

Quite A Journey

Many memories flood my mind as we approach the end of an amazing school year at Plymouth Christian. This is one of those years one might say is “one for the books!” It’s truly been quite a journey and I wouldn’t trade the memories, the trials, the achievements, or the growth for anything. Sometimes the growth was painful and the pruning necessary, but His promises were always sure. *“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory.” II Corinthians 1:20 (ESV).* This school year we have engaged more people, tackling more projects and launching a school improvement program unparalleled in our recent history. I have been witness to the dedication and faithfulness of our students in their academics, which has resulted in many new and rewarding achievements and personal bests. I have seen our athletes exhibit outstanding Christian character on and off the field. I have enjoyed heart-warming performances and exhibits from our Fine and

Performing Arts teams. As a school community, we have engaged in meaningful partnerships with parents, business owners, grandparents, and alumni. For all of this, I am deeply blessed. However, my greatest joy comes from watching our students grow into godly young people who care about each other and who desire to become lifelong learners, leaders and servants for our awesome God!

Plymouth Christian students have numerous, unique opportunities to step outside their comfort zones to shine God’s light both inside and outside our walls and lend a helping hand in the name of Christ. One parent wrote us a touching testimonial of the impact of our school on her son as a first year student at Plymouth Christian:



“I wanted to share a story with you that shows the impact Plymouth Christian has made in my son’s life this past year. My son, CJ, is the goalie for his hockey team. While he has done well in previous years, his play really excelled this year and he was clearly set apart

as their starter goalie. He was even awarded MVP at a big tournament his team won in Cleveland in February. Goalies in general are seen as team leaders, but CJ has earned maybe a little more for his team spirit, humor and kindness. The coaches have told me more than once that the team plays harder in front of him than any other goalie we’ve

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had. Needless to say, all of this has had a very positive impact on him. Over this past year, CJ has not been shy about how much he LOVES his school (if you have a walking billboard, it is him) and I believe he has asked each boy on his hockey team what their faith is as he likes to talk about being a Christian. With all of this as backdrop, let me bring you to current day. Hockey has a regular season and an extended Spring season. Now in the Spring season, we have a new goalie on the team with CJ. He and CJ really get along well. About a week ago, one of the coaches asked me if CJ had told me about their new pre-game prep. CJ hadn't, so he went on to share it with me (clearly proud of CJ himself). He said that after the coaches warm up the goalies, by throwing tennis balls at them, CJ asked that they give him and the other goalie a few minutes alone together before the game. The coach then told me, with a big smile, CJ leads the two of them in a prayer before the game starts. I've since seen it for myself - while on the ice, they go a few feet away from the team, the two goalies go on one knee and have a quick prayer. Then CJ skates to his position in the net. I've heard the coach happily telling other parents this story too. Mind you, this in the face of peer pressure to go another direction.

I share this with you as my heart overflows with joy and pride for his strength of character and example to the others. He has always been a good boy, but **his life has been changed at PCA** (something he has outright said to me). I thank all of you for the part you have played. He knows you all love him and it shows in how he walks, talks and lives his life. The Lord directed us to you and you accepted us with open arms. This is where CJ needed to be and I'm more grateful than you know. Thank you from the bottom of my heart." ~Leslie Dunbar

PCA has worked to impact our students for Jesus Christ since the very beginning. Another story of God's providence comes from some of our alumni. Kyle and Christin Mavin graduated from PCA in 1989 and 1992 and live just two streets away from me. Christin is utilizing her degree in Physical Therapy as a PTA in the Physical/Occupational therapy department at the Woodhaven retirement community in Livonia. Kyle is at Midwest Eye Banks, serving as the Director of Clinical Services. Recently Kyle wrote,

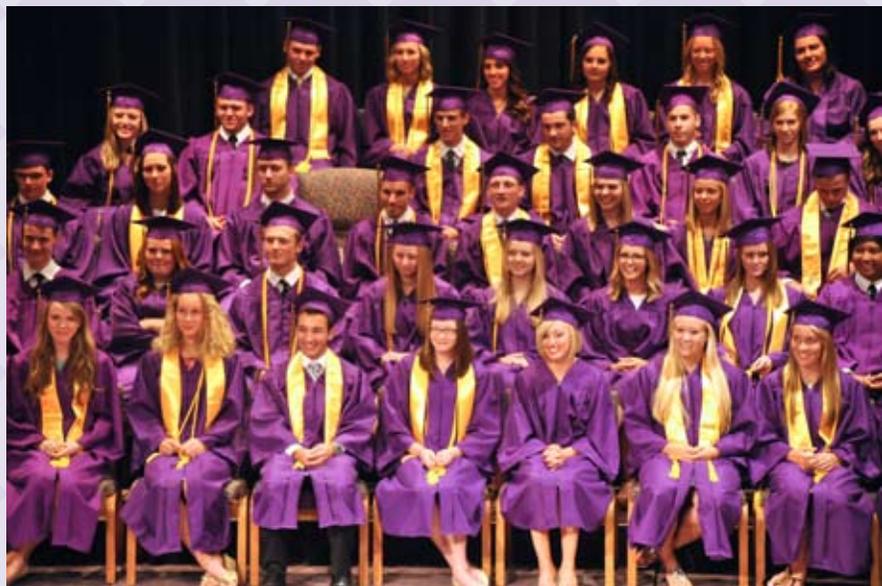
"My experiences at PCA were memorable and unique. The ability to attend a small Christian school gave me the opportunity to learn how Christ is so important to me (all aspects of my life). The opportunities I had to serve alongside my parents, as PCA was in its infant stages, and be part of that growth was an unforgettable experience.

To see what PCA is now today versus what it was when I was attending is a credit to all the former (& current) teachers, administrators and board members. These individuals sacrificed time, sweat, tears and finances to make the foundation strong for PCA.

The education I received equipped me for the many challenges I have and continue to face in life. The sports that I had the privilege of being involved in molded me to be a better team player and have the discipline I needed.

Thank you Plymouth Christian Academy for what you did and continue to do for all the students that have and will continue to pass through your doors!"
~Kyle Mavin

I'm proud to spend my day among students like CJ and hear from some of our alumni like Kyle, who desire to live out their faith daily. All of our students' achievements could not be possible without the support they receive from all members of our school community.



Thank you:

To our Regent Board for their sacrificial service and leadership to Plymouth Christian Academy.

To our PTF whose behind the scenes organization is invaluable.

To our Room Parents who help pull off big events and support our faculty throughout the entire year.

To our Booster Board for the impact your service has on the success of our school.

To our Staff – Our kids are fortunate to have you serving them.

To our Parents – Thank you, thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. We can assure you that a day does not pass where our teachers are not reminded of the great responsibility that they have in loving your child, keeping Christ the center of everything and making certain that your child receives an excellent education.

To our Grandparents – Whether you attend games, concerts or productions, we know that your support and prayers have contributed to God's blessing on our school.

To our Students – Without a doubt we have the best students a school could hope for!

To our Alumni – You make us proud!

To our Faculty – We are so grateful! Thank you for maintaining high quality classrooms that develop leaders, learners and servants for Christ.

What a great year it's been! I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all for your support, prayers, input and interest this year. It's been a distinct privilege to partner with you in the education of your children. We thank you for your support and ask for your continued investment in the development of Plymouth Christian Academy students.

Educating For Eternity,

Caryn Huntsman, Superintendent | Principal

Elementary Fine & Performing Arts on Review

Spring Art Exhibit 2014

The elementary art students had the opportunity to showcase their artwork at the Spring Elementary Art Exhibit on May 2, 2014. Highlights of the exhibit included still life compositions, yarn weaving, landscape perspective drawings, and many other beautiful pieces of art. Click the following link to see pictures from the art show <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10152036450411332.1073741888.130847126331&type=3>:

PCA Choirs Go to Waltonwood

It was an exciting day when the PCA choirs showed up to entertain the residents of Waltonwood, a local senior living community. The residents enjoyed talking to and listening to the students and, from the looks of it, the students had a great time also! It is always encouraging to see our students serving the community with such enthusiasm.

Music from the Movies

The PCA Bands and Choirs presented a show on May 23rd featuring music from the movies. A large crowd enjoyed listening to the selections that have become cultural mainstays.



PCA Students & the Federal Reserve

Did you know that on any given day the vault at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Detroit branch holds between 4 and 8 billion dollars? On Thursday, May 22, thanks to the thoughtfulness of Mr. Dan Paulson and his employer, Robert W. Baird, 10 of our seniors were able to join the Detroit Economic Club at the Federal Reserve to learn about the Federal Reserve first hand. After clearing security and enjoying a continental breakfast, students were given a brief description of the Detroit branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and the variety of professions represented there. Speakers at the event discussed banking, credit, and personal finance. The event concluded with a brief tour of the Federal Reserve. The day's highlight came when students learned that each participant would receive \$364 in cash. Unfortunately, as the students soon found out, the money was shredded. Nonetheless, the students enjoyed their time and were grateful for the opportunity to attend this event.



PCA Math Olympians 2014

THE RESULTS ARE IN!

On Tuesday, March 11, 2014, PCA was privileged to participate in ACSI's 2014 Math Olympics. The Math Olympics event is a wonderful opportunity for students across the district to exercise their talents for God's glory and to be encouraged in their pursuit of Him through mathematics. Congratulations to all of our 2014 Math Olympics participants and to all of our ribbon winners and medalists!

We are very proud of our placing students:

- Gloria Brown (4th Grade/Computation) - 1st place ribbon & Medallion*
- Esperanza Schwartz (5th Grade/Computation) - 5th place ribbon
- Liam Stein (5th Grade/Computation) - 2nd place ribbon
- Grace Chamberlain (5th Grade/Reasoning) - 1st place ribbon & Medallion
- Emma Heussner (5th Grade/Reasoning) - 5th place ribbon
- Dillon Morby (5th Grade/Reasoning) - 4th place ribbon
- JC Feraro (6th Grade/Computation) - 3rd place ribbon
- Madison Raymond (6th Grade/Computation) - 5th place ribbon
- Ella Godin (6th Grade/Reasoning) - 2nd place ribbon
- Dillon St. Ledger (6th Grade/Reasoning) - 5th place ribbon
- Elise Miera (7th Grade/Computation) - 2nd place ribbon
- Camden Hess (7th Grade/Reasoning) - 1st place ribbon tie
- Caleb Godin (7th Grade/Reasoning) - 1st place ribbon tie & Medallion
- Nicholas Schmucker (8th Grade/Reasoning) - 1st place ribbon & Medallion

**Medals are awarded to students who win 1st place and score 85% or better.*



THANK YOU!!!

The faculty, staff, and student body of Plymouth Christian sincerely appreciate the support received each year from our sponsors. Many thanks to the 2014-15 PCA Sponsors!

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Congratulations to the PCA Homecoming Court

2014



Homecoming Court 2014

King & Queen 2014: John Lauch & Rachel Smith

King & Queen 2013: Jasmine Lauch & Drew Ibach

Seniors: Rachel Kral & Jayme Putney, Sarah Davis & Matthew Myers, Terra Crown & Josh Fitzpatrick

Freshman Class Representatives: Andrew Fernandes & Natalie Kral

Sophomore Class Representatives: Will Crecelius & Paige Perkey

Junior Class Representatives: Gregory Manni & Lauren Schlientz



*A special thanks to our
Parent Social Committee*

*for all that they did to ensure a
fabulous Homecoming Social 2014!*

*Using the fun theme from the movie Frozen,
the hall was transformed into a winter wonderland.*

Students in grades 9-12 enjoyed a great evening!





The Class of 2014's senior trip to Costa Rica was exciting, memorable, and life changing. While white-water rafting, zip-lining, and the catamaran ride to a private island were among some of the best memories, the highlight of the week was the opportunity to serve a Costa Rican church, elementary students, and children at an orphanage. Our first day of outreach at a church in La Fortuna was spent mixing and putting down cement. We also dug and cemented a sidewalk leading from the church to an outbuilding. On the following day, we visited a local school where we played with students and did a variety of activities. Later in the day, we visited an orphanage where we distributed clothing and spent time with the orphans. Not only were we able to make an impact on the children, they had a humbling influence on us as well. I was blessed by meeting a little girl who clung to me the moment she saw me. Her smile never faded the entire time we were together. I am so thankful that I was given this amazing opportunity! Written by PCA Senior, Erin Meyers



Class of 2014 Serves in Costa Rica



Congratulations to the PCA high school students who were inducted into the National Honor Society, National Arts Honor Society, and National German Honor Society for the 2014-15 School Year. The induction ceremony took place on June 2 and was a special time for the inductees and their families. Student representatives from each society had the opportunity to present the mission and pillars of their society. Presenting the four pillars of the NHS, Character, Scholarship, Leadership, and Service, were Jayme Putney, Joey Fanelli, Rachel Fernandes, and John Lauch. Julianna Romano had the honor of presenting for the NAHS. Presenting for Delta Epsilon Phi was Rachel Smith. Many thanks to the staff leadership of these very important student organizations!

National Honors Society 2014

Kelly Abraham
Nick Andres
Paul Chamberlain
Will Crecelius
Torre Crown
Joseph Iacopelli
A.J. Greuber
Andrew Kwang
Angelica Molnar
Rachel Murdock
Nathan Oweis
Paige Perkey
Joshua Slater
Jacob Shook
Luke Yakuber
Chidi Wilson

Congratulations!

National German Honor Society, Delta Epsilon Phi 2014

Paul Chamberlain
Greg Manni
Tara Wilkinson

National Art Honor Society 2014

Haikel Haile
Yostina Kaoud
Josh Mason
Elizabeth Manning
Noah Gustafson
Aleze Peters
Divna Roi
Lydia Chapel
Magalie Chapman
Kennedy Horne
Jessica Paulson
Amy Lucas
Ray Farraj

The 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program

This year, PCA senior, Joshua Fitzpatrick was named a Commended Student from the National Merit Scholarship Program. Over 1.5 million students entered the 2014 National Merit Program by taking the 2012 Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying test. Out of that 1.5 million, Joshua was among the 34,000 Commended Students nationwide. Joshua's performance on the qualifying test was outstanding and we are very proud of his accomplishment.



We are God's Hands and Feet

By Beth Larabee

On Tuesday of SHINE week, March 2014, I witnessed something extraordinary at PCA. It was the first day of elementary service projects. I had spent the previous day with Peggy Paulson, my dear friend and colleague, traveling to various Servathon sites where hundreds of our secondary students were busy getting their hands dirty in service to the Lord, but nothing could prepare me for the week ahead. As elementary students entered the chapel to prepare for their service project, we worshipped together in song. One of our precious students had requested the song "100 Reasons." I thought for a minute - I couldn't recall that one. Quickly, I realized she was referring to the song by Chris Tomlin, **10,000** Reasons. It became our theme song for the week and, without ever being asked, students stood to their feet to worship His holy name as the song was played. What a blessing to see our children unashamedly give praise to God! The wonder in their eyes when they realize they can be "Jesus with skin on" is priceless.

*Be humble.
Notice others.
Give of your resources.
Press on. Love.*

One chapel, I held up a raggedy, old cardboard sign that read, "Will Work For Food." I asked the students to show, by raised hand, how many of them had ever seen a sign like this. Hands went up all over the auditorium. It is a humbling experience to share with young hearts that when someone is holding a sign like that, they may be homeless or hungry. They may have lost their jobs or their homes. Sometimes, homeless people feel like no one listens or cares. Sometimes we even feel that way. I asked them to close their eyes and think of someone they know who is needy; maybe someone alone or afraid; someone in their class who has trouble reading or doing math, or who is lonely at recess. Then I asked them to think of how that reminds them of the person holding the cardboard sign. We are all in need of things like shelter, and water, food, love, security and friends. But our most important need is Jesus, and we have the opportunity every day to help those around us who need us to be the hands and feet of Jesus. I reminded our students that we are God's servants here on earth and that He chooses to use *us* to do His wondrous work in the world. He asks us *all* to take part. Be humble. Notice others. Give of your resources. Press on. Love. We must always be listening for those wonderful opportunities to partner with our Father in His work.

If you've never attended one of the mini-chapels we hold for elementary or visited our secondary students on site during SHINE week, I invite you to come and take part in some of these truly touching moments with our young people.

Our goal is to equip students to be the hands and feet of Jesus and to set a Christ-like example for future generations. The earlier our students make a habit of serving others, the better we can equip them for a lifetime of compassion and service. May we continue to be alert and obey God's leading as we lend an encouraging hand to those around us.

Serving Him in Neighborhoods Everywhere,

Beth Larabee, Project SHINE 2014

A graphic logo for Project SHINE 2014. The words "PROJECT SHINE" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font, with "SHINE" being significantly larger and more prominent. Below "SHINE", the year "2014" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The text is set against a dark, circular background with a halftone dot pattern. The entire logo is surrounded by bright yellow splatters and paint-like textures.



The Heart of a Servant

Written by Peggy Paulson

Passionate volunteers provide encouragement, excitement, and energy to every event and program that takes place at PCA. As a PCA parent for 17 years and the President of the Parent Teacher Fellowship (PTF) for 7 years, I can personally attest to the importance of volunteers and the impact that they have on our students and staff.

The following is a list of the many ways to volunteer at PCA. I am amazed at the number of parents, grandparents, and friends needed to keep our school and our students moving forward. Thank you!

Room Moms	Math Olympic Volunteers
Classroom Volunteers	Robotic Team Volunteers
Parent Advisory Team Members	Grandparent Day Volunteers
Box Top Volunteers	Booster Board Members
Special Speakers	Athletic Coaches
Office Volunteers	Athletic Event Volunteers
Fine Arts Volunteers	PTF Members and Volunteers
Library Volunteers	Prayer Partners
Lunchroom Volunteers	Market Day Volunteers
Auction Volunteers	Parent Ambassadors
Project SHINE Volunteers	Middle School Fun Night Coordinators and Volunteers
Speech Festival Coaches & Volunteer	Homecoming Volunteers
Spelling Bee Volunteers	Secondary Student Activity Volunteers

Each year, the PTF honors a volunteer who has gone above and beyond to make a difference for our school. This volunteer has not just given of their time, but of themselves; they have the heart of a servant. This year, the PTF has chosen to give this award to not one, but three special volunteers.

2014 Servant Heart Award Recipients

Kathy Smith, Prayer Partners & PTF

Diane Lauch, School Store Coordinator & PTF

Lori Young, Market Day Coordinator & PTF

I also want to send a very special thank you to a few ladies who consider the PCA Box Tops Program a ministry. Christy Holmes has led our Box Top program for several years. Helping her with this program was her mom, Dorothy Curtis, and her Nana, Maria Hernandez. Even though Christy's son Luke graduated this year and she will be moving on from PCA, her mom and Nana have agreed to continue to support the new PCA Box Top coordinator. All of the PCA playground equipment has been purchased with the funds raised through Box Tops. Thanks to these wonderful ladies and their commitment to our school!

Robotics 2013-14 on a Roll

Plymouth Christian All-Girls Middle School Robotics Team Awarded Grant

The PCA Middle School Robotics Team was comprised of all girls and they earned recognition because of their accomplishments. The team was selected as a winner of the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation's \$500 Robofest Grant. Robofest is sponsored by Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, Michigan. The following is an explanation of Robofest taken from the Lawrence Tech Robofest website, <http://www.robofest.net>. "Robofest is a variety of competitions and events with autonomous robots – programmed to act independently and not remote-controlled – that encourages students to have fun while learning principles of physical science, computer science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM), Computer Science, and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Students design, construct, and program the robots. Adult coaches are not allowed to assist during the events. Since 2000, over 14,000 students have competed in Robofest, including teams from 13 US States, England, Canada, China, France, India, Brazil, South Korea, Mexico, and Singapore."

The PCA team competed using an autonomous robot that they programmed to accomplish a robotics mission. Their scenario was the following: A nuclear power plant is in trouble and their mission is to avoid a nuclear meltdown. An autonomous nuclear responder robot has detected the problem and will instantly deliver up to 3 water balls (tennis balls) and a special ball (hardboiled egg) into the plant (box) without human help in 2 minutes. The robot can carry only one ball at a time. The learning objectives of this challenge was motion, navigation, manipulation, object detection, localization, logic, ratio, proportion, math operations, measuring, and geometry. The Robofest World Championship took place at Lawrence Technological University on May 16, 17, 2014.

Middle School Robotics Team Meets Olympic Champions

On February 28, 2014, our Middle School Robotics Team had the privilege of hearing from two Olympic Gold Medalists from the U.S. Woman's Rowing Team, Mary Whipple and Esther Lofgren. They spoke about the importance of teamwork, leadership, motivation, and inspiration. It was a fabulous opportunity for our PCA students!

High School Robotics - The Atoms Family

Congratulations to the High School Robotics Team for being a District Event Finalist in the FIRST Livonia District Championship. This is the farthest the PCA team has ever advanced in a tournament since the formation of our team three years ago.

The team received medals and trophies for their accomplishments.

They are pictured with their alliance group from the Brownstown/Woodhaven School District.



Congratulations

Jacob Douglas Bailey
 Katelynn Ruth Barkell
 Joy Elizabeth Bauslaugh
 Mackenzie Grace Burton
 Rebecca Joyce Byers
 Jared Matthew Cobb
 Terra Helen Crown
 Sarah Rachel Davis
 Joshua Taylor Fitzpatrick
 Rachael Lynn Fuller
 Reuben Christian Galang
 Emily Elizabeth Gerulis
 Katherine Michelle Gibson
 Gretchen Claire Gunderson
 Chloe Onlia Hinchcliff

Luke Curtis Holmes
 Shayla Grace Hovde
 Ryan Bradley Hovermale
 Maxwell Hunter Ingram
 Daniel John Jipping
 Rachel Elizabeth Kral
 Katherine Canava Kurtycz
 John William Lauch
 Erich Daniel Lingg
 Stephen Michael Lowisz
 Jennifer Lynn Malcolm
 Jacob Henry Maxwell
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 Chase Andrew Robinson
 Juliana Christine Romano
 Rachel Elizabeth Shook
 Rachel Lord Smith
 Hannah Joanne Tschetter
 Hannah Ruth Wallace
 Kaitlyn Nicole Whitlock
 Christopher Michael Young

We wish the very best for our graduates as they move on to the next steps in their journey. The following are the colleges, universities, and mission organizations where they will continue to develop into the young men and women that will impact our world for Christ.

Concordia University
 Michigan State University
 Spring Arbor University
 Washtenaw Community College
 Hope College
 Eastern Michigan University
 Taylor University
 University of Michigan
 Wheaton College
 Liberty University
 Western Carolina University
 Olivet Nazarene University
 Lee University
 Schoolcraft College

Central Michigan University
 Ringling College of Art and Design
 Grace College
 University of Michigan Dearborn
 Hillsdale College
 Michigan Technological University
 Cedarville University
 Moody Bible Institute
 Grand Valley State University
 L.A. Dream Center Leadership School
 Christ for the Nations
 Indiana Wesleyan University
 Faith in Action



A Special Congratulations...

Congratulations to the following graduates who are college scholarship recipients.

We are so grateful that your hard work has been recognized and we wish you all the best!

Jacob Bailey	Athletic Soccer Scholarship from Concordia University, Ann Arbor
Joy Bauslaugh	Provost Honor Scholarship from Spring Arbor University
Rebecca Byers	Provost Honor Scholarship from Spring Arbor University
Jared Cobb	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Terra Crown	United States Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) College Scholarship
Sarah Davis	Dean's Scholarship from Taylor University
Joshua Fitzpatrick	Regent's Merit Scholarship from University of Michigan
Rachael Fuller	Arthur Holmes Award from Wheaton College
Reuben Galang	Virginia Scholarship from Liberty University
Katherine Gibson	Academic Scholarship from Olivet Nazarene University
Gretchen Gunderson	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Chloe Hinchcliff	Dean's Scholarship from Lee University
Luke Holmes	Laker Scholarship from Grand Valley State University
Ryan Hovermale	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Daniel Jipping	Academic Prestige Award Baseball Scholarship from Central Michigan University
Rachel Kral	The Ringling College Scholarship from Ringling College of Art and Design
John Lauch	Dean's Scholarship from University of Michigan Dearborn
Stephen Lowisz	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Jennifer Malcolm	Hillsdale Academic Scholarship from Hillsdale College
Jacob Maxwell	Presidential Scholar of Distinction from Michigan Technological University and Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarship
Erin Meyers	Academic Scholarship from Olivet Nazarene University
Martha Mullett	Athletic Soccer and Academic Scholarship from Concordia University, Ann Arbor
Matthew Myers	Dean's Scholarship Award from Cedarville University
Joshua Paladino	Hillsdale Merit Scholarship from Hillsdale College
Phillip Putney	Olivet Nazarene Merit Scholarship and the Eastern Michigan District Nazarene Youth International Scholarship
Jared Quick	Emerald Scholarship from Eastern Michigan University
Paige Ringger	Laker Scholarship from Grand Valley State University
Juliana Romano	McClain Scholarship from Grace College
Rachel Smith	Athletic Basketball and Academic Scholarship from Hillsdale College
Hannah Tschetter	Olivet Nazarene Merit Scholarship, Olivet Nazarene Pastor's Children Scholarship, and Nazarene Foundation Scholarship
Kaitlyn Whitlock	Academic Scholarship from Indiana Wesleyan University



German Club and Delta Epsilon Phi News

During the 2013-14 academic year, German Club has offered several opportunities for PCA's students to learn more about the German language and culture. These included some Filmabend movie events, baking German cookies, and a special presentation by Luke Holmes, who shared his photographs and experiences from his AATG-PAD Study Award trip to Germany this past summer. Our German Club students also presented an informative "Game Show" to eighth grade students, to show them how fun and useful it can be to learn German.

Plymouth Christian Academy's chapter of Delta Epsilon Phi, a National German Honor Society, is graduating four seniors with honors this year: Luke Holmes, Erin Meyers, Jayme Putney and Rachel Smith. Luke Holmes will also be presented with the *Botschafter-Ehrung*, the Ambassador Award, given by our chapter to a qualifying student who has demonstrated a unique understanding of the mission of Delta Epsilon Phi: to pursue excellence in the study of German language and culture, and to promote cultural understanding in our school community and beyond. We are also inducting three new members to Delta Epsilon Phi this year: Paul Chamberlain (who will be the President of German Club during the 2014-2015 academic year), Greg Manni and Tara Wilkinson. Paul Chamberlain also distinguished himself on his performance on the 2014 National German Exam, earning a Gold Award for scoring in the top ten percent of students taking the exam in the State of Michigan.

Congratulations and *herzlichen Dank* (heartfelt thanks) to PCA's German students on an outstanding year!



PCA gratuliert euch - PCA congratulates its fine students of German!

Each year, the AATG National German Examination is administered to PCA'S German students at levels 2 and above. This is an extremely challenging exam that tests students' comprehension of written and spoken German. The following students have earned special honors on the 2014 exam:

Certificate of Achievement (top 50% of Michigan students taking the exam): Victoria Daniel, Gretchen Gunderson and Tara Wilkinson (German II), Jayme Putney and Rachel Smith (German IV)

Bronze Certificate (between 70-79th percentile): Greg Manni and Danielle Witkowski (German II)

Silver Certificate (between 80-89th percentile): Luke Holmes (German IV)

Gold Certificate (between 90-100th percentile): Christina Daniel and Paul Chamberlain (German II)

Special recognition goes to Paul Chamberlain, whose ranking at the 98th percentile qualified him to apply for the AATG-PAD Study Trip Award. Though not selected as a finalist this year, Paul did complete a rigorous phone interview with teachers and college professors, conducted in German, which in itself is a great achievement.



The German Language Through the Eyes of a Student

Plymouth Christian Academy's German program is an incredible program that dramatically impacts the lives of German students. My German studies have profoundly influenced my perception of other cultures, my understanding of global interdependence, and my education. My German studies have given me respect for the traditions and cultures of people around the world. Germany's educational system, health care, environmental consciousness, politics, and traditions drastically vary from their American counterparts; however, Germany has become an economically strong country with opportunity for self-improvement and the protection of personal liberties. Studying Germany's government-funded college education for Gymnasium students who pass the *Abitur* has removed my natural prejudices against non-American educational systems. Learning about Germany's incredible public transportation, with excellent subways, trains, and buses has challenged my perception that automobiles are the best means of transportation. Examining Germany's national healthcare system has led me to recognize that private healthcare is not the only effective healthcare system. Ultimately my German studies have imbued me with respect and appreciation for cultures that differ from America.

Studying German has broadened my understanding of global interdependence, specifically in regards to the economy. Germany is a major trading partner with the United States and the economically strongest country of the European Union. Germany's automotive industry exports to countries around the world, its castles and celebrations attract tourists, and its economy has been negatively impacted by the crisis in Greece. Learning about how Germany's economy is connected to other nations has helped me realize that most nations' economies are interdependent and better understand how America's economy depends on its relationship with other nations.

My education has and will continue to be impacted by my German studies. Studying the German language and German grammar has improved my English skills by leading me to better understand the structure of the English language. I expect to gain a better understanding of German literature in German 3 and German 4. My German studies have most profoundly affected my education by giving me the desire to study abroad. After scoring above the 90th percentile in the National German Exam, I was eligible to apply for a study abroad trip to Germany over the summer. Although I did not win the study trip, I am eager to apply for the study trip next year and am even considering studying for a semester in Germany while in college. Without my German studies, I doubt I would even think of studying abroad.

Written by: Paul Chamberlain



BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

At Plymouth Christian Academy, we are always looking ahead. We know how critical it is to carefully plan for and step into the future as the Lord leads. This is the primary responsibility of the Development Team. We want to thank you for partnering with us in building a bright future at PCA. Thanks to your generosity, we exceeded our goal and raised more than \$145,000 for our students this year! With this kind of support, there's no limit to where PCA will soar in the future. Your generous investments in our students provide the funds needed to nurture and develop the leaders of tomorrow. God greatly blessed our school this year and we look forward to many more years of faithfully stewarding the treasure of Christian education.

We are pleased to announce that our main fall event, the "Reach For The Stars" annual auction, set a record by bringing in over \$100,000 to support the Annual Eagle Fund. Early Project SHINE reports showed more than \$40,000 in gifts. To round out the year, a friend of the school donated funds to build a brand new Elementary Computer Lab. As we reflect over the past year, we can't help but be excited for the future. In addition to all of the events that raised much-needed supplemental funds, there were a number of donations received that will advance special projects such as our new 1:1 technology initiative.

We are very excited about the new challenges and opportunities that this coming year promises.

Through various marketing and fund development strategies, we continually strive to communicate our brand, build loyalty and sustain excellence for His glory. Some of these strategies are listed below:

- Plymouth/Canton New Resident Bags
- Members of Plymouth, Canton, & Northville Chambers of Commerce
- New Website Launch, Summer 2014
- "Future CEO" Billboard campaign
- New School Video Production
- Key Words Campaign; Learning, Leadership, Service - Lightpost Banners in school parking lot
- Social Media Marketing advances on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest
- Email Marketing - Constant Contact
- Walk-In Wednesdays Tour Program
- Plymouth Christian Academy Brand Guide
- Local Library Partnership
- Parent Advisory Teams
- Press & Communications Plan
- Butler Gymnasium Banner Program
- "Feeder School" Program
- Church Partnership Program
- Alumni Association
- Community Events - Volunteer Breakfasts, Donuts With Dads, Career Day, Grandparents Day, PCA Picnic, Fall Auction, Servathon
- PCA Spirit items to promote our brand in the community; car decals, mugs, pens, clothing
- New School Brochure
- "First Families" Parent Mentoring Program
- PCA Promotional Day at Calvary
- PCA Yellow Pages
- High School Open House Events - Canton Charter/Achieve Academy
- Community Partnership Programs - Target, Meijer Rewards
- Eagle Vision Campus-Wide Newsletter
- Metro Parent Magazine
- Marketing to Colleges and Universities

Thank you, PCA Family, for your continued support. Your investment in Plymouth Christian is seen as so much more than a contribution simply toward bricks and mortar. The value of your investment is long lasting, impacting young hearts and minds for eternity.

Thank you for your hand in developing student leaders who care and serve our community for Christ. The return on your investment is certain and you are making a difference in the lives of Plymouth Christian students.

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PCA Students Wow with Lighthearted Music Man

Lively musical numbers and choreography, eccentric characters, and 76 Trombones! This year's musical, *The Music Man*, had it all! Jayme Putney (Sr) played Professor Harold Hill and Juliana Romano (Sr) played Marian the Librarian. Together, they led the entire cast in a joyous and light-hearted show. The annual drama production is a treasured tradition here at PCA. After months of hard work and preparation, it is always rewarding to see the students' work pay off in such a fun musical.



WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP A STUDENT SOAR AT PCA?

PCA has been blessed since its founding with a remarkable level of support from those committed to the school's mission. What we experience every day when we walk onto our campus would not be possible without the generous support of the entire Plymouth Christian Academy family. The Plymouth Christian Academy Regent Board, administrators, faculty, staff and students recognize and deeply appreciate the many ways that our donors contribute to the life of the school.

Ways To Give,

Annual Eagle Fund, <https://secure-q.net/donations/Plymouth/841>

All Annual Fund Dollars are used during the year they are received to enhance current educational programs and are 100 percent tax deductible. The Annual Fund helps fund:

- Tuition Assistance
- Classroom Facilities
- Faculty Salaries and Professional Development
- Media and Technology Resources
- Service Programs Throughout the Community
- Maintain AdvancED and ACSI accreditation

Double the Donation <https://doublethedonation.com/plymouthchristian>

The Development Team at Plymouth Christian Academy actively 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 the link above and enter the name of your company.

Annual Events

There are many opportunities to sponsor and advertise at PCA events. For more information on any of these programs, please contact the Development Department at 734-459-3505 x3143 or email us at development@plymouthchristian.org.

Thank you for ensuring a bright and promising future for every PCA student.

PCA Athletic Booster Board...Thank You!

The PCA Booster Board has a long history of financially supporting the athletic programs at PCA and this year was no different. PCA administration, athletes, parents, and coaches are extremely grateful for all their efforts to provide this support. Dollars that were raised this year were used towards these recent purchases:

Girls varsity basketball uniforms	Varsity golf team green fees
Softball/baseball equipment	Basketball storage racks
New soccer goals/nets/anchors	Track equipment
MHSAA state participation ads	New canopy for Track/X-Country
Basketball equipment	Volleyball tournament fees
(2) \$500.00 student scholarships	Basketball and soccer balls

The Booster Board raised these funds through two main fundraisers, the Annual Golf Outing and the Eagle Pride Fundraiser. Thanks so much to all the parents, coaches, sponsors, and student athletes who participated and ensured the success of these fundraisers.

Watch for exciting ways that the PCA Boosters will be branding our athletic fields and facilities for the upcoming school year. The Boosters realize the importance of athletics in the decision making process of new families. They are committed to providing a first-class experience for our student-athletes and they want families to choose PCA, in part, for our excellent athletic programs.

Many thanks to the 2013-14 Booster Board:

Len Yakuber, President	Joe Bottorff	Mike Devries
Lisa Jipping, Vice-President	Rob Mossel	Jeff Mason
Sara Archibald, Secretary	Diana Chapel	Brent Albrecht
Scott Powlus, Treasurer	Stephen Morby	
Roger Perkey	Sara Morby	

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 morning on the golf course? Come on out for an 8:30 am Shotgun Start on Monday, August 12, 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 Fox Hills Golden Fox Course in Plymouth.



**PLAY A
CHAMPIONSHIP COURSE!**

This is a great opportunity to step up to the tee box and help PCA Athletics by participating in our golf outing.

**Tuesday, August 12
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start**

**Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center
8768 N. Territorial Road
Plymouth, MI 48170
734-453-7272 • www.foxhills.com**

**18 Hole Scramble Tournament
(foursomes)**

**Cost: \$100 per individual playing spot
\$400 per foursome**



The Day Includes:

**18 Holes of Golf with Cart • Lunch
Course Contests • Door Prizes**

Prizes for 1st Place and 2nd Place Foursomes

Continuing the Tradition



**Plymouth Christian Academy
Golf Outing 2014**



**The PCA Booster Board
invites you to support PCA
Athletics and enjoy a great
day of golf at Fox Hills on the
Golden Fox Course!**



Congratulations to Jennifer Lemieux, PCA Track and Cross Country Coach. Jennifer has been voted MIAC Coach of the Year for the girls track team. This award was based on votes from fellow track coaches within our conference. We are so proud of Coach Lemieux and her amazing accomplishments with our track and cross country teams. We also love her motto: Run for the Glory of God.



Congratulations to Tory Mady and Caitlin Warnshuis who are the only two girls currently in elementary school that have received the Presidential Patch for Physical Education for 5 years in a row. To qualify for this patch, students must receive at least the 85th percentile in all 5 activities (crunch test, shuttle run, stretch test, distance run and pull-ups). These standards are based on the 1985 National School Population Fitness Survey and validated in 1998, by means of comparison with a large nationwide sample collected in 1994.

Magnificent Seven

It didn't start out as the Magnificent Seven, in fact, it almost didn't start out at all. It was only after the seven girls on the middle school softball team had gone halfway through the season without a loss that Mr. Swilley, PCA's athletic director, nicknamed the girls the "Magnificent Seven." At the beginning of the season, the team had nine players, but within a week was down to seven – four eighth graders, one seventh grader, and two sixth graders. Despite the low numbers, the team carried on, playing most games without center or right fielders. Thanks to Coach Joe Belcher and the great play by all the girls, the team ended the season 8-0. Way to go girls!



Boys Basketball:

The boy's basketball season was one of fortitude and development as we build for the future in one of the toughest conferences in the state. Congrats to Daniel Jipping and Jacob Bailey, Team Captains, who were selected All-MIAC. Daniel Jipping: 1st Team
Jacob Bailey: 2nd Team





Girls Basketball:

Varsity girls capped off a triumphant season by winning their 2nd consecutive District Championship and advancing to the Regional Final. They fought hard in the Regional Final, but Everest Collegiate Academy prevailed. Thanks to Coach Rod Windle and the hard work of all the athletes for their accomplishments.

The team obtained an outstanding accolade this season as the top Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan (BCAM) Academic All-State Team in Class D with a 3.89 GPA.

Individual Achievements:

- Rachel Smith received recognition from BCAM with a 3.94 GPA and was selected for 1st Team All-MIAC. She will be attending Hillsdale College this fall as a member of the Women's Basketball team.
- Jennifer Malcolm and Rachel Fuller were selected as 2nd Team All-MIAC.
- Martha Mullett earned honorable mention ALL-MIAC.



Varsity Volleyball

Our varsity girls had a great volleyball season ending with a District Championship win! Congratulations to the two varsity players selected for the MIAC All-League Team:

- Jennifer Malcolm-1st Team
- Rachael Fuller-2nd Team

Varsity Golf

Despite a rainy spring season that resulted in lost practice time and some cancelled competitions, our team pulled it together and placed 3rd in their MHSAA District. This placement qualified them for the MHSAA Regional where they placed 7th.

Congratulations to the following golfers:

- Andrew Kwang- Player of the Year, Most Committed and Most Improved
- Luke Holmes-MIAC All Conference 2nd Team
- Adam Powlus- MIAC All Conference 2nd Team

Girls Varsity Soccer

Girls Varsity Soccer concluded their season in the MHSAA District Final vs. Greenhills in a heartbreaking 2-1 final game. This was a rebuilding season after the captivating moments with last year's "Fantastic 9." The foundation for the future is being set and we look forward to seeing what the Eagles accomplish next year.

Congratulations to the following players who achieved post-season nominations:

- Martha Mullett-All-District, 1st Team All-MIAC, and All-State Honorable Mention
- Katelyn Barkell- All-District and 1st Team All-MIAC
- Jessica Paulson- All-District and 2nd Team All-MIAC
- Aleze Peters- All-District and 2nd Team All-MIAC
- All-District selection also included Sarah Durham, Lauren Schlientz, and Katie Gibson

Varsity Softball

Girls Varsity Softball concluded their season in the MHSAA Districts. Congratulations to the following softball team members who were awarded MIAC All-League Honors:

- Rachel Shook- 1st Team
- Leah Cann-2nd Team
- Paige Ringger- 1st Team
- Hannah Schulz- 2nd Team



Varsity Baseball

Much of the 2014 baseball season has been spent either watching it rain or watching Daniel Jipping be intentionally walked. Daniel led the team in all offensive categories, including stolen bases. To reward Daniel for his impressive career, he has been named to the 2014 Senior All-Star Game sponsored by the Michigan Baseball Coaches Association, to be played at Comerica Park on July 10th. Upon leaving PCA, Daniel will continue his baseball career at Central Michigan University with a baseball scholarship.

Congratulations to the several players who achieved post-season honors:

- Daniel Jipping – All-District Catcher and MIAC 1st Team
- John Lauch – All-District Infield and MIAC 1st Team
- Michael Slater – All District Infield/Pitcher and MIAC 2nd Team
- Jared Cobb – All MIAC 2nd Team

Baseball District All-Academic:

Juniors:

Lucas Albrecht	Joseph Iacopelli
Torre Crown	Michael Slater
Tanner Hay	Jordan Talbott

Seniors:

Jared Cobb
Daniel Jipping
John Lauch

EAGLES ON THEIR WAY TO COLLEGE

Congratulations to the many PCA student athletes that will be playing at the college level this upcoming fall!

Jacob Bailey

Jacob will continue his soccer and track career at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Concordia University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Go Cardinals!



Emily Gerulis

Emily will be playing soccer at Western Carolina University, an NCAA Division 1 level university. She will be playing the position of center midfield. Congratulations to Emily whose countless hours of training, workouts, and sacrifices helped her accomplish her dream! Read more about Emily and the Catamounts: <http://www.catamountsports.com/sports/w-soccer/spec-rel/021114aaa.html>

Daniel Jipping

Daniel will be playing baseball at NCAA Division I Central Michigan University. Daniel was also considered for the Major League Baseball amateur draft. According to Daniel in an email sent to the Canton Observer, “I’m truly blessed, honored and humbled to have even been part of the draft conversation. I’m looking forward to being a part of a great organization at Central with excellent coaching.” Daniel will play on July 10 at Comerica Park in the Michigan High School Senior All-Star Game.

Martha Mullett

Martha will continue her soccer career at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Concordia University is a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). Go Cardinals!

Rachel Smith

Rachel will be playing Division II basketball for Hillsdale College. According to Rachel, “I am so thankful to the Lord, all the glory goes to Him for all these great opportunities that He has blessed me with. And I’m so blessed to have all the great people in my life that have helped me grow as a Christian first, before an athlete, and have helped me grow as a person.”



Congratulations to Varsity Track!

Varsity Track had another wonderful season ending with their participation in the State Track Finals for the 6th year in a row! The number of personal best and medals earned were phenomenal. Six new school records were set overall.

Congratulations to all the athletes, Coach Jennifer Lemieux, and Assistant Coach Jimmy Parks '13 for the following achievements! Thanks so much to the alumni who came out this year to support and help our team-Megan Lemieux '13, Ian Rose '13, Trevor Baloga '13, Mick Noel '13, and Ethan Levack '13.

State Track Finals:

Girls:

- 3200 relay (Megan McHugh, Allie Crecelius, Rachel Smith, and Terra Crown) was 14th place and a new school record of 10:33.19
- Terra Crown was 11th in the 3200 m run with new school record of 12:11.7
- Allie Crecelius was 13th in the 800m run

Boys:

- Joey Fanelli placed 17th and Jacob Bailey placed 18th in the 800m run

Regional Championship:

Regional Champions-Terra Crown, Jacob Bailey

Girls:

- Terra Crown was 1st place in 3200, 2nd place in 1600
- Allie Crecelius was 2nd in 800
- 3200 relay team was 2nd
- New school record in the 1600 relay of 4:30.52; Rachel Witkowski, Allie Crecelius, Rachel Smith, and Terra Crown
- New School record in the 800m relay of 2:00.13; Rachel Murdock, Paige Perkey, Chidi Wilson, and Rachel Smith

Boys:

- Jacob Bailey won the 800 m run with a new school record of 2:03.69

MIAC Championship:

Congratulations to Jennifer Lemieux-Voted Coach of the Year for the girl's team! Way to go Coach Lemieux!

All conference selections:

Terra Crown, Jacob Bailey, Rachel Smith, Allie Crecelius and Joey Fanelli

Girls:

- Conference Champions in the 3200 relay: Megan McHugh, Allie Crecelius, Rachel Smith, and Terra Crown.

Boys:

- Jacob Bailey conference champion in the 800m run
- Ben Fuller took 4th place in his very first 3200m run

Larry Steeb (Washtenaw County Championship):

- Rachel Smith ran a new school record in the 300m-hurdle race, 51.02

Wayne County Championship:

- Conference Champions-Terra Crown and Jacob Bailey
- Terra Crown was the 3200m Champion
- Natalie Kral was 2nd in the high jump
- Jacob Bailey was the 800m Champion

Earning All-Academic Status Cross Country:

Terra Crown and Joey Fanelli



Seventh Grade Student advances to Regional Spelling Bee in Indiana

This winter, PCA seventh-grader, Caleb Godin, travelled to Indiana for the 12th Annual Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) Spelling Bee regional competition. Caleb advanced to the regional competition after winning first place in this year's district competition, hosted at PCA.

This district competition took place at PCA on Friday, January 31. Approximately 130 students from 10 district schools gathered to spell their way to the top. One highlight of the ACSI district Spelling Bee was the intensity of Room 12 - the sixth grade competition. That competition went on for a grueling 50 rounds as students blasted through the 6th, 7th and finally 8th grade word lists to determine the winner.

Although Caleb was the only PCA student to advance to the regional competition, many of our students performed exceptionally. Several PCA students took home ribbons and first place medallions in their individual spelling bees as we are extremely proud of our finalists:

First Grade: Wesley Crafard, 4th place ribbon
Third Grade: John Harju, 1st place Medallion
Fourth Grade: Billy Morphew, 3rd place ribbon

Fifth Grade: Evan Schuster, 4th place ribbon
Sixth Grade: JC Feraro, 3rd place ribbon
Seventh Grade: Caleb Godin, 1st place Medallion
and 1st place trophy winner for the district

*Congratulations,
team PCA!*

PCA Grandparents Investing in their Grandchildren

More than 200 PCA grandparents and special friends had the opportunity to watch their grandchildren shine recently at Plymouth Christian Academy's Annual Grandparents Day. The grandparents in attendance enjoyed a special lunch together and saw elementary students share in song and speech. Students were delighted to have their grandparents visit their classrooms to enjoy activities together.

Grandparents enjoy the opportunity to visit their grandchildren in their school environment and see the Christ-centered education that PCA provides. What a blessing for our grandparents to invest in their grandchildren's education at Plymouth Christian! We are thankful for these committed grandparents, many of who invest in their grandchildren's education through financial support. Their investments help produce young people who are lifelong learners, leaders and servants of our Lord. Thank you, PCA grandparents, for your overwhelming encouragement, for being a positive role model, for your sacrificial giving and for the family support you provide. Most important of all, we are thankful for your faithful prayer support!

Thank you for investing in the future of your Grandchildren!

Save the Date!

PCA's 6th Annual School Picnic

Hosted by the Parent Teacher Fellowship and the Lunchroom Staff

When: Tuesday, August 26, 2014 - 4-7pm

Where: PCA Grounds and Activity Center

Why? Fun and fellowship with friends, both old and new!

On the menu: Hotdogs, Chips, Watermelon, Drinks, and Popcorn.
Bring a pie, cookies, or brownies for dessert if you'd like!

Lots of fun activities for the kids:
Face Painting, Bounce House, Giant Slide

There is no charge to attend, but donations will be gladly accepted.

Secondary Visual Arts Department



The Secondary Visual Arts Department finished strong this year with its classes learning and producing some wonderful pieces of art as displayed in the Secondary Art Exhibit on Friday, May 28th. Artwork ranged from fun introspective collages by the Drawing & Painting class to food sculptures and tea sets by the Ceramics class.



Our class enjoying our Tea Party!



Another fun project new this year was a collaborative rendition of Starry Night by the seventh graders. They each had a portion of the painting to reproduce using similar color scheme and style. Here the class proudly shows their finished product!

Eighth graders extended their knowledge of artist styles by creating chair sculptures. Working in groups, the students chose an artist, researched the style, and designed a chair inspired by this investigation. The chairs were creative and beautifully crafted.



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Secondary Visual Arts Department

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Congratulations goes to senior Rachel Kral for applying and being accepted to Ringling College of Art in Florida. Rachel used her time in the Portfolio Development class to work on and finalize the portfolio she needed for the application process. We are proud of Rachel's work and this piece has been selected to hang in the PCA Alumni Art Gallery! Look for it the next time you are in the Concessions area having a snack!



The National Art Honor Society was not sleeping this year either. They kicked off the year by visiting the Motawi Tileworks in Ann Arbor and then began a huge project of their own. They are working hard on a large tile mural to be eventually displayed in the PCA library. The project is challenging, involving over a hundred tiles and also learning the process of mold making. This project will continue through next year!

In addition, the National Art Honor Society welcomed fourteen new members this year at the honors induction on June 2. Congratulations!



Mrs. Tina Kincer, an art education student from Eastern Michigan University, was a pleasant addition to our classes this semester when she came in to fulfill her observation requirements. A special note of thanks goes to EMU for the donation of the photograph enlargements used in the identity collages completed in our Drawing and Painting class.



Escape to Paris...PCA Style! ✨ ✨

SAVE THE DATE for Plymouth Christian Academy's 25th Annual Auction Gala, **An Evening in Paris**, on **Friday, November 21, 2014**. The auction takes place in the Butler Gymnasium and is our largest community-building event and major fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from our school's auction and fund-a-need program directly benefit the students of PCA.

Join us as we "travel" to Paris for a stylish evening of French dining and decor, shopping for unique trips, art, gift packages, gifts and one-of-a kind experiences – all in support of the students of Plymouth Christian Academy. Auction items range from vacation packages to artwork, gift baskets, theme parties, handcrafted items, jewelry, sports memorabilia and much more. Event co-chairs Beth Larabee and Peggy Paulson, with help from the auction committee and dozens of parent volunteers, are working hard to put together a fun evening for a great cause.

Our Goals for the Event are:

- to **maximize attendance** and provide a *magnifique* experience
- to **provide an enjoyable opportunity to support our students**
- to **reach and exceed the budgeted** net fundraising goal of **\$150,000**

We invite all families and friends of PCA to attend. Invitations will be mailed to all current families, past parents, alumni and friends of Plymouth Christian mid-October 2014. If you would like us to send an invitation to anyone outside of the groups mentioned above, please provide a mailing address to Beth Larabee at beth.larabee@plymouthchristian.org as all are welcome to attend. Gather a group of friends and start making your table arrangements now!

Oui, PCA Students Need Your Support!

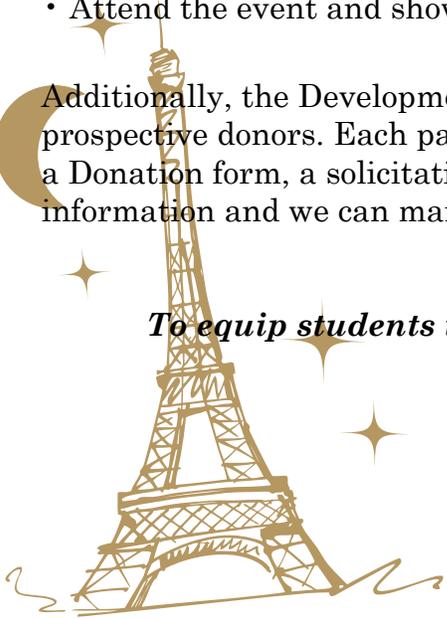
Our success depends on YOU! There are many ways to support Plymouth Christian Academy's Evening in Paris. We would love for every PCA family to play a role (small or large) in this important fundraising effort. Your support can come in one or more of the following ways:

- Be an Event Sponsor: Click here for the [Sponsorship Opportunities Form](#)
- Contribute auction items for the live and silent auction: Click here for the [Donation Form](#)
- Help us acquire auction items; let us know of connections you might have to unique experiences
- Volunteer on a committee, email Development@plymouthchristian.org
- Attend the event and show strong PCA family support!

Additionally, the Development Office offers auction packets, which you can drop off or mail to prospective donors. Each packet contains a full-color Auction flyer, Sponsorship Opportunities form, a Donation form, a solicitation letter, and return and outer envelopes. Or provide us with contact information and we can mail an auction packet out at your request.

*All proceeds support our mission:
To equip students to become lifelong learners, leaders and servants for Christ!*

See You in Paris!





Plymouth Christian Academy

An Evening in Paris

25th Auction Gala Event

Friday, November 21, 2014

Silent Auction and Catered Dinner, 6pm

Live Auction and Entertainment, 8pm

Butler Gymnasium

43065 Joy Road Canton Michigan

Register online at plymouthchristian.org/paris

**Childcare Drop-Off Fun Center, 5:30pm, Church Building*

Say Bonjour

to An Evening in Paris at PCCA!

Commitment, Passion, Service

Thanks to the entire PCA faculty and staff who have served at PCA faithfully throughout the years. We want to take a moment to honor those who have reached a significant milestone in years of service to our PCA students. Congratulations!

5 Years of Service

Natacha Wargowski, After School Care
Suzy Wright, Coordinator of Academic Improvement

10 Years of Service

Cheryl Bauslaugh, Preschool Aide
Carol Greve, Athletic Secretary
Deborah Putney, Kindergarten Aide

15 Years of Service

Ledia Dittberner, 4th Grade Teacher
Pam Harrison, 3rd Grade Teacher
Karen Hott, Secondary Science Teacher

20 Years of Service

Linda Sumner, Lunchroom Assistant

25 Years of Service

Karen Davis, Secondary Bible Teacher
Martha Koppin, Secondary Bible Teacher

30 Years of Service

Connie Boyd, Secondary Math Teacher

35 Years of Service

Steve Bauslaugh, Secondary P.E. Teacher



Farewell

Our best wishes to the staff that will not be returning in the fall. We will miss you and pray that God will greatly bless you as you transition into this new phase of your life. It has been a privilege to work with you!

Brenda Zinn, 5th Grade Teacher. After working at PCA for 9 years, Brenda will be moving to the Grand Rapids area to be closer to her children and family. Brenda is an exemplary teacher with a strong commitment to her students. She provided many opportunities to ensure student success and facilitated the spiritual development of the students in her class. Even through her most difficult trials, she continued to be an inspiration to all of us. You will be greatly missed!

Kelly Rich, Secondary English Teacher. Thanks so much to Kelly for being part of our PCA faculty this year. We are grateful that she was able to be here this year and wish her all the best as she joins her husband in their business next year.

Summers Around PCA

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 them. 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.

All School Picnic on PCA Campus!

This year's All School Welcome Back Picnic will be held on **Tuesday, August 26, 4:00pm-7:00pm**, right here on our campus! This is an exciting time for parents, children, faculty, staff and alumni to gather for food and fun and celebrate the beginning of the year. Come visit the face painting station, jump on fun inflatables, and play softball or volleyball with the PCA family. It is a wonderful event for the entire community. All are invited to come out and make our Eagle Spirit Soar!

PCA Clean Up Day!

Please join us on **Saturday, August 23, 8:30am-2:00pm** as we work to get our campus ready for the 2014-15 school year! The PTF and the PCA Facility Advisory Team sponsor this event. Students can earn community service hours for this project. Hope to see you there!

Exhibit & Packet Pick Up Day

Mark Your Calendars! Packet Pick Up Day for Elementary and Secondary takes place on Friday, August 22. The event opens at 9:00am and concludes at 2:00pm. This is an important time to gather information and finalize the necessary paperwork for your student(s). It's also a chance for you to get to know PCA's campus, meet new people, and learn about the programs available to you! We require that all students participate in the registration process. Secondary school pictures will be taken and Student ID cards issued.

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Alumni News

weddings degrees children accomplishments

ALUMNI, we love to hear from you! News about you and your family is important to us and to your former classmates.



▲ Joe Cranford

Joe Cranford, Class of 1984

Joe just celebrated his 10th year with HealthStream, Inc. in Nashville, TN. Joe has served as a software business analyst and was promoted to Sr. User Experience Engineer last year. He and his wife Beth have been married since Aug. 1991, having met at Harding University in Searcy, AR. They homeschool their two kids, Lydia (15) and Josiah (6) and live in Smyrna, TN. www.facebook.com/joecranford.

Kyle Mavin, Class of 1989, Cristin Mavin, Class of 1992

Kyle and Cristin celebrated their 19th wedding

anniversary this past May. They are blessed to have three children, Jacob (17), Aubrey (15), and Rebekah (12). They reside in Livonia, Michigan. Christin is utilizing her Physical Therapy degree as a licensed PTF at Woodhaven Retirement Community in Livonia in the Physical/Occupational Therapy department. Kyle serves as the Director of Clinical Services for the Midwest Eye Banks. According to Kyle, *"My experiences at PCA were memorable and unique. The ability to attend a small Christian school gave me the opportunity to learn how Christ is so important to me (all aspects of my life). The opportunities I had to serve alongside my parents, as PCA was in its infant stages, and be part of that growth was and unforgettable experience. To see what PCA is now today versus what it was when I was attending is a credit to all the former (& current) teachers, administrators and board members. These individuals sacrificed time, sweat, tears and finances to make the foundation strong for PCA. The education I received equipped me for the many challenges I have and continue to face in life. The sports that I had the privilege of being involved in molded me to*

be a better team player and have the discipline I needed.

Thank you Plymouth Christian Academy for what you did and continue to do for all the students that have and will continue to pass through your doors!"

Justin Williams, Class of 1999

Justin Williams attended PCA while he was playing for the Plymouth Whaler's Hockey team. He plays for the LA Kings and was voted MVP of the Stanley Cup Finals.

Natalie Rose Gashi, Class of 2001

Natalie and her husband, Festim, welcomed their second daughter, Adelyn Faith, born on March 5, 2014. Adelyn weighed 7lb, 1oz, and was 19.5 inches long. Also welcoming her into the family was her older sister, Abriella Faith. Natalie works part time for Bloomberg Government and Festim works for the Albanian Service at the Voice of America. Natalie says she is grateful for her part-time position which



▲ Natalie Rose Gashi

▼ Adelyn Gashi



allows her be spend more time with her daughters, "her true calling".

Amber Wiard Luongo, Class of 2002

Amber and her husband Josh welcomed Zander Diuguid Luongo into their family on March 14, 2014. They live in beautiful Colorado Springs, CO. Amber just finished her 8th year teaching high school math. Josh is working toward his goal of being a police officer in the near future.

Rachel Wiard, Class of 2006

Rachel Wiard and Jake Clark are getting married June 28, 2014 in Woodland Park, Colorado.



▲ Amber Wiard

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Rachel and Jake will make their home in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Rachel works for Compassion International.

Spencer Wiard and Miriam Monroe, Class of 2009

Spencer and Mim were married May 3, 2014



Spencer Wiard & Miriam Monroe ▲

in Ann Arbor, Michigan. They are living in Kalamazoo where Spencer works as a mechanical engineer for Stryker. Mim was working at St. Joseph Hospital in Ann Arbor on the Cardiac Care Unit until she moved to Kalamazoo. She is currently seeking employment as a RN.

Caleb Middleton, Class of 2009

Caleb graduated from Moody Bible Institute on May 17, 2014 with a Bachelor Degree in Bible & Educational Ministries. He will be marrying

Naomi Eikom on July 5th. Naomi also graduated from Moody Bible Institute on May 17, with a Bachelors Degree in Bible & Children's Ministry. Shortly after their wedding they will move to Malcolm, Nebraska where they will begin their work in ministry.

Elizabeth Somercik Henley, Class of 2009

Following a very successful bone marrow transplant and recovery this past winter, Elizabeth was married to Jonathan Henley on May 28, 2014.



▲ Caleb Middleton ▼



Alumni Spotlight

while students at PCA, probably due to their age difference, although they knew of each other through many common friends.

Joe went to college in Arkansas, studying electronic media. Reagan went to college in Grand Rapids, studying film and video. Both worked in the business world for many years before getting the opportunity to team up at SEND's media department. Their experience with both video and web design uniquely prepared them to serve at SEND. Both have worked on the SEND website, videos, and had the opportunity to travel

to many countries to shoot videos.

The duo rebuilt the SEND website last year, leaning heavily on Reagan's excellent web programming skills. To keep Joe on his toes, Reagan has decided to go to Seminary at the Master's College in California.

Both feel privileged and blessed to share Christ's love in this unique way.

Check out Joe and Reagan's work at send.org. There you will also find a list of ministry opportunities to serve all over the world in short-term and long-term capacities.



Joe Wells, Class of 1997 & Reagan Rose, Class of 2004

PCA Alums Joe Wells and Reagan Rose have been serving missionaries from all over the world for the last few years at SEND International. SEND is a missions agency based near PCA in Farmington, Michigan that has missionaries in more than 20 countries.

Joe (97) and Reagan (04) never really met



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▲ Elizabeth Somericik Henley

Lisa Valentine, Class of 2010

Lisa Valentine is attending Palm Beach Atlantic University pursuing a double major in Marketing and Public Relations. She was presented the 2013 "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" Award by the University provost in December. In



▲ Lisa Valentine

2012, Lisa traveled to Albania on a mission trip to work with children and also to assist churches in putting on community festivals during the 2012 Olympics In England. In 2013, Lisa spent a semester studying abroad at the University of Roehampton in London, England. While abroad, Lisa traveled around

Europe to several different countries including: Italy, France, Croatia, Scotland, Ireland, Greece, Germany, Norway, and Spain.

Bethany Wensley Tibble, Class of 2010

Bethany was recently married on May 24, 2014 to John Tibble. Their wedding took place in Brighton, Michigan. Bethany recently graduated from the University of Michigan School of Nursing and is currently employed at the University of Michigan Hospital. John graduated from the University of Michigan in 2011 and works as a Computer Science engineer. Bethany and John are now living in Saline, Michigan.

Matt Zandee, Class of 2010

Matt graduated this spring from Taylor University with a B.A. in Biology. He married Estee Wells on June 21, 2014. They will be residing



▲ Bethany Wensley Tibble

in Grand Rapids where Estee is working as an editor/ social media consultant and Matt will be starting graduate school at Grand Valley State University. Matt will be pursuing a graduate degree in Cell and Molecular Biology.

Austin Smith & Kelsey Carpenter, Class of 2011

Austin & Kelsey were engaged this past March. Their wedding is planned for May 24, 2015.

Breanne Putney Klemm, Class of 2011

Breanne married Brandon Klemm on May 18, 2014. Brandon graduated in May from Olivet Nazarene University with a degree in marketing. Breanne will graduate in the spring of 2015. Breanne and Brandon reside in Bourbonnais, Illinois.

Hannah Kurtycz, Class of 2012

Hannah will marry Seth Booker on July 11, 2014.

Natalie McDonald, Class of 2012

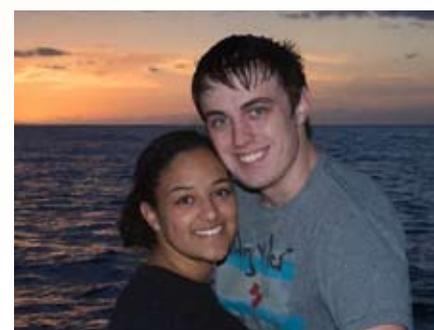
Natalie had the opportunity to travel to Zambia this spring with Calvin College. While there she spent her time working in elementary classrooms.



▲ Breanne Putney Klemm



▲ Natalie McDonald



▲ Austin Smith & Kelsey Carpenter



▲ Hannah Kurtycz

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Haley Garfield,
Class of 2012

Haley will be spending most of the summer in Swaziland, Africa with **Adventures in Missions**. She will be in Africa from June 7- July 31 assisting full time missionaries and working with children in orphanages.



▲ Cameron Groenewoud

Cameron Groenewoud,
Class of 2007

Cameron completed her masters degree in Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction in December 2013. She is currently working for the Chelsea School District as the Early Childhood Special Education teacher. She will marry Brandon Link on June 28, 2014. She and Brandon will reside in Plymouth.

Amanda Hayes,
Class of 2009

Amanda graduated in 2013 from Cedarville University with a BS in Forensic Science. Amanda has been accepted into the Virginia Commonwealth University's Graduate Program in Forensic Science. The VCU Department of Forensic Science is one of only a few programs in the U.S. to be accepted by the Forensic Science Education Program Accreditation (FEPCA). This program includes a unique directed research program which offers each student an intensive research-based experience with a faculty member on-campus or in an operational forensic laboratory setting. Congratulations Amanda!

Matt Read,
Class of 2013

Matt is currently attending the University of Michigan Dearborn where he has been elected to the Student Government. He holds the position of Student Director of Athletics. Matt is majoring in Business.

Connor Roy, Class of 2013

Connor has continued to pursue his dream of a career in music and according to him, "God has blessed me far beyond what I deserve! I am in the studio currently recording a new EP which I hope to have out by early/mid August." Connor has a busy summer ahead with recording and playing many shows across the Metro Detroit/Downriver areas. Connor had the opportunity to make his very first music video, which was directed and edited by PCA Alum, Chloe Borai.

The music video can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1pekPgkQ7Qg>.

Connor also had the honor of singing and playing guitar live onstage with Third Day.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBk98fNxBW0>.

Below are links you may be interested in visiting to learn more about Connor and his musical pursuits.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ConnorRoyMusic>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ConnorRoyMusic>

Official Website: <http://connorroy.weebly.com>

BandCamp: <http://connorroy.bandcamp.com>

Date	Location	Event
June 28	Ypsilanti, MI	PizzaFest 2014
July 11	Ypsilanti, MI	Flannel Fest
July 18	South Lyon, MI	Java House Cafe
July 25	Warren, MI	The Ritz
July 26	Redford, MI	Hosanna-Palooza
August 1-3	Flat Rock, MI	FaithFest XVIII
August 15	New Boston, MI	Farewell Show