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Dear Parents,

It was my great pleasure to spend time with the students of St. Francis Cathedral School on such a special day. I was able to join the students as they celebrated their Blue Ribbon success with a pep rally. Together, we were able to acknowledge all of the people involved in achieving this honor: students, teachers, the administration and parents. St. Francis is one of only six non-public schools in New Jersey to receive recognition as an “Exemplary High Performing School.” What a wonderful accomplishment!

I had the privilege of congratulating your children on the Blue Ribbon, and I gave them a homework assignment! I asked them to go home and thank each of you for enrolling them in a Catholic school. I hope they did express their gratitude. There was so much joy and hope in each of those faces! It is evident that they are working hard and thriving in a loving, faith-filled atmosphere.

I am grateful to Monsignor Zamorski, Mrs. Stevens, the faculty and staff for their hospitality today. I am most grateful to you for the faith you have placed in St. Francis Cathedral School, recognizing the great gift of a Catholic school education. I know that it can be a financial sacrifice to have children in a Catholic school, and I thank you for making all of the sacrifices you make. As a product of a Catholic school education, I know the difference it makes to have that unique home and school partnership that forms when students attend a school that reflects the values of the home.

I hope I will have the chance to meet with you at some time during the school year as we continue to celebrate the Blue Ribbon. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family, and I hope you will keep me in your prayers as well.

With renewed best wishes, I remain

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA  
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