



# *Inspiring* **Academic Excellence for All Learners**

 **Cretin-Derham Hall**





*Enter to learn,  
go forth to serve.*

# 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.

**Academic Excellence:** CDH provides a high-quality education, second to none, that is rigorous and challenging at every level—while being realistically achievable and affordable. Students at CDH build a foundation of skills that enables them to be lifelong learners and change agents in a challenging world.

**Faith and Spiritual Growth:** A Catholic school sponsored by the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, CDH believes that the true integration of faith and values into all aspects of a high school education is the foundation for our students' excellence. All faiths are welcome.

**Servant Leadership:** With our Catholic faith as our foundation, service and justice are integrated into our experience to create global citizens who care enough to impact our community and shape worldviews. CDH students understand both the blessing and the responsibility that comes with belonging to something greater than themselves.

**Dynamic Community:** CDH approaches education as a way of life; openly sharing resources and ideas, fostering opportunities for collaboration, and building academic skills and personal connections that truly last a lifetime. Students (and families) remain connected to CDH long after the four years of high school end.

**A Place to Belong:** CDH is big enough to provide broad academic and co-curricular opportunities so that every student can find his or her own voice, place, and passion. With such a rich environment of student involvement, it is easy, and very common, to be involved in multiple activities.

**Inclusive Environment:** CDH provides a non-elite, welcoming environment that celebrates diversity of thought, interests, income, races, and learning abilities.

## CDH who we are

### STUDENTS

- **1070** students grades 9-12
- **52%** male – **48%** female
- **25%** students of color
- **84%** of students are Catholic
- **76%** of students are from Catholic grade schools
- Students represent more than **70** different grade schools

### FACULTY & STAFF

- **97** instructional teachers
- **65%** have a Master's Degree or higher
- **20%** graduated from Cretin, Derham Hall, or Cretin-Derham Hall
- **47%** male, **53%** female



# Academics





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A Cretin-Derham Hall education challenges students to reach their 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, opening their hearts and minds to the challenges of tomorrow.

- **170+** courses to choose from
- **46** Accelerated courses, including Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment College Courses, and Honors
- Average Class Size: **21**
- **4** Languages (Mandarin, Spanish, French, Latin)
- **3** levels of course placement (College Prep, Advanced, Honors/AP)
- Student/Teacher Ratio: **12:1**

## Academic Support Program

This program provides students who have specific learning needs with the academic support needed to be successful in their classes.

- Reading, writing, math and organizational support are provided as needed.
- Structured study environment
- More than **100** students benefit from this program each year
- Accommodates and initiates learning plans
- Renovated Learning Lab space for students provides easy access for one:one support or small group work.
- **Three** Learning Specialists

## Extensive College Credit Opportunities

### Advanced Placement Courses

AP Courses follow a prescribed national curriculum and are college level in content and difficulty. Students who earn qualifying score on the national test earn college credit.

- **10** Advanced Placement courses available for all students at CDH. Additionally, CDH students are successful in taking tests in many additional subject areas.
- **298** students took **390** tests in 2016-2017, with an impressive **72%** earning college credit.
- **100%** of students who took AP Computer Science and AP English Language and Composition were eligible for college credit.

### Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment

Students earn both high school and college credit through successful completion of these rigorous courses and do not rely on one, single, high-stakes test.

#### Program for Advanced College Credit (PACC) Saint Mary's University

Five courses, including: Chemistry, Honors; Physics, Honors; Physics, Advanced; Readings in Literature, Honors; and Senior Interdisciplinary Symposium (Spectrum).

#### College in the Schools (CIS), University of Minnesota

Four courses, including Human Anatomy and Physiology, Honors; Latin 3 and 4; English 12, College Prep; Physics by Inquiry, Advanced.

#### State of Minnesota Post-Secondary Options Program (PSEO)

Calculus 2 and 3; Linear Algebra – Differential Equations; World Languages; plus other options as determined by student need.





## STEM Program Anchors New Science Track

All freshmen will take a foundational STEM class (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to address the critical need for science skills to meet 21st century challenges in all disciplines. The new curriculum, Science and Engineering, is offered at all three different and distinct levels: College Prep, Advanced and Honors.

## 9th Grade Values Interdisciplinary Course

Values Symposium combines English, Religion, and Social Studies into a two period class. Values provides all ninth graders with a common academic and affective experience as they begin their secondary school education.

## Technology

**1:1 Apple iPad Program**—Our students have continual access to rich learning resources and are empowered to develop multiple literacies to become responsible, digital citizens. These tools can deliver personalized content and lessons while enhancing critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creativity skills.

### Technology Network:

- 3D Printers
- Vernier Lab Equipment
- Coding Resources
- Digital Cameras
- Apple TV's

## Post-Secondary Education

- **96%** of graduates in 2017 went on to post-secondary education
- While our average ACT score is **24.6**, the top **10%** attain an average ACT of **30** over the past two years. (National average **20.8** in 2016)
- **40%** who applied to Highly Selective Colleges were accepted (National rate for highly selective schools is less than **33%**).
- **64%** of CDH students reported merit scholarship awards for college.





# What makes CDH unique?

We are proud to be a community of learners, leaders and friends. We support each individual to achieve, while we work together to build life-long connections that will last far beyond the four years here.

## CASA (Connecting Adults and Students to Achieve)

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

“CASA definitely connects me to students in all grades and I felt like a part of the CDH community so fast.” —CDH 9th Grader

“I love that Cretin-Derham Hall has CASA. I didn’t know too many people coming into CDH—and CASA has helped me meet so many new friends. It’s made a larger environment feel small and I can’t wait to see my CASA family each week.” —CDH 9th Grader

“I love that I get to know 20 other students who I typically don’t teach. We become a family, with all the quirks, fun and support, that a family provides – we become close in a pretty unique way.” —CDH Teacher

## Leadership Academy:

Intentional curriculum using the Cretin-Derham Hall principles and standards to develop and utilize the skills necessary for our students to lead positively in our school and their communities.

- All Juniors are invited to participate.
- 12 faculty/staff facilitate this program.
- Each student is given the opportunity to complete a capstone project using skills taught in Leadership Academy. In addition to the impact these projects make, the additional effort enables Leadership Academy to be listed on the student’s transcript.

## Multiple Intelligences and Learning Styles:

Focuses on the individual learning styles and multiple intelligences of each member of our community to provide the best opportunities to prepare 21st Century learners with the needed skills and knowledge.





# Fine Arts

## Exceptional Award-Winning Theater and Fine Arts Department

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

### Theater

- **4** major productions each year
- Multiple honors from Hennepin Theater Trust
- Two students in Top **10** Theater Spotlight Education Triple Threat Finalists
- Outstanding Award Winners for several productions
- Honored to be one of less than 20 schools across the state asked to perform in Spotlight Education Awards Event at the Orpheum Theater.

### Choir

- **3** Choirs (CDH Choral Artists, The Chamber Singers, Concert Choir)
- Regularly scores Superior Ratings
- “Best in site” recognition

### Band

- **5** Bands (Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Pit Orchestra, Pep Band)
- Superior Contest Ratings
- Two band trips offered over four years

### Studio Arts

- **16** courses including ceramics, photography, jewelry making, and painting.



# 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.

Cretin-Derham Hall offers **27** varsity sports with additional teams at the JV, B-squad and Ninth grade level. Participation in CDH athletics is an extension of our school day and provides additional means to carry out the mission and values of Cretin-Derham Hall.



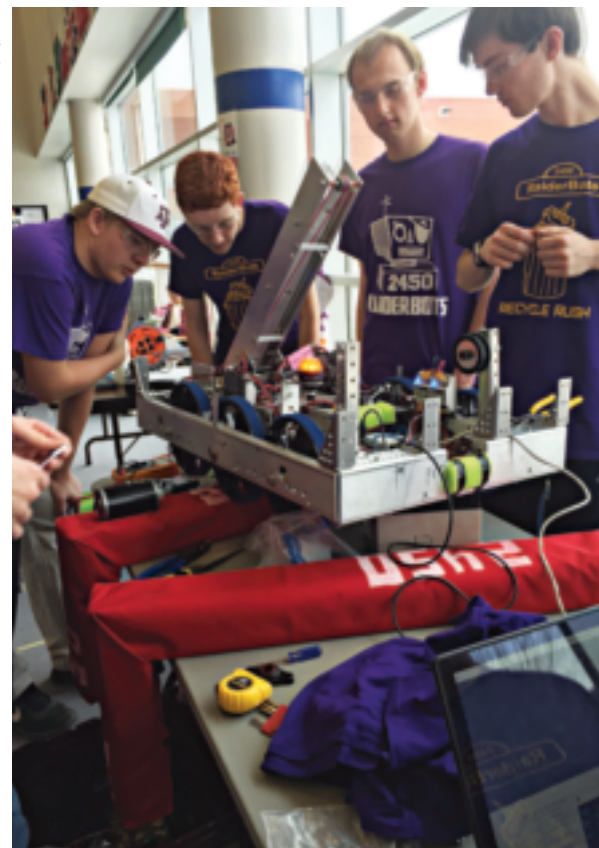
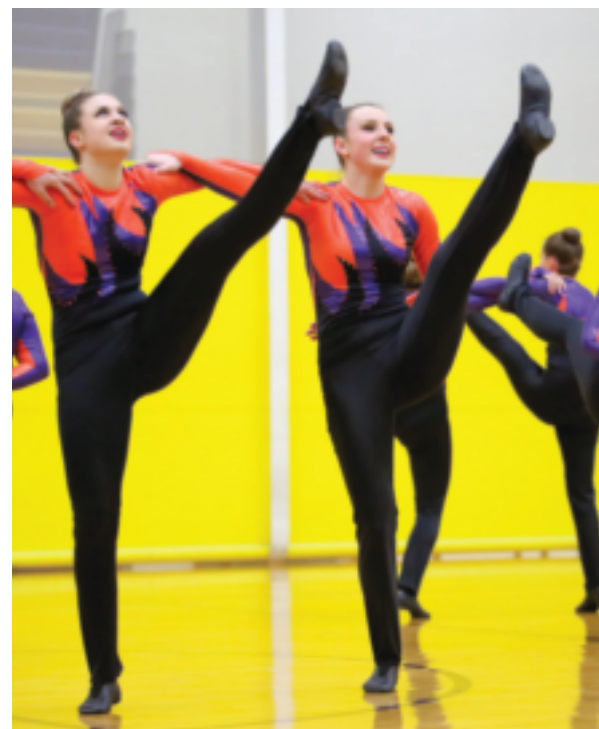
- Member of the Suburban East Conference
- **74%** of students participate in athletics
- **13** non-cut sports teams
- **10,000** sq. ft. fitness center
- Joe Mauer Field House with **3** full-size athletic courts
- John Griep Gymnasium
- Wingerd Field (turf) for football, lacrosse, soccer, and softball
- New locker rooms for boys and girls hockey
- CDH has made many trips to the state tournament, winning **15** State Championships
- Since joining the Suburban East Conference in 2005-2006, CDH has won **33** Conference Titles

# Co-Curricular Activities

## Get involved!

Rich with opportunity, CDH offers students a diverse slate of opportunities. There is something here for everyone, in fact, 95% of students are involved in at least one co-curricular or sport, and most often, several co-curriculars throughout the year. It is a great way to engage in something you like to do or are interested in, plus you'll meet new friends with different perspectives and interests. Each fall, an Activity Fair is held so that students can find out about all the clubs and organizations.

Band	JROTC - Activities	Relay for Life
Bowling Club	Knowledge Bowl	Robotics Team
Chess	Link Crew	Science Olympiad
Choir	Mandarin Club	Ski/Snowboarding Club
Close-Up	Math Team	Speech Team
Cooking Club	Mock Trial	Student Council
Engineering Club	Model United Nations	Table Tennis
CDH Friendship Club	National Honors Society	Theater
Green Team	Newspaper	Trap Shooting
Intramural Badminton League	Political Affairs Club	Ultimate Frisbee
Intramural Basketball League	PRIDE	Yearbook
Investment Club	Programming Club	Rowing Club





# Service and Leadership



## Go Forth to Serve – 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.

**Leadership Academy:** A specialized curriculum to teach and support the development leadership skills, with a capstone project to positively impact the community.

### JROTC Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Leadership Program

- **88** consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction
- Over **3,500** community service hours annually through JROTC alone
- **220** students participate in JROTC

**Link Crew:** Student leadership program for 11th and 12th graders designed to assist incoming 9th graders and transfer students with their transition into CDH

**People Finding People (PFP):** Senior-led peer mentoring program designed to assist current students in transition into our CDH Community.

**Student Council:** Student-led organization designed to promote school spirit, plan activities and provide student leadership.

**Social Justice Education:** Providing a service-based opportunity for students to get involved in **9** domestic and **4** global justice education trips, in addition to many local service opportunities in our community.

**Campus Ministry:** Opportunities to participate in planning worship and retreat opportunities, as well as other service outreach.

**Lasallian Youth:** In the spirit of St. John Baptist de La Salle, students attend district conference and plan events to support local youth at risk.



# Faith

**Let us remember, we are in the holy presence of God.**

**Let us love God and our dear neighbor, without distinction.**

At CDH, our vibrant sense of our Catholic mission is woven throughout our entire day, in and outside of 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.

- Daily religion course for all students
- Pax Christi Chapel with daily Mass and Prayer
- Monthly All-School Mass or Prayer Service
- Annual Grade Level Retreats
- Active Campus Ministry offering extra-curricular retreats and service days for all ages
- Justice Trips – both local and global

**Live Jesus in our Hearts! Forever.**



# 2017-2018 Admissions Calendar

## Open House Dates:

October 25, 2017 – 6:30pm

November 2, 2017 – 6:30pm

January 16, 2018 – 6:30pm

## Placement Test at CDH:

January 20, 2018 – 8:30am

## Application Deadline ([c-dh.org/admissions](http://c-dh.org/admissions)):

January 20, 2018

## Future Raider Visits:

All 8th graders are highly encouraged to spend a day on campus with a current 9th grade student. Prospective students can select any day during the school year that works for them. Students will meet many current students, teachers, coaches and get a first-hand look at our beautiful facilities.

School hours are 7:50am – 2:30pm. Lunch is provided.

School tours for parents are available at any time.

To schedule your visit, please call our Admissions Office at 651-696-3301.





# Community

## Welcome, Class of 2022

Join our family. Live our tradition. Feel the spirit at Cretin-Derham Hall!



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