

Class of 2012 Graduates with Purpose

What is the purpose of Plymouth Christian Academy?

This question was posed to the Regents of PCA by a Board Training Consultant who was here to assist them in becoming more effective governors of the school. It seems like such an easy question to answer, at least until you are asked to state that purpose in one sentence! The Consultant's point was to get these wonderfully committed people to think deeply, pray fervently, and then to state clearly the purpose

for which the school exists. The Regents have answered this question and what follows is an introduction to and explanation of that purpose statement.

Plymouth Christian Academy is a school that must

be distinctly and thoroughly Christian and one that exists to produce certain results in the lives of its students. We strive first to produce students who are **matured** in their love for God. This begins with faith in Christ because all intellectual endeavor is for naught if one gains the world and loses his soul (Mark 8:36). We want our students to come to know Christ, and then to grow in maturity—to become more like Him daily. Just as we work to produce students who have achieved a certain academic level and are ready for new heights, so we work to produce students who are matured spiritually, living transformed lives (Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:9-21), and ready to “step it up” as they leave PCA for college or the work force.

A second piece of PCA's purpose is to produce students who are **steeped** in the Word of God. Merriam-Webster is helpful here when it comes to steeped: “to saturate with or subject thoroughly

to (some strong or pervading influence).” Every part and parcel of what we do as a school must be saturated with the truth of God. This is not something limited to Bible class, chapels, or spiritual life retreats. Every minute of every school activity, curricular and otherwise, must project the “strong and pervading influence” of Scripture in order for PCA to produce students who can apply Biblical knowledge to their lives.

Living lives that honor God and allow one to enjoy Him can only come from knowing His Word well.

Because we are a school, academic achievement is a big deal, and it is a third piece of PCA's purpose: to produce students who are **educated** about His world. There is not a choice to be made, or a balance to be sought, between the spiritual and the intellectual. It is not a tradeoff! We are driven to academic achievement and excellence because of who we are in Christ. Educating our students about God's world means we demand of our students all they are capable of producing because it honors and glorifies God when they fully develop their intellectual

*PCA is not just a stepping stone to college as a means to an end – but as a means to a beginning without end. The point is, we instill in our students solid foundations not only for a lifetime, **but for eternity!***

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Class of 2012

We are so proud of this year's graduating class as they seek to impact our world for Christ.

Lucas Allen	Trustee Scholarship Lipscomb University
Katie Baum	Presidential Scholarship Columbia International University
Lindsey Davidson	Presidential Scholarship Hope College
Amanda Doiron	Laker Scholarship Grand Valley State University
Anna Fanelli	Emerald Scholarship Eastern Michigan University
Haley Garfield	Knollcrest Scholarship Calvin College
Kiersten Gunderson	Emerald Scholarship Eastern Michigan University
Angela Hall	Honor's Scholarship Grace College
	Clergy Children's Award
Shannon Hogan	President's Merit Scholarship University of Dayton
Eric Jipping	Calvin Dean's Scholarship
	Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
	Coram Deo Award
Kristin Lindberg	Concordia Distinguished Scholar Award
Kristin Malcolm	National Merit Scholarship
	Hillsdale College Volleyball Scholarship
Leah Manning	Miller Merit Award
Natalie McDonald	Calvin's Honors Scholarship
Joshua Middleton	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Emily Myers	Cedarville University's Academic Excellence
Marisa Pfister	Grand Valley's Award for Excellence
Megan Powlus	Korean War Veterans Association Madonna University
Dillon Rahill	Provost Scholarship from Spring Arbor University
Jessica Rich	Laker Scholarship Grand Valley State University
Christopher Scagnetti	Federal Employee Education Scholarship
	University of Detroit Academic Scholarship
	University of Detroit Alumni Scholarship
	Plymouth Christian Academy Athletic Booster Board Scholarship
Daniel Slater	Crusader Scholarship Madonna University
Jerad Storey	Emerald Scholarship & Education First Opportunity Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Haley Williamson	Columbia International University Board Scholarship
Joshua Witkowski	Academic Scholarship Indiana Wesleyan University
Haley Wright	Emerald Scholarship Eastern Michigan University
Rachel Zandee	Plymouth Rotary Memorial Scholarship
	Presidential Academic Scholarship Taylor University
	Community Leadership Scholarship Taylor University
	Athletic Director Award Taylor University
Amy Zinn	Calvin Faculty Honors Scholarship
	Alumni Association Legacy Scholarship
	Alumni Southeastern Michigan Chapter Scholarship
	Plymouth Rotary Memorial Scholarship
	Plymouth Christian Academy Athletic Booster Board Scholarship
	Beckridge Chorale Music Scholarship

Class of 2012

Corrine Albrecht: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Lucas Allen: Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN
Kathryn Baum: Columbia International University, Columbia, SC
Jonathan Beauchemin: Grove City College, Grove City, PA
David Bixler: Schoolcraft College
Nathaniel Bortz: University of Michigan, Dearborn
Brianna Byers: Schoolcraft College
Alexander Chapman: University of Michigan, Dearborn
Jonathan Cook: Washtenaw Community College
Lindsey Davidson: Hope College
Amanda Doiron: Grand Valley State University
Anna Fanelli: Eastern Michigan University
Haley Garfield: Calvin College
Kiersten Gunderson: Eastern Michigan University
Angela Hall: Grace College, Winona Lake, IN
Shannon Hogan: University of Dayton
Sarah Howard: University of Michigan, Dearborn
Eric Jipping: Calvin College
Sarah Keilman: Grand Valley State University
Hannah Kurtycz: Grace College, Winona Lake, IN
Kristin Lindberg: Concordia College, Ann Arbor, MI
Lauren Lowisz: Michigan State University
Kristin Malcolm: Hillsdale College
Leah Manning: Grace College, Winona Lake, IN
Samira Mashni: Michigan State University
Katie McCormick: Schoolcraft College
Natalie McDonald: Calvin College
Kurtis McKenzie: Schoolcraft College
Nate Meyers: Michigan State University
Joshua Middleton: Eastern Michigan University
Daniel Mullett: Schoolcraft College
Emily Myers: Cedarville University
Rachael Noe: University of Michigan Dearborn
Marisa Pfister: Grand Valley State University
Megan Powlus: Madonna University
Dillon Rahill: Spring Arbor University
Jessica Rich: Grand Valley State University
Christopher Scagnetti: University of Detroit Jesuit
Daniel Slater: Madonna University
Jerad Storey: Eastern Michigan University
Haley Williamson: Columbia International University
Joshua Witkowski: Indiana Wesleyan University
Haley Wright: Eastern Michigan University
Rachel Zandee: Taylor University
Amy Zinn: Calvin College

Malcolm Named National Merit Scholarship Recipient



Over 1.5 million students in some 22,000 high schools around the nation (including PCA's Class of 2012) take the PSAT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) in October. This test qualified some students to enter the National Merit Program, which is a nationwide competition for recognition and awards conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

PCA is honored to announce senior **Kristin Malcolm** as a recipient of the National Merit Scholarship program. She was among 16,000 of those high performers who were recognized as Semifinalists on a state representational basis. Semifinalists then had an opportunity to continue in the Merit Scholarship competition and advance to the Finalist standing by meeting a number of additional requirements. Kristin completed all requirements successfully within the National Merit Program. Congratulations **Kristin Malcolm**!

~Information obtained from 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

PCA ROBOTICS WINS 2ND PLACE IN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP!

PCA'S Elementary Robotics Team, "The Inventresses," placed 2nd at the World Championship with their robot, "The Tree Planter."

The event took place at Lawrence Tech University this past



spring beating teams from places such as Korea, Mexico, Florida, Ohio, and Texas. Team members include Hadlee Chubb, 6th grade, Moriah Willis, 6th grade, and Sarah Fernandes, 5th grade. *Team Mentor and Parent is Douglas Chubb with Jessica Wash as the Team Coach and Secondary Computer Teacher at PCA.* Everyone did such an amazing job! We are already making plans for next year!

The objective of the Robotics Club is to teach students what is involved in the career of engineering, while also learning more about science, engineering, technology and math.

Robofest is a competition of autonomous robots-programmed to act independently and not remote controlled. Students have fun learning principles of physical science, computer science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Since 2000, over 10,000 students have competed in Robofest, including teams from 13 U.S. States, England, Canada, China, France, South Korea, Mexico and Singapore. If you would like more information about this event you can visit www.robofest.net.

The High School Robotics Team had a great weekend at the District Tournament in Northville as they made it to the finals! They didn't win, but to be a rookie team making it to the finals is outstanding! We received a trophy from the winning team called the "Hot Shot Rookie" award. It's an unofficial award given to a rookie team that shows outstanding group effort and great potential. There were 40 teams total, with 5 of them being rookie teams. Congratulations to our teams for the hard work they displayed representing PCA and working for the glory of God!

Gut gemacht!

Congratulations to Luke Holmes, who scored in the top ten percent in the state of Michigan on the National German Exam (Level II). This nationally administered standardized test assesses students' proficiency at understanding spoken and written German, and is highly competitive. Luke's score qualifies him to apply for awards from the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG), including an expense-paid study trip to Germany. Gut gemacht (well done), Luke! Rachel Grit also earned a Silver Award for her performance on the Level II exam, and Sarah Keilman earned a Bronze Award for her performance on the Level III exam.

Delta Epsilon Phi (German National Honor Society) at PCA had 6 new inductees this year: Rachel Grit, Luke Holmes, Rachel Kral, Lindsay Roedding, Rachel Smith, and Jayme Putney. These are students who earned a 3.0 overall GPA and a 3.5 minimum GPA in their course work in German. Students must have had at least 3 semesters of German in order to qualify. We also had two seniors, Lindsey Davidson and Sarah Keilman, who both graduated with Delta Epsilon Phi Honors, for their leadership and consistent participation in PCA's German Club.

German Club hosted a number of events this year, including a German Board Game Night, dinner at Metzger's German Restaurant in Ann Arbor, a German Movie Night and our annual German Christmas Cookie Baking. German Club is hoping to do more next year to actively reach out to PCA's middle school students and encourage them to consider learning German.



EAGLE ATHLETES COMPETE WELL, FINISH STRONG

Varsity baseball currently has a 12-6 record and our Conference record of 10-4, earning us 3rd place in the MIAC. One highlight of the season is that our pitcher, Daniel Slater, accounted for 19 out of 21 outs in a recent game. Both our varsity boys and varsity girls basketball teams were ranked among the top ten in Class D for Academic All-State Team based on the average GPA of the team and awarded by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. Our girl's basketball team took 2nd place in our MIAC Conference.

Homecoming was on January 27, 2012. The King and Queen were Dillon Rahill and Amy Zinn. Our varsity girl's soccer team has had a strong season and hopes to do well in post-season play. They are currently 13-3 overall and our Conference record of 9-1 earned us 1st place in the MIAC. Varsity track had an outstanding season with numerous school records broken and many posted personal best marks. Their excellent performance at their Regional competition on Saturday, May 19th, earned our girls team 3rd place overall and our boys team 4th place. The following individuals qualified for the State Finals in their event:



BOYS:

Discus - Eric Jipping-127'11" (new record!)
4X800 - 8:38.29 (new record!)-Trevor Baloga,
Ethan Levack, Jimmy Parks, Jacob Bailey
High Jump - Mick Noel- 6'0
400m - Jimmy Parks - 52.51 (new record!)

GIRLS:

Discus- Megan Lemieux - 92'2"
4X800 -10:59.01 - Rachel Smith,
Sydney Carpenter, Terra Crown,
Karen Windle
400m - Rachel Smith - 67.29
800m - Karen Windle - 2:31.10
1600m- Terra Crown - 6:08.68
3200m- Terra Crown - 13:05.44

In addition, at the MIAC Conference Championship track meet on Tuesday, May 22nd, our boys took 2nd place in our Conference and our girls finished in 4th. Our track athletes posted many more personal best marks and set the following new school records at this meet: shot put - Eric Jipping - 42'11" (tied), 110 high hurdles - Mick Noel - 16.89, 200m - Jimmy Parks - 23.46, and 400m - Jimmy Parks - 51.76; and 800m - Karen Windle - 2:28.42. Way to go Eagles!

We have 12 new school records:

BOYS:

200 m run	Jimmy Parks	23.48
400m run	Jimmy Parks	51.76
110m H	Mick Noel	16.63
1600m relay	Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Jimmy Parks, Jacob Bailey	
3200m relay	Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Jimmy Parks, Jacob Bailey	
Shot Put	Eric Jipping	44-.075
Discus	Eric Jipping	132-01

GIRLS:

800m run	Karen Windle	2:28.56
1600m run	Terra Crown	5:39.2
3200m run	Terra Crown	12:28.8
300m Hurdles	Karen Windle	53:20
3200m Relay	Rachel Smith, Sydney Carpenter, Terra Crown, Karen Windle	

We had 12 individuals qualify for the State Finals: Girls: Megan Lemieux-Discus, Karen Windle-800m run, Rachel Smith-400m run, Terra Crown-1600m run and 3200 m run, and the 3200 relay team of Karen, Rachel, Terra, and Sydney Carpenter.

Boys: Eric Jipping-Discus, Mick Noel-High Jump, Jimmy Parks-400m run, and the 3200 relay team of Trevor Baloga, Ethan Levack, Jimmy Parks, Jacob Bailey.

Our boy's team was second in the MIAC league meet. Eric Jipping, Mick Noel, and Jimmy Parks were all voted MIAC All Conference. The 7 girls placed 4 overall and Megan Lemieux, Karen Windle, and Terra Crown were voted MIAC All Conference.

As our team says, "We run for the Glory of God"! - Coach Lemieux



This Eagle has landed

Plymouth Christian Academy senior Rachel Zandee signed a letter of commitment to play tennis at Taylor University of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. "I'm very excited to go to Taylor University, it means a lot to be on the tennis team," Zandee said following a recent signing ceremony at PCA. "The girls have already accepted me. I've been to a few team dinners. They've welcomed me and I know it's going to be a fun season."

Rachel opted for a tennis scholarship with the Indiana-based College even though other varsity sports on her resume include soccer, volleyball and basketball. With the Eagles, Zandee has moved up the totem pole from No. 3 singles to No. 2 singles, where she was slotted her junior and senior seasons. No matter where she is placed in the Taylor lineup, the exemplary student-athlete (4.0 grade-point average, National Honor Society) is eager to start her collegiate career.

PCA Athletic Director Rick Swilley said he will also remember that day, because Zandee's signing helps show other athletes at the small school what they can aspire to achieve. "I think what it does is sets a standard for other athletes to shoot for," Swilley said. "You have a young lady who participated on the boy's tennis team who is going to get a scholarship to attend college and to play in college."

At Taylor, Zandee will study biology and pre-med courses, with hopes of continuing toward a career as a Physician's Assistant.



EXCEL THIS SUMMER

Sign Up Now for Some Amazing PCA Camps!

Whether your child is an artist, an athlete, a budding scientist or a mathematician, Plymouth Christian Academy has the perfect summer camp opportunities for your student. Check out some of these great camps and register today! Forms are available in our school offices or on-line. Please refer to the PCA Summer Camps Catalog on the PCA Website for a complete description of summer offerings, camp dates and times. PCA Summer Camps are open to all students from public, home, and private schools for an unforgettable summer of learning, adventure and excitement.



PCA Students Attend "Achieving Global Biomedical Innovation for Children"

This past March a group of ten PCA students had the honor of attending the first ever "Achieving Global Biomedical Innovation for Children" conference held at the Ann Arbor Sheraton as VIP guests.

The University of Michigan Medical Innovation Center (MIC) coordinated the conference.

The students had the privilege of hearing from world-renowned physicians and surgeons as they shared the mission of the MIC and the challenge of serving the world's pediatric population through advancements in medical technology specifically suited to the needs of children. They were also able to learn about the growth of and opportunities in the field of biomedical engineering in the state of Michigan. One thank you note received from PCA student Jonathan Manni stated, "Thanks for facilitating the ability for us to go to the conference today! I really enjoyed it, and was glad that I could be a part of something that is happening currently in the medical and engineering fields."





Rise and Shine PCA!!



Plymouth-Christian's Annual Servathon was an incredible, high-impact event that engaged hundreds of student and staff volunteers in service that benefitted over ten organizations in surrounding communities. Projects included stocking food warehouses, painting homeless shelters, cleaning up community parks, making over 200 care kits for soldiers, mentoring children, serving senior citizens and donating food, just to name a few.

Thank you, PCA Family, for supporting our school's Servathon! We are thankful to our glorious Lord that He has made it possible for us to continue to train students to be leaders who will serve and impact our world with the love of Jesus. We were blessed to serve the following organizations: World Medical Relief, Mott Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, Detroit Rescue Mission, St. Patrick's Senior Center in Detroit, Head Start Program, Grace Centers of Hope, Salvation Army, Support Our Troops, Orphan Care, Penrickton Center for the Blind, MediLodge Seniors Center, and Gleaners Food Bank!



What a blessing that 2nd and 3rd graders at PCA 'adopted' the Charlie Troop by sending notes of encouragement and boxes of snacks, Bibles, and so much more before an incident happened to the C-TRP 1-126 CAV Michigan Army National Guard. The timing of when the soldier kits will be received is not by chance. On May 20, 2012, there was a serious incident and one man, close friend of Michael LeMerise (PCA Alum), was seriously injured and is still in critical condition. Michael wasn't injured but was there and will never be the same. God is sovereign and we invite you to continue to pray that all our soldiers will seek a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus.

The care packages from PCA's 2nd and 3rd graders, including the notes of encouragement and Bibles that are on their way, will mean more now than ever. God's timing is perfect. Please pray for all the soldiers they supported as they recover and carry on.



Press Release... On May 20, 2012, Ludington Michigan native, Eric Lund along with 9 other soldiers from C-TRP 1-126 CAV Michigan Army National Guard were injured in a complex IED attack in Afghanistan. Eight of the ten soldiers suffered minor injuries and are recovering swiftly. One soldier had a vertebra fracture and was flown to Germany with Eric for further medical treatment. The other soldier is doing fine and he will be entering his long road to recovery soon. Eric has unfortunately suffered many significant injuries: shattered right femur, injury to his left thigh, fractured pelvis, fractured T-4 vertebrae, superficial wounds to his face (non-disfiguring), and has lost both arms above the elbow.

Eric's physical support is being handled by our nation's best at Brooks Army Medical Center. Eric's emotional and spiritual support will have to come from his family, friends, comrades, and community. Eric is in great hands, but he still has a long way to go before he begins his road to recovery. We ask that you keep Eric in your thoughts and prayers. What our students do during Servathon week has far reaching effects that we cannot fathom. Thank you for supporting, donating your time and effort, and praying for the students of PCA as they SERVE HIM IN NEIGHBORHOODS EVERYWHERE!

ALUMNI NEWS

from across the nation and around the world

ALUMNI, we love to hear from you! News about you and your family is important to us and to your former classmates. Please visit PCA's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Plymouth-Christian-Academy-Alumni/>



NOTE TO ALUMNI PARENTS... If your students no longer live in your home, please e-mail alumni@plymouthchristian.org to update their alumni information.



Thanks to all PCA Alumni who have made it such a wonderful year. We had a great time at all the Alumni Events and are thrilled that so many of you could be a part of them. We are already looking forward to the great events planned for next year.

Save the date for Homecoming 2013 (February 1) and the Homecoming Alumni Reunion Basketball Game (February 2).

Julie Balcom, Class of 1990

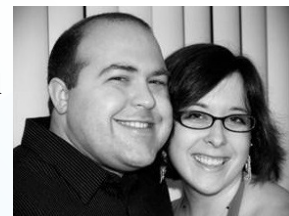
Julie graduated from Spring Arbor College (now Spring Arbor University) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1994. In 1997, Julie moved to Nashville, TN where she is currently in her 15th year of employment working in Marketing at Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing. Brentwood-Benson Music Publishing is a company that creates, markets, and sells Choir Music to churches and bookstores across the country. Julie lives in beautiful Franklin, TN and sings in the choir at Thompson Station Church in Thompson Station, TN.

Dennis Donohue, Class of 1996

Dennis and his wife Dagmara are living in Brussels Belgium. Last year they celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Anouk Rei Donohue.

Phil Varney, Class of 2000

Phil currently works as the Athletic Trainer for the Seattle Thunderbirds Hockey Team. Phil and Esther were wed on June 16. Esther is a nurse/nurse educator on the cardiac and transplant unit at Children's Hospital in Seattle. Congratulations to Phil and Esther!



Patrick Haney, Class of 2002

Sergeant Patrick Haney currently serves in the Marine Corps. He is stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, SC and lives nearby with his wife Mandi and their three children. Patrick and Mandi were married on July 27, 2007. Their oldest daughter, Maya, is 3 years old. They also have twins, Ava and Patrick Jr., who are 7 months old. Patrick has served in the Marines for six years.

Elizabeth Olson, Class of 2002

Sergeant Elizabeth Olson is currently enlisted in the US Army. Elizabeth is stationed in Charlottesville, VA and works as a Chaplain's Assistant. She has served two tours of duty in Iraq.

Mark Varney, Class of 2003

Mark is currently in the Marine Reserves where he specializes in communications. Mark is stationed out of Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Mt. Clemons, MI. He has been in the Marines for 6 ½ years.

Matthew Bixler, Class of 2003 & Nathan Bixler, Class of 2005

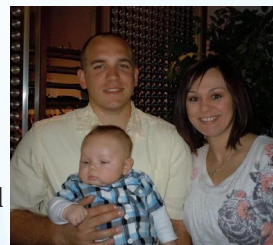
Matthew Bixler and his wife Amanda recently celebrated the birth of their first son, Wellesley Bixler. Nathan Bixler and his wife Emily recently celebrated the birth of their first daughter, Hannah Bixler. Congratulations to the Bixler family!





Ben Baloga, Class of 2004

Staff Sergeant Ben Baloga is currently serving in the US Air Force stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, KS. He works as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician. He is married to Allyson and in December of 2011 they celebrated the birth of their first son, Blake Edward Baloga. Ben was deployed to Iraq in 2010 and is currently deployed in Afghanistan.



Nathan Baloga, Class of 2006

Nathan is currently a Senior Airman serving in the US Air Force. He is stationed at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, NM where he works as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician and was named Airman of the Year for his squadron. He has served two deployments in Afghanistan.

Colin Lampson, Class of 2006 Colin has served in the US Navy since 2008. He works as a Master of Arms. He is currently stationed in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia.



Aaron Lorincz, Class of 2007

Aaron completed his Associate degree in Small Business from Schoolcraft College and is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University. This past year he was a co-captain of the Varsity Bowling team and received two national honors: First Team All-American (making him one of the top five collegiate bowlers in the nation) by the National Collegiate Bowling Coaches Association, and Runner-up for Male Collegiate Player of the Year by the Bowling Writers Association of America. He will be returning to SVSU for the next two years where he will continue to pursue a BA in Small Business Entrepreneurship.

Patrick Lutz, Class of 2008 Patrick Lutz, Hope College graduate received recognition through the prestigious Graduate Research Fellowship program of the National Science Foundation (NSF). Patrick is the son of John and Michelle Lutz of Canton, and a 2008 graduate of Plymouth Christian Academy! The awards are for students in the early stage of pursuing a research-based master's or doctoral degree in NSF-supported science, technology, engineering and mathematics disciplines. Lutz is majoring in chemistry. He has been conducting collaborative research with Dr. Jeffrey Johnson, who is an assistant professor of chemistry and Towsley Research Scholar at Hope. In 2010, he held the college's Dean's Science Division Research Award in chemistry in support of his participation in summer research. In the fall he will begin graduate studies at Princeton University, pursuing a Ph.D. in organic chemistry, and he is considering a career teaching and conducting research.

Alisha Lorincz, Class of 2009

Alisha has completed three years at Eastern Michigan University and was recently accepted into the Dietetics Program. This two-year program will allow her to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Dietetics and become a Registered Dietitian.

Manabu Takatani, Class of 2011 Manabu is currently studying at Calvin College and, this June, he will have an in-depth look at how our nation's policies are formed as part of the 2012 JACL Collegiate DC Leadership Conference. Specifically, he will be "briefed on legislative issues affecting the Asian Pacific American community" and will get to "examine the role Asian Pacific American civil rights organizations play in affecting public policy in the nation's capital." He will also hear from Eddie Lee, who works for the Executive Office of the President where he leads the Office of Public Engagement's outreach to the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. Manabu will also have the tremendous honor of partnering with some of the brightest minds of America and Japan through a program called Japan-America Student Conference. Starting from July 25th until August 19th, he will begin traveling through Texas, Wisconsin, California, and Washington State. For this program, he has been delegated to the round-table group that will focus on the topic of "Post-Crisis Reconstruction". His group's aim is to create a manual for worldwide disaster relief support to be used in the future. He will also discuss how to make it easier for foreign countries to support other nations during times of reconstruction.

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? YOUR CLASSMATES WANT TO KNOW!

We want to thank all of our alumni that make contact with the Development Department at PCA through Facebook and our email, alumni@plymouthchristian.org. We sincerely appreciate hearing from you, updates about your education, ministry involvement, careers, and families. It provides inspiration and encouragement to our staff and current families to hear your stories.

Math Olympic Students Soar at Districts

Students in 3rd – 8th grade competed in the Math Olympics Competition for the ACSI Mid-America Region this past March. We entered two categories; computation and reasoning. The top 3 students, per grade level, scoring the highest on the math run off days advanced to the nationwide testing ACSI testing day in March. Overall, in grades 3-8, twenty PCA students place in the event through the 5th place. Congratulations to our top students in the reasoning category: **Drew LaBelle (5th place), Norbie Fernandez (2nd place), Phillip Morby (3rd place), Jayme Fadden (4th place).** Congratulations to our top students in the computation category: **Dillon St. Ledger (2nd place), Stephen Miera (1st place), Johnathon Smith (4th place), Caleb Godin (5th place), Nicholas Schmucker (1st place), Emilee The' (2nd place), Ann Stein (3rd place).**



Secondary Math Students Compete

Congratulations to the 22 students who competed in the math competition. The students competed against students from 7 other schools, and while it was an honor just to be chosen to go to the competition, several students did exceptionally well. In Algebra 1, Haikel Haile finished in 3rd place overall and as an Algebra 1 team, they finished in 2nd place. For geometry, Megan McHugh finished in 2nd place overall and as a geometry team they finished in 3rd place. For PreCalc, Nathan Harold finished 2nd overall and the PreCalc team finished in 2nd place. PCA did a great job!

Young Spellers Perform Well at Annual Bee



Plymouth Christian Academy students rose to the top at the 2012 ACSI (Association of Christian School International) District Spelling Bee Competition held in Auburn Hills this past January! **Out of the**

21 students first through eighth grade that competed in the bee, 10 of our students placed. Congratulations to John Harju (2nd place), Noah Chun (1st place ribbon and medal), Nathan Sutrick (4th place), Drew LaBelle (2nd place), Hope Chun (4th place ribbon), and Caleb Godin (1st place ribbon and medal).

This Fall Around the PCA Campus...

Donuts With Dad is a unique gathering of the men of PCA for the purpose of supporting one another as dads of students in preschool through the 12th grade and learning more about PCA. It is a wonderful time to connect with other dads, have some one-on-one time with your student(s) in a school setting, and learn more about getting involved in the educational process at Plymouth Christian. During our October 2012 Donuts with Dad, you will have the opportunity to have donuts and refreshments with your student(s) in the church narthex and then enjoy a time of fellowship and encouragement with Special Guest Speaker, Pastor Wayne Kurtycz, Northridge Church.



Thursday, October 11, 2012
7:30 AM - 8:45 AM
Church Auditorium

Special Guest Speaker,
Pastor Wayne Kurtycz,
Northridge Church

THE HEART OF A VOLUNTEER

"There's nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer." At Plymouth Christian, this heart for service beats strongly in our students, our faculty and staff, our parents and our grandparents. In 1 Peter 4:10, he writes, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Our families and students have been blessed with an abundance of gifts that they put to use both on the PCA campus and in the community. Plymouth Christian could not function without volunteers. From the parents who serve at our Grandparents Day event to our Career Day speakers to the faithful concession workers who work at U of M games to the dozens of moms who make SHINE week explode with excitement to serve others to the faithful weekly classroom workers ... every single parent and grandparent is a valuable resource to Plymouth Christian. We THANK YOU and WE INVITE YOU to attend...

"HEART OF A VOLUNTEER" Breakfast

*Wednesday, September 19 at 8:00 am in Room 303
with Special Guest Speaker,
Mrs. Marnise Roberts*

The list of ways our families serve here is endless. Here are just some examples of what PCA Volunteers do on the campus:

- Career Day speakers
- Middle School Fun Nights
- Friendly Friday tour guides
- Room Parents
- Auction Acquisitions team
- Concession workers
- Ticket Sales at athletic events
- Classroom readers
- Field trip chaperones
- Auction decorators
- Decorating bulletin boards
- Assisting on Grandparent's Day
- Special event workers
- Homecoming
- Back to School Picnic
- Volunteer assistant coaches
- Lunch workers
- Servathon volunteers
- Guest speakers in the classroom and in chapel
- PCA Dads Program

The faculty, staff and administration of Plymouth Christian Academy Christian are thankful for all of the volunteers who choose to give of their time and gifts as we educate children in the light of God's Word. If you are looking for ways to get involved, be sure to complete the PCA Volunteer Recruitment form in your summer packet or visit our webpage to volunteer. You can also call the Development Office at 734.459.3505 x3143 to sign up!

Parent Teacher Fellowship - There's a Place for You!

It has been another wonderful year at PCA thanks to the many volunteers who contribute and serve to make our school great. The PTF thanks you so much for all that you do for our staff and students! We wish you a blessed and restful summer with your families. Please save the date for our annual "Welcome Back Picnic" on August 29 from 4-7pm at Plymouth Township Park. It's a great time of food and fellowship with our PCA friends and a wonderful chance to welcome new families!

The PTF is pleased to announce the results of our board elections this May: Peggy Paulson, President (beginning 6th year of service); Tasha Postma, Vice-President (beginning 1st year of service); Nancy Chapman, Treasurer (beginning 1st year of service); Dianne Crawford, Secretary (beginning 3rd year of service). The PTF would like to extend a very special thank you to Diana Chapel, who has served as the PTF Treasurer for the past five years. Diana has done an amazing job keeping the PTF finances straight!

In addition to the PTF Board, we also have many who volunteer as committee chairs: Lori Young, Market Day Chair (beginning 6th year of service); Nikki Hossink, School Store Chair (beginning 3rd year of service); Kay Metz, After School Concessions Chair (beginning 3rd year of service); Kathy Smith, Prayer Partners Chair (beginning 4th year of service).

A heartfelt thank you to Diane Lauch who faithfully served as School Store Chair for nine years! Diane has also lovingly served countless hungry students in the concession stand benefitting the Sophomore Class for the past two years. We thank you for your tireless commitment.

Lastly, the PTF wants to thank Kelly Owen, a wonderful friend and faithful servant who served 5 years as the Market Day Co-Chair. Kelly, her husband Paul, and their son Ivor moved to Franklin, Tennessee this past spring. We miss you Kelly, but we're so excited for what the Lord has in store for your family!

FROM THE DESK OF MRS. HUNTSMAN

Elementary Principal

I genuinely want to know what motivates parents to consider Christian schooling at PCA for their children. One of the most frequent responses I have received from parents has to do with wanting a “Christian atmosphere” for their child. Sometimes disappointments with past school experiences are described. Concerns about safety or peer treatment loom large for some. The exclusion of the mention of God or the use of Scripture is a frustration for others. There is no question that an atmosphere conducive to learning is a key component in a student’s education. We strive to have an atmosphere at PCA where it is “in” to excel academically while valuing those for whom school is a struggle. “Christian atmosphere” also carries with it the expectation that the cultural norms include a climate that contributes to a student’s spiritual growth. Following Christ, serving Him and others is encouraged, not only from our teachers, but also from a student’s peers. But it goes beyond just having the wonderful Christian atmosphere at Plymouth Christian. *What is learned* at PCA is of utmost importance. The purpose of Plymouth Christian is to prepare students to fulfill their God given calling through an excellent education that is steeped in God’s Word. Every subject and every

student activity is an opportunity to teach a biblical worldview. A biblical worldview equips even our youngest students to apply the teachings of scripture about justice, morality, leadership, and the rights of others. Our students must be *taught* biblically in order to *think* biblically. It doesn’t just happen naturally. Any educational atmosphere, Christian or otherwise, lasts only as long as the schooling lasts. Of far more lasting importance includes what is learned and how a student is taught to think. That extends far beyond preschool graduation and high school commencement. It sets the trajectory for a lifetime. As we partner together for the solid foundation of our students, let’s continue to encourage our students to think and live biblically for the glory of God and for their long-range good. After all, when a group of educators and students are focused on thinking and living biblically, it makes for an amazing school atmosphere!

Praying for You, Mrs. Caryn Huntsman



PCA PHYSICS

The Rube Goldberg project, completed by each physic student, brings to life the cartoons of the artist Rube Goldberg. He is famous for drawing complicated and convoluted inventions to do simple tasks. Each physic student completed a Rube Goldberg project containing at least 10 steps that finally end in a simple completed job such as swatting a bug, turning on music, turning pages in a book, or opening a pop can. Each machine demonstrates multiple physics concepts which the students use in describing to their classmates what their project does. The physics students run their machines in the activity center for the rest of the student body to see their accomplishments.

PCA Drama proudly presented Disney's Beauty and the Beast, Jr.!

On April 19, 20 and 21, the PCA Drama department proudly presented Disney’s well-known musical, *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* Director Patti Snyder could not have been more proud of how the students sang and acted, and also of how the students came together to work as an ensemble. Among the 35 cast and crew members, Amy

Zinn, whom recently graduated from PCA, portrayed Belle, with junior Connor Roy playing the Beast and Dillon Rahill, another 2012 graduate, portraying Gaston. All of the cast and crew did a fantastic job bringing this script to life on stage, and without the dedication of the students, the success would not have been possible. All three performances were truly a delight for both the young and the young at heart. To God be the glory for another successful drama season!



Technology Allows Students to be More Engaged

Thanks to your Auction Donations, We Are Preparing for the Future!

When the 2012-2013 school year kicks off this coming September, even more changes will take place with the implementation of new SmartBoard technology in classrooms across the board! Teachers will integrate SmartBoards into their classrooms in unique ways to enhance their subject area. According to recent research, many of the top 10 jobs right now are related to technology and computers. The purpose of Plymouth Christian Academy is to educate students in the light of God's Word to equip them to impact our world for Christ. Learning by doing – taking an active role in their education – is one way that PCA students will be equipped for the future. Your commitment to our annual auction helps prepare our students for the future. ***The goal of our auction is to continue making a difference in the lives of PCA students and your support is truly appreciated! Please help us thank our donors!***

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FINE ARTS STUDENTS

Congratulations to PCA art students Lindsey Davidson, Brittany Baxter, and Leah Vuletich for having artwork in the Congressional Art Competition, which was displayed in the Novi Public Library from April 23-25. Brittany Baxter and Lindsey Davidson's work was chosen to receive two of the three Awards of Merit, and they have the honor of having their artwork exhibited in Representative McCotter's Livonia and Milford offices for 2012-13.

A special honor goes to Lindsey Davidson! Her painting, *Dappled Sunlight*, has earned the distinctive honor of being chosen from artwork submitted from all over the United States and will be featured on the front of the School Specialty Sax catalog, which is nationally distributed for arts & crafts supplies. She will receive a framed copy of this, as well as a considerable gift certificate. This is the second time a PCA art student's artwork has been chosen! Our PCA AP Art students had a 2-person exhibit of their art at Biggby's on Ann Arbor Road the week of April 30-May 6. The Opening Reception included guitar playing by Connor Roy. Both Lindsey Davidson and Leah Vuletich gave presentations about their work.



INDUCTION CEREMONY FOR PCA NATIONAL HONOR STUDENTS AND NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

On Monday, May 14 at 7:00 pm, students from the Sophomore, Junior, and Senior classes were inducted into the National Honor Society and National Art Honor Society during a formal ceremony held at Calvary Baptist Church. The NHS honors students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. The National Art Honor Society adds a fifth area, Creativity, to the list of attributes. Congratulations students!

The Fine Arts Department entered student work in the Southeastern Michigan Scholastic Art & Writing Competition and Lindsey Davidson received a Gold Key Award for her portfolio and then for the three individual pieces she submitted she received a Gold Key, a Silver, and a Certificate. Brittany Baxter received a Silver Award for a sculpture piece as well. The Scholastic Arts & Writing Competition is *extremely* competitive, and we are proud that Lindsey was honored. The award ceremony was February 11 at the College for Creative Studies. The work was displayed there in an exhibit and each student was presented with his/her award. Any Gold Key awards are eligible now to go to national adjudication.



SENIORS ATTEND THE DETROIT ECONOMIC CLUB

Thanks to Robert W. Baird and Mr. Dan Paulson, ten PCA seniors were able to attend the Detroit Economic Club and hear from The Big Four- Detroit Mayor Dave Bing, Macomb County Executive Mark Hackel, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, and Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. It was a panel discussion about the future of this region and how each of these men works individually and collectively to make improvements in our communities. The event took place at Cobo Center. The students enjoyed lunch and then a visit to the North American International Auto Show.



Life-Changing



Having been to Guatemala the year before, I was overjoyed with the idea of going back. This time our family would take some friends along with us. We hand selected a group of kids from PCA in hopes that half of them might be able to join us. We ended up taking eight students from PCA (including my sister and me) and one of my friends from Northville High School. I think I am safe in saying that this mission trip affected each and every one of our lives in a special and unique way.

On our first trip in 2011, I had the amazing opportunity to meet a boy named Jonny who lives up in the mountains in a village called Pinalito. Jonny has been neglected his whole life. At the age of two, Jonny weighed ten pounds and was suffering from severe malnutrition. He lost sight in his left eye and the doctors said they were lucky to save the right eye. Long story short, when I saw him for the first time my heart ached for all that he had been through. I wanted my family to adopt him but adoption was closed in Guatemala so I began to pray every day for Jonny and his family.

Seeing Jonny again this year was confirmation that God had heard my prayers. Jonny was healthier and his family was taking care of him. He now is able to go to school, being tutored by a private teacher. I had the privilege of giving his family money that I had put aside for them from my summer job and to visit him at his house giving his family school supplies and shoes.



Being baptized in Guatemala was another high point of my trip. Ethan Levack, Kayla Beene (one of the missionaries), and myself were able to have an experience that we will never forget. We, along with many villagers took a long two-mile hike through the mountains of Guatemala on what was a very “sketchy” and narrow path just to get to the baptism site. After finally arriving we saw the coolest spot ever to have a baptism. It was a valley between two mountains with a river running through it. Along the river there were drop-offs that created waterfalls, and the villagers had created a dam with bamboo trees. The whole experience of being with the villagers and worshiping with them in Spanish, and even witnessing ten of the villagers get baptized with us was truly a once in a lifetime opportunity.

God showed just how marvelous He is and He blessed us with an amazing team for this trip. It was such a gift and answer to many prayers to be able to do mission work alongside my classmates and friends. And I will never forget the memories we made over the two weeks that we spent in Guatemala together.

Finally, because of Jonny the Lord has put on my heart the desire to care for orphans when I get older. Jonny has honestly changed my life forever and now I can't wait to open an orphanage so that I can help poor, neglected, and abused kids find God's unending comfort and love.

Adam Powlus





We know that grandchildren hold a special place in your hearts. That's why, every year, we invite our PCA Grandparents to come and enjoy a day on our campus. This year, GRANDPARENTS DAY was filled with excitement as our elementary students shared an afternoon with their grandparents in our Easter Chapel. PCA Grandparents enjoyed a wonderful lunch together and sat with their grandchildren for a special chapel presentation by Rod Snow, Chalk Artist. Be sure to mark your calendars for next Easter's Grandparents Day Celebration on Tuesday, March, 26 with lunch at 12:00 pm and a Christ-honoring chapel with your grandchildren at 1:45 in the church auditorium.



Announcing.... New Begindergarten Fall 2013 - Plymouth Christian Academy

Plymouth Christian Academy is pleased to announce the addition of a new **Begindergarten** class for **Fall 2013**. Begindergarten is a "Young 5's" class designed for children whose 5th birthdays are in the summer or fall (up through December 31st) and who would benefit from an additional growth year before Kindergarten. Class will meet five half days each week from 11:45 am-2:45 pm. The curriculum will expand on the Bible, beginning reading, math, science, and concept development in our preschool program. There will be a strong emphasis on fine motor and printing development, as well as such special classes as art, music, world language and physical education. As always, the Christian character development of our students is a priority. A certified teacher and an assistant will teach Begindergarten. Contact the preschool/elementary office for additional information at 734-459-3505 x3125 or visit www.plymouthchristian.org.

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*It is a joy to receive gifts that are sent to acknowledge a loved one.
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As a Christ-centered, college preparatory school, we rely on God's provision through tax-deductible charitable contribution over and above tuition to sustain and enhance our programs and facilities. We are grateful to you, our loyal supporters, for recognizing the value of Christian education in the lives of our children.

What role will you play in helping our students succeed?

Please visit us on line for more ways to give at www.plymouthchristian.org and click on Support PCA.

SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Kelly Ozanich, the current high school English teacher, married her fiancé, Jeff, on February 24th of this year. Kelly and Jeff, along with 23 family members and friends traveled to Grand Cayman for their wedding ceremony. They got married during a sunset ceremony on the beach and had a tropical reception complete with steel drums and local cuisine. They truly thank God for His timing and plan, and they look forward to what He has in store for them in the future.



Nathan Yates, the current high school social studies teacher, and his fiancé, Jenny Coppola, will wed on June 25, 2012 at the Luxor Hotel in Las Vegas, NV. They want to thank God for bringing them together and they also want to thank their family and friends for all their support.

Cindy Wells has retired after teaching the 3rd grade at PCA for 14 years.

Ledia Dittberner has retired after teaching 5th and 6th grade at PCA for 14 years.

Allison Spencer has retired after serving as a Kindergarten Aide at PCA for 6 years.

Cynthia Davidson served as the secondary choir teacher at PCA for 4 years and will be leaving PCA to work with her husband in the fall.

Elise Bommarito, the secondary social studies department chair, and her husband Michael recently celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Marie, on January 9.

Carolyn Neely-Kedney, Fine Arts Department Chair and Elementary Choir Director, married Tom Kedney on 2/18/12. Their wedding took place on a cruise ship prior to leaving on a Caribbean cruise. Family and friends joined them for the joyous occasion.

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bud•dy ^['bədə] informal noun (pl. **buddies**) a close friend. • a working companion with whom close cooperation is required. verb

(**buddies, buddying, buddied**) [no obj.] become friendly and spend time with.

This is the definition of a “buddy”, according to *The New Oxford American Dictionary*. To a PCA sixth grader, however, it can take on an even larger meaning. For 3 years, PCA sixth graders have had the privilege to be a buddy to a first grader. Due to class sizes, the class of 2018 also had the opportunity to partner with kindergarteners as well. It’s hard to say who enjoyed this experience more, as both age groups agreed it was a lot of fun!

Sixth grader, Evan Wright, enjoyed being a buddy to Kindergartener Jacob Reinhart. “It was fun to work with the kindergarten class and do stuff with them. It will be fun to watch them grow up through their school years. I think they like it because they have someone older that they know in the school.” Evan’s favorite memory of being a buddy was playing kickball with Jacob and having popsicles afterwards.

The classes spent a lot of time together throughout the school year. Time was spent reading together, creating crafts and playing games. The sixth graders even organized an Easter egg hunt for their buddies! According to sixth grader Kiren Moore, “it was fun (to be a buddy) because I was able to be a mentor to someone and have someone look up to me. It was fun to interact with someone younger and teach them things.”





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Annual Golf Tournament Provides Support for Athletic Teams

What better way to support the PCA Athletic Department than to grab some friends, load up your golf clubs and enjoy a beautiful August afternoon on the golf course? Come on out for an 8:30 am Shotgun Start on Monday, August 13, and enjoy a fun day complete with 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, skills contests, and prizes for 1st and 2nd place foursomes. It all takes place at the Fellows Creek Golf of Canton (2936 S Lotz Rd). **Special Guest Buddy Shuh, a contestant on Biggest Loser 2012, will join us for lunch.** He will talk to us about his experience on the Biggest Loser. The PCA Boosters are excited to announce that we will be giving our gym floor a whole new look – a look that says “WOW”! The floor will be sanded, painted and will include our logo at center court. This will be a gym floor everyone can be proud of. **See our sponsor form online or contact: Jim Rich (734) 455-5508 or Diana Ross (734) 751-1613 for more details.**

Orientation Events Scheduled for September

Although September seems like months away, it will be here faster than you can say, “How was your summer?” There are a number of important orientation meetings and events scheduled in the first few weeks of school that are new to the PCA calendar. If you have questions, please contact the school at 734.459.3505.

Meetings for Grades K-12

Thursday, September 13: Secondary Orientation

Thursday, September 20: Elementary Orientation

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| August 24 | Secondary and Elementary Class Schedule/List Pick Up Day, 9:00 am-2:00 pm (<i>only if all forms have been given to office personnel</i>). <i>Eagles Nest (School Store) open from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm</i> |
| August 29 | ALL-SCHOOL Welcome Back Picnic at McClumpha Park from 4:00-7:00 pm |
| September 4 | Secondary, First Full Day of School & Secondary Spirit Day
Elementary Visitation Day (9:00 am – 11:00 am)
<i>Eagles Nest (School Store) open from 9:00 am–11:00 am</i> |
| September 5 | First Day of School (full day) 2 nd – 6 th grade, 1 st grade meets 8:00 am - 11:15 am (1/2 day), Kindergarten 1/2 day from 8:00 am - 11:15 am |
| September 6 | 1 st grade meets 8:00 am - 11:15 am (1/2 day), Kindergarten 1/2 day from 8:00 am - 11:15 am |
| September 13 | Secondary Orientation at 7:00 pm (Church Auditorium) |
| September 20 | Elementary K-6 Parent Orientation at 7:00 pm (Church Auditorium) |

giftedness. Intellectual sloppiness or laziness is therefore unacceptable because Christ is dishonored. Science, art, mathematics, literature, languages, history, geography, and every other academic discipline belong to God and we push our students to excel within their God-given abilities. Anything less is not worthy of our Savior. Let us not forget that His name is on the door!

The fourth piece of the purpose statement is producing students who are **dedicated** to lives of service and learning. Producing students who are “zealous for good works” (Titus 2:14), who are devoted to serving others at the expense of self goes directly to the heart of God. Jesus Christ made it clear that He came to serve and not to be served and He has commanded us to do the same—to follow His example (John 13). Also, students who are committed to being lifelong learners, growing in Christ and in the profession to which He has called them, is a critical piece of PCA’s purpose. Just as we cannot accept intellectual sloppiness or laziness from our students, we must engrain in them a passion for growing in knowledge and wisdom that will carry them through all of

their days.

Finally, and alluded to above, PCA must be about the business of producing students who are **prepared** to fulfill their calling in His kingdom. Only the Lord knows how and where He will use His people and our role is to prepare them fully, within the parameters of their capabilities, to be useful and productive servants of the King. Whatever God calls a student to pursue is a vocation, a calling from God, so whether the call is industry, government, the military, education, the home, or the church (and related ministries), our purpose as a school is to produce students ready for the next phase of God’s plan for their lives.

What is the purpose of Plymouth Christian Academy? To produce students matured in their love for God, steeped in His Word, educated about His world, dedicated to lives of service and learning, and prepared to fulfill their calling in His kingdom. By His grace and for His glory we strive to this end, never forgetting that Christ is our strength and confidence and that He alone is responsible for results.

Dr. Mark Wood, Superintendent

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