

'Tis the Season of Celebration and Remembrance

Canned food drives for the Detroit Rescue Mission, candy for the PB&J Ministry, planning for our school-wide Servathon and plenty of programs and parties – these are activities that characterize life around the halls here at Plymouth Christian during the holiday season. Oh, and some reading, writing and arithmetic as well!

But really, what is the point? 'Tis the season for what? How can we encourage our students to enjoy but look beyond all the frenzy and fun of the Christmas holidays - for it is both a time of CELEBRATION and REMEMBRANCE.

Celebration...

There is a passage in Hebrews that does a beautiful job of simply laying out the pillars of the Christian faith and what I believe defines the "Reason for the Season", as we say. Certainly there is great cause for celebration as we consider the greatest gift ever given – the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He was sent as the Savior of the world, rescuing us from the debt owed because of our sin and rebellion against our Creator. Through Him, we who are guilty can now stand righteous and wholly forgiven before our Maker, reconciled to Him for eternity.

Hebrews 10:19-23 says, "Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." (ESV)

This is the good news of the gospel and gives us every reason to celebrate the birth of the Christ Child.

Remembrance ...

However, there is mixed with this celebration cause for remembrance as well. Just as school was getting underway in September, we had to say goodbye to one of our precious students at PCA. Carter Jones was a special gift from God and was a blessing to all he touched. *"He was here for a brief time, but he impacted countless lives. The outpouring of support and love the family received during this ordeal was amazing. God's love and compassion shined so brightly in the midst of this dark time. Carter's life taught us all how to better love one another, brought families and churches closer together, and gave glory and honor to God. This brave little five year old boy touched more lives in his short life span than most could hope to with fifty years at their disposal. Carter faced a crippling brain tumor, and yet, his smile and his love were contagious. Even in the worst circumstances he could make you laugh with a joke or melt your heart with a sweet word and kiss."* ~James Jones



Carter Daniel Jones

We miss him terribly and we are praying for the Jones family. May God continue to be your strength and your comfort. Thank you for being an inspiration to us. God promises that if His people will patiently trust Him, He will provide whatever is needed to sustain them constantly. Isaiah 40:31 says, "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not grow faint." (ESV) The image of a soaring eagle is used. Many have observed the ability of the eagle to soar above the storms and likewise, through our hope, we can soar above the storms of life. By God's grace may you hope in the Lord, may your strength be renewed and may you spiritually soar above the inevitable storms of life!

As you enter the holiday season, with all its wonderful offerings, ask yourself this question: What will you talk about this year with your children as you make Christmas cookies, wrap presents to go under the tree and attend holiday parties? What a wonderful gift you can offer this year as you celebrate, remember and share with others our "reason for the season."

Merry Christmas, the Savior has come!

Caryn Huntsman, Superintendent



GIVING BACK THIS THANKSGIVING

Each year during the month of November, Plymouth Christian Academy students and staff look for ways to give back and serve others. The effort alternates between service projects that reach around the world by filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child and those that serve the community at home. This year, PCA partnered with the Detroit Rescue Mission Ministry to serve those closer to home. Students and staff collected close to 1,000 cans of food, each wrapped with dollar bills, for donation to the mission.

According to their website the DRMM was founded in 1909 and since then the mission has “helped to rebuild thousands of lives that were destroyed by addiction, homelessness, and poverty.” They have accomplished this mission by “sharing the love of Jesus Christ and giving the most hopeless citizens

of Detroit the chance for hope and a future.” According to the DRMM website, “In Detroit, there are over 18,000 homeless people in need of shelter on any given night. Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries is providing 600 of them emergency, transitional, and permanent housing each night.” Each day the mission serves more than 1,400 men, women, and children. PCA has worked with the mission many times in the past during the school’s Christmas service projects and during the annual school Servathon in the spring. This past spring, PCA students and staff helped to build urban garden boxes for the DRMM, another initiative being taken by this ministry.

To learn more about the DRMM, please visit their website, <http://drmm.org>.

Operation Christmas Child

Karen Hart, PCA kindergarten teacher for 16 years, was able to go with her church to the Operation Christmas Child’s processing center in Charlotte, North Carolina, for three days this month. Karen said, “I’ve been filling shoeboxes with small gifts for over 10 years and wanted to be involved in the next step. I enjoyed my time working with others to bring hope to children around the world. Did you know that Operation Christmas Child has sent over 100 million shoeboxes to 130 countries in over 20 years? I was able to hear firsthand how one shoebox impacted a Rwandan young man when he was 9 years old. Alex shared with us how he was living in an orphanage because his family members had been killed in the Rwandan genocide 20 years ago. Receiving the shoebox brought hope to his tragic world and started him thinking that maybe God loved him after all. His favorite gift in that shoebox was a candy cane, which he bit right into--plastic wrapper and all! Alex was later sponsored to study in the US, where he helped fill shoeboxes, and he even returned to his orphanage to deliver these packages of hope. His desire is to plant a church in Rwanda and minister to those who killed his family members. Hearing his testimony helped me realize what God can do through the smallest acts we offer.” Thanks so much to Karen for sharing this amazing story with us!

PCA's Jipping ready to power up for Central Michigan University

Daniel Jipping has a penchant for hitting the baseball a long way. Soon, the Plymouth Christian Academy senior will have the chance to take his power and other baseball skills to Central Michigan University.

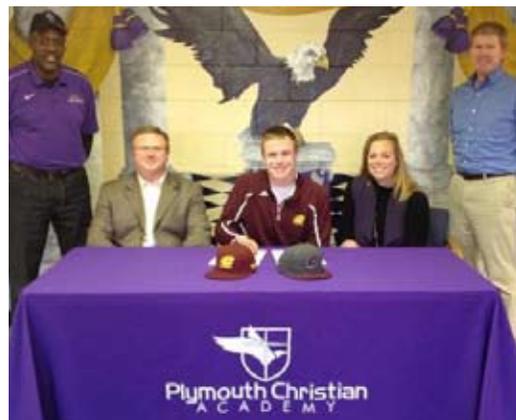
Jipping recently signed his national letter of intent to go to CMU and join the Chippewas, coached by Steve Jaska.

According to Daniel, "I really felt like CMU was a good fit for me. After visiting a couple times, I felt very comfortable with the coaches and the program as a whole. They do an excellent job of player development and I know they will be able to make me a better player."

Although Jipping has primarily played catcher for the Eagles, where he to date has totaled a .594 batting average along with 34 doubles, 12 triples, 18 homers and 84 stolen bases, he is being considered for a corner outfield position with the Chips.

"What a physical kid," noted Jaska in a scouting report about Jipping. "The ball really carries for him and he has a ton of pop in his bat. He plays for a smaller school, but we were able to see him play for the Michigan Bulls and came away very impressed.

"We think he projects as a corner outfielder as his arm strength continues to improve."



Among his many accolades at PCA were being named a first-team all-conference player by the MIAC, as well as being chosen to the all-Observer team in 2013.

Last spring, Jipping really came into his own with a .673 average, plus 9 triples and 46 stolen bases as he was selected as the league's MVP.

Central Michigan, a NCAA Division I school, plays in the Mid-American Conference, another plus as far as Jipping is concerned.

"My goal has always been to play D1 baseball and I feel very honored to be offered a position to play at CMU," Jipping noted.

Jipping, who has a GPA of 3.99 and is a National Honor Society member, intends on majoring in criminal justice.

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THE ATOMS FAMILY

The Atoms Family and Team 4405, PCA's High School Robotics Teams, are entering their third year at PCA with a record number of 17 students and 9 mentors! Three of the mentors are PCA alumni: Keith Boruta, '06, Megan Lemieux, '13 and Tyler Mills, '13. The team is looking forward to the FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition in Science and Technology) kick off on January 4th at Kettering University! Everyone is welcome to come out and cheer them on at the District Competitions on Feb 28-March 1 at Southfield High School in Southfield, and on March 28-29 in Livonia at Churchill High School. Middle School Robotics is off to a great start and making history with an all-girl team of six students from the 7th and 8th grades. Elementary Robotics has a total of 14 team members working on different projects using the Lego Mindstorms.

*Pray for our teams
as they imagine,
design, and
build robots in 2014!!!*

PCA APPRECIATES

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is the beneficiary of many donated goods and services provided by school families and other friends. These gifts enable higher levels of excellence campus-wide. The gratitude we feel for these blessings compels us to do even more for our students to continue equipping them better for their success in the world they serve. Thank you for sharing your resources with us!

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Newly Formed Fine & Performing Arts Parent Advisory Committee

Plymouth Christian Academy is dedicated to improving many areas in our school so that we might glorify God with excellence. We are attempting to get input, suggestions, and feedback from others by developing various advisory committees, designed to address specific areas. One such advisory committee is the Fine and Performing Arts Committee.

Our purpose is to make fine & performing arts education a major strength of PCA so that students will discover and develop their extraordinary God-given artistic talents and reclaim the arts for God's glory.

We are working to create a unique fine and performing arts school model within PCA from 5th-12th grade, combining professional arts education with college preparatory academic excellence. An emphasis within this program will be fine arts training and performance in the areas of visual art, music, theater, and dance.

Accomplishing this goal ties in with our Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow campaign. This would equip students with the skills to help shape culture for God's glory and to stand up and make a difference in a mission field that permeates our society more today than any other time.

If you feel God leading you to working with this group and help change the future of PCA's Fine Arts, please contact Mrs. Aitken at saitken@plymouthchristian.org.

Students Scour Grand Rapids for Art



PCA Visits ArtPrize 2013

On Friday, October 4, art students made the long bus ride to Grand Rapids to see what all the fuss was about with ArtPrize. ArtPrize is a national art competition which allows the public to judge the art all around the city. Artists from all over the world enter their art to compete for the prize (\$200,000).

Although it was impossible to trek all over the city to see the entire collection of artwork, the classes, led by Mrs. Aitken and Mr. and Mrs. Smith, were able to see six of the final ten pieces!

Variety Show is Back

On November 1, the PCA Variety Show returned to PCA, featuring 73 students who shared their God-given talents with parents, friends, and the community. The secondary bands played two songs, one which was a medley of 50's songs. The choirs sang a medley from Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. The audience was treated to a variety of musical styles including classical, modern, popular, Christian contemporary and much more. They were able to view three different styles of dancing including ballet, Korean and a song & dance duet. There were solos, duets, piano, violin, guitar, drums, and even a dulcimer piece which was amazing! One trio did an entire song a cappella, while playing rhythm on cups. A special thank you goes to Rachel Kral for designing a fantastic poster for the show. The range of talent and the positive response illustrate what a valuable tradition the Variety Show is for PCA.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

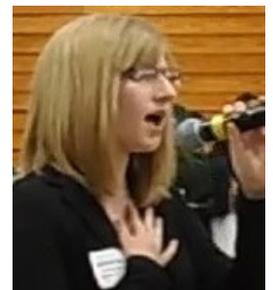


Art student Rachel Kral, NAHS President, is working on her portfolio to submit to the Wringling College of Art and Design in Sarasota, Florida. Rachel is the first PCA art student to develop a portfolio with the goal of entering as an animation student. Rachel attended an extensive four week pre-college summer art program at Wringlin and she said, "It was

wonderful to be exposed to teachers in the industry and work alongside talented students who pushed you to excel." Look for Rachel's work to be displayed at the winter art exhibit.

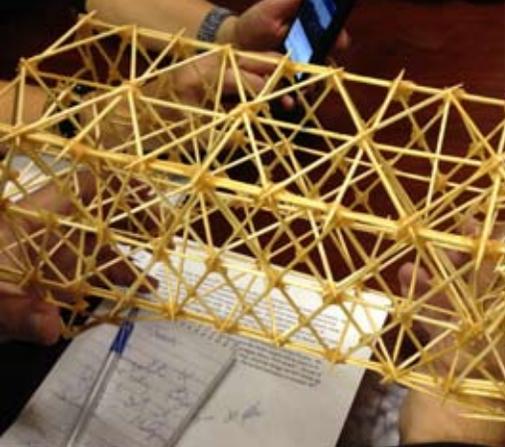
Book Fair Provides Backdrop for PCA Soloists

Taylor Mistele (9) and Brittany Breton (10) graciously donated their time and talent at our Barnes and Noble Book Fair. Taylor sang three songs including God Bless the Broken Road and The Climb. Brittany sang two songs, Blessings and Amazing Love. Both times we received great comments. One man jokingly asked, "Who's her agent?" Thanks to both of them for sharing God with passersby on a Saturday afternoon in September!

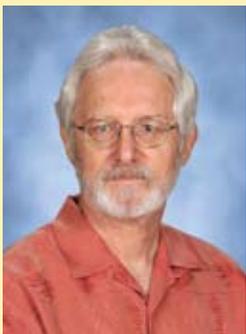


LOTS & LOTS OF TOOTHPICKS..

Deb Hope, PCA middle school science teacher, believes that science should be hands-on to engage students in the learning process. To meet this goal, Deb has her 8th grade students take part in an annual project, the Toothpick Bridge. The bridges must weigh 100 grams or less, be constructed of only standard, non-cut wooden toothpicks and glue, and be a minimum of 35 cm long by 10 cm wide. The bridges must be able to hold a mass of 5,000 grams for at least 10 seconds. The standing school record was a bridge that held 181 pounds (82,100 grams). This year, to everyone's amazement, Allie Kwang shattered the school record. Allie built a bridge that weighed 97 grams, standard, uncut wood toothpicks, and held it together with gorilla glue. Allie's bridge held 308.75 pounds (140,047 grams)! Amazing job, Allie!



Summer of Sharing



Wes Sherman

Thanks to our PTF President, Peggy Paulson, PCA's high school biology teacher, Wes Sherman, had the unique opportunity to be chosen to receive an award from the Community Financial Credit Union Summer of Sharing program. Community Financial Credit Union believes in enhancing the communities where they do business, devoting both time and money. This past summer they gave away \$1000 each day from June through August to deserving educators, groups, and organizations in the Plymouth/Canton community. Peggy Paulson nominated Wes Sherman for this prize as a teacher who goes above and beyond in his classroom and is deserving of such an award. We were thrilled when Wes was chosen as a "Summer of Sharing" recipient. He was able to purchase skull replicas for our amazing science program. Congratulations to Wes for being selected as a \$1000 winner! *"While this donation is just a fraction of what we believe he deserves for the work he does, we give this token of our appreciation on behalf of our members, team members and all the people they help across our community."* ~Community Financial.

EVERY DAY IS TEACHER DAY AT PCA!!

Even though National Teacher Day isn't until May 6, 2014, we are thankful every day for our teachers at Plymouth Christian! Almost daily, we hear reports of students who reflect on their years here at PCA with fond memories of teachers who have inspired them, challenged them, or even changed the course of their lives for Christ! PCA teachers are remarkable individuals who have dedicated their lives to teaching and we appreciate their continued influence.

One parent recently honored Wes Sherman and Christi Huff, sharing the tremendous influence they have had on their son's life. Jacob Maxwell, PCA senior, gained an interest in science and is now putting the lessons he learned at PCA into practice. Jacob has co-authored two articles for the Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) and we are so proud of his accomplishments. The ASC is an exciting venue to hear and

discuss the latest scientific advances in all disciplines pertinent to academic surgery. The breadth of work being presented includes topics in education and clinical outcomes as well as the basic sciences. Jake has attended Plymouth Christian since kindergarten, otherwise affectionately known as "a PCA lifer", he has been accepted to Michigan Tech and Northern Michigan. *"We appreciate the teachers and the learning that our kids have gained at PCA,"* Steve and Debbie Maxwell.

We are also proud to report that Jessica Wash was chosen by the National Director of Outreach at Duke University, Department of Computer Science, to participate in a workshop called CS4HS (Computer Science for High School) and received a grant and stipend for her participation. The workshop was limited to 30 teachers from across the nation and is designed

for high school educators to learn about new ways to teach and use computer science in the classroom. The two-day workshop took place on October 26th and 27th and was filled with examples from across the discipline that could be integrated into classrooms and become part of curricula at different levels. Jessica had the chance to work with faculty, educators, and researchers from Duke and other institutions, as well as with high school teachers from across the country as part of this introduction to many aspects of computer science. *"I am so excited to have been chosen to participate in this program and am looking forward to introducing the new information and technology to PCA."*
~Jessica Wash, Secondary Computer Teacher, Robotics Coordinator, Middle School Sponsor.

Stay Fire Smart!

Each year, PCA students participate in the Canton Fire Department Fire Prevention Poster Contest, which takes place in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

The theme for this year's contest was "Stay Fire Smart-Don't Get Burned" and the winners were honored on December 10, with a small ceremony held at Canton's Administration Building. Posters were judged in two categories: First-Third Grade, and Fourth-Sixth Grade. PCA students are typically among the winners and this year was no different.

And the winners are...

First Place: Gloria Ravuri, sixth grade at Plymouth Christian Academy and Hiba Ghias, third grade at Achieve Charter Academy

Second Place: Angelina Horral, third grade at Plymouth Christian Academy and Dillon St. Ledger, sixth grade at Plymouth Christian Academy

Third Place: Kayla Joy Powell, third grade at Plymouth Christian Academy and Arulvel Rajeswaran, fifth grade at Dodson Elementary School

Honorable Mention: Isabel Mossel, sixth grade at Plymouth Christian Academy and Ryan McCaig, first grade at All Saints Catholic School



Congratulations to all participants!

Reunion Weekend

February 7-8, 2014

There's no place like Homecoming!

Friday, February 7

- Doors open at 5:00pm - Join us for a fabulous Alumni dinner!
- Alumni Hospitality Center in the Activity Center-Register to win a \$50 Gift Card to Chili's Restaurant! Winner announced during halftime of the Boys Game.
- Homecoming Court Presentation at 6:00pm
- PCA Eagles vs. Franklin Road Varsity Girls Game: 7:15pm
Varsity Boys Game: 8:45pm
- Alumni shoot-out during halftime for great prizes
- Following the Boys Game, all Alumni are invited to center court for the 2014 Alumni Group Photo



Saturday, February 8

- 1:00-3:00pm - Reunion Basketball & Volleyball Games in the Butler Gymnasium

Our alumni are so important to us! Staying connected to you is a key to our success. Please take a moment to provide us with your latest info at alumni@plymouthchristian.org.



SHINE ON IN 2014!

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." ~Jesus

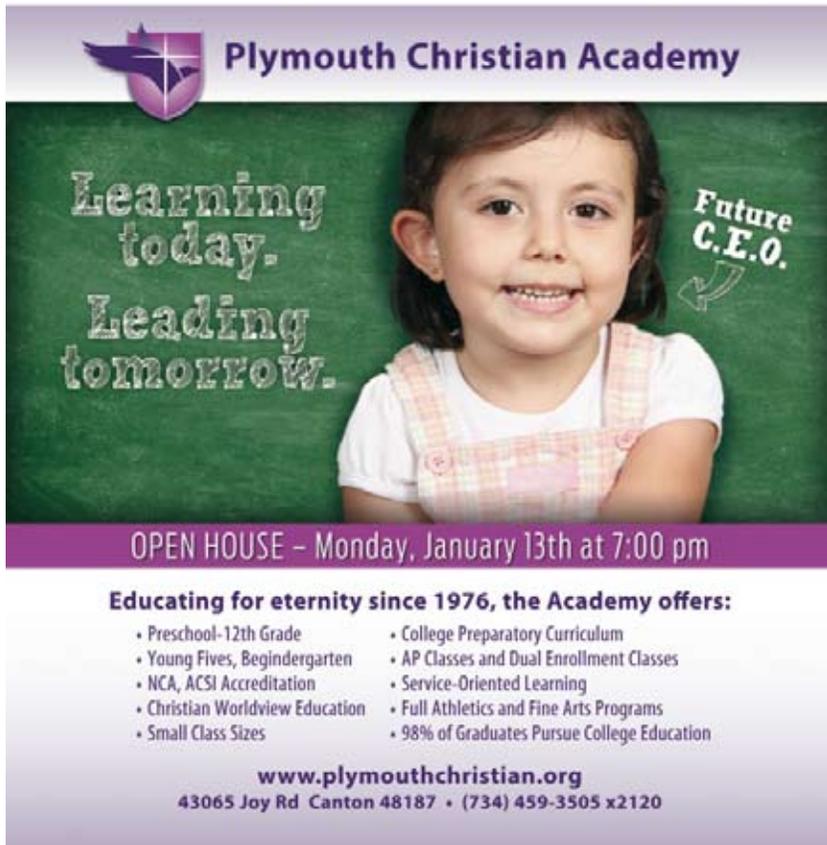
Can you imagine a school where young people understand their role in serving others and the ability they have to make a difference in the world around them? Heading into our 5th year, Project SHINE continues to provide students with the opportunity to Serve Him In Neighborhoods Everywhere!

Jesus prioritized service to those in need and it is our desire that our school community and individual students would follow this example. Our mission through Project SHINE is to connect our students with outside communities to help foster transforming relationships. Through these relationships, students learn to serve, inspire, and motivate others in hope that they would develop a life-long desire of service and a heart of compassion and love.

Students from preschool through grade 12 will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of community service projects from reading to the elderly, making blankets for orphans, painting shelters, mentoring at risk teens and so much more! Through these experiences, students see the benefits of serving others in His name as they learn to implement sustainable change. We encourage our parents, students and staff to spend time in prayer for our spring Servathon, Project SHINE, asking God to touch hearts and lives in a mighty way!



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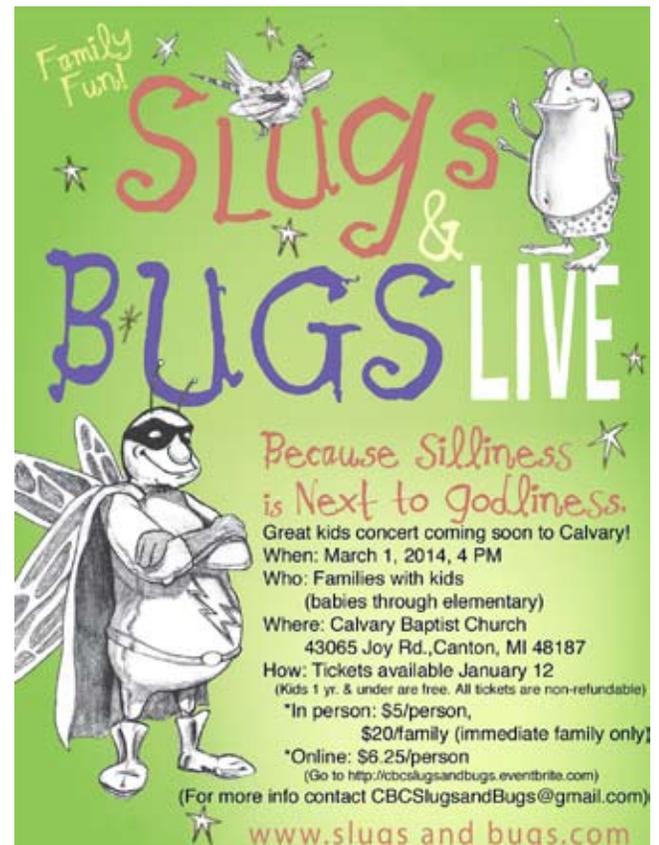
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Alumni News

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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/>.



▲ Jordan Johnston

Ryan Copeland, Class of 2000 and Rachel Franklin Copeland, Class of 2003

Ryan and Rachel are the proud parents of four children. They recently welcomed their third daughter, Lucy, on August 25, 2013. Ryan is working as a web developer for Lowe Campbell Ewald and does freelance web development as well. They reside in Garden City, Michigan.

Amber Wiard Luongo, Class of 2002

Amber and Josh Luongo are expecting their first child in March 2014. They currently reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Brian Carnevale, Class of 2002 and Hollie Prestel Carnevale, Class of 2002

Brian and Hollie welcomed their first child, Keegan, on April 12,

2013. Brian and Hollie reside in Canton, Michigan.

Mark Varney, Class of 2003

Mark (Class of 2003) and Kim welcomed their first son, Eli Carter, on November 18, 2013. Eli weighed 7 lb. 14 oz and was 20 inches long. Mark is a lead officer for TSA and is working toward his MA in Homeland Security at MSU. Kim is a speech pathologist, currently taking time off to be a stay at home mom. They live in Livonia.

Benjamin Pew, Class of 2003

Ben and his wife Bethany welcomed their first child, Wesley Nolan on September 30, 2013. Wesley weighed 7lb. 6oz. and was 20 inches long. Ben and Bethany reside in Canton, Michigan.

Lindsay Pew McManamon, Class of 2004

Lindsay and her husband Richard reside in North Carolina where her husband is serving in the Army and is stationed at Fort Bragg. Lindsay is working at a private design firm in Pinchurst, North Carolina. They welcomed their first child, Owen Reese, on July 18, 2012.

Ryan Hutton, Class of 2004

Ryan was recently married on May 4, 2013. He and his wife Laura reside in Fairfax, Virginia where Ryan works for Sherwin Williams.



▲ Wesley Nolan Pew

Jordan Johnston, Class of 2005

Jordan was recently married on October 12, 2013 to Jess (Hoezee). Their wedding took place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. According to Jordan, "Jess is beautiful and smart; I am a lucky man!" Jordan is working for Smith Instrument, which is a division of J.O. Galloup and was recently bought by Kendall Electric. Jordan's job title is "Technical Sales" and he calls on Oil and Gas Companies in Michigan and Ohio. He is also coaching the JV Boys basketball team at PCA. Jess is a registered nurse who recently graduated and is currently looking for employment. Jordan and Jess are living in Howell, Michigan with their dog Macie.

Rachel Wiard, Class of 2006

Rachel Wiard is engaged to Jacob Clark. Their wedding is planned for June 28, 2014. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Marty Hutton, Class of 2007

Marty Hutton was recently married on June 22, 2013. He and his wife Ashley reside in Houston, Texas where Marty works as a welding engineer.

Peggy Abraham, Class of 2009

Peggy graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Liberal Arts Education and Mathematics. She taught summer school in Walled Lake during the summer of 2013 and recently took a teaching position near Houston, Texas. She is teaching fourth grade writing, science, and social studies. She tutors for the school's after-school program and

will be coaching soccer for them this January. She is involved with Bible Study Fellowship and has been attending different churches as she seeks her home church in Texas.



▲ Ryan Hutton



▲ Rachel Wiard



▲ Mark Varney



▲ Owen Reese McManamon

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Caleb Middleton ▲

November 2, 2013. Caleb will graduate from Moody Bible Institute this upcoming May.

Miriam Monroe, Class of 2009

Mim Monroe graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University this past spring with a Bachelor degree in Nursing. She has begun her nursing career working at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. Mim and Spencer are engaged with a wedding planned for May 3, 2014.

Chad Ibach, Class of 2010

Chad Ibach is traveling to Nepal this January with Taylor University's Lighthouse Program. He will be working with Tiny Hands International, seeking to reach orphans and street children in Nepal.

Andrew Palmer, Class of 2010

Andrew Palmer will be graduating in May 2015 from Madonna University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Chemistry minor, and a Secondary Education Certificate. Andrew is very involved with campus ministry and is taking over the Franciscan Spirituality Group on campus. He has been chosen to attend Franciscan Earth Corp Training in Washington, DC in September. Andrew is also working in the Student Life office and the Biology Labs.

Matt Zandee, Class of 2010

Matt is engaged to Estee Wells, and they will be getting married in June 2014. Matt will graduate from Taylor University in May with a degree in Biology and he

plans to attend graduate school in the fall.

Ethan Levack, Class of 2013

Ethan is currently attending Schoolcraft College in Livonia where he is running cross-country. Ethan ran in the National Collegiate Cross Country Championship this fall where he placed 33rd! Way to go Ethan!



▲ Matt Zandee

Spencer Wiard, Class of 2009

Spencer Wiard graduated from Oklahoma Christian University on December 13, 2013 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Caleb Middleton, Class of 2009

Caleb Middleton became engaged to Naomi Eikom on



Elizabeth Somercik ▲

Elizabeth Somercik, Class of 2009

Elizabeth (Liz) Somercik and Jonathan Henley became engaged on July 2, 2013. The wedding is planned for May 24th, 2014. When Liz was in the 8th grade, it was recognized that she did not have a full immune system. By the 10th grade, she was diagnosed with Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID). Liz has undergone several treatments for this disorder. She has now been diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia

Alumni Spotlight on Elizabeth Somerick

and the following is an update from Liz explaining her current health situation. She would love your prayers as she moves through this very challenging health situation.

"I was diagnosed with aplastic anemia sometime in late September and went into Cincinnati Children's hospital for a 10-day treatment of ATG in the beginning of October. I was miraculously out after 14 days (was told that it would be at least 6-8 weeks; the nurses say that was the quickest turn around time they had seen - - total God thing). With multiple medications and the ATG, I was able to remain stable for about a month, and then everything plummeted again (low ANC, low WBC, wouldn't respond to GCSF). I met with the Cincinnati doctor

again and my only option is really a bone marrow transplant. As of December 17th, I will be in what they call "evaluation". This is where they do multiple tests and procedures to ensure that I can in fact go through with chemo and transplant successfully (i.e. look for any hidden infections, check my organ functions, etc.). It should only take a week, so if all goes well, I will be back home in time for Christmas. If anything is found in the evaluation, I may have to stay until they can resolve the issue. The plan is to be back the first week of January to put in a central line and begin chemo, getting my donor cells either the second or third week in January. Oh also, I forgot to mention my donor is actually even better than before because they found a 10 out of 10 match and he is

my blood type! Total God thing. I recently heard a story about a woman who waited 10 years for a match. It's such a blessing because I have so many matches to fall back on."

To learn more about CVID or Aplastic Anemia, please visit the following sites.

<http://primaryimmune.org/about-primary-immunodeficiencies/specific-disease-types/common-variable-immune-deficiency/>

<http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/aplastic-anemia/DS00322>

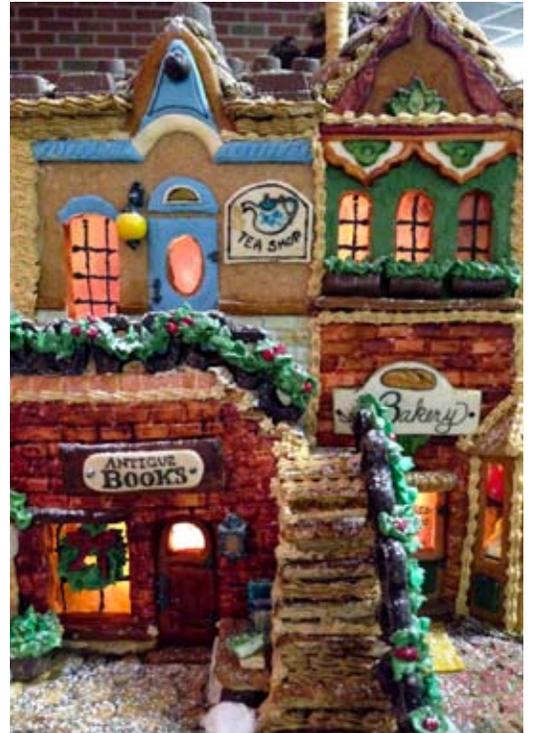
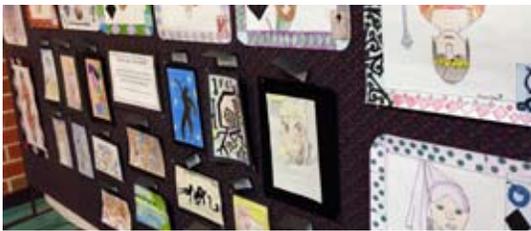
Please continue to keep Liz in your prayers and be encouraged by a verse that she is leaning on at this time; "Do not grieve for the joy of the LORD is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10

ART

The secondary art exhibit was held in conjunction with the winter concert on Friday, December 13, as a Christmas Festival. Seventh and Eighth Grade Art, Drawing and Painting, Ceramics and Rachel Kral from Portfolio Development all displayed their work from the semester. New this year were the counter-change insects from the seventh grade, the clothing paintings inspired by artist Allen-Coleman done by the Drawing & Painting class, and the tic tac toe games and animal boxes created by the ceramic students. Eighth grade artists collaborated to design an alphabet as well as thematic aboriginal style paintings which connected uniquely when displayed together. In addition, there were card designs, pastels, landscapes, portraits, still life drawings, sketchbooks, art history books and much more to see. Rachel Kral illustrated her drawing talent through the various required pieces for her portfolio in preparation for her application to Ringling College of Art.

In its first year open to adults and the community, Sugar & Spice Gingerbread Competition was small but mighty, with seventh graders Keith Brown (1st place) and Matt Pierce (2nd place) wowing us with their gingerbread making techniques. Returning to the gingerbread house contest was eleventh grader Anna Nichols (3rd place) with a wonderful construction of the house from "It's a Wonderful Life." Additions to the competition display were the National Art Honor Society house, the sample house from the Gingerbread Workshop, and Mrs. Aitken's rendition of a village block, with a department store, toy store, book store, bakery, tea shop and inn. The exhibit added to the festive atmosphere and visitors thoroughly enjoyed a night of fine and performing arts!





The gingerbread houses were judged by Mr. Darren Vassel, PCA Class of 1998, owner of Vassel's Main Street Catering in Canton, MI.





PCA Students Love Northern Michigan!

Elementary students at Plymouth Christian Academy look forward to it and high school students who went, look back on it with fond memories. Fifth grade at PCA is a very special year that begins with a Northern Michigan Experience Trip. This year, on September 26th & 27th, the PCA fifth grade classes traveled to Crystal Mountain Resort, located near beautiful Lake Michigan. In addition to experiencing God's magnificent creation during this two-day excursion, this educational trip supports the Michigan curriculum taught to our 5th grade students. Our students have the opportunity to learn about the rich history of the Manitou Islands and its amazing natural features. The hikes and activities along Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive allow them to experience the beautiful forests, beaches, and dune formations. A highlight of the trip is the visit to the Maritime Museum in Glen Arbor. This museum is a fully restored U.S. Life Saving Service Station. While there, the students had the opportunity to see the Park Ranger demonstration, Heroes of the Storm. Following a scavenger hunt in the boathouse and barracks at the Maritime Museum, it's off to the Empire Bluff Nature Hike and Glacier Deposit. In addition to the educational opportunities this trip affords, it also provides a great opportunity for team building among the students. The trip ends with the entire 5th grade playing their hearts out on the sand dunes. Even after 14 years, we can't wait to do it all again next September!



Plymouth Christian Students Return to Murray Lake

On Wednesday, September 4th, over two hundred students from Plymouth Christian Academy, donned in face paint and class shirt colors, descended upon Murray Lake in Plymouth to reinstate a longstanding school tradition.

For several years, Plymouth Christian Academy students in grades seven through twelve have started their school years at the lake, spending an entire day during the first week of school meeting their classmates, competing in team-building events, and listening to a spiritual challenge from a guest speaker. According to Superintendent Caryn Huntsman, “One of the goals of the 2013 Murray Lake Day was to challenge our students to get involved with their local church so that they could deepen their walk with the Lord and grow in their commitment to serve others.”

Sophomore Sam Jose said, “During the school day everyone is busy with classes and responsibilities. Murray Lake Day gives us the opportunity to be away from those responsibilities and meet the entire secondary student body.”

Abby Nimmo, a ninth-grader starting her first year at Plymouth Christian Academy, emphasized the importance of Murray’s Lake Day for new students. She said, “It’s a welcoming, fun day for all the new students.”

While many new events have been added at Plymouth Christian Academy over the last several years, students consider Murray Lake Day a favorite!



“Reach for the STARS” was RECORD BREAKING!

What an adventure it's been and all glory is His! This year's Fall Auction 2013, brought together hundreds of families, faculty and friends in support of PCA. Everyone had a wonderful time bidding on hundreds of silent auction items while enjoying a delicious Restaurant Taste Fest - best food ever! The Live Auction was lively and exciting with many friends coming together to support our rising stars - the students of PCA!

The excitement of the evening was evident all around campus during “auction week”, from the stars suspended from the gym ceiling, to a culinary extravaganza, the school was buzzing with anticipation. With over 150 items in the Silent Auction, and 15 amazing Live Auction items, there was something for everyone to bid on. The night was filled with family fun around every corner and we appreciate the work of over 90 secondary students who served at the auction and fun fair. A huge thank you to our school families who came out in large numbers to support the auction and recognize the generosity of the local merchants who gave of their services to help make the evening a success.

A highlight of the evening was our Fund-A-Cause for the students of PCA. This opportunity quickly raised over \$21,000 from the audience to further our educational programming & classroom facilities, maintaining AdvancEd accreditation, needs based scholarships, renovating the school and equipping our teachers with the latest learning tools needed to prepare our students for college and a life of service to our Lord and their communities! Dozens were raising their paddles to help this effort.

Thank you to our auction committee, our many volunteers, hundreds of donors, and our enthusiastic attendees! Together, we enjoyed a fabulous event that raised over \$90,000! Many thanks! To God be the glory!

We praise the Lord for blessing the efforts of everyone involved in making this year's auction possible. We will continue to REACH FOR THE STARS and we look forward to seeing you next November.

Thanks again to our 2013 Fall Auction Donors and Sponsors. We encourage everyone connected with Plymouth Christian Academy to patronize these retail merchants, donors, and sponsors who have generously supported our school. Please express to them the appreciation of the entire Plymouth Christian Academy family. For your convenience, we have created the 2013-14 PCA Yellow Pages. Enjoy! <http://www.plymouthchristian.org/Yellow%20Pages%20.pdf>





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ON GUARD!

The days and weeks at PCA, from the beginning of the year, have been eventful and full of learning that is engaging, exciting, challenging, personal and student-centered. Our gracious God has gone before us to bless and protect. His hand is always guiding and His promise to “never leave you nor forsake you” (Heb. 13:5) has been evident across 2013. As the future unfolds, we hold fast to the promises that God has given us in His word. Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1: 12-14, “I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that He is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me. Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, ***guard the good deposit entrusted to you.***”

Using these verses as our foundation, the theme title this year in the secondary is embodied in two words, “On Guard.” In order to be “On Guard” we use the Word of God. It is a sword we study and wield. This year our theme is designed to focus our attention on how to guard the good deposit of the Gospel by skillfully taking up the eternal, incorruptible weapon of God’s Word to ***guard the gospel and advance it. Teach it. Understand it. Explain it. Live it.***

Spiritual Life at PCA is fostered through many different avenues:

- Prioritizing the spiritual health of the entire faculty so that students are surrounded by positive, Christian role models
- Cross-curricular biblical integration
- Required Bible course units and community service hours for high school graduation
- Weekly chapels, Spiritual Emphasis week, Spiritual Life Retreat and Murray’s Lake for 7th - 12th grade
- Opportunities and involvement for service and missions through the Project SHINE Servathon Program

- Student-led initiatives involving worship, prayer, and service on the campus
- Bible verses inscribed on school facilities to invite guests to seriously consider the gospel message of Jesus Christ

You are invited to attend to attend Secondary Chapels, scheduled on Wednesdays from 7:40am - 8:20am in the Calvary Baptist Church Auditorium. Our student Praise and Worship Team provides the music portion of the chapel followed by a message from our guest speaker. In order to strengthen the connection between PCA and the various churches our families attend, we have invited their youth pastors to share with PCA students during chapel. Mark Butler from Calvary Baptist Church laid the foundation for this connection at the secondary Murray’s Lake Day, as well as encouraging our students to be involved in a local church. Other pastors who have joined us for chapel thus far include Dan Pratt from Life Church, Joshua Tilley from Berean Bible Church, Phil Woodman from Calvary Baptist Church, and Josh Wilhite from Solid Rock. We are looking forward to hearing from others.

During our Spiritual Life Retreat, Jack Janigian, from Oak Pointe Church challenged the students to be leaders in their church youth groups. Since they are not going to be part of our PCA family forever, it is important for them to be involved with their church family. We believe that students who are engaging in and learning to be a part of the church family will be more likely to seek out a church when they go off to college, as well as continue their commitment to the Body of Christ in their adult years.

We experience the joy of teaching your students each day and on behalf of all the teachers, thank you for entrusting us with your most precious treasures and we wish you and your families a very festive, peace-filled, Christ-centered holiday. Enjoy family and friends and the opportunity to spend time together.

In Him, Karen Hott, Secondary Principal

Fly Like an Eagle



2013 – 2014 FALL SPORTS UPDATE:

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT SEASON! They won their District Championship (the 10th championship out of the last 11 years) and were competitive in their Regional, making it to the final match. Our girls played hard, but even after their valiant efforts, their opponent, Our Lady of the Lakes, came away with the win.

Jennifer Malcolm was the team MVP, earned MIAC 1st team all conference, and was All Observer 1st team. Rachael Fuller was also team MVP, earned MIAC 2nd team all conference, and was All Observer 5th team. Olivia Mady was All Observer 6th team and Callie Morby was All Observer Honorable Mention.



VARSITY GIRLS AND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

Terra Crown-New School record for the 3rd year in a row: 20:22.6.

At the MIAC Conference championship meet she took 2nd place, earning her MIAC 1st team all conference; placed 4th at Regionals and State Qualifier; Placed 44th out of 245 runners at the State Finals and earned **Academic All State** for the 12th highest GPA among the State finals cross country competitors.

Joey Fanelli took 6th place at the MIAC Conference championship meet earning him MIAC 1st team all conference. He placed 11th at Regionals with a strong 18:16 Personal Best and made State Qualifier. He earned **Academic All State Award** for the 11th highest GPA among the state finals cross country competitors.

Jacob Bailey took 9th place at the MIAC Conference championship meet earning him MIAC 2nd team all conference and was a State Qualifier: Gareth Matson took 10th place at the MIAC Conference championship meet earning him MIAC 2nd team all conference and was a State Qualifier.



VARSITY TENNIS

VARSITY TENNIS TEAM HAD THEIR BEST SEASON YET! Our team enjoyed many wins this year and everyone played very well at the regional tournament. Our MVP's for tennis were Jake Maxwell and Matt Myers for winning all their regular season matches this year. Although no one advanced to the state finals, the future looks bright for tennis next year.



VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

VARSITY BOYS SOCCER put forth a great effort throughout the season and in the District Tournament first-round game. Our guys played hard and fought for the chance to move on to a semi-final game but in the end, Roeper prevailed. Lucas Albrecht was the team MVP and earned All District, All Regional, MIAC 1st team all conference, and 2nd team All Observer.

Jacob Bailey earned All District and MIAC 2nd team all conference.

Adam Powlus was the team Man of Valor and earned All District.

Brian Schlientz was the team Rising Star and earned All District.

Lance Allen earned All District.



It was a beautiful October afternoon when our boys took to the field wearing their pink soccer socks and headbands. It was also Senior Day when the seniors and their parents would be honored. But it was much more than that-Rebecca Bailey, parent of Jacob Bailey, in the midst of her battle against breast cancer, was honored by her son's team. Their colorful socks and headbands were worn for her as she prepared to go that afternoon to shave her hair rather than lose it slowly to her treatments. Thank you, PCA boys soccer team, for bringing such heart to the field this year! Please continue to lift Rebecca in prayer as she bravely continues her fight!

Elise Bommarito and her husband, Michael, welcomed Emmeline Anne on November 29, 2013, four days past her due date. She arrived at 3:17am and weighed 6lbs, 12oz and was 18 inches long. She also has a full head of hair! Her proud older sister, Isabelle, loves her new sister.



Bill Goward, Calvary Baptist Church and Plymouth Christian employee has retired after 20 years of service. Bill resides in Garden City, Michigan.

Suzy Wright, who taught at PCA from 2005-2009, has rejoined our staff as Coordinator of Academic Improvement. During her time away, she received her Master's degree in Education Leadership-Curriculum and Instruction and had two children, Jadon and Camryn. She will be assisting our teachers in completing the necessary requirements for AdvancEd and ACSI certification. She is also coordinating the professional learning communities and vertical teams used to align our curriculum with state and national standards.

Netty Melendez joins our staff this year as Elementary Recess Coordinator and After School Care teacher. She was referred to PCA by her neighbor, Jessica Wash, PCA's computer applications teacher. Netty enjoys working at PCA because it allows her to spend more time with her daughter, Yani, who is in Mrs. Hayes' first grade class.

Melissa McCreedy is serving as our Homeschool Coordinator this year. Currently, we have 8 students in the program ranging in ages from kindergarten through 6th grade. She is also a huge help to our school with many hours volunteering behind the scenes and substitute teaching on a regular basis. Melissa has two students at PCA, Sarah in kindergarten and Kathryn in 4th grade.

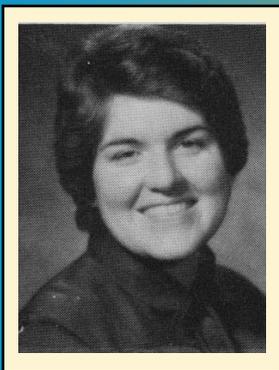
Kelly Rich joins our high school faculty this year teaching British Literature, Creative Composition and Novels. She has a BS in Language, Literature and Writing, and English with a minor in Communications and Theatre Arts-Teaching from Eastern Michigan. Her and her husband, Richie, are members at CBC, where she enjoys working with the youth.

Stephanie Hess is our new Young Five Year Olds Beginndergarten teacher. She has been involved at PCA for many years as a volunteer and substitute teacher. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary and Early Childhood Education and is currently attending Liberty University's online master's program.

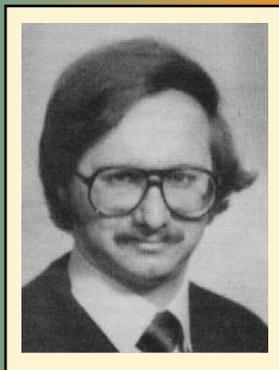
Allison Spencer serves as an aide in the Beginndergarten class as well as coordinating the Advanced Learning Program for High Achievers (A.L.P.H.A.) program. The A.L.P.H.A. program, a pull-out program during the school day where students have increased access to technology to develop critical thinking, logic, and problem solving skills.

Anita Marcott and **Marilyn Martin** are developing our PS-12th grade Student Services Program. Anita is a speech and language therapist and published author. Marilyn has a master's degree in Occupational Education with an Early Childhood endorsement. Both ladies have worked with autistic programs and have over 50 years of combined service in the public school system. In her spare time, Anita cares for her mother and numerous animals on her farm. Marilyn has two children who graduated from PCA and eight grandchildren.

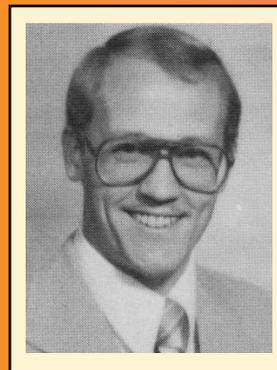
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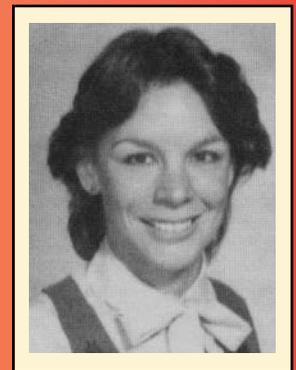
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What role will you play in helping our students succeed?

Double your Donation

The Development Team at Plymouth Christian Academy seeks ways to make donating to our school less burdensome for our families. We love when we discover opportunities to increase the gifts to the Annual Eagle Fund with less expense for our families and friends. With that in mind, we were thrilled to find the online tool, Double the Donation. This site provides a very simple way for you to determine if your corporation will match your donations to our school. If you volunteer with us, your employer may also provide us with a grant as a way to recognize your ongoing support. It's simple: just follow this link <http://doublethedonation.com/plymouthchristian#/organization> and enter the name of your company.

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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.

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

Balancing act: work, life come together at PCA'S career day

On October 31, we opened the secondary doors to welcome our 7th-12 grade students and nearly 50 adult guests representing various fields for CAREER DAY 2013. Many of the guests were parents who spent the morning sharing in small groups with our students what they do for a living. Two of the guests spoke to larger groups on topics such as interviewing skills and developing positive, godly character. There was much learning and interacting taking place with both our students and guests benefiting greatly. It is the goal of the counseling department to broaden horizons and awareness of a diverse range of careers from fields such as business, human services, missions, engineering, arts, law, theology, medicine, science and government. Our guiding scripture was 1 Timothy 6:17-19 which directs us to set our hopes on God thus storing up treasure...as a good foundation for the future. Ultimately the students were encouraged to use their God given talents and skills to seek His will for their lives as they make college and career decisions in the future. The day was capped off with a career themed chapel including the praise band and special keynote speaker, Mr. Paul Trulock, who challenged our students to live their faith everyday to accomplish God's will. Thank you to the guest speakers, volunteers, staff, and students for making this a successful day!

