



# Cretin-Derham Hall



Affordable Excellence

# We Are Cretin-Derham Hall



## Students



**1030**  
students grades 9-12



**52%** male  
**48%** female



**84%**  
of students  
are Catholic



**76%**  
from Catholic  
grade schools



**70**  
different grade  
schools represented  
within student body



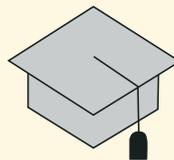
## Faculty & Staff



**47%** male  
**53%** female



**97**  
instructional  
staff



**65%**  
have a Master's  
Degree  
or higher



**20%**  
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.*

## Academic Excellence

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.

## Faith and Spiritual Growth

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.

## Servant Leadership

With our Catholic 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.

## Dynamic Community

CDH approaches education as a way of life, openly sharing ideas, fostering opportunities for collaboration, and building personal connections that last a lifetime.

## 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 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, race, and learning abilities.



*"CDH challenged me to become better academically, personally, and as a leader. I gained the important skills to succeed at college - both in my classes and in my other activities. Most importantly, I learned how to impact people to accomplish a goal for the betterment of my community."*



**Jonathan Koop**

University of Minnesota

JROTC: Honor Guard, Rifle Team,  
Regulation Drill, Trap, Robotics, Bowling



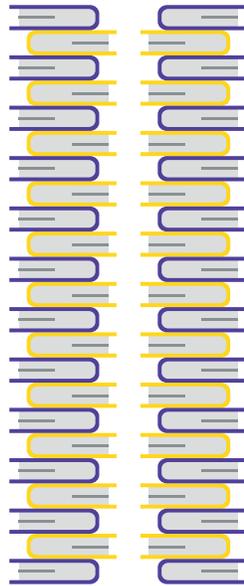
# Academics

170+

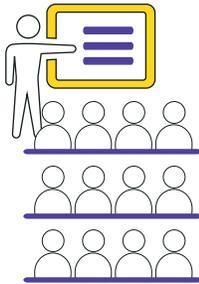


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Accelerated Courses, Including Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment College Courses, and Honors

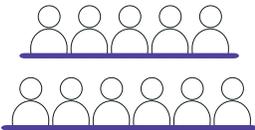


4 Languages  
(Mandarin, Spanish, French, Latin)



12:1

Student/Teacher Ratio

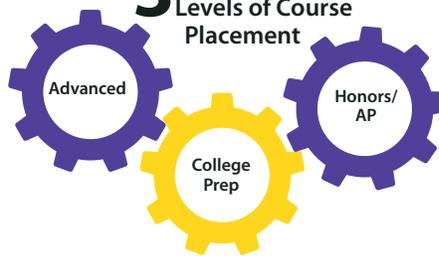


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Average Class Size

3

Levels of Course Placement



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

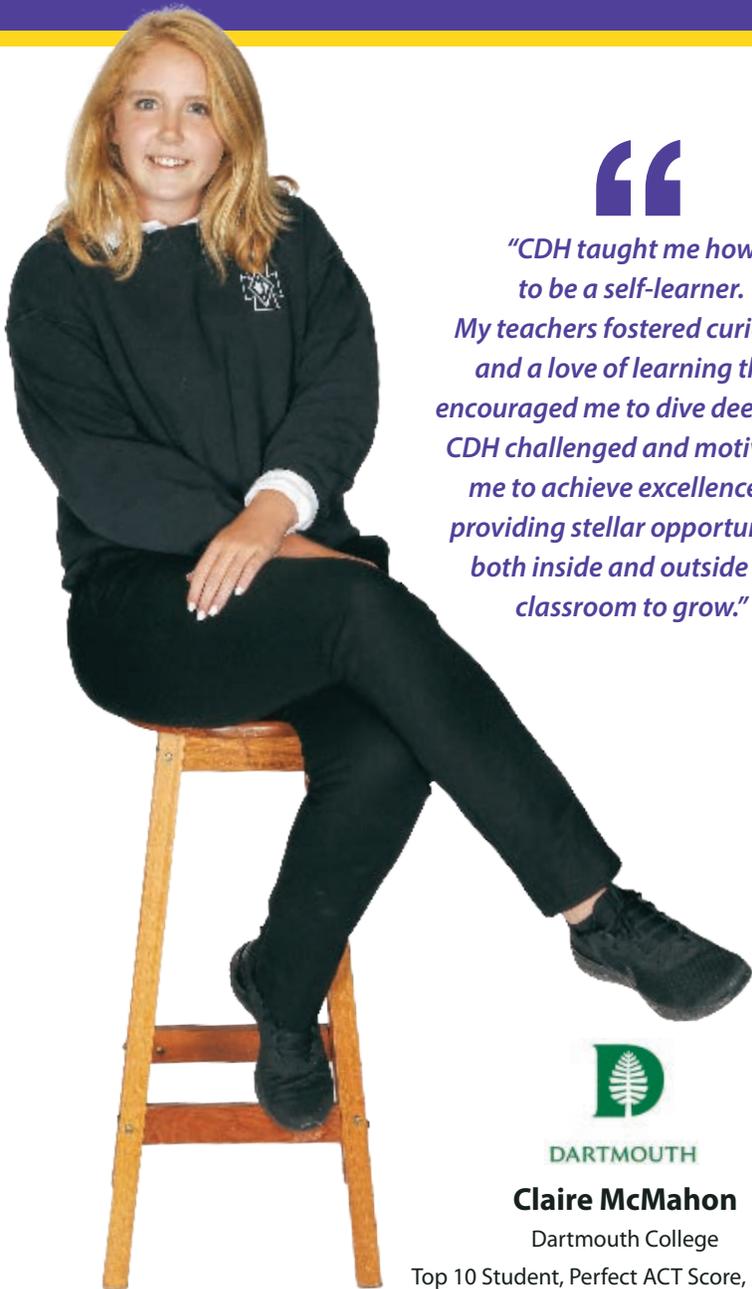
Faculty is committed to educating young people with diverse abilities, needs, and talents, while opening their hearts and minds to the challenges of tomorrow.

**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.



# Academics



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*“CDH taught me how to be a self-learner.*

*My teachers fostered curiosity and a love of learning that encouraged me to dive deeper... CDH challenged and motivated me to achieve excellence by providing stellar opportunities both inside and outside the classroom to grow.”*



DARTMOUTH

**Claire McMahon**

Dartmouth College

Top 10 Student, Perfect ACT Score, Lacrosse, Tennis, Math Team, Student Council, Leadership Academy, Eucharistic Minister

## 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.

- 13 AP courses – plus many CDH students are successful in taking AP tests in many additional subject areas.
- 258 students took 350 tests in 2017-2018, with an impressive 79% earning college credit.
- 100% of students who took AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Bio, AP English - Language and Composition, and AP French passed with a 3 or above.

### Dual Enrollment/Concurrent Enrollment

In these courses, 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 520 Students enrolled in concurrent enrollment courses - college and high school credit - earning a potential 1,846 college credits this past year.



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

- Chemistry - Honors
- Physics - Honors
- Physics - Advanced
- Readings in Literature - Honors
- Spectrum Senior Interdisciplinary Symposium - Honors

**College in the Schools (CIS) - University of Minnesota**

- Human Anatomy and Physiology - Honors
- Latin 3 and 4 - Honors
- English 12 - Writing Studio - College Prep
- Physics by Inquiry - Advanced

## Innovative Learning

**STEM Program Anchors New Science Track**

All freshmen take the foundational STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) course 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 with three faculty members. Values provides all ninth graders with a common academic experience.

**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
- New Virtual Reality Lab
- New Robotics Lab
- 3D Printers
- Glowforge Pro Laser Printer
- Vernier Lab Equipment
- Coding Resources
- Digital Cameras
- Apple TVs



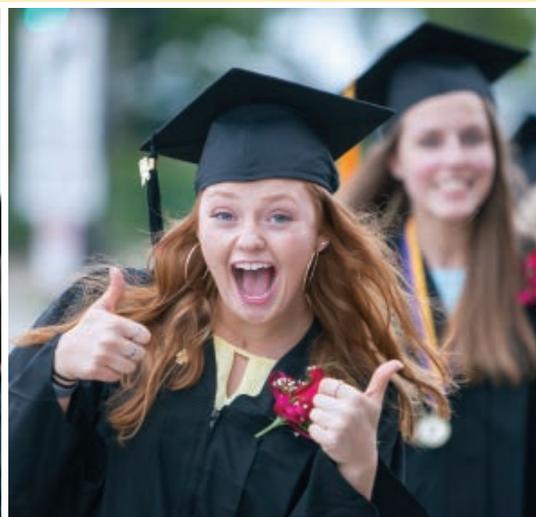
**Academic Support Program**

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 one:one 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 needed skills and knowledge.



# Academics

## Post-Secondary Education

### Where We Go

- |                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Boston College                        | Saint Mary's University of MN        |
| Boston University                     | St. Catherine University             |
| Brown University                      | St. Olaf College                     |
| Colgate University                    | Syracuse University                  |
| College of Saint Benedict             | Tulane University                    |
| College of William & Mary             | United State Naval Academy           |
| Creighton University                  | United States Air Force Academy      |
| Dartmouth College                     | University of CA, Santa Barbara      |
| Florida State University              | University of Chicago                |
| Fordham University                    | University of Minnesota, Twin Cities |
| Georgetown University                 | Univeristy of Minnesota, Duluth      |
| Iowa State University                 | University of Notre Dame             |
| Loyola University-Chicago             | University of Pennsylvania           |
| Marquette University                  | University of Southern California    |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | University of St. Thomas             |
| New York University                   | University of Washington             |
| Northwestern University               | University of Wisconsin-Madison      |
| Pepperdine University                 | Villanova University                 |
| Purdue University                     | Xavier University                    |
| Saint John's University               | Yale University                      |

\*Partial List



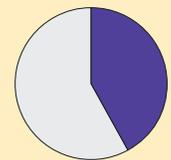
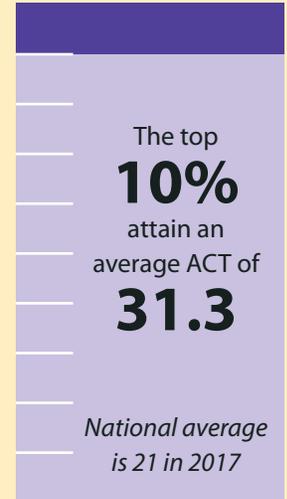
**24.9**  
average ACT  
score



**97%**  
of graduates in  
2018 post-secondary  
education



**67%**  
of CDH students  
report merit  
scholarship  
awards for college



**42%**  
of students who applied to  
Highly Selective Colleges  
were accepted.

National rate for highly  
selective school acceptance  
is less than 33%



# Fine Arts

## Exceptional, Award-Winning Fine Arts

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

### Theater

- 3 main stage productions including one black box show
- Consistently awarded Outstanding Overall Production Awards
- Consistent Top Ten Hennepin Theater Trust Triple Threat finalists, including Two Winners - 2016 and 2018
- Community Outreach Award for Equity Recipient 2018

### Choir

- Choral Artists, Chamber Singers, 9th Grade Concert Choir
- 4 concerts and a Christmas Dinner Cabaret
- Collaboration with collegiate/pro choral ensembles
- Members selected for Minnesota All-State Choirs
- Superior contest ratings and several "Best in Site" recognitions

### Band

- Bands: Concert, Marching, 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

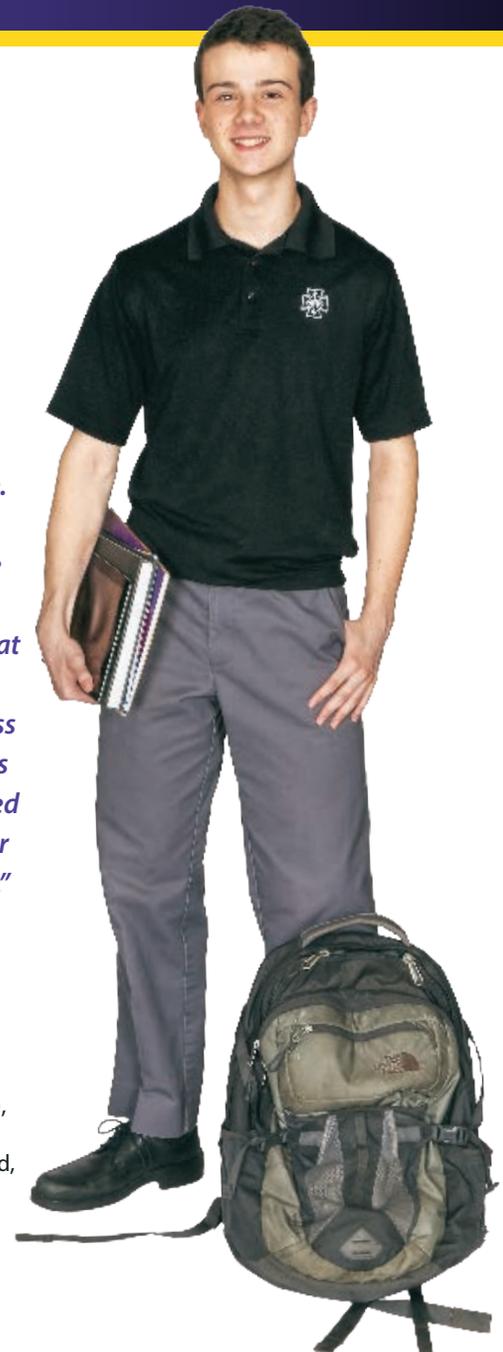
- 17 courses in graphic design, ceramics, photography, jewelry making, drawing and painting



*"The Fine Arts have been pivotal in my life. I have developed important skills while bonding with people of all grades, doing what we love and pushing boundaries. The endless opportunities CDH has given me have propelled me so much further for college and my career."*

### Will Dusek

Hennepin Theater Triple Threat Winner (i.e., Drama State Champ), Theater, Senior Drum Major in Band, All-State Choir, PFP (Peer Mentor)



# 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.

- 28 varsity sports with additional teams at the JV, B-squad and 9th grade level.
- Member of Suburban East Conference
- 72 % of students participate in athletics
- 13 non-cut sports teams
- 10,000 sq. ft. fitness center
- Joe Mauer Field House with 3 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
- 33 Conference Titles since joining the Suburban East Conference in 2005-2006



# Co-Curricular Activities

## Get Involved!

**CDH offers something for everyone.**  
**In fact, 95% 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, but they 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** – 28 different teams at all levels. Many do not cut. 72% of students participate in at least one sport.



*“CDH builds the whole person, not just a student or an athlete....you can showcase your talents, make new friends and learn that a strong work ethic is essential to success!*

*You can have a good ‘team’ with excellent individuals, but an excellent team with good players that work together.”*

### **Anna Ankerstjerne**

Lacrosse, Tennis, Justice Week,  
Link Crew, National Honor Society,  
Data Analytics



# 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.

- 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 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.***



# 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 for all Juniors to teach and develop leadership skills, with the possibility for a capstone project to positively impact the community

## JROTC

- 88 Consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction
- Over 4,000 community service hours annually through JROTC
- 100 years of leadership and service celebrated last year

## Link Crew

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

## People Finding People

Senior-led peer mentoring program

## Student Council

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

## Justice Education

Local, service-based opportunities, plus 9 domestic and 4 global justice education trips in which students 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

Last year alone, students completed 17,913 service hours.

## Senior Fieldwork

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



*“Faith is just instilled in my everyday life here. It draws me closer to the CDH community because I have a connection with all other students and teachers just as they have a connection with me. Plus, I am involved in giving back to my community by volunteering for the less fortunate.”*

## Dejanae Mendez

Highland Friendship Club,  
Project Home (Summer Homeless Shelter)  
Softball, Volleyball



# What Makes CDH Unique?



## In one 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.

### **CASA (Connecting Adults and Students to Achieve)**

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.



*“Coming to CDH with only a few other kids I knew, I was nervous. From day one, the staff and students welcomed me. Right away, I got to know so many people in Values Class and my CASA. Through my sports and activities, making friends was easy and the spirit here makes this place feel like one big family.”*

**Max Rottjakob**

Student Council Co-President, Football, Lacrosse, National Honor Society, Transfer Team, Guatemala Justice Trip



*“We rally together and support one another like no other place. All the students, teachers and staff, alumni, and parents really just care for one another. It is cool how our community pushes us to grow, but always supports and admires our successes in and outside the classroom.”*

**Louie Rottjakob**

Student Council Co-President, Football, Lacrosse, National Honor Society, Transfer Team, Guatemala Justice Trip

**ALUMNI NETWORK OF SUPPORT**

A long tradition of support from alumni, nearly 18,000 strong, means financial support that enables a CDH education to be affordable for current families. Our alumni also serve as a valuable connection to learning through special mentoring opportunities such as Alumni in the Classroom programs. We are also proud that an impressive number of alumni now teach or coach here.

*Connect With Us!*



@CretinDerhamHall



@CDHraiders (School)  
@FutureRaiders (Admissions)

# Welcome, Class of 2023



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

## Affordable Excellence

### Merit Scholarships

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 90% or higher on the placement test. *No application needed.*
- **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 \$2.55 million in assistance to 41% of our families in 2017-18.

## 2018-2019 Admissions Calendar

### OPEN HOUSE DATES

October 24, November 5, January 17 – 6:30 pm

### PLACEMENT TEST AT CDH

January 19, 2019 – 8:30 am

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

January 19, 2019 ([c-dh.org/admissions](http://c-dh.org/admissions))

### FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE

February 15, 2019 ([TADS.com](http://TADS.com))

## Future Raider Visit

Spend a day on campus with a current 9th grade student. You will experience our welcoming student body and meet our amazing faculty/staff as you spend a typical day at CDH. *School Hours: 7:50 am – 2:30 pm Free lunch!*

**Get your FREE ID card...** When you visit, you will receive a personalized **Future Raiders Club ID Card** – giving you free admission to all home sponsored CDH events and games.

*To schedule your visit, please call our Admissions Office at 651-696-3301 or go to [c-dh.org/RaiderVisit](http://c-dh.org/RaiderVisit).*



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