Enter to Learn

Go Forth to Lead



Cretin-Derham Hall

2025-2026

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

860
students grades 9-12

77% of students are Catholic

128
different elementary/middle schools represented within student body

48% male | **52%** female

70% students received tuition aid

$3+ million distributed in tuition aid last year

FACULTY + STAFF

50% male | **50%** female

76 instructional staff

58%
have a Master's Degree or higher

22% 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 25% students of color. Raiders come from 128 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

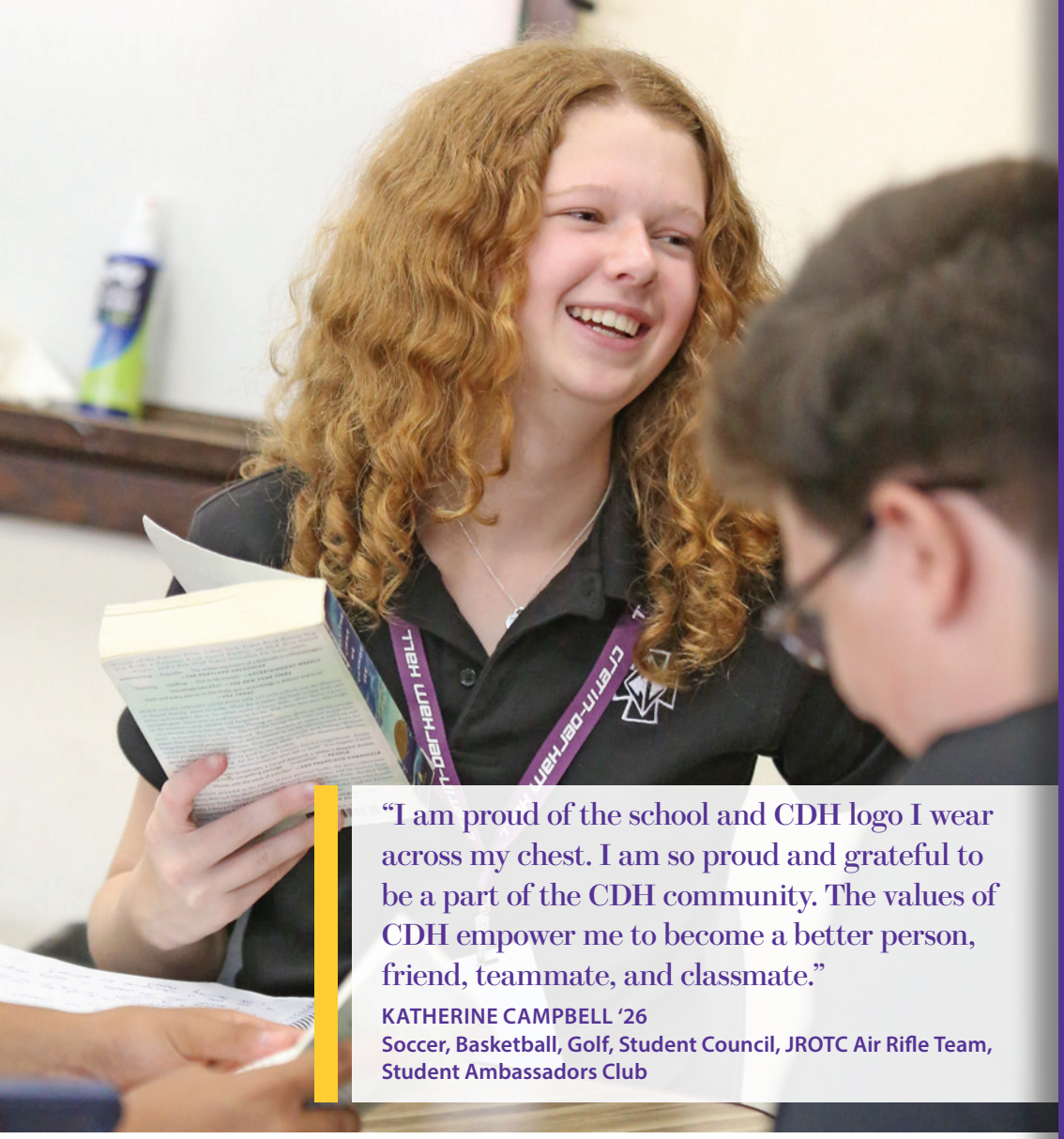
The commitment to Fine Arts — theater, band, choir, and studio arts — means students have a place to explore their passions and creativity.

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 am proud of the school and CDH logo I wear across my chest. I am so proud and grateful to be a part of the CDH community. The values of CDH empower me to become a better person, friend, teammate, and classmate."

KATHERINE CAMPBELL '26
Soccer, Basketball, Golf, Student Council, JROTC Air Rifle Team, Student Ambassadors Club

Enter to Learn!

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 select 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

160+
COURSES TO CHOOSE FROM

3
LEVELS OF COURSES: COLLEGE PREP, ADVANCED, HONORS/AP

52
ACCELERATED COURSES, INCLUDING ADVANCED PLACEMENT, DUAL ENROLLMENT COLLEGE COURSES, AND HONORS

3 LANGUAGES
Mandarin
Spanish
French

Enter to Learn!

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.

- 18 AP courses — plus many CDH students are successful in taking AP tests in additional subject areas.
- 421 students took 687 tests in 2024–2025.

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 231 students enrolled in Dual Enrollment College Credit Courses — earning a potential 882 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





"CDH has supported and challenged me academically by encouraging me to take higher level classes so I can grow academically and advocate for myself when I need help."

ALYANA PETERSON '27
Girls Golf (Captain), Volleyball, Link Crew, Knots for Nights, Highland Friendship Club





Innovative Learning

Science and Engineering Anchors STEAM Program

All ninth graders take the foundational Science and Engineering 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
- STEM Center with Design Lab and STEM Lab
- New Center for Digital Storytelling
- Apple TV
- Coding Resources
- 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 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, club/activity meetings, counselor visits, or prayer in addition to lunch with peers. This 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.

425 STUDENTS TOOK AP EXAMS

THE TOP **10%** OF TESTERS ATTAINED AN AVERAGE ACT SCORE OF **31**

National average is 19.5 in 2025

96% OF GRADUATES IN 2025 CHOSE COLLEGE

4% CHOOSE MILITARY, GAP YEAR, ATHLETIC OR WORK OPPORTUNITIES

100% OF COLLEGE APPLICANTS WERE ACCEPTED TO A SCHOOL OF THEIR CHOICE

83 APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED TO HIGHLY SELECTIVE COLLEGES

81% STUDENTS ATTENDING 4-YEAR SCHOOLS RECEIVED AT LEAST ONE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP



"The teachers at CDH have supported me by being approachable and by offering extra help. At the same time they have challenged me with high academic standards and challenging coursework, including AP classes and independent projects."

HAYDEE WALZ '26
Letters of Love, Volleyball, JROTC

Post-Secondary Education

Where CDH Students Are Accepted

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

Exceptional, Award-Winning Fine Arts

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

Theater

- Four productions: two musicals, one children's show, 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)
- High School Musical Theater Jimmy Award Finalist (2019)

Choir

- Concert Choir (with Honors option), Music Ministry, and Purple Reign (a cappella group)
- Four concerts and a Christmas Dinner/Cabaret
- Trips to conference music festivals and large-group contests
- Band and Choir Tour trips every two years
- Members selected for Minnesota All-State and Honor Choirs
- Superior, Excellent, and Best-in-Site distinctions at both solo and ensemble competitions
- Members selected for Regional and National ACDA Choral Festivals

Band

- Concert Band (with Honors option), Pep Band, and Jazz Band
- Four formal concerts per year, plus pep band performances at school sporting events
- Trips to conference music festivals and large-group contests
- Band and Choir Tour trips every two years
- Superior, Excellent, and Best-in-Site distinctions at both solo and ensemble competitions

Studio Arts

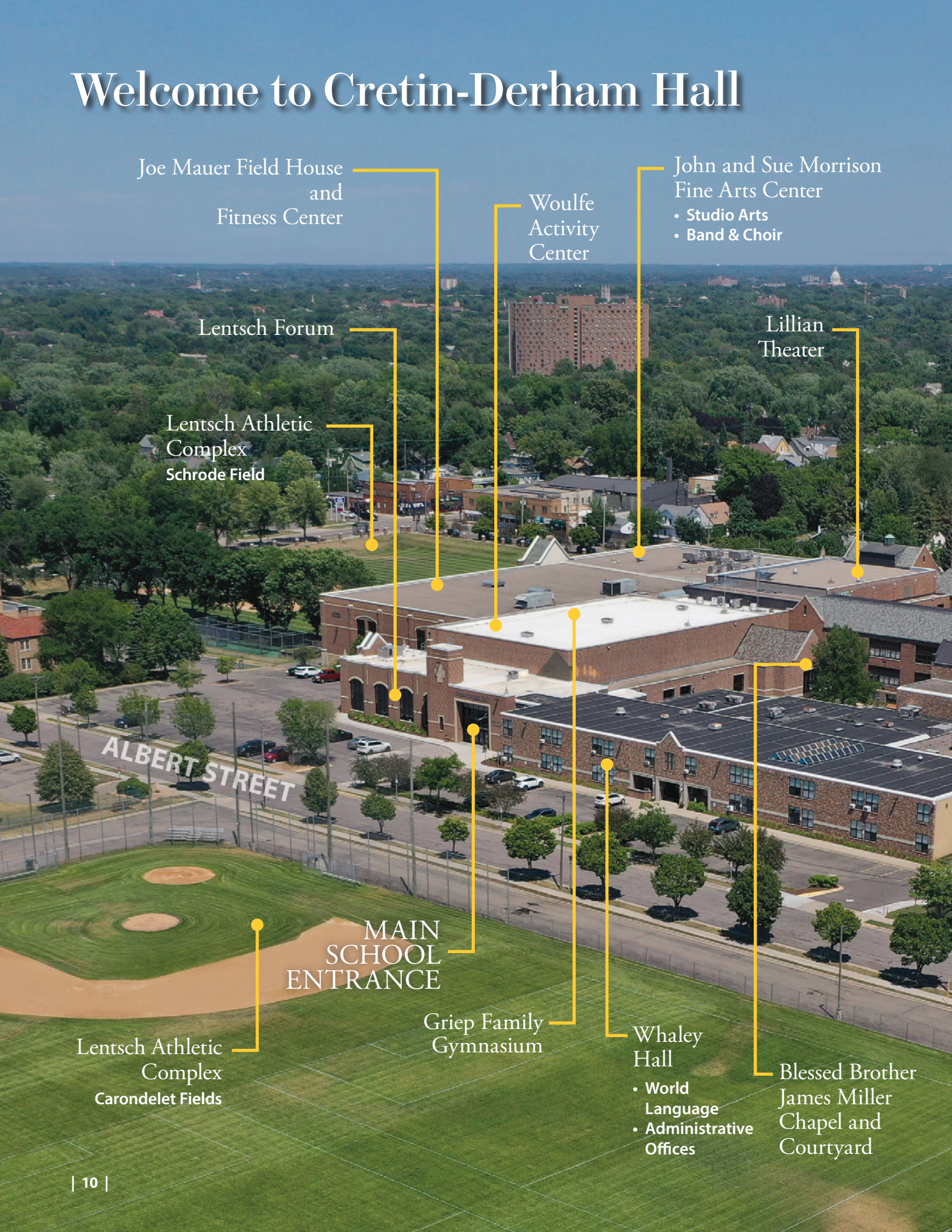
- Outstanding facilities
- Consistent award recognition in local art competitions
- 28 courses in Ceramics, Photography, Manufacturing Arts, Jewelry Making, Printmaking, Drawing and Painting
- Annual Juried Student Art Show
- Opportunity to showcase art in local competitions and local businesses

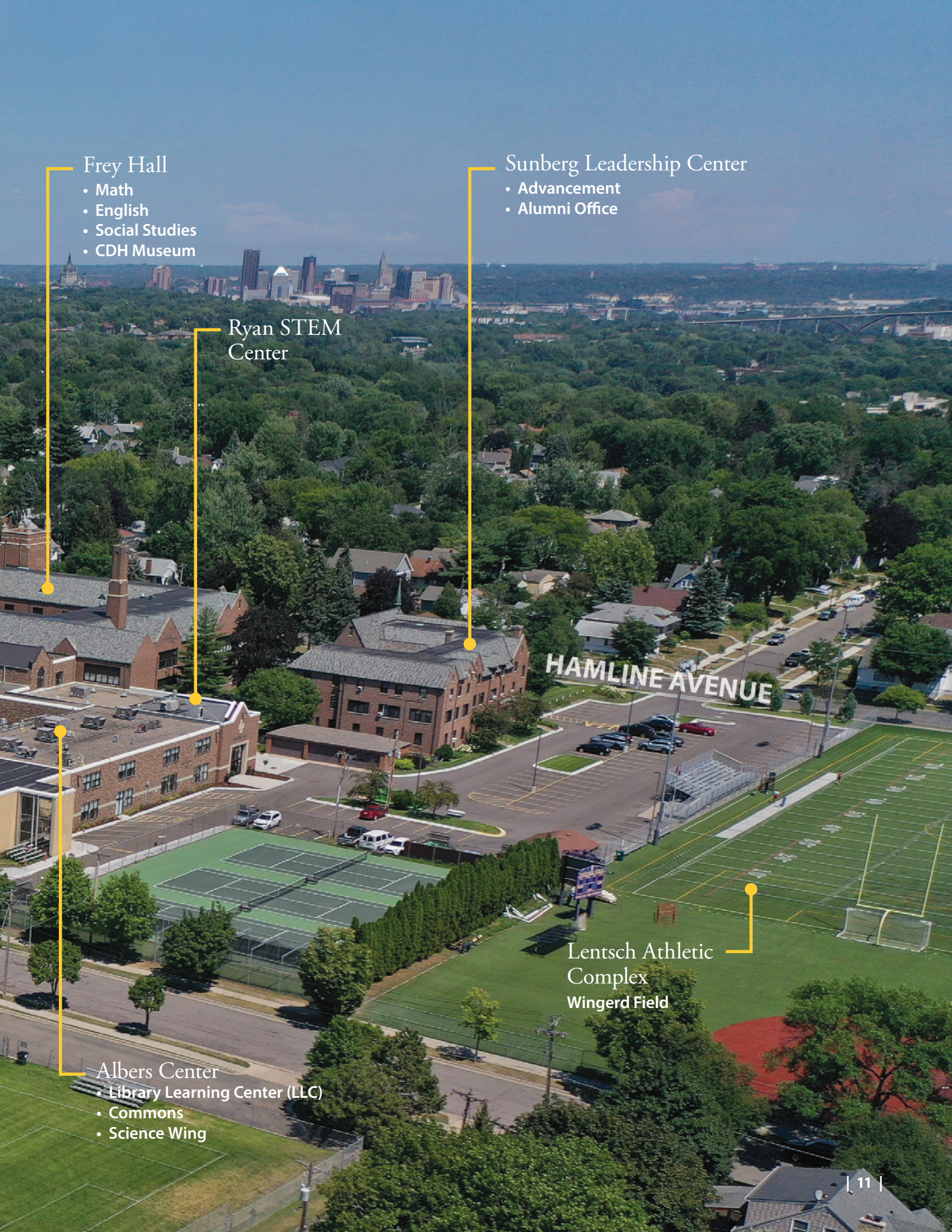






Welcome to Cretin-Derham Hall




Frey Hall
• Math
• English
• Social Studies
• CDH Museum
Sunberg Leadership Center
• Advancement
• Alumni Office
Ryan STEM Center
HAMLINE AVENUE
Lentsch Athletic Complex
Wingerd Field
Albers Center
• Library Learning Center (LLC)
• Commons
• Science Wing

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.

- 29 varsity sports with additional teams at the JV, B-squad and 9th grade levels
- Member of Suburban East Conference
- 14 no-cut sports teams
- 10,000 sq. ft. fitness center
- Joe Mauer Field House with three full-size courts, newly added state-of-the-art meeting rooms and locker rooms.
- Griep Family Gymnasium — with newly added wrestling room and multi-purpose room that has a training center for dance.
- Wingerd Field (turf) for football, lacrosse, soccer, and softball
- State-of-the-art hockey locker rooms for boys and girls
- 23 MSHSL State Championships since 1975

93%

OF STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ONE OR MORE SPORTS OVER FOUR YEARS

"Being a student athlete at CDH, I often find myself to be busy with balancing school work and sports. However, my teachers have always been there to make sure I can get work done on time and follow along in class while also having time for soccer and track. I've had a great time here, doing well in both Varsity Track and AP classes, so it's definitely possible and manageable to succeed in both athletics and academics at CDH."

MICHAEL SEIFU '25
Graduate attending Case Western Reserve University, Questbridge Scholar, MSHSL Class AAA Individual Champion – Track and Field, Student Council, National Honor Society, JROTC Color Guard









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** — 29 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 off campus for two hours each week during the school day.

Service Hours

Students complete an estimated 21,800 service hours annually.

JROTC

- 98 consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction
- JROTC conducts an average of 5400 community service hours annually
- Legacy of 100+ years of leadership and service

Student Council

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

Link Crew

Student leadership program for 11th and 12th graders to 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.



Blessed Brother James Miller, a former student and a 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.Our daily prayer includes: Blessed Brother James Miller, pray for us.







"CDH has made me feel welcomed no matter where I am in my faith journey. I feel like I'm truly supported by the whole community."

JOEY HOVER '26
Basketball, Volleyball, Theater, Student Ambassadors Club

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 challenges. 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.



"I chose CDH because of the strong sense of community and all the opportunities it offers. I'm really excited about JROTC and theater, but also sports and the awesome classes. CDH has so many cool options to help me grow and challenge myself. I am also looking forward to giving back through service and being part of something bigger. It feels like a fresh start, and I can't wait to make new friends who care about the same things I do."

KARTER SKIE '29
Incoming 9th Grader









What Makes CDH Unique

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 TRAINING

The CDH value of leadership is intentionally woven into the curriculum and many co-curricular activities. Our students develop and utilize the skills necessary to positively lead within our school and our broader community. Many of our co-curricular programs, such as National Honor Society, Peer Mentoring, JROTC, Captains' Council, Student Council, and PFP, also offer students the chance to grow individually and collaborate in positive ways.

RYAN STEM CENTER

The 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.

COMMITMENT TO OUR VALUES

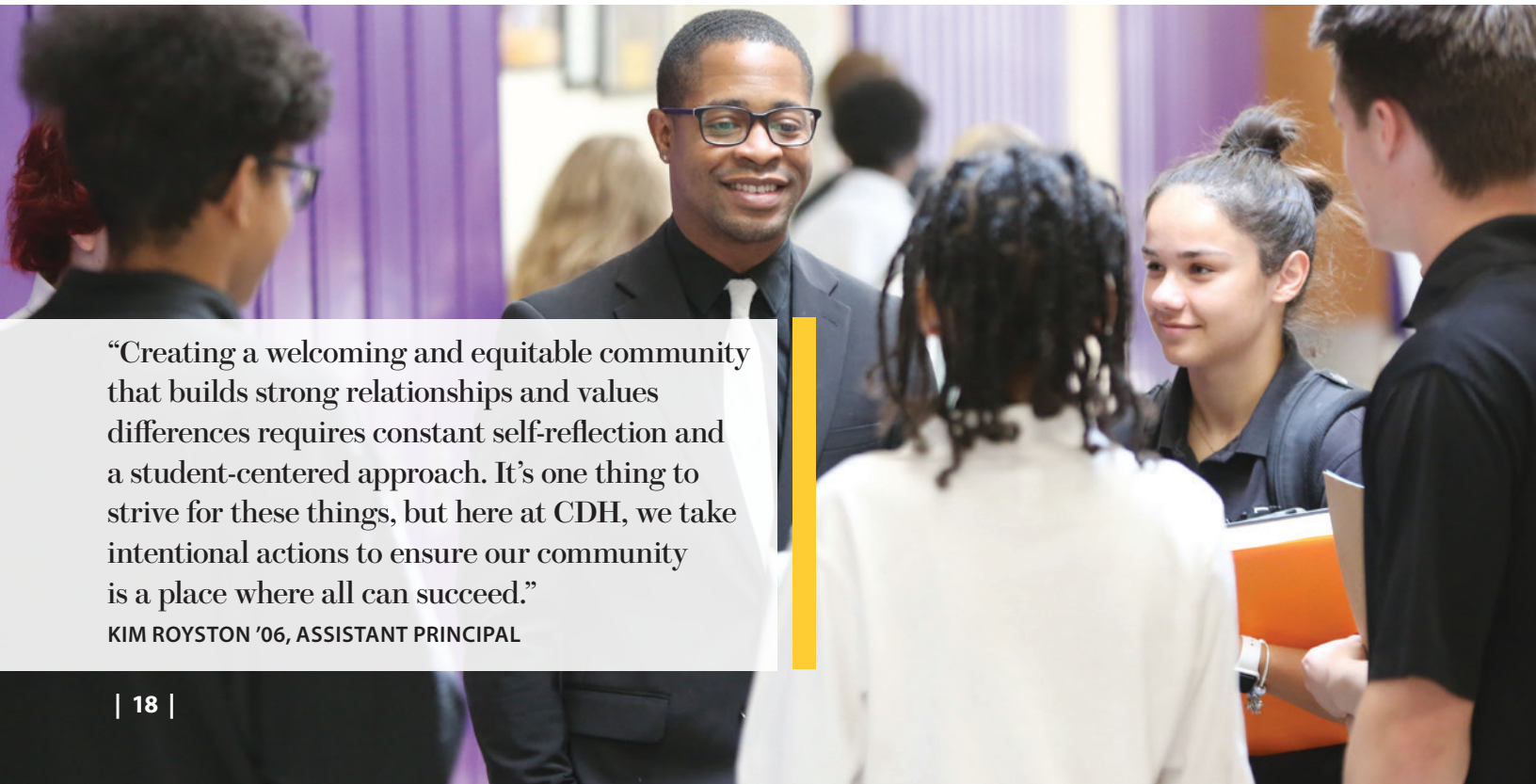
In alignment with our mission and values, CDH has made a long-term commitment to ensuring each CDH student is engaged and feels valued and respected in our community. With a diverse community of learners, we recognize the challenge to go forth and lead in a world desperate for a more just society.

ALUMNI NETWORK OF SUPPORT

A long tradition of support from alumni, nearly 20,000 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.

COMMON GROUND PROGRAM

CDH has launched the Common Ground program for students with intellectual disabilities — the first of its kind at a Catholic school in Minnesota. The first two students have Down Syndrome and take mainstream inclusion classes plus speciallized math and writing courses wtih the CDH Learning Lab. There are more than 50 junior or senior student trained to be peer mentors in each class.

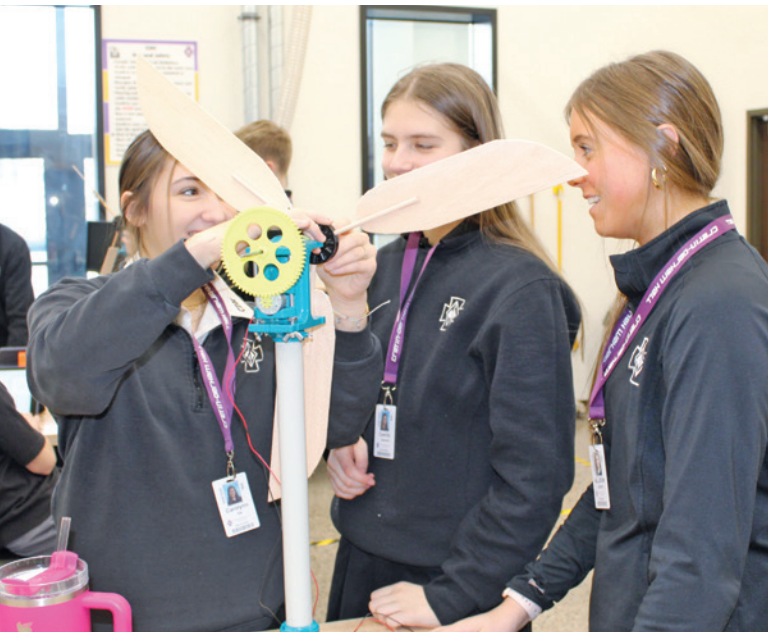


"Creating a welcoming and equitable community that builds strong relationships and values differences requires constant self-reflection and a student-centered approach. It's one thing to strive for these things, but here at CDH, we take intentional actions to ensure our community is a place where all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

KIM ROYSTON '06, 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 extensive network of alumni and friends 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 to be eligible for the award.*
- **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+ million in assistance to 70% of our families in 2024-2025.



Let's Go, Class of 2030!

2025–2026 Admissions Calendar

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE

2025 DECEMBER 6

- PRIORITY PLACEMENT TEST AT CDH
  December 6, 2025 | 8:30 am
- PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINE
  December 6, 2025 | c-dh.org/Apply

FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE

2025 DECEMBER 6

December 6, 2025 | myTADS.com

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE

2026 JANUARY 1

January 1, 2026 | c-dh.org/Scholarships

SECONDARY APPLICATION DEADLINE

2026 JANUARY 10

- PLACEMENT TEST AT CDH
  January 10, 2026 | 8:30 am
- APPLICATION DEADLINE
  January 10, 2026 | c-dh.org/Apply

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

2026 FEBRUARY 12

February 12, 2026

Future Raider Family Visit

We are excited to host you on campus! Experience our welcoming student body, meet our amazing teachers, and get to know CDH. Parents/guardians and students will enjoy a full tour of the campus, followed by a luncheon where we will be joined by current students and faculty. This is a great time to discuss all your questions.

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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