

FRESHMAN BAND REGISTRATION

Did you take band in middle school? Awesome! Sign up for band at CDH. You'll be glad you did.

Never taken band before? Not a problem, we'll teach you! Sign up for band at CDH. You're going to love it.

Being a part of the Cretin-Derham Hall (CDH) Band is a *life-changing* experience. High school band is fun, challenging, rewarding, and creates memories and friendships that will last a lifetime. In fact, it would be tough to find a single adult who would tell you, "I really wish I had taken *less* band class in high school." Most adults will tell you they wish they had taken *more* music class in high school!

Rewarding - The CDH Band program has lots of amazing opportunities, like Concert Band, Beginning Band for new folks, and many co-curricular opportunities. Band provides a wide range of experiences, including Concerts, Pep Band, Marching Band, and performances at events around the school. There are usually four concerts a year plus MSHSL Contest and the Suburban East Conference (SEC) Music Festival. Other opportunities include Jazz Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest, and auditioning for All-State and/or various Honor Bands.

Fun - No other class or activity provides the level of social support and friendship that band class does. Through class, small group rehearsal, lessons, performances, concerts, and trips, you will develop strong and life-long bonds with your bandmates. Even better, you get to travel with band! Every other year, the band takes a national trip to places like Nashville, Canada, Orlando, Los Angeles, Chicago and St. Louis. During your first year at CDH we will be traveling on our trip! The Band room will be a place to call home during your time at CDH.

Valuable - Band makes you smarter. Numerous studies show that there is a direct correlation between studying music and academic success. Students in band typically score higher on major tests (like the SAT) and higher in math classes. Colleges and universities consider music classes very important in admission. Band offers leadership opportunities, life skills, and resume builders that just don't exist in many other classes or activities. Many colleges even offer music-based scholarships, just like academics and sports. For all this, and much more, taking band is just plain worth it.

Flexible - You don't have to choose. It's that simple. Scheduling might look challenging at first, but it is possible to participate in Band, JROTC, and sports for all four years of high school. In fact, the Band started with the JROTC and marched with them as far back as 1918. When you need help making scheduling work, don't stress - just talk to your band teacher! They will help you find a way to make it happen.

If you would like to speak to one of our current band students about band at CDH, or just have questions, email me. Fill out the back of this sheet and turn it to the person you register with when you come for your registration appointment.

I am looking forward to having you in band class at CDH!

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Band Registration

Fill out the fields below and turn this sheet in at the registration table, or with the registration people. If you have been in band before, list your band instrument as your primary. If you are new to band or interested in learning an instrument, list the instrument you want to learn as your primary.

Name		Current School	
Primary Instrument	Years Played	Secondary Instrument (If You Have One)	Years Played
Street Address		City, State	ZIP
Parent Names		Parent Emails	
Questions or Comments?			

Taking Band Throughout High School at CDH

Taking Band for all 4 years of high school along with ROTC/sports is absolutely possible! Below are some things that can make life easier if you run into a schedule conflict, but planning ahead will be your easiest path.

See Ms. Passman (mpassman@c-dh.org), Principal, with questions or concerns.

Physical Education Credits Possibilities:

- **4 years of Band = 1 Phy Ed credit**
- Take Health Class during the summer prior to 9th grade.
- Take Phy Ed classes in the 9th grade.
- Apply for a year-long Band/Choir Independent Study Credit.

Social Studies Credit:

- Take Human Geography Class the summer prior to 9th Grade.

JROTC:

- When your schedule gets tight in 10th or 11th grade, discuss with JROTC about taking the class during Flex time.

Religion:

- Take 11th grade religion during the summer prior to 11th grade.
- Take Spectrum in 12th grade to free up an extra hour.