

<p>Curriculum & Instruction 8512</p> <hr/> <p>Farewell Exercises</p>	Administrative Application	
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Preamble

In the Regina Catholic School Division (RCSD) we celebrate the completion of a student's elementary education. This celebration will be followed consistently at each elementary school.

A Grade 8 Farewell at the school level includes a liturgical celebration and farewell ceremony that recognizes Grade 8 students who have completed their elementary education and are transitioning to high school. The intent of the Grade 8 Farewell is to celebrate all learners and recognize the unique, God-given talents of every student. The Grade 8 Farewell is also a time to say farewell to the Grade 8 students who have been a part of the school community for a number of years and to pray for their continued success and God's guidance in the years ahead.

Definition

In RCSD, the term Grade 8 Farewell shall be used (not Grade 8 Graduation).

Application

1. The administration shall inform the parents/guardians of Grade 8 students of the farewell routines as soon as event planning begins.
2. Parents shall be advised that the school's responsibility for the Grade 8 Farewell will be to organize the liturgical celebration and farewell ceremony.
3. Farewell celebrations should be self-sustaining and no additional fees at the school level shall be charged. Principals are to notify the Grade 8 Farewell planners of any issues related to student and family poverty. Principals are to inform parents/guardians to set reasonable spending limits for the Grade 8 Farewell and to avoid excessive costs for clothes, photographs, transportation, etc.
4. The farewell celebration should highlight the learning journey of every student and celebrate the contribution of all Grade 8 students to their school community.
5. There will be no awards or honour roll during the farewell celebration. If the school wishes to retain academic or other recognition awards it will be up to the school to determine the criteria. This celebration will be done at the local school level (e.g. school assembly).
6. The principal shall review Board Policy 12 - Role of the Director and this application with parents/guardians of Grade 8 students on an annual basis.