Dear Friends,

I am happy to provide you with this 2017-18 Annual Report of the Rapid City Catholic School System (RCCSS). The RCCSS maintains a system of internal controls and an external audit over financial reporting to provide reasonable assurance that assets are safeguarded and transactions are executed in accordance with school policy.

The 2017-18 school year saw the South Dakota Partners in Education (SDPE) Tax Credit Program grow and reach more families. This broad-based program focuses on school choice for parents who want to have a greater say in the education of their children. By partnering with the business community, this legislative effort intends to empower parents with the ultimate goal of improving the education of all South Dakota kids. The RCCSS received approximately $24,250.00 for 19 returning students and 23 new applicants. This program has great potential for the future in helping all who desire a Catholic education, but do not have the resources necessary to enroll their children. In addition to the SDPE dollars that were provided, the RCCSS was able to award $180,000 in assistance through our operational budget.

To be able to offer this kind of assistance is such wonderful news and directly impacts enrollment in a very positive light. Your generosity is truly making a difference for our families and, for this, I am deeply grateful.

Two new preschool rooms opened in the fall of 2017 and created much excitement. With enrollment at 107 children, our Child Development wing is certainly buzzing with activity. These strong numbers at an early age will help to ensure the continued growth of our K-5 programs.

We have been blessed beyond measure! Your prayers and support for our faculty, staff, students and families play such an important role in all we do and in all that is accomplished. As you read through this annual report, you will see how well our students continue to compete in all areas; academic, fine arts, and athletics. Their desire to serve continues to impact the lives of people in our community and surrounding areas. Our students are a blessing to so many and the work they accomplish is truly amazing!

Thank you for taking the time to review this report. I would welcome your visit at any of our schools to see firsthand the great work that is being accomplished.

Thanks be to God!

Barb Honeycutt
Superintendent
BISHOP ROBERT GRUSS was born in Texarkana, AR, graduated from high school in Wisconsin, and worked as a pilot for ten years in Iowa before entering the seminary. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Davenport in 1994, having worked in various ministries over the past twenty-four years. He was installed as the eighth bishop of the Diocese of Rapid City on July 28, 2011.

MICHAEL ALBERTSON and his wife, Kim, have two children: Megan, an STM alum, and Jason, an eighth grader at STM. Mike continues to donate a lot of time to volunteer organizations, especially those benefitting children’s causes. Mike earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering from SDSU and his Master’s degree from Iowa State.

TOM DURKIN will be entering his fourth year of service on the Board. He and his family have been blessed to be associated with the school system since 2000. Tom works at the SD School of Mines for the NASA Space Grant Consortium.

CHRISTOPHER GRANT has served on the RCCSS School Board for the past four years. After 27 years of service with the Rapid City Police Department, he became a national public safety consultant providing training, education and investigative services. Mr. Grant is also a School Safety Specialist and a member of the ALICE team, which is designed to enhance the security and protection of the students and staff of the Rapid City Catholic School System. Chris and Teresa have four children and seven grand-children, two of whom are students at St. Elizabeth Seton.

TERRI HILT has served on the school board for four years as a member of the Development Committee. Terri is married to Chad and have two sons who have been enrolled at RCCSS since preschool and are now at St. Thomas More High School. Terri currently works with her husband at Hilt Construction. She loves being a football mom and being on the lake at Angostura in the summer.

JEFF HURD is the immediate past-president of the Rapid City Catholic School System Board. He and his wife, Stephanie, have four children, and have been in the RCCSS since 1998. Their two youngest children currently attend St. Thomas More High School. Jeff practices law with the Bangs McCullen Law Firm.

MICHAEL JOHNSON is married to Debbie and together they have two children, Kayla and Dillon, both graduates of STM. Born and raised in Rapid City, Mike works in the construction industry. He has been an RCCSS Board Member since 2015 and is currently a member of Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

JEN KESZLER is married to Jason; mom to Sloane, Ryne and Rawley, all students at RCCSS. She is a registered nurse and originally from the Black Hills. An active member of Blessed Sacrament Church, Jen has served on the school board for two years.

REV. BRIAN LANE is the sixth child of Tom and Pat Lane. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rapid City in 1989. He served on the RCCSS school board while a pastor of St. Therese and while a pastor of Blessed Sacrament. Every board is a unique combination of caring servant hearts that do their best to care for the students.

SUSAN SAFFORD has a Bachelor’s Degree in Theology and Psychology from Creighton University, and a Master’s Degree in Theology with a Specialization in Catechetics from Franciscan University. She has spent over 20 years in evangelization and catechetical ministry. She now serves as the Director of Pastoral Ministries & Faith Formation for the diocese. She is a consecrated virgin, and was consecrated in 2006.

LEANN WENGER has been on the school board for two years, currently serving on the Mission Committee. Her three sons: Jack, Brody and Kamdyn attend RCCSS. She works at the Rapid City Medical Center, LLP.

REV. EDWARD WITT, SCJ, is currently Pastor of St. Isaac Jogues, having served the Lord as an ordained Jesuit Priest for the past 27 years. Fr. Witt has also served faithfully on the School Board since 2015 and is beginning his third year as Treasurer.
ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS FROM ST. THOMAS MORE

FALL SEASON – 2017-18

FOOTBALL - Head Coach Wayne Sullivan Season Record: 8-3
  Black Hills Conference Champions - 12th time in school history
VOLLEYBALL - Head Coach Scott Benson Season Record: 17-12
CROSS COUNTRY - Head Coach Royce Wuertzer -
  State Meet Boys Team 5th Place, State Meet Girls Team 3rd Place
BOYS GOLF - Head Coach Andy Shaw – State Meet – 6th Place, Region Champions
GIRLS SOCCER - Head Coach Doug Noyes
  Black Hills Conference Champions - 3rd time in school history
  State Soccer Tournament – State Runners-up
  All State Players – 1st Team -
    Elizabeth Erlandson, Bailey Carlson, Emma Wojtanowicz
BOYS SOCCER - Head Coach Pete Sales - State Soccer Tournament – State Runners-up
  Black Hills Conference Champions - 2nd time in school history
  All State Players - 1st Team - Brady Evans, Spencer Lund, Michael Hurd
GIRLS TENNIS - Head Coach Keiz Shultz - State Tournament – 9th Place
GIRLS COMPETITIVE DANCE - Head Coach Alexis Nowotny - State Tournament – 4th Place

WINTER SEASON – 2017-18

BOYS BASKETBALL - Head Coach Dave Hollenbeck Season Record: 12-11
GIRLS BASKETBALL - Head Coach Brandon Kandolin Season Record: 23-3
  State A Basketball - STATE CHAMPIONS - 5 PEAT
  All Tournament Team - Klaire Kirsch, Jayden Bies, Aislinn Duffy
  All State Players - 1st Team - Aislinn Duffy
WRESTLING - Head Coach Nick Durham
  State Qualifier(s) – Stone Durham - 160 & Corten Dobesh - 170

SPRING SEASON – 2017-18

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD – Class A - STATE CHAMPIONS
  800m -- STATE CHAMPION - 2:13.61 Haleigh Timmer
  4 X 100 Relay - STATE CHAMPIONS - 50.28
    Skylar Sullivan, Bailey Carlson, Ciara Benson, Klaire Kirsch
  4 X 800 Relay - STATE CHAMPIONS - 9:33.50 - GOLD MEDAL CHAMPIONS
    Lizzy Erlandson, Clara Sedlacek, Brigit Blote, Kaci Cooper
BOYS TRACK & FIELD – Class A - STATE CHAMPIONS
  Thomas Rafferty - STATE CHAMPION - 100m - 10.99
  Jacob Hyde - STATE CHAMPION - 200m - 21.88
  Ty Trainor - STATE CHAMPION - 400m - 50.08
  Ty Trainor - STATE CHAMPION - 800m - 1.56.84
  Jens Christensen - STATE CHAMPION - Pole Vault- 14”
  4 X 100 Relay - STATE CHAMPIONS - 43.77
    Jacob Hyde, Jake Bohnenkamp, Matthew McGillick, Thomas Rafferty
  4 X 200 Relay - STATE CHAMPIONS -- 1:29.25
    Corten Dobesh, Jake Bohnenkamp, Jacob Hyde, Thomas Rafferty
BOYS TENNIS - State Tournament - 11th Place
GIRLS GOLF - State Tournament - 4th Place

SOUTH DAKOTA’S BEST OVERALL SPORTS PROGRAMS.
WINNER OF THE THE KELO CUP -
3RD TIME IN 4 YEARS - 2015, 2016, 2018
Our 11th Annual Faculty and Staff Appreciation and Awards Dinner was celebrated on April 23rd. We celebrated 17 faculty and staff members who together total 247 years of service to the RCCSS.

This year we sent special wishes to Julie Fischbach, Theresa Palmer, and Ann Trucano, as they look towards their retirement. Some well-deserved rest and relaxation, which we are certain will include travel, spending more time with family and friends, and, of course, those precious grandchildren.

Ann Kellar, chosen from more than 150,000 teachers and administrators, as well as diocesan leaders and organizations dedicated to the nation’s Catholic schools, received the National Catholic Educational Association Lead. Learn. Proclaim Award recognizing educational leadership and excellence. “The most rewarding aspect of being a Catholic educator is to be able to teach in an environment centered on values. Students and teachers inspire each other by word and example driven by a love of Christ and learning,” said Mrs. Kellar.

The final recognition of the evening went to the RCCSS Outstanding Support Staff and Outstanding Teacher of the 2017-2018 school year. Nominated by their peers, Mrs. Stephanie Strand and Mrs. Carol Cooper were recognized by staff, peers, family members and students for their willingness to go above and beyond for others. Dedicated, patient, kind, good listeners, working tirelessly, modeling Christ, and always saying YES, both Stephanie and Carol were well deserved recipients of the recognition.
2017-2018 FINANCIAL REVIEW

EXPENSES

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<td>Technology</td>
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<td>Office / Administration</td>
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REVENUES

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<td>Tuition/ Fees</td>
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<td>Other Revenue</td>
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<td>Financial Assistance</td>
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<td>8%</td>
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<td>Development</td>
<td>13%</td>
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2017-2018 Tuition Assistance Given: $846,713

- Donor Directed Tuition Assistance: $185,411
- Parish Support to Catholic Families: $502,247
- Employee Tuition Discount: $125,656
- Hardship Assistance: $4,999
- Donor Established Grants: $13,050
- SD Partner's in Education Grants: $15,350
- Total Tuition Assistance Provided: $846,713

Cost to Educate a Child

Cost covered by Tuition

- High School: 77% Catholic, 96% Non-Catholic
- Middle School: 65% Catholic, 91% Non-Catholic
- Elementary: 57% Catholic, 81% Non-Catholic
The endowment is dedicated to securing and enhancing the future of the School System. It provides permanent support for the mission of the school.

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Endowment Funds include:

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<td>Donna Klapperich Fund</td>
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Fundraising is necessary to close the gap between actual tuition and the cost to educate a child enrolled in the RCCSS.

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<td>Annual Fund</td>
<td>Every year</td>
<td>Ensures our faculty can continue to provide innovative and impactful learning experiences</td>
<td>A variety of school operating expenses</td>
<td>Monthly utility bills</td>
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<td>Capital Campaign</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Funds construction needs not covered by the school’s budget or tuition</td>
<td>Campus additions and improvements</td>
<td>Renovations or upgrades on a home you already own</td>
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<td>Grants &amp; Memorials</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
<td>Ensures a Catholic education is within reach for as many students as possible</td>
<td>Tuition assistance, awarded to students based on need</td>
<td>An investment account that produces dividends or interest</td>
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<td>Restricted Giving</td>
<td>As needed</td>
<td>Funds specific items and programs not covered by the budget</td>
<td>Specific needs in any area of the school</td>
<td>A wish list item you could not otherwise afford</td>
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<td>Planned Giving</td>
<td>Once in a lifetime</td>
<td>Helps ensure the financial future of the school</td>
<td>Donor’s intentions</td>
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ANNUAL FUND (AUGUST - JUNE)

Your Annual Fund donation is the most important gift you give to the Rapid City Catholic Schools each year. In an effort to keep education affordable, the cost of tuition only accounts for about 80 percent of the actual cost of educating each student. In order to make up the difference, we rely on gifts from the entire school community including: current parents, alumni, parents of alumni, grandparents, faculty and staff, and other friends of the community. Money raised through the Annual Fund helps cover expenses above and beyond tuition, such as academic programming, salaries and benefits, student activities, faculty development, and technology upgrades. Your financial investment allows the Rapid City Catholic Schools to fulfill its mission of developing personal and academic excellence in the Catholic tradition.

Each year we set a monetary goal and a participation goal, which are both of equal importance. The monetary goal allows us to direct funds where the school needs it most. The participation goal sends a message to the greater community as to the amount of support the school receives. In this respect, you can clearly see that no matter the amount, all gifts matter.

PLANNED GIVING

Planned giving is another way to give a gift to the Rapid City Catholic Schools while meeting the long-term needs of your estate planning. Examples of planned gifts may include gifts of cash, securities, tangible property, real estate, or life insurance. Gifts may be made through bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, or charitable lead trusts.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Capital campaigns are periodic initiatives that support projects not generally funded by the yearly operating budget. Capital support includes gifts for campus facilities, faculty and staff salaries and benefits, land purchases, and long-term programming initiatives. Unlike gifts to the Annual Fund, pledges and donations intended for capital campaigns can be structured over several years and not always spent in the year they are made. For more information about capital giving, please contact Robert Satter.
THANK YOU TO THE 2017-2018 ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTERS

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*Joanne and Bryan Achbach
**Mike and Kim Albertson
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Jeff and Kim Goble
Derek and Susanne Godsey
Michael Goggin
*John and Tonya Gomez
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Dr. & Mrs. Richard J. Gowen
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*Susan and Earl Green
Matt and Jennifer Greene
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Donald Konechne
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Mary Ann Kopp
*Kathleen Kovarik
Marge Kovarik
Kelly and Suzanne Lambert
**Father Brian Lane
*Kelly and David Larson
*Colleen Lecy
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Duane Leier
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*Shannon and Matt Long
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Bob and Sandra Spencer
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STM Blue Backers
*Stephanie and Corey Strand
George Stroppel
*Wayne and Lorrie Sullivan
*Bev and James Sullivan
Harley Taylor
The Kerkenbush Family
Hubert Theissen
*Jana and Chad Thies
Victor Toscano
Father John Trask
*Tami and Jamin Tremmel
*Ann Trucano
*Amy Tweed
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*Royce and Jessica Wurziger
Scott and Janice Zandstra
Fred and Barbara Ziegler
44 Anonymous
* Staff members
**School Board members
### MEET THE ADMINISTRATION

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<th>Background and Achievements</th>
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<td>Colleen Lecy</td>
<td>Will be entering her 25th year with St. Elizabeth Seton School this fall. Classroom teacher for 12 years. Just completed her 12th year as principal. Five children who attended Rapid City Catholic School System. Two grandchildren currently enrolled. Loves working with children.</td>
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<td>Mary Helen Olsen</td>
<td>Starting her third year as Middle School Principal. Enrichment Teacher, Director of Liturgy, Middle School Religion Teacher at RCCSS for 30 years. Loves Middle School kids!</td>
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<td>Wayne Sullivan</td>
<td>Will begin his 28th year with the Rapid City Catholic School System. Taught high school math. Middle School Principal. 18th year as High School Principal. 26th wedding anniversary. 5 children: Jakeb (24), Savannah (21), Skylar (16), Jedidiah (14), JonPaul (11).</td>
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Be it known to all who enter... **CHRIST** is the reason for this school. He is the unseen but ever present teacher in its classes. He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.
At the Rapid City Catholic School System, the safety of our students, staff, and visitors is one of our highest priorities. We work collaboratively to foster a safe, secure learning environment as we deliver on our mission to educate, inspire, and empower all of our students through Christ.

This year, the RCCSS implemented a more proactive approach when responding to threats of school violence. Such events may include active shooter situations and other imminent threats to safety that require schools to lock down. District and school administrators, along with all staff, were trained in August 2017 on a program called ALICE response. This is a less passive approach to a crisis situation that provides our staff more options based on the circumstances of the incident.

The ALICE acronym stands for Alert, Lock down, Inform, Counter and Evacuate. The threat of an active shooter or intruder in our schools is rare but, in today’s society, a reality. Therefore, empowering our staff with proactive response strategies, rather than a passive one-size fits all approach is a positive change to our district’s emergency response and crisis management plans.

In addition, all three school buildings security camera systems have been upgraded. Ultimately, we hope to never have to utilize an emergency response plan, but in the event we do, please be assured that staff will be well prepared to act in the best interests and safety of our students.
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Each year since 2006, C-SPAN partners with its local cable television providers in communities nationwide to invite middle and high school students to produce short documentaries about a subject of national importance. This year students addressed the theme, “The Constitution & You: Choose a provision of the U.S. Constitution and create a video illustrating why it’s important to you.” In response, C-SPAN received a record 2,985 video submissions from over 5,700 students in 46 states and Washington, D.C.

“With so much national debate about government power and personal freedoms, we were eager to hear students' perspectives on what the Constitution means to them,” said C-SPAN’s Manager of Education Relations Craig McAndrew. “Students across the country engaged in conversation on the local level with elected officials, experts, community leaders and educators to explore how national issues impact their daily lives.”

The annual competition is sponsored by the C-SPAN Education Foundation. Videos were evaluated by a panel of educators and C-SPAN representatives based on the thoughtful examination of the competition’s theme, quality of expression, inclusion of varying sides of the documentary’s topic, and effective incorporation of C-SPAN programming.

The winning videos can be found at http://www.studentcam.org/winners18

DESTINATION IMAGINATION PLACED TENTH AT GLOBAL COMPETITION

STM HS participated in the 68th annual West River Math Contest at the SD School of Mines and Technology. Congratulations to the following students for placing:
Christian Lanier-5th place Algebra I
Megan Achbach-1st place Algebra II
Alissa Stephens-2nd place Algebra II
Katherine Achbach-3rd place Adv. Math
Sam Gibbon-1st place Geometry
Ben Feist-4th place Geometry
Natalie Montoya-2nd place Masters
Matthew McGillick-4th place Adv. Math

The following STM students placed at the 2018 South Dakota Trig Star Competition sponsored by the South Dakota Society of Professional Land Surveyors. Placing third was Spencer Lund with a score of 94 and first place, Katherine Achbach, with a perfect score of 100. As the state champion, Katherine represented St. Thomas More High School and the State of South Dakota in the national competition in June where she placed eighth in the nation. Historically, Katherine’s score marks the third time in which a perfect score was earned in South Dakota at this competition.

St. Thomas More sophomore Megan Achbach received the Hugh O’Brian Youth Leadership Scholarship while Karson Jegeris was the alternate for this prestigious award. District-wide, faculty and staff selected these students from the Class of 2020 based on their outstanding oral and written communication skills; critical and creative thinking; creative problem-solving; strong decision-making skills; and sensitivity to the needs or concerns of others, among other criteria.

Megan attended the leadership seminar at the Dakota State University June 14-17, 2018. There, she joined other outstanding SD high school students building skills to implement in our school next fall. For more information about this worthwhile program, check out www.hobysd.org. Congratulations to Megan & Karson!

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### ACT for STM

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Mayfest is the largest fundraiser for the Rapid City Catholic School System and is held the first weekend in May. Partnering with the Rapid City Catholic Schools, local businesses and RCCSS supporters gathered for the 37th annual Mayfest Auction Fundraiser. Together we raised over $82,000 for the tuition assistance, teacher benefit and pay, and general funds accounts. Mark your calendar for the 38th annual Mayfest on Saturday, May 4, 2019.
“The Rapid City Catholic School System has helped me become a leader in many ways. With responsibilities in my school work and extracurricular clubs, my teachers as role models, and success in sports, I have learned how to lead a life of excellence for my teammates, club members, and fellow students.”  
Alex Kandolin, Junior at STM

“Here at RCCSS, I’ve been taught by example that loving and selfless service is a sure way to genuine happiness and fulfillment. I’m very grateful for all the opportunities that have led me to this form of spreading Christ’s joy.”  
Sandy Cronin, Junior at STM

“RCCSS has provided me with an environment where true leadership is valued. The rigor of our learning environment has prompted me to rise up and help lead others to success. The most important thing that I have learned is that helping to aid the success of others is just as important as your own success.”  
Ethan Oleson, Senior at STM – Class of 2018

“I have so much gratitude towards the Rapid City Catholic School System for being my support system for the last thirteen years. St. Thomas More has given me the opportunity to be surrounded by students and staff who inspire me to be the best individual that I can be. I am excited to share with others all of the gifts, knowledge, and faith that the Rapid City Catholic School System has so profoundly enriched my life with.”  
-Brigit Blote, class of 2018
COMMUNITY SERVICE

Our faith teaches us to be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasures. The RCCSS hosts a variety of opportunities to give back to our community.

Those opportunities include: Winter Coat drive, Thanksgiving meals for families at Catholic Social Services, Christmas Angel tree for children and senior citizens, KOTA Care & Share Food Drive, Pennies for Patients Leukemia Foundation, Then Feed Just One (Packing Hope), Cancer Awareness Football Night, and opportunities to support our own families in need. In addition, the students have community service projects for which they dedicate their own time that total close to 12,000 hours!

Thank you for your support of the Rapid City Catholic School System. We invite you to send your questions, comments, or feedback related to this report to the Development Office by email at rsatter@rccss.org or by calling us at (605) 348-1477.