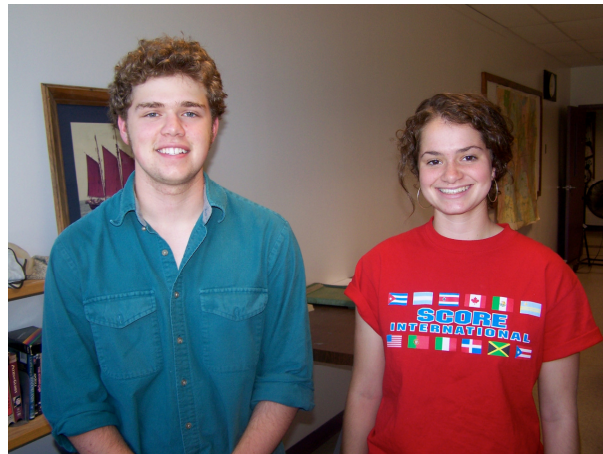


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## **Whitinsville Christian High School recognizes National Merit Commended Students**

*Whitinsville, Massachusetts—*

Whitinsville Christian High School seniors Ethan Bates and Kristabel Stark have been named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Competition, Principal Chris Vander Baan announced today. They join 34,000 of the 50,000 top scorers nationwide to receive this distinction



based on their performance on the 2008 PSAT. Although Commended Students do not continue in the scholarship competition, they nonetheless place among the top five percent of scorers.

“Ethan is a gifted musician and principal cellist in our high school orchestra,” Vander Baan noted. “He is a member of our National Honor Society and a leader in Student Council. Ethan is adored by our faculty and always has a smile on his face!” Ethan is the son of Jim and Kim Bates of Douglas.

“Kristabel is an incredibly talented young lady excelling in soccer and swimming,” Vander Baan continued. “One of the top students in her class, she is a strong writer and a strong leader in our high school. She has a heart for service and is organizing a Red Cross blood drive here for this winter.” Kristabel is concertmistress for the high school orchestra. She is the daughter of Doug and Amy Stark of Whitinsville.

Located in the town of Northbridge, Whitinsville Christian School is a private academic institution with 541 students currently enrolled in grades preK-12. Established in 1928, WCS is the oldest accredited Christian school in New England, drawing students from more than 38 towns and 98 churches in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

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