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**St. Paul Catholic Student Named National Merit Semi-Finalist**

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**Bristol, CT** – St. Paul Senior **Alex Klapheke** has been named a semi-finalist in the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual **National Merit Scholarship Program**. Out of 1.4 million applicants, approximately 16,000 semi-finalists are selected based on high PSAT scores by state. The semifinalists represent less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. Finalists in the program will be announced in the spring of 2008.

In addition to his outstanding academic record, Alex, a resident of Harwinton, is an accomplished pianist and is also skilled in computer programming.

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