

FRESHMAN BAND REGISTRATION
(See the back of this page for scheduling hints!)

The Cretin Derham Hall Band is a very active organization, being both a part of the regular curriculum and being involved in many co-curricular activities. While scheduling can be a challenge, it is possible to participate in Band for all four years and even be in Sports and JROTC. In fact, the Band started with the JROTC and marched with them as far back as 1918. It's sure to be a valuable experience both musically and socially.

Musically, Band provides a wide range of experiences, including Concerts, Pep Band, Marching (parades and a Homecoming Field Show), and supporting JROTC and alumni events. There are usually four major concerts a year plus Large Group Contest and the Suburban East Conference (SEC) Music Festival in February. Other performance opportunities include Jazz Band, Solo/Ensemble Contest, and auditioning for All-State and/or various Honor Bands. Students improve as a group through daily rehearsals and sectional work, and individually through private practice and four lessons per trimester. Technique, theory, musicianship, appreciation and performance skills are key elements in the musical process, which carry over to every other aspect of life. Studies show a direct correlation between Band participation and academic success.

Socially, Band provides opportunities for camaraderie and long-lasting friendships. The Band room can be a place to call home during your time at Cretin Derham Hall. In addition to working together day after day, the students also attend many activities together. The biggest, of course, is the Band Trip which takes place every other year. The Band has traveled to Nashville, Toronto, Orlando, Los Angeles/San Diego, and St. Louis. This spring we are going to Chicago.

Please consider being a member of this fine organization and fill out the bottom portion of this sheet and turn it in at the registration table, or with the registration people. For more information, stop by the Fine Arts/Band table at registration or call the Band office at (651) 696-3314.

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Band Registration Form

Name _____ Current School _____

Primary Instrument _____ Yrs. of experience _____

Secondary Instrument (if you have one) _____ Yrs. of experience _____

Parent Names _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone (____) _____

Parent E-mail _____

Comments or Questions _____

How to take Band or Choir for all 4 years at CDH:

-Plan ahead now for the courses you want to take.

-Physical Education Credits:

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

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 the JROTC Department about taking the class during Flex time.

Religion:

- Take 11th grade religion during the summer prior to 11th grade.

See Ms. Passman, Principal, with questions or concerns.