

YOUR GUIDE TO 2009/2010 REGISTRATION

New Catholic Families/Open Registration

Preschool and Grades K-12

NEW CATHOLIC FAMILIES: February 24, 2009 – 5:00-6:30 p.m. in Seton Office

OPEN REGISTRATION: March 2, 2009 – Call or visit offices for availability

Welcome to the Rapid City Catholic School System – Below is a step-by-step guide to registration –

CHECKLIST (all completed forms must be returned at the time of registration)

- STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**
Complete one form per child you are registering.
- ENROLLMENT AGREEMENT**
Complete one form with each child you are registering.
- CONTRACT FOR SERVICES**
 - A signed *Contract for Services* form is due by this date.
 - Complete one form per family, even if some of your children are at SES and some are at STM.
- PARENTAL AGREEMENT FORM**
 - Complete one form per family, regardless of the number of children, even if some of the children are at SES and some are at STM.
 - Be sure to select your payment option in Step 6 of the form. If in doing so you choose the *Monthly ACH Contract Plan* option, deliver the signed form, even if you cannot complete the form fully because you are awaiting tuition assistance information (see the *Monthly Payment of Tuition Agreement* form for more information on this).
- FAMILY WORKSHEET FOR GRADES K-12 ANNUAL TUITION**
Complete one form per family, even if some of your children are at SES and some are at STM.
- MONTHLY PAYMENT OF TUITION AGREEMENT (if applicable)**
Be sure to include a voided check with the signed agreement
- CHILD DEVELOPMENT PAPERWORK (if applicable)**
 - Preschool and/or Enrichment and/or Child Care Registration Form
 - Child Development Parental Agreement
 - Child Development Family Worksheet for Annual Tuition
- NON-REFUNDABLE REGISTRATION FEE(S)**

Child Care (per family)	\$50.00
Preschool (per child)	\$50.00
Grades K–5 (per child)	\$125.00

Grades 6–8 (per child)	\$150.00
Grades 9–12 (per child)	\$200.00

TOTAL REGISTRATION DUE = _____



Registration is not complete until the items listed above are delivered. Parents may keep any **yellow** copies (excluding *Child Development 3-part Registration forms*). Students are not officially enrolled or placed on class lists unless the signed *Contract for Services* is on file.

Due by March 13th, 2009

The Tuition Assistance application form (*TADS Financial Aid Application Form*) must arrive at the TADS office in Minneapolis by this date. Alternatively, you can complete the same form at <http://www.tuitionaid.com>, by the same date.



The office personnel at both SES (348-1477) and STM (343-8484) are willing and happy to help you with any forms or questions. Please pay close attention to the deadlines described above, as such attention might mean the difference between having a spot and not having one. **We want to ensure that any family interested is given the opportunity to enroll**, but we also must be mindful that the calendar requires us to be fiscally prudent in filling the classes quickly if there are families waiting for a spot for their child.

We look forward to a FANTASTIC 2009/2010 year at the Rapid City Catholic School System, and we invite you to join us. God's blessings to you and your family,

Barb Honeycutt, Superintendent

Colleen Lecy, Principal
St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary

Keiz Shultz, Principal
St. Elizabeth Seton Middle School

Wayne Sullivan, Principal
St. Thomas More High School

Rapid City Catholic School System Student Registration

Registration Date: _____

Student Name _____ 2009-10 Grade _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Email _____

Birth Date _____ Female _____ Male _____ Soc. Sec. # _____ - _____ - _____

Name & Grade of sibling(s) registered with RCCSS _____

Student resides with _____ Both Parents _____ Mother only _____ Father Only _____ Mother & Step-Father _____ Father & Step- Mother
Other _____

Father\Guardian Name _____	Mother\Guardian Name _____
Home Telephone _____	Home Telephone _____
Work – Day Telephone _____	Work – Day Telephone _____
Cell Telephone _____	Cell Telephone _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____
Email _____	Email _____
Responsible for Tuition _____ Yes _____ No	Responsible for Tuition _____ Yes _____ No

Step-Mother\Other _____	Step-Father\Other _____
Home Telephone _____	Home Telephone _____
Work – Day Telephone _____	Work – Day Telephone _____
Cell Telephone _____	Cell Telephone _____
Employer _____	Employer _____
Occupation _____	Occupation _____

Mailing Address of Father or Mother if different from student:
____ Father ____ Mother Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____ Cell Telephone _____
Responsible for Tuition? _____ Yes _____ No Receive Report Card? _____ Yes _____ No
Custody issues school needs to be aware of? _____

Active membership in a parish is required to receive the Catholic rate for tuition. **Active membership is understood to mean that the Catholic members of your family contribute time, talent, and treasure to the life of their parish by registration in the parish, regular participation in weekend masses, and \or participation in other aspects of parish life.**

Given the above understanding, are one or both parents and \ or the child(ren) active members of a Catholic parish?
____ YES *Please list the parish (for verification purposes)* _____
____ NO (Non-Catholic)
____ NO (In-active Catholic)

Additional Information (*Federal and State REQUIREMENTS have expanded the categories as such:)

* Please answer the following question on child's **ethnicity**: *Hispanic or Latino?* ____ YES ____ NO

* Please answer the following question on child's **race**: ____ American Indian or Alaskan Native ____ Asian ____ Black or African American ____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ____ White

* Language most spoken in the home: _____

* Name of public school your child would attend if **NOT** attending RCCSS: _____

* Previous School: _____ Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

If any high school credits are through correspondence, home schooling, or a non-accredited institution, St. Thomas More reserves the right to review these credits and accept OR not accept them.

**Blue copy – Front Office
Pink copy – Business office**

Rapid City Catholic School System Enrollment Agreement 2009-2010

I \ We wish to enroll _____ in grade _____ for the 2009-2010 academic year at:

- ___ St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School
- ___ St. Elizabeth Seton Middle School
- ___ St. Thomas More High School

I \ We understand the mission of the Rapid City Catholic School System and support the focus of developing personal and academic excellence. I \ We also understand that Catholic doctrine, teaching, and practice are part of everyday life in the Rapid City Catholic School System regardless of our religious affiliation.

I \ We agree that success is influenced by what happens at home along with what happens at school. I \ We will, therefore, cooperate with the school in helping our \ my student:

- ☞ Maintain regular attendance
- ☞ Work at his or her studies in accordance with natural ability
- ☞ Comply with school regulations as defined in the Parent \ Student Handbook
- ☞ Cooperate with the faculty and administration

I \ We agree that our son's \ daughter's continued enrollment with the Rapid City Catholic School System will be determined by the school if there is evidence of any of the following:

- ☞ Excessive tardiness or absence
- ☞ Disregard for school regulations
- ☞ Lack of cooperation with any respect for classroom and school authority

I \ We are aware of the terms and conditions of tuition payment as prescribed by the Rapid City Catholic School System Board of Education and will meet our financial obligation to the school.

Parent \ Guardian Name (Please Print) _____

Student Signature _____

Date _____

Enrollment is not complete until this form has been signed and received and filed with the Rapid City Catholic School System.

If you are a new family, how did you hear about the Rapid City Catholic School System?

I AM AN RCCSS Alumni _____ if so, what year? _____
____ Website _____ TV/Advertising _____ Church _____ Referral (from whom) _____
Other _____

CONTRACT FOR SERVICES

FY 2009 -2010

**RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
ST. ELIZABETH SETON ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE SCHOOL
ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL**

There are two primary reasons our Catholic School System has instituted this Contract for Services:

First, rigorous academics and a structured school environment require a full-year commitment in order to be most effective. Research shows that effective schools possess a “total environmental quality” within the school. This environment encompasses the school’s belief systems, values, cognitive structures and meanings. This school culture, or way of doing this, requires a yearly commitment from students for the bonding spirit that helps teachers to teach and students to learn.

Second, we strive to allocate and manage every dollar in a way that assures the viability of our school while bringing the maximum benefit to your child. Sound budgeting is the key to good stewardship. Our plans for staffing, purchasing of materials and supplies, book orders, room assignments, tuition assistance and many other budget areas are directly dependent upon the number of students enrolled in the school.

Subject to the provisions herein, the undersigned agrees to pay the tuition and fees as established by the Board for the 2009-2010 school year.

When students enroll for the year, we make our plans and commitments for the year. When a student or family chooses to leave the school, our annual commitments do not change. Request for adjustments or waivers of the parental agreement must be made in writing to the Board Finance Committee. The Board Finance Committee will research each request and make a recommendation to the full Board for final consideration. A waiver from the Contract for Services is considered justified by the Board for two serious circumstances: 1). If the family makes an unforeseen move from the community that prevents the student from attending the school, or 2). If there is an unexpected medically diagnosed illness of the student and it is mutually agreed by the school officials and parents that the student’s needs can no longer be served by the school. The Board retains discretion to waive the requirements of the parental agreement where it deems it necessary for the welfare of the school and/or the family involved.

If the Board does not waive the contract, the family has the option to start school as planned, continue to be enrolled, or exercise a contract buy-out. For the purpose of this policy, a contract buy-out is defined as: Payment of earned tuition calculated on a prorated basis and payment of a \$500 per student buy-out fee.

Earned tuition will be calculated by dividing the tuition by the number of weeks in the school year times the number of weeks attended. For the purpose of this policy, a week attended is defined as a whole week or any part of a week the student attends class.

I/We agree to abide by and comply with the terms and conditions stated in the Contract for Services. We understand this is a legal, binding and enforceable contract.

THIS CONTRACT MAY BE CANCELED BY EITHER PARTY UNTIL THURS., APRIL 30, 2009.

FATHER’S SIGNATURE / (GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE*)

DATE

MOTHER’S SIGNATURE / (GUARDIAN’S SIGNATURE*)

DATE

*If tuition is being paid by someone other than parents.

<p><i>White copy – Business Office Yellow copy – Parent</i></p>

RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

PARENTAL AGREEMENT 2009-2010

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____ Home phone: _____

Father's Cell Phone: _____ Mother's Cell Phone: _____ Family Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ 2009-10 Grade(s): _____

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Student: _____ Grade: _____

Student: _____ Grade: _____ Student: _____ Grade: _____

WE AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING

1. To accept our role as the primary educators of our children in the ways of faith, and to do our best to instill Catholic/Christian values in them, especially by setting a good example and by Christ-like living.
2. To enter into partnership with the school in the spiritual, academic, social, and service formation of our children.
3. To accept the school's role to have a Christ-centered educational program intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person, as conveyed by the Vision Statement.
4. To utilize our gifts and talents by providing volunteer service to the school community (e.g. PTO, Booster Club, Rummage Sale, Magazine Sales).
5. To pay tuition in a timely fashion and pay a **non-refundable** registration fee of \$125 PER CHILD at SES Elementary, \$150 PER CHILD at SES Middle School, and \$200 PER CHILD at STM High School when we enroll, to ensure my child's space in the school.

Number of SES Elementary children _____ x \$125 = _____, Number of SES Middle School children _____ x \$150 = _____,
Number of STM High School children _____ x \$200 = _____.

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE FOR REGISTRATION = _____.

(Late fee of \$50 per child assessed after February 6, 2009 for returning families, which will be added to your tuition statement.)

6. Various parish subsidies and fundraising allow us to offer a tuition aid to Catholic and Non-Catholic students. Any tuition discount for a second or third student is also considered aid. If you are able to pay the regular student rate for your 1st, 2nd or 3rd student, to provide additional financial aid to those families in need, please contact the Business Office for further information.
7. Payment Options (pick one):

PAYMENT OF FULL, ANNUAL TUITION IS REQUIRED BY JULY 15, 2009.

- FULL PAYMENT paid before July 15, 2009 entitles you to a 2% discount.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO PAY IN FULL BY JULY 15, 2009, YOU MAY REQUEST TO PAY BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO METHODS:

- MONTHLY ACH CONTRACT PLAN, budgeted as checked below:
(All monthly payments require an ACH Contract with a voided check.)

_____ 10 payments beginning August 2009 _____ 12 payments beginning June 2009

- WITH BUSINESS OFFICE APPROVAL**, based on payment history, you may make TWO EQUAL PAYMENTS.
Families not provided this option will be informed in writing. Two equal payments, the first paid by July 15, 2009, and the second paid by December 15, 2009.

A LATE FEE OF 1 1/2% PER MONTH, OR 18% PER YEAR, WILL BE ASSESSED ON ALL ACCOUNTS 30 DAYS PAST DUE.

8. I understand that in accordance with the Contract for Services, regardless of payment option selected, I will pay the full amount even if my student does not complete the full year. It is the school's policy that semester and end-of-year grades and transcripts will NOT be released until arrangements have been made to fulfill all financial obligations.
9. To know and comply with school policies and procedures as outlined in the school handbook. The school handbook is available for your review in the school office or on-line.
10. a. We realize and accept that any failure to fulfill items 1-7 may subject our children to dismissal from Seton/St. Thomas More.
b. We agree to the terms and conditions as stated above.
c. Completion of this form does not guarantee acceptance into Seton/St. Thomas More High School.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

White copy – Business Office
Yellow copy – Parent

**RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM
CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
2009/2010 TUITION PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

FULL PAYMENT Due 7/15/2009	DISCOUNTED PAYMENT IF PAID BEFORE 7/15/2009	SEMESTER PAYMENT half due Jul 15, 09 half due Dec 15, 09	INCLUDES \$25 ACH FEE	
			10 MONTH PLAN Beg Aug 09	12 MONTH PLAN Beg Jun 09

PRESCHOOL

2 sessions/week	\$895	\$877	\$448	\$92	\$77	No Discount
3 sessions/week	\$1,127	\$1,104	\$564	\$115	\$96	No Discount
5 sessions/week	\$1,932	\$1,893	\$966	\$196	\$163	No Discount

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required for each student at registration.

ENRICHMENT

2 session/week	\$634	\$621	\$317	\$66	\$55	No Discount
3 session/week	\$951	\$932	\$476	\$98	\$81	No Discount
5 session/week	\$1,573	\$1,542	\$787	\$160	\$133	No Discount

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required for each student at registration.

CHILD CARE

AM Care Only	\$831	\$814	\$416	\$86	\$71	(\$83)
PM Care Only	\$1,246	\$1,221	\$623	\$127	\$106	(\$125)
AM & PM Care	\$2,025	\$1,985	\$1,013	\$205	\$171	(\$203)

*** IF SIBLING
IN CHILD CARE**

* A 10% deduction is given in the Child Care rate for the 2nd, 3rd, or 4th child in a family enrolled in Child Care.

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required for each family at registration.

Monthly payments are made through an ACH Monthly Payment Contract. Contact the Business Office for further details.

MONTHLY PAYMENT OF TUITION AGREEMENT

2009/2010 School Year

The following should be returned with your registration materials. If you would like help completing this form, please contact the Business Office at 343-8484.

Step 1

Name (on the Bank Account to Be Used)	
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Your Home Address	
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Daytime Telephone Number	Social Security Number
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<input type="checkbox"/> Check this box if you are currently signed up for ACH payments and there are no changes to your banking information. If this is the case, skip to Step 2, below in this document. If this is not the case, provide your banking information below before proceeding to Step 2.
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Bank Name	
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Bank Account Number	
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A voided check is required for all **new** or **changed** accounts. Please attach the voided check to this form.

Step 2

Date of Withdrawal in Each Month (circle one)	10 th	25 th
Tuition Amount from Annual Tuition Worksheet	\$	
Amount from Child Development Tuition Payment Schedule (if applicable)	\$	
Subtract Tuition Assistance (if Applicable) If you are applying for tuition assistance, you will not know this amount until April. Before then, complete this form with \$0 listed for tuition assistance, and deliver the completed form with your registration materials. Once the amount of tuition assistance is known, the Business Office will update this form and contact you with the new amount for authorization, <u>before</u> ever initiating a payment from your account.	\$	
Add Annual Processing Fee	\$	25.00
Balance Due	\$	
Divide the Amount in the Line above by (circle one): 12 10 (12 for payments starting in June, and 10 for payments starting in August)	\$	

I hereby authorize the Rapid City Catholic School System to make the withdrawal listed on line 6 each month, until the amount on line 5 is paid in full. **I acknowledge** that any monthly payments not cleared for any reason will be assessed a \$35.00 processing fee.

Name (on the Bank Account to Be Used)

Date

<i>White copy – Business Office Yellow copy – Parent</i>

Rapid City Catholic School System
St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary / Middle School and St. Thomas More High School

Introduction to Tuition Assistance
January 2009

Dear Friends,

Tuition Aid Data Services (St. Paul, Minnesota), commonly referred to as TADS, has again been chosen by the Rapid City Catholic School System to conduct financial need assessments of our families seeking tuition assistance. The application process is fair and confidential. This company has been utilized by the RCCSS for the past 15 years, to remove school personnel from directly reviewing financial information of those families applying for assistance. **This application process is required for all families requesting assistance.** We want to provide needs-based assistance to as many of our families as we are able. Please do not hesitate to apply, even if you have never applied in the past. The application is very thorough, but not difficult to complete.

Online TADS Application

- Go to <http://www.tuitionaid.com> and click on the "Parents" button under the "Parent Login" heading.
- Completing the online form and faxing in your supporting documentation ensures that your application will be processed immediately. Indeed, as soon as you complete the online form, your school administrator will have access to the preliminary calculations.

Paper-Based TADS Application

Once again we are encouraging use of the online form mentioned above. If you prefer to fill out a paper-based application, please contact the RCCSS Business Office at 343-8484 to request that form.

Either Application Method

- If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact TADS, toll free at 1-800-884-8237. You may also reach them through email, at support@tuitionaid.com.
- Whether mailed or completed online, the application must reach TADS by March 13th, 2009.
- The application cost is \$29. Please contact the RCCSS Business Office if the application cost is a financial difficulty for your family.
- A "Directions" sheet is on the back of this page. It applies to both paper-based applications and online applications.

March 13th Is Important

The majority of tuition assistance will be allocated from the initial applications. Even though TADS will process applications *after* March 13th, there is no guarantee that funds will be available after the first allocation. So, to optimize your tuition assistance opportunity, it is important that your application and all supporting documents be received in the TADS office by **March 13th, 2009**. Without all supporting documentation, TADS will not be able to accurately rate your application, which may affect your eligibility for assistance.

Notification

By the week of May 15th, you will receive notification of the tuition assistance granted.

Please do not hesitate to apply. And, if you have questions regarding the tuition assistance process, please contact the RCCSS Business Office at 343-8484 ext. 206.

Sincerely,
RCCSS Business Office

Directions for Your TADS Application, School Year 2009-2010

Program Directions: 2009-2010 School Year
Program Name: Rapid City Catholic School System
Program ID: RC00000000

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Students entering grades K 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th are eligible to apply for aid for the 2009-2010 school year.
Note: ALL FAMILIES WITH STUDENTS AT THE RAPID CITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

Application Deadline: 3/13/2009

Apply at www.tuitionaid.com for faster processing. Your Application for tuition assistance must be in TADS office by this date in order to be eligible for maximum financial aid. We suggest that you mail your application at least one week before this date. If your application is late please contact the school to make sure your application will still be considered.

Notice of Financial Assistance

All final decisions regarding financial aid are made by **Rapid City Catholic School System**. TADS does not have this information. If you have not received notification about financial aid, contact **Rapid City Catholic School System** but please, not before 5/15/2009.

Applying Online

Go to www.tads.com click on parents and then click on financial aid. Please select your state and then city where the school is located. Your online application will be pre-populated with the necessary school specific items.

Preparing your Application for Mailing

1. Please use the envelope provided to mail your application.
2. You must include photocopies of all supporting documentation requested on the application. Please do not send originals.
3. Supporting documentation must be sent right away so processing doesn't delay:
 - (a) Most recent W2 statements
 - (b) Most recent paystub
 - (c) Most recent federal tax form
 - (d) Most recent corporate tax return, if applicable
 - (e) Documentation for all other sources of income (social security, welfare, food stamps, unemployment, child support, workers compensation, etc.)
 - (f) Any 1099's
4. Please do not send in a paper application if you have completed an application online.

Form – Section 22: List of Tuition Charging Schools

Use the School IDs listed below for each dependent attending a tuition charging school for the 2009-2010 school year. Use the School ID 99999 to describe a school not listed below.

*Please Note: Although TADS has agreed to send copies of your Financial Need Report to the following schools and institutions when requested by applicants in section 22, schools using a different financial aid reporting service may require families to complete a separate application form. These schools are indicated by *.*

St. Elizabeth Seton	School Name: STELI	School City: RAPID	School Id: 41202
St. Thomas More	School Name: STTHO	School City: RAPID	School Id: 41201

Form – Section 24: Special Code Information

Please select the special code that best describes you and enter it in section 24. Some school tuitions are dependent on these classifications.

Active Catholic	Code Number: AB001
In-active Catholic	Code Number: AB002
Non Catholic	Code Number: AB003

Form – Section 25: Application Processing Fees

1. **Required Processing Fee: \$29**
If you do not enclose this entire fee with your application, TADS will not be able to process your application. Make checks payable to TADS.
2. Corporation/Partnership/Trust Processing Fee: \$19
You are required to pay this fee if you have filed any of the following IRS forms; Form 1041, Form 1065, Form 1120-A, Form 1120, or Form 1120S.
3. Parental Report Fee (Optional): \$8
By ordering this report, you will be able to review the accuracy of the information that TADS has taken from your application form and see your application status. Your report will be sent about 5 working days after your report has been audited/reviewed. Please Note! This report does not show the amount of assistance you may receive from your school.

STM & SES ATHLETICS

The following information pertains to students entering grades 6-12 next year, who plan to participate in any of the following high school or middle school athletic activities during the coming 2009-2010 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

<u>FALL</u>		<u>WINTER</u>	<u>SPRING</u>
Football	Boys Golf	Boys Basketball	Track & Field
Volleyball	Cheerleading	Girls Basketball	Girls Golf
Cross Country	Girls Tennis	Wrestling	Boys Tennis
Boys Soccer	Girls Soccer	Cheerleading	Baseball
Competitive Dance		Dance	
Competitive Cheer			

MIDDLE SCHOOL

<u>1st QUARTER</u>	<u>2nd QUARTER</u>	<u>3rd QUARTER</u>	<u>4th QUARTER</u>
Volleyball	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball	Track & Field
Cross Country	Wrestling		Baseball

- A. 7th and 8th grade boys and girls may play on the high school teams of all sports if their ability so dictates. Some sports are more conducive to 7th and 8th grade athletes playing than other sports.
- B. Experience in Tennis and Golf is a pre-requisite for Middle School athletes trying those sports. Middle School athletes wishing to try out for Dance or Cheer, should have prior gymnastics or dance experience.
- C. 7th & 8th grade boys and girls may also be moved up to a high school team based on the number participating at the high school and also based on the ability of the middle school athlete.
- D. Also, cross country and wrestling are the only middle school sports open to sixth graders, unless more players are needed to fill the other sports' 7th and 8th grade teams. Track numbers will dictate the need for 6th grade participants.

ATHLETIC PARENT MEETING -- If your student will be participating in any of the above high school or middle school sports, please plan to attend the parent meeting to be held in the **STM Commons on Sunday, August 16, 2009 at 7:00 PM.** This meeting will address the fall **HIGH SCHOOL sports and the fall MIDDLE SCHOOL sports.** The meeting is your opportunity to find out information about our athletic programs, and will be immediately followed by separate meetings for each individual fall sport. You should attend the meeting for the sport your son or daughter will be participating in during the fall season. The coaches for the 2009-2010 school year will also be in attendance.

PHYSICAL EXAMS & RELATED INFORMATION – The South Dakota High School Activities Association (SDHSAA) mandates that all students participating in athletics at STM and SES have a current physical exam and related paperwork on file at the school. To be considered current, the physical exam must be renewed at least **EVERY THREE YEARS**, and the related paperwork must be renewed **EVERY YEAR**. Both the physical exam and related paperwork must be on file **BEFORE** your student begins practice for any sport. Please be aware that your student **will not be allowed to practice, or play, until this information has been turned into the school.** Practice for Cheer and Dance begins August 3rd, practice for Boys and Girls Soccer, Boys Golf and Girls Tennis begins on August 10th and practice for Football, Volleyball and Cross Country will begin on August 17th. August 24th is the start date for middle school sports (volleyball). Other middle school sports will begin practice with the High School.

The last newsletter of this school year will contain a reminder about the Athletic Parent Meeting in August, and a list of students whose physicals will still be current for the 2009-2010 year. If your son or daughter is not listed, please take the steps necessary during the summer to update the physical. You may also pick up the related paper work (Green, Red or Blue Packet) in the STM office.

I look forward to a fantastic year of St. Thomas More and St. Elizabeth Seton athletics!!

Craig Nowotny, Activities Director, Rapid City Catholic School System