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## **SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CADETS SIGN WITH DIVISION I COLLEGES**

**MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Feb. 6, 2008** – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that Two Saint Thomas Academy seniors signed letters of intent to play football at Division I schools. F. Schmidt signed a letter of intent with Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H.; and A. Schneider signed a letter of intent to attend College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass. They are the second and third cadets to sign with Division I schools; swimmer M. Hoyland signed with the University of Texas-Austin in December. Both boys are from Inver Grove Heights.

Football Coach David Ziebarth said, "Schneider played tight end and defensive end - he had 21 catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns as a tight end, but his devastating blocking led a ground attack which averaged nearly six yards a carry over the last two years."

Schneider also plays basketball, and was a member of the 2007 State Championship team.

Schmidt played quarterback, and served as kicker and punter for the Cadets. In his career at the Academy, he completed 60 percent of his passes for 1,040 yards and 8 touchdowns. He rushed 95 times for 535 yards, for a 5.6-yard average, and 13 touchdowns. As kicker, he had 80 touchbacks in three years, earning him All-State recognition in his junior year, and All-Conference and All-State honorable mention as a senior. In his senior year, he was second in the state with a punt average of 38.6 yards.

"Schmidt was one of the best kicker/punter combination in the history of the school," Zierbarth said.

Schmidt is also on the hockey team and has received two academic Torch Awards.

### **About Saint Thomas Academy**

Founded in 1885, Saint Thomas Academy is an all-male, military/leadership, Catholic, college preparatory school committed to preparing young men to succeed in college and in life. Nationally accredited by the Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS), the academy challenges young men to excel academically, spiritually, physically, and emotionally in and out of the classroom. For more information, please visit [www.cadets.com](http://www.cadets.com).

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