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Dear Parents,

Happy National Catholic Schools Week! I hope you have an opportunity to spend some time in your student's school this week and join in the celebrations taking place. There really is something special about this week as together, Catholic schools across the nation are proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through Catholic education.

According to the National Catholic Educational Association, (NCEA), our theme this year, "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." encompasses the core products and values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country. Not only are we teaching students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples and enriched citizens in our communities, we as educators are growing with them. In Catholic schools, we are all learners, servants and leaders. These shared qualities are what make Catholic schools work. They are what make Catholic schools succeed.

As we celebrate who we are, we also look to the future. The outlook for the Rapid City Catholic School System is bright and we are grateful that you have chosen to be part of our family. With the beginning of National Catholic Schools Week, the planning process for 2018-19 also starts. We ask that you complete the registration process as soon as possible to assist us in our projections for staffing. Our enrollment numbers are solid and we are anticipating full classes for the 2018-19 school year. It is important that we process your registration before we open up enrollment to new families, which is February 20<sup>th</sup>. Your timely registration facilitates planning on our end and makes it possible for us to make wise decisions regarding your child's education.

If you are applying for tuition assistance, applications must be submitted and processed by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call the Business Office at 348-1477 if you have questions about the application process. Awards are based on the percentage of need calculated by Tuition Aid Data Services (TADS). TADS is a third party vendor used by the school to remove the judgment of school officials from the award process and to maintain confidentiality of the financial information provided by families.

Please remember that it can take several weeks for the TADS application to make it through the audit process. After your initial submission, TADS will notify you of any additional documentation required to complete the process. Applications must receive a **good** or **fair** status with TADS to be considered for assistance.

I look forward to seeing you at NCSW events this upcoming week. Our calendar of events can be found at <https://rccss.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/NCSW-District-Calendar-2018.pdf>. It promises to be a busy and fun-filled week for all. May God continue to bless you and your family

Gratefully in Christ,

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