Dear Student (and Parents/Guardians):

Congratulations on your decision to attend Cretin-Derham Hall (CDH)! It's an outstanding and highly respected high school that offers a huge selection of activities. One of those activities is JROTC, which has played a major role in CDH's tradition of excellence for over 100 years. Enrolling in JROTC for 9th grade allows you the chance to earn academic credits, qualify for a merit scholarship, build relationships, prepare for your future after high school, and have fun!

Additionally, selecting the JROTC/P.E. option can **fulfill all your required Health and Physical Education credits**. During 9th grade, you spend two days per week in the JROTC class, one day in JROTC Leadership Lab, and the other two days in P.E. You would have no other P.E. requirements during your 10-12th grade years, but would earn all five P.E. credits, if you stay in JROTC until you graduate from CDH.

There is a **JROTC Tuition Aid Program and a Merit Scholarship** for 9th graders who apply. The scholarship is in addition to any financial aid offered by CDH and is renewable every year if cadets continue to fulfill their JROTC scholarship requirements.

The JROTC program is designed to teach students the value of citizenship, leadership, service to the community, and personal responsibility, while instilling in them self-esteem, teamwork, and self-discipline. JROTC also helps build relationships, especially for 9th grade students entering high school for the first time. **Ninth graders interact immediately with older students in a positive environment as seniors work with and welcome first-year students to the JROTC program and the CDH community**.

As a member of CDH JROTC you are part of an organization with a **national reputation for excellence.** JROTC helps you to **succeed in high school, college, and beyond**. Our curriculum builds ethical leaders who operate from a recognized set of values. We develop physical and mental discipline through drill and ceremony, parades, uniform wear, and adventure training. The credentials that you earn through JROTC and our letters of recommendation are very useful when applying for college, jobs, internships, or scholarships.

There is a wide variety of optional JROTC co-curricular activities, including Archery, Robotics, Cyber Challenge, Color Guard, Crack Drill, Flight Club, Honor Guard, Orienteering, Regulation Drill, and the Air Rifle Team. Others enjoy our unique activities – adventure camps, helicopter and military transport aircraft flights, museum tours, recreational encampments, plus much more. **Every student, regardless of background and interests, can experience a lot of fun in JROTC**.

We hope to see you at registration. There we can answer any questions. We'll also record your sizes so we can order your uniform (at no cost to you) and issue it to you at the start of the school year. Remember, **there is no military obligation** associated with JROTC. You are always welcome to call us at 651-696-3350.

Sincerely,

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