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SAINT THOMAS ACADEMY CADET NAMED TO THE MINNESOTA BAND DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION HONORS BAND

MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn., Feb. 22, 2008 – Saint Thomas Academy announced today that sophomore M. Riehm, of Stillwater, was accepted into the 9-10 grade honor band sponsored by the Minnesota Band Directors Association (MBDA). Riehm was one of 80 students chosen from more than 230 prepared audition recordings.

Interested students apply by completing an application and submitting a taped audition. A committee of qualified adjudicators scores each audition tape against an agreed upon set of standards, ensuring that a consistent standard of excellence is used in assessing each applicant.

The State Honor Band performance will be held April 20, 2008, at Northfield Middle School in Northfield, Minn. The conductor will be Dr. Mark Whitlock, director of bands at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

About MBDA

The Minnesota Band Directors Association sponsors two honor bands annually, one comprised of students in grades 6, 7 and 8, and another comprised of students in grades 9 and 10. The MBDA Honor Bands provide the opportunity for select students from across the state to immerse themselves in an invigorating environment of music-making under the direction of a distinguished guest conductor.

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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