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Go Forth to
Lead



Cretin-Derham Hall
2023-2024

We Are Cretin-Derham Hall



Our Mission

Cretin-Derham Hall is a Catholic co-educational high school, co-sponsored by the Brothers of the Christian Schools and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, committed to Christian values and academic excellence in grades nine through twelve. We will educate young men and women of diverse abilities, cultures, and socioeconomic backgrounds for opportunities in post-secondary education.



By the Numbers...

STUDENTS

920 

students grades 9-12


75% of students are Catholic

123   

different grade schools represented within student body

49% male | 51% female

 66% students received tuition aid

\$3.1 million distributed in tuition aid last year 

FACULTY + STAFF

49% male | 51% female

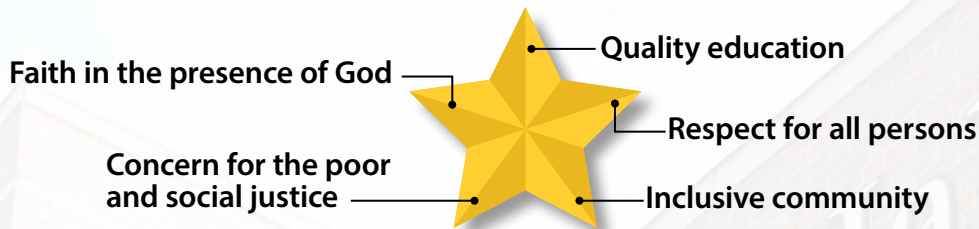
 80 instructional staff

60%  have a Master's Degree or higher

 16% graduated from Cretin, Derham Hall, or Cretin-Derham Hall

Why Cretin-Derham Hall?

Our long tradition of innovative learning supports each student to be the very best version of what God created him or her to be. The legacy and leadership of our founders, the Christian Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph, is alive and well at CDH with five core principles that guide our approach:



Excellent Academics

Rigorous at every level, with caring teachers and an impressive slate of course offerings, our students are equipped to be lifelong learners and change agents in a challenging world.

Foundation of Faith and Values

A Catholic school sponsored by the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, we integrate faith and values into all aspects of a CDH education. All faiths are welcome. With our faith as a foundation, service and justice are integrated into our experience to create global citizens who care enough to impact our community and shape world views.

Welcoming and Diverse Community

CDH provides a welcoming environment that celebrates diversity of thought, interests, race, income, and learning abilities. Our student body has 28% students of color. Raiders come from 123 different elementary/middle schools, creating an inclusive community where students make friends for life.

Co-Curricular Excellence

CDH is big enough to provide broad co-curricular opportunities so that every student can find his or her voice, place, and passion. With such a rich environment of student involvement, it is easy, and very common, to be involved in multiple activities! In fact, 98% students are in one or more sports, clubs, or activities.

Award-Winning Fine Arts

CDH approaches education as a dynamic way of life, fostering opportunities for collaboration and building personal connections that last a lifetime. The commitment to Fine Arts — theater, band, choir, and studio arts — means students have a place to explore their passions and creativity.

Preparation for Successful and Meaningful Lives

Our graduates leave CDH with amazing opportunities to fully embrace their future confidently and well prepared for whatever path they choose — earning admittance to the nation's top colleges and establishing individualized career paths for professional success.

Value

The return on a family's investment is second to none, and we are deeply committed to keeping CDH affordable. Our tuition continues to be among the lowest in the metro, due to a donor base that supports more than 20% of the total cost to educate each and every student, and more than \$3 million in tuition aid is awarded annually. In addition, a robust merit scholarship program rewards students who demonstrate the values of CDH.

"I have grown so much with making new friends, developing new skills for my future in the classroom, and how to be a well-rounded person outside of school. CDH pushes me to be my best!"

ANNA DUGAN '24
Link Crew, Campus Ministry



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We challenge each student to reach his or her full potential in a safe atmosphere that is positive, caring, service-oriented, and yes, fun.

Our faculty is committed to educating young people with diverse abilities, needs, and talents, while opening their hearts and minds to the challenges of tomorrow.

Rigor and Challenge

Students are placed in the appropriate level so that each student benefits from a challenging curriculum, high expectations, and ongoing support for achieving success.

CDH offers an unparalleled selection of honors courses, AP courses, and dual enrollment courses, which earn students direct college credits.



11:1

STUDENT : TEACHER RATIO



19

AVERAGE
CLASS SIZE

166+

COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM



3

LEVELS OF COURSES:
COLLEGE PREP, ADVANCED,
HONORS/AP



50

ACCELERATED COURSES,
INCLUDING ADVANCED
PLACEMENT, DUAL
ENROLLMENT COLLEGE
COURSES, AND HONORS



3

LANGUAGES
Mandarin
Spanish
French

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Extensive College Credit Opportunities

Advanced Placement

Our highly qualified faculty deliver a national curriculum designed at a college level in content and difficulty. Students who earn a qualifying score on the national test earn college credit.

- 17 AP courses — plus many CDH students are successful in taking AP tests in additional subject areas.
- 324 students took 517 tests in 2022–2023.

Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment

Students earn both high school and college credit through successful completion of these rigorous courses delivered by CDH faculty who are certified by the college.

An impressive 410 students enrolled in Dual Enrollment College Credit Courses — earning a potential 1,159 college credits this past year while at CDH.

Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC), Saint Mary's University of Minnesota

- Chemistry — Honors
- Physics — Advanced
- Introduction to College Literature
- Spectrum Senior Interdisciplinary Symposium — Honors

College in the Schools (CIS) — University of Minnesota

- Human Anatomy and Physiology — Honors
- English 12 — Writing Studio — College Prep
- Physics by Inquiry — Advanced
- Physics — Honors

“I have been supported and challenged academically by my teachers who want me to become a better person in life.”

MARVIN MILLARD '23
Hockey, Lacrosse, JROTC





Innovative Learning

STEAM Curriculum Anchors New Science Track

All ninth graders take the foundational STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) course to address the critical need for science skills to meet 21st century challenges in all disciplines. The new curriculum was launched a couple of years ago and is offered in all three different and distinct levels: college prep, advanced and honors.

The Ryan STEM Center opened in 2021, giving students a state-of-the-art space for both curricular and co-curricular exploration, problem-solving, design and construction. This space is in addition to the already well-equipped classrooms and labs, and includes a Design Lab and a STEM Lab.

Technology and Innovation

Our students have the technological learning resources needed to enhance their critical thinking, communication skills, collaboration, and creativity while empowering them as responsible, digital citizens.

- 1:1 Apple iPad Program
- Apple TV
- New STEM Center
- Coding Resources
- New Robotics Lab
- Vernier Lab Equipment
- Virtual Reality Lab

9th Grade Values Interdisciplinary Course

Values Symposium combines English, Religion, and Social Studies into a two-period class with three faculty members.

Values provides all ninth graders with a common academic experience. Content is focused on the CDH values, along with reading and writing across the disciplines.

Block Schedule

Driven by abundant research and the goal to provide longer class periods and decrease the fast pace of a traditional school day, the CDH schedule consists of a consistent three-day rotating class schedule, with classes meeting for one hour on two of every three days. There is a longer flex period at lunch allowing for academic help, study time, clubs/activity meetings, counselor visits, or prayer in addition to lunch with peers. This innovative schedule also allows time for Mass, assemblies, CASA and class meetings.

Academic Support Program

Students with specific learning needs receive the academic support needed to be successful. Reading, writing, math, and organizational support are provided as needed

- Structured study with 4 Learning Specialists
- 100+ students benefit from this program
- Accommodates and initiates learning plans
- Renovated Learning Lab space provides easy access for 1:1 support or small group work

Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles

We focus on the individual learning styles and multiple intelligences of each member of our community to provide the best opportunity to prepare 21st century learners with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.



324 STUDENTS TOOK
AP EXAMS

THE TOP

10%

ATTAIN AN AVERAGE
ACT SCORE OF **30.7**

*National average is
20.6 in 2023*

88% OF GRADUATES
IN 2022 CHOSE COLLEGE

12% CHOOSE
MILITARY, GAP YEAR,
ATHLETIC OR WORK
OPPORTUNITIES

100%

OF COLLEGE APPLICANTS
WERE ACCEPTED TO A
SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE

26

STUDENTS
ATTENDING HIGHLY
SELECTIVE COLLEGES

80%

STUDENTS ATTENDING
4-YEAR SCHOOLS RECEIVED
AT LEAST ONE MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP



“The center of CDH is our teaching staff. Academically, I have always been pushed to do more than I think I am capable of and given the resources and the support to succeed there.”

GRETA CUNNINGHAM '23
Valedictorian, Mock Trial,
Student Council, Dorothy Day
Service, Communications
Apprentice, Sustainability Club,
PFP

Post-Secondary Education

Where Students Are Accepted

American University	University of CA – Berkeley
Boston College	University of Miami
Boston University	University of Michigan
Carleton College	University of MN – Duluth
Case Western Reserve University	University of MN – Twin Cities
College of Holy Cross	University of Notre Dame
College of St. Benedict	University of Pennsylvania
Colorado School of Mines	University of Richmond
Creighton University	University of San Diego
Dartmouth College	University of St. Thomas
Denison University	University of Wisconsin – Madison
Fordham University	Santa Clara University
Georgetown University	St. John's University
George Washington University	St. Lawrence University
Grinnell College	St. Mary's University of MN
Hobart & William Smith Colleges	St. Olaf College
Illinois Wesleyan University	Texas Christian University
Johns Hopkins University	Tufts University
Lehigh University	Tulane University
Loyola University – Chicago	Union College
Loyola Marymount University	United States Air Force Academy
Macalester College	United States Coast Guard
New York University	United States Naval Academy
Northeastern University	Villanova University
Northwestern University	Wellesley College
Ohio State	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Pepperdine University	Yale University
Purdue University	

Exceptional, Award-Winning Fine Arts

Students express their creativity and shape their intellect through enriching arts in a dynamic and supportive community.

Theater

- Three productions: two musicals and one black box show
- Consistently awarded Outstanding Overall Production Awards from Spotlight Education
- Consistent Top Ten Hennepin Theater Trust Triple Threat finalists, including Three Winners (2016, 2018, and 2020)
- National High School Musical Theater Jimmy Award Nominee (2019)
- Productions reflect the values of the CDH community
- Theater provides a safe and creative space for students

Choir

- Honors Choir and Concert Choir
- Four concerts and a Christmas Dinner
- Singing Outreach (caroling, middle school visits, worship)
- Members selected for Minnesota All-State Choirs
- Superior contest ratings and several "Best in Site" recognitions
- Three students participated in the National ACDA Honor Choir

Band

- Bands: Concert, Pep, Jazz, and Pit Orchestra
- Up to 20 performances plus Pep Band at sports events
- Two band trips offered over four years
- Superior contest ratings and several "Best in Site" recognitions

Studio Arts

- Outstanding facilities
- Consistent award recognition in local art competitions
- 26 courses in Graphic Design, Ceramics, Photography, Jewelry Making, Printmaking, Drawing and Painting
- Consistent award recognition in local art competitions

"CDH has given me opportunities to shine at what I am good at. They have helped me grow in the things that make me happiest."

SARA BROST '24
Theater, Improv, Band, Volleyball



Welcome to Cretin-Derham Hall

Joe Mauer Field House
and
Fitness Center

Lentsch Forum

Woulfe
Activity
Center

John and Sue Morrison
Fine Arts Center
• Studio Arts
• Band & Choir

Lillian
Theater

ALBERT STREET

Main School
Entrance

Whaley Hall
• World Language
• Administrative
Offices

Blessed Brother
James Miller
Chapel and
Courtyard

Frey Hall

- Math
- English
- Social Studies
- CDH Museum

Sunberg Leadership Center

- Advancement
- Alumni Office

Ryan STEM Center

Albers Center

- Library Learning Center (LLC)
- Commons
- Science Wing

HAMLIN AVENUE

Athletics

Let's Go Raiders!



Dedicated to excellence, sportsmanship, and a high code of moral conduct, Raider Athletics encourage young leaders to emerge with confidence to embrace challenges with integrity.

Participation in CDH athletics is an extension of our school day in which we strive to carry out the mission and values of Cretin-Derham Hall.

- 27 varsity sports with additional teams at the JV, B-squad and 9th grade levels
- Member of Suburban East Conference
- 13 no-cut sports teams
- 10,000 sq. ft. fitness center
- Joe Mauer Field House with three full-size courts
- Griep Family Gymnasium
- Wingerd Field (turf) for football, lacrosse, soccer, and softball
- New hockey locker rooms for boys and girls
- 19 State Championships
- 35 Conference titles since joining the Suburban East Conference in 2005–2006

“The coaches are really supportive and will help you and push you to become a better player.”

TONY ST. FLEUR '24
Soccer



93% OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE
IN ONE OR MORE SPORTS



Get Involved!

CDH offers something for everyone. In fact, 98% of students are involved in one or more co-curricular activities or sports!

Join in! It is fun (and often the most memorable part of high school) — and a great way to engage in something you like to do, use your talents, or in some cases, discover new talents. Plus, you will meet new friends with different perspectives and interests. It is easy to get involved — each fall there is an Activities Fair to highlight all the clubs and organizations.

The full slate of options is worth checking out on our website — and students can start their own activity if it isn't already offered.

Co-curriculars are broadly grouped into three categories:

- **CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS** — *Academic competitions* such as Science Olympiad and Mock Trial. *Creative outlets* such as Art Club, Fine Arts and Yearbook. *Service opportunities* like Highland Friendship Club. *Non-varsity athletic fun* such as Intramural Basketball, Ultimate Frisbee, and Bowling. *Leadership opportunities* such as Link Crew and Student Council
- **CAMPUS MINISTRY** — Service outreach and worship leadership
- **ATHLETICS** — 27 different teams at all levels. 93% of students participate in at least one sport



98% OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN A WIDE VARIETY OF CO-CURRICULARS



Go Forth to Serve!

Faith, Service, and Leadership

Let us remember, we are in the holy presence of God. Let us love God and the dear neighbor, without distinction.

At CDH, our vibrant sense of our Catholic mission is woven through our entire day, in and outside the classroom. In addition, Campus Ministry provides opportunities for nurturing the Catholic faith and the faith of other traditions through communal prayer, retreats, Mass on campus and more.

The proud legacy of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Christian Brothers, impacts everything we do and why we do it.

- Religion courses for all students
- The Blessed Brother James Miller Chapel with daily Mass and prayer
- Monthly all-school Mass or prayer service
- Annual grade level retreats
- Active Campus Ministry department offering co-curricular retreats, service days for all ages, worship planning and more
- Justice Education Trips — both local and global

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever.

Faith in Action

Our faith-based community is committed to shaping future leaders who work for the good of our community, both locally and globally.

Senior Fieldwork

Every senior participates in service fieldwork two hours each week during the school day.

Leadership Academy

A specialized curriculum for all juniors to teach and develop leadership skills, with the possibility for a capstone project to positively impact the community.

JROTC

- 96 consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction
- JROTC conducts an average of 5,000 community service hours annually
- Legacy of 100+ years of leadership and service

“CDH has supported my faith journey by offering a safe space to explore different ways to connect with God.”

CHARLOTTE MONROE '23
Golf, PFP (peer mentoring program)



Student Council

Students promote school spirit, plan activities, and provide student leadership.

Link Crew

Student leadership program for 11th and 12th graders assist incoming 9th graders and transfer students.

Justice Education

Local, service-based opportunities, plus both domestic and global justice education trips offer students a chance to expand their understanding of their dear neighbor.

Lasallian Youth

Students attend Lasallian district conference and plan events to support local youth at risk.

Service Hours

Students complete an estimated 20,800 service hours annually.



Blessed Brother James Miller, a student and former teacher at Cretin High School, was beatified by the Pope in 2019 and is on the path to sainthood. This bust anchors the courtyard off of the Commons. In addition, our chapel has been renamed in his honor and our daily prayer includes: Blessed Brother James Miller, pray for us.



Belong Here!

Our Favorite Word: **Community!**

Our school spirit is second to none. Our students and faculty have tremendous pride that they belong to a community that is committed to their premier education and their individual success.

Learners, Leaders, Friends.

With many avenues to success both inside and outside the classroom, students benefit from caring and dedicated teachers and an unparalleled selection of course offerings that offer the right levels to provide each student with appropriate challenge. Fellow students become not only friends, but help create a rich environment of hard work and collaboration as they learn and grow together.

And, beyond the halls of CDH, students and faculty share a commitment to care for our dear neighbor, whether it is in the service component embedded into seniors' integrated courses, service opportunities within the Twin Cities, or justice education trips both domestically and internationally. A CDH graduate is equipped to go forth to share the sense of justice and respect for others in a much bigger world.

“Since 9th grade, I have grown into a better person who values faith, leadership and unity. CDH has helped shape these values and I have learned the best life lessons here. The CDH community is nothing short of welcoming, helpful, supportive and a place filled with love.”

AVA REDPATH '23
Golf, Soccer, National Honor Society





What Makes CDH Unique

RYAN STEM CENTER

The brand new Ryan STEM Center is designed to give students, from across all curricular areas, a significant opportunity to be creative, take risks, explore solutions, learn by doing, and collaborate with fellow students and teachers. This innovative space is a hub of learning and preparation for 21st century challenges.

CASA (Connecting Adults and Students to Achieve)

CASA is a unique framework of family and house communities focused on building and maintaining connections at CDH. Everyone is involved, including all students and faculty, plus the administration, custodians, and advancement staff. The common goal is to support each other socially, academically, spiritually, and more.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The CDH principles and standards are the foundation for a unique curriculum for all 11th graders, designed to develop and utilize the skills necessary for our students to positively lead within our school and the broader community. As seniors, students can complete a capstone project focused on impacting our community, which will also be listed on the transcript.

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION

In alignment with our mission and values, CDH has made a long-term commitment to ensuring each CDH student feels valued and respected in our community, while seeking better understanding of the need for racial justice in our world. With a diverse community of learners, we recognize the challenge to go forth and lead in a world desperate for a more just society.

ALUMNI NETWORK OF SUPPORT

A long tradition of support from alumni, nearly 19,000 strong, means generous financial support that enables a CDH education to be affordable for current families. Our alumni also serve as valuable connections to learning through special mentoring opportunities, such as the Alumni in the Classroom program. We are also proud that an impressive number of alumni now teach or coach here.



“Creating a welcoming and equitable community that builds strong relationships and values differences requires constant self-reflection and a student-centered approach. It’s one thing to strive for these things, but here at CDH, we take intentional actions to ensure our community is a place where all can succeed.”

KIM ROYSTON '06, DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND INCLUSION / ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Investment and Affordability

Cretin-Derham Hall provides a high quality education, second to none, that is rigorous and challenging at every level — while being realistically attainable.

We understand that tuition is an investment — with a return on that investment realized not only for the 4 years of high school, but in the impact these four critical years have on our students' lives beyond CDH.

We strive to provide a high return on that investment.

Our alumni network provides significant funding so that tuition is among the lowest in the state for Catholic high schools. In addition, we offer a generous tuition assistance program based on a family's need, and merit scholarships to recognize the gifts and talents of our incoming students.



Merit Scholarships for Incoming 9th Grade Students

Committed to excellence, CDH offers several distinctive, merit-based scholarships to recognize the gifts and talents that our incoming students bring to our CDH community. The value is significant and ranges from \$1,000–\$10,000 per year.

- **Academic Excellence** — for those who receive a national cumulative score of 90% or higher on the placement test. Students must test at CDH.
- **Carondelet and LaSallian Scholars** — for those young women or young men who exemplify the values that best represent the CDH community: Faith, Leadership, and Service. Students must apply.
- **Schaller JROTC Scholarships** — for those students who plan to participate in JROTC. Students must apply.



Tuition Assistance

Thanks to the generosity of alumni, faculty, staff, and our community, we are committed to making a CDH education affordable for your family. CDH distributed \$3.1 million in assistance to 66% of our families in 2022-2023.



Let's Go, Class of 2028!

2023–2024 Admissions Calendar



PLACEMENT TEST AT CDH
January 6, 2024
8:30 am



APPLICATION DEADLINE
January 6, 2024
c-dh.org/Apply



FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE
February 1, 2024
myTADS.com



MERIT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE
February 1, 2024
c-dh.org/Scholarships

Future Raider Family Visit

We are excited to host you on campus so you can experience our welcoming student body, meet our amazing teachers, and get to know CDH in a way that addresses your interests and your questions. Parents/guardians and students will enjoy a full tour of the campus, followed by a luncheon where we will be joined by current parents and students. It is a great time to discuss your questions and to find out more about things like lockers, the cafeteria, or our beloved Raider traditions.

Students are then invited to shadow a current student for afternoon classes and experience a bit of a normal school day before their CDH day is done!

Please sign up for your day at
c-dh.org/Visit.



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