Band at Cretin-Derham Hall

CDH Band is a space full of opportunities for any young musician! Between community building, gaining musical knowledge/abilities, traveling, and making connections with other students, there is a place for everybody with the CDH Band. Whether you have played for years, or never played at all, the CDH band has opportunities for you!

"Being in band has been such a good experience for me! It's a class I look forward to every day and has challenged me to grow in so many areas. It's also a nice break in the day from other classes and gives me a chance to do something that I wouldn't be able to do in any other class. I would highly recommend joining band!" -10th grade band student

"Band at CDH has provided me a space to grow not only as a musician but also as a leader, friend, and mentor. The connections I've gotten to make are ones that I will carry on to my future after graduation." -12 grade band student

"Band is a very easy way to meet lots of new people upon arriving at CDH. Not only that, you get the unique experience of taking part in close interactions with people outside of your grade. Many of my friends were made in band!" -11th grade band student

Opportunities for 9th grade instrumental students:

Concert Band- Concert Band is a curricular ensemble that is open to all CDH students regardless of musical ability, experience, or instrument. Whether you have been playing for years, or have some basic knowledge, this group is for you! In this class, you will learn elements of musicianship, technical skills, and how to perform with others with a variety of repertoire. Included in this class are individual lessons on your instrument that take place before, during, or after school hours. Additionally, trips are offered every other year!

Note: it is possible to fit Band in your schedule, even if you are also in JROTC! There are scheduling alternatives available to Band students, including alternatives for social studies/religion/english classes and 1 excused PE credit if you take Band for all 4 years. Talk to Mr. Williams or your counselor to learn more.

Beginning Band- Beginning Band is a class open to any student who has little or no experience with music or playing an instrument, but is a great way to learn! The focus of Beginning Band is to learn the fundamentals of an instrument to join Concert Band class. This class is a combination of private or group lessons and an independent study.

Jazz Band/String Ensemble- These are both extracurricular clubs that allow students to further expand their musical horizons. Open to any string, wind, or percussion instrumentalist!

Questions? Please contact Teddy Williams, Band Teacher, at twilliams@c-dh.org. If you are unsure how to fit music into your time at CDH, please don't hesitate to reach out!