the week will pop up, allowing you to choose 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.

Families will receive an email with a link to purchase when photos have been taken.

Get your Ho-Ho-Ho on with

ST. RITA SCHOOL'S

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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!



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[Holly Berry Festival Website](#)

HSA

(Home/School Association)

We have raised \$23,330 raised with 197 participants.



**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 | hsars.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!



www.hsasrs.stritaschool@gmail.com



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

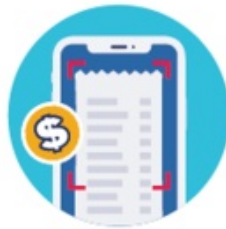
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We Need You!

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:

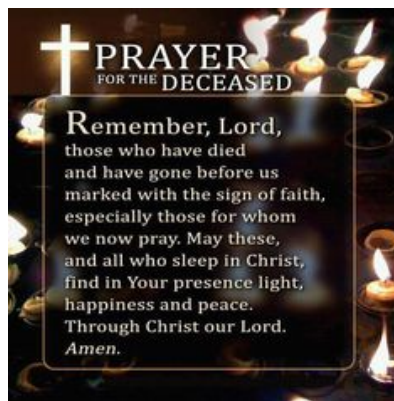
Please do not send medication into school with your child. This includes any Over The Counter medication (Advil, Tylenol, Midol, cold medicine, allergy medicine, etc). Medication that needs to be taken during school hours must be brought into school by an adult along with a medication order from the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