# *Choir at Cretin-Derham Hall!*

**Choir at CDH is full of opportunities to build community, gain musical skills, travel, & perform! There is a place for everyone in Choir, whether you are a seasoned performer or are completely new to making music. Everyone *can* sing and all voices are welcome here.**

"My favorite part is being with people and friends who accept you--your strengths, and your weaknesses. They are always supportive, and they all care about you outside of choir. I also enjoy the music that we sing!" - 9th *grade choir student*

"Since I've been in choir, I've found that I can get up and sing (or talk) in front of other people with much more ease and confidence." – 9th *grade choir student*

"I've become much more in touch with myself, and have gained a lot of self confidence. Good times, and better music!" – 12th *grade choir student*

"It's a blast, and you don't have to have any singing experience. If you like singing or want to try it out, choir at CDH is a great environment to do that." – 10th *grade choir student*

"It's a challenge that is absolutely worth it." – 11th *grade choir student*

***Current Vocal Ensembles open to 9th Graders at Cretin-Derham Hall:***

**Concert Choir - Concert Choir is a year-long course and it is the recommended option for freshmen interested in singing at CDH.** This ensemble is open to all CDH students regardless of musical ability, experience, or voice part. In this rehearsal-based class, we will focus primarily on building musicianship, developing healthy vocal technique and tone, and expanding musical literacy. We put on several concerts each year featuring a variety of musical styles, plus participation in music festivals, field trips, and trips to other cities every two years (recent trips include New York, San Diego, & San Antonio.)

*(Note: it* ***is*** *possible to fit Choir in your schedule, even if you are also in JROTC! Talk to Ms. Schuster or your counselor to learn more. There are scheduling alternatives available to alleviate scheduling issues, including 1 excused PE credit if you take Choir for all 4 years and online Religion options.)*

**Music Ministry -** This is a non-auditioned extra-curricular group that meets once a week during Flex Time with the purpose of preparing music to sing at school Masses and prayer services. This is a low-commitment group that is focused on sharing our musical gifts to serve God and our school community. Participants include both singers and instrumentalists. We welcome everyone, regardless of musical experience!

**Purple Reign A Cappella -** This is an auditioned, extra-curricular singing club that is intended to be a higher level ensemble for those looking for an additional musical challenge. While most members are in grades 10-12 and have taken at least 1 year of Choir, it is open to all to audition. This group focuses on unaccompanied pop repertoire (think Pitch Perfect!) and vocal jazz.

**Questions? Please contact Delilah Schuster, Choral Director at CDH (dschuster@c-dh.org)**