



Dear Student (and Parents):

Congratulations on your decision to attend Cretin-Derham Hall (CDH)! It's an outstanding high school that offers a huge selection of activities. One of those activities is JROTC, which has played a major role in CDH's tradition of excellence for over 100 years. Enrolling in JROTC for 9th grade allows you the chance to earn credits, qualify for tuition aid, build relationships, prepare for your future after high school, and have fun!

Selecting the P.E./JROTC option can **fulfill all your required Health and Physical Education credits**. During 9th grade, you spend two days per week in the JROTC class, one day in JROTC Leadership Lab, and the other two days in P.E. To earn all five credits, you would stay in JROTC until you graduate from CDH.

There is a **JROTC Tuition Aid Program** for 9th graders who apply and qualify for financial assistance. This award is added to the amount of the financial aid package offered by the school and is renewable every year. JROTC students can also apply for scholarships and other cash awards designed especially for them; see the CDH webpage for more information.

JROTC helps you build relationships. We often represent the school in public which puts us in contact with alumni/ae and local leaders. **Ninth graders interact immediately with older students in a positive environment**. Seniors help first-year JROTC students become part of the CDH community.

As a member of CDH JROTC you are part of an organization with a **national reputation for excellence**. JROTC helps you to **succeed in high school, college, and beyond**. Our curriculum builds ethical leaders who operate from a recognized set of values. We develop physical and mental discipline through drill and ceremony, parades, uniform wear, and adventure training. Wearing the JROTC uniform one day each week builds focus, attention to detail, confidence, and an understanding of the importance of "dressing for success." Awards and decorations on your uniform recognize a wide variety of achievements. The credentials that you earn through JROTC and our letters of recommendation are very useful when applying for college, jobs, internships, scholarships and other advanced programs.

There is a wide variety of optional JROTC co-curricular activities, including Color Guard, Crack Drill, Flight Club, Honor Guard, Orienteering, Regulation Drill, and the Air Rifle Team. Others enjoy our unique activities – adventure camps, helicopter and military transport aircraft flights, museum tours, recreational encampments, plus much more. **Every student, regardless of background and interests, can experience a lot of fun in JROTC.**

We hope to see you at registration. There we can answer any questions. We'll also record your sizes so we can order your uniform (at no cost to you) and issue it to you at the start of the school year. Remember, **there is no military obligation** associated with JROTC. You are always welcome to call us at 651-696-3350.

Sincerely,

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