Believe

Belong

Become



Cretin-Derham Hall



Believe, Belong, Become

This is the Raider way. It's the heart of who we are.

Every day, you'll be encouraged to discover the gifts God has given you, surrounded by a community that knows and supports you, and challenged to grow into the person you are called to become. You'll graduate with more than an exceptional education. You'll leave as a confident lifelong learner, well-prepared for college, ready to tackle new opportunities, and inspired to make a difference wherever life leads.

BELIEVE

High school is a chance to figure out what matters to you — and what you're capable of becoming.

At CDH, your faith is part of that journey.

You'll have opportunities to grow closer to God, ask questions, and learn how to use your gifts to make a difference in the world.

Faith isn't just something we talk about in the chapel. It's part of how we learn, how we treat each other, and how we live each day. At CDH, we believe that everyone lives in the holy presence of God and that is why we love God and our dear neighbors without distinction.

Believe in what God has planned for you. Believe in what you can do.



BELONG

At CDH, community is our favorite word!

You'll find friends in the hallway, teammates on the field, classmates who become lifelong friends, teachers who know when you need a push — and a whole community of people who will cheer you on along the way.

There is plenty to try: Athletics, Performing Arts, Leadership, Service, Campus Ministry, and so much more. Join a team. Take the stage. Start a club. Develop your talents. Serve your community. Sit with someone new at lunch. Be part of something bigger than yourself. Grow. Have fun.

There are countless ways to make this place your home away from home.

Find your people. Be where you are meant to be.

BECOME

Who will you become?

Think about who you are today — now imagine who you'll be four years from now. You'll discover new interests. Take on challenges you didn't think you could handle. Make mistakes. Try again. Thrive!

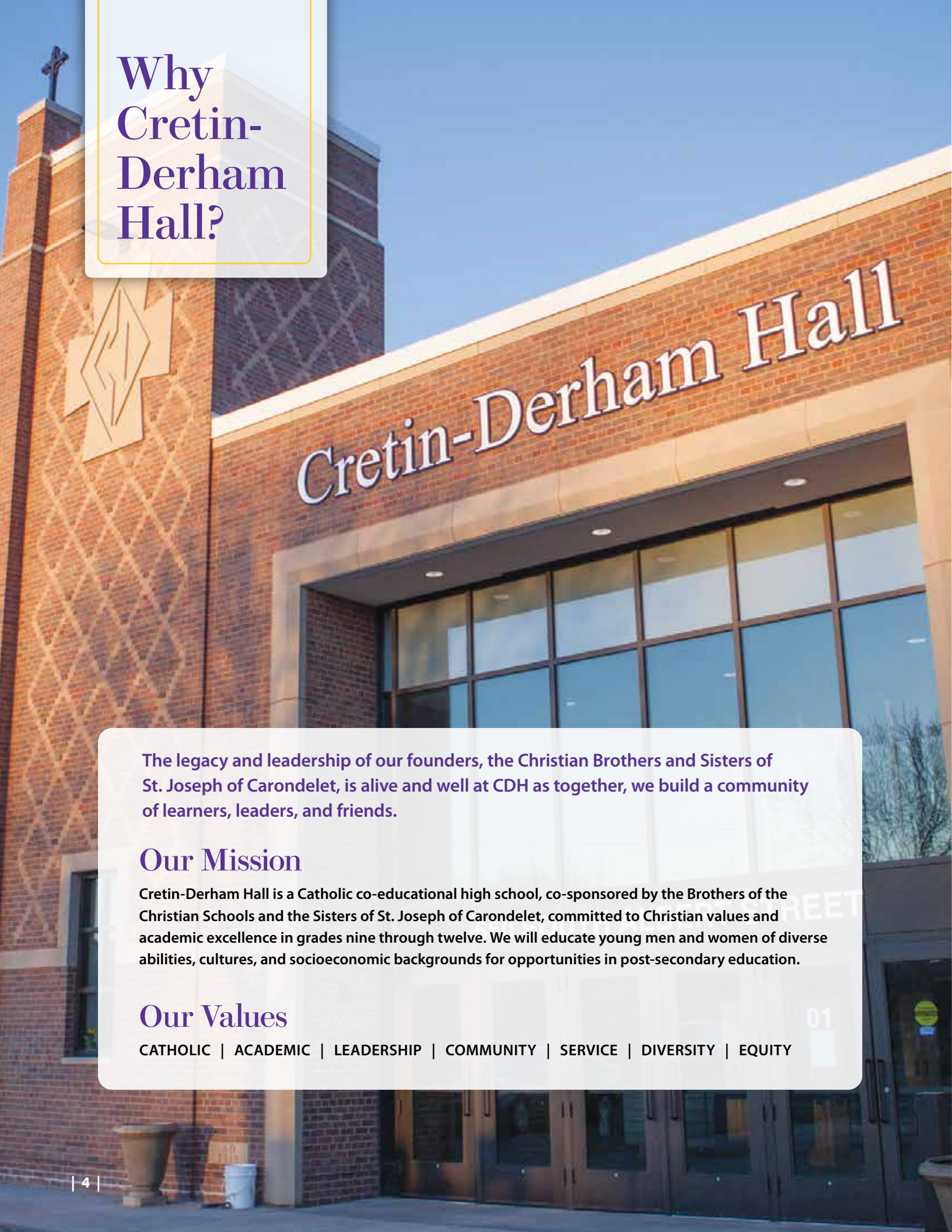
At CDH, the opportunities for students are second to none. You'll be challenged to grow — not into someone else's idea of success, but into the person you are capable of becoming.

You'll be encouraged to stretch beyond what is comfortable, supported when things get difficult, and celebrated when you rise to the challenge.

Because becoming your best self isn't a destination. It's a journey. And, high school is just the beginning. This community is behind you for high school and beyond.

Dream bigger.

Why Cretin-Derham Hall?



The legacy and leadership of our founders, the Christian Brothers and Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, is alive and well at CDH as together, we build a community of learners, leaders, and friends.

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.

Our Values

CATHOLIC | ACADEMIC | LEADERSHIP | COMMUNITY | SERVICE | DIVERSITY | EQUITY

Tradition and Innovation

Our long tradition of innovative learning supports each student to be the very best version of what God created him or her to be.

Believe

// FAITH THAT SHAPES YOU

Vibrant Catholic mission
woven throughout our day

Service opportunities
begin at 9th grade

Yearlong Senior Fieldwork
in the Community — a unique program at CDH

75%
Catholic — all faiths welcome

Annual Grade Level Retreats

Students Lead
in monthly All-School Masses

Belong

// A WELCOMING COMMUNITY THAT STAYS WITH YOU

From your first day to long after you graduate, you'll be part of the Raider community.

780
young men and women come from **128 different** elementary/middle schools

25%
students of color

70+
Clubs/Activities

96%
of students join one or more co-curriculars!

91%
play one or more sports *(12 no-cut sports)*

CASA families — connecting students and adults across grade levels

JROTC: 109
years of JROTC tradition

40%
students participate in Fine Arts outside of class

Band and Choir
regularly earn Superior Ratings

Theater
earned state's top honors four times in four years

Become

// ACADEMICS THAT MEET YOU WHERE YOU ARE — AND TAKE YOU FURTHER

150+
courses

18
AP courses

24
College credit courses (AP + Dual Enrollment)

74%
graduates report valuable merit scholarships to college

100%
Graduates earn admittance to colleges of their choice

Unique and foundational
9th Grade Interdisciplinary Course: VALUES

Science and Engineering
foundation for Science and a state-of-the-art STEM facility

Academics





Challenging by Design. Supportive by Nature.

At CDH, academic excellence means more than taking difficult classes. It means being challenged to think deeply, encouraged to ask questions and supported by teachers who know you and want you to succeed. It is not one-size-fits-all. It's challenging, individualized, and designed to help every student move forward.

Our academic program combines rigorous coursework, college-credit opportunities, innovative learning experiences, and support for academic success — giving students room to discover their strengths while preparing for what comes next.

RIGOR WITH PURPOSE

CDH students are held to high academic standards and have opportunities to challenge themselves at every level.

From Honors and Advanced courses plus 18 AP courses students can pursue a level of academic challenge that matches their goals. Students can also earn college credit in high school with 6 dual enrollment college-credit courses.

And the results are significant:

- 380 students took 660 AP exams in 2025–26.
- 446 enrolled in dual-enrollment courses, earning college credits while still at CDH.

Students can also earn college credit through partnerships with Saint Mary's University of Minnesota and the University of Minnesota, with courses ranging from Honors Chemistry, Physics, Literature, and Human Anatomy & Physiology.



LEARNING THAT GOES BEYOND THE TEXTBOOK

CDH gives students opportunities to apply what they learn through interdisciplinary courses, hands-on experiences, and innovative programs.

Every ninth grader begins with Science and Engineering, a foundational STEAM course designed to develop problem-solving, design and engineering skills.

Ninth graders also share a common interdisciplinary experience through Values Symposium, combining English, Religion and Social Studies. Students explore the values at the heart of CDH while developing reading, writing and critical-thinking skills across disciplines.

Students across all disciplines and subject matter can work in the Ryan STEM Center, which includes dedicated Design and STEM Labs.

A SCHEDULE DESIGNED FOR LEARNING

The CDH block schedule provides longer class periods that allow students to go deeper into their coursework rather than moving rapidly from class to class.

A longer flex period during lunch gives students time for academic help, studying, club and activity meetings, counselor visits, or prayer — while still leaving time to eat and connect with friends.

The result is a school day designed to make room not just for classes, but for the many parts of a student's high school experience.

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Academics
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SUPPORT THAT MEETS STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

Academic challenge works best when students have the support to meet it.

CDH's Academic Support Program provides individualized assistance in reading, writing, math and organization, with four Learning Specialists serving more than 100 students.

The **Learning Lab** provides space for one-on-one support and small-group instruction. CDH will work with students to accommodate and initiate learning plans when needed.

The expectation remains high. The support is personal.

TEACHERS WHO CHALLENGE AND SUPPORT

The academic experience at CDH is built around relationships.

Teachers challenge students to take higher-level courses, pursue independent work and become advocates for their own learning. At the same time, they are available to answer questions, provide extra help and help students navigate the demands of a challenging academic program.



Where CDH Students Are Accepted

American University
Boston College
Boston University
California Polytechnic State University
Carleton College
Case Western Reserve University
College of Holy Cross
College of St. Benedict
Cornell University
Creighton University
Dartmouth College
Fordham University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Grinnell College
Illinois Wesleyan University
Johns Hopkins University
Lehigh University
Loyola University – Chicago
Macalester College
New York University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Ohio State
Pepperdine University
Purdue University
Rutgers University – New Brunswick
St. John's University
St. Mary's University of MN
St. Olaf College
Syracuse University
Texas Christian University
Tufts University
Tulane University
University College – London
University of CA – Berkeley
University of CA – San Diego
University of CA – Santa Barbara
University of Georgia
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. Andrew – Scotland
University of St. Thomas
University of Washington – Seattle
University of Wisconsin – Madison
United States Air Force Academy
United States Coast Guard
United States Naval Academy
University of Iowa
University of Southern California
Villanova University
Washington University – St. Louis
Wellesley College
William and Mary
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Yale University

Prepared for What Comes Next

CDH graduates continue their education at colleges and universities across the country and around the world. But college acceptance is only one measure of preparation.

At CDH, students develop the knowledge, communication skills, critical thinking, independence and confidence they need to succeed in college and beyond.



Believe, Serve, Lead!



Catholic faith is part of the rhythm of the school and the foundation for our values.

Our mission is rooted in the legacy of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers and their shared commitment to faith, education, and service.

FAITH IS PART OF THE DAY

Every student experiences faith as part of the CDH school day through:

- Religion courses for every student
- Daily Mass and prayer
- Monthly all-school Masses and prayer services
- Grade-level retreats
- Campus Ministry programs and co-curricular retreats
- Justice education and service opportunities

Students have opportunities to participate in worship planning, service days, retreats and other experiences that invite them to explore and deepen their faith.

Live Jesus in our hearts! Forever.

FAITH IN ACTION

At CDH, service is an intentional part of the educational experience to support our understanding of the people and communities around us — and the responsibility we have to serve them.

Every senior participates in Senior Fieldwork, spending two hours each week during the school day serving with an organization off campus.

Across the school, CDH students contribute an estimated 21,000+ service hours each year through service projects, organizations, athletics, JROTC and other activities.

CDH offers local service opportunities as well as domestic and international Justice Education Trips, giving students opportunities to encounter communities and issues beyond their everyday experience.

Students are encouraged to look at the world through the lens of faith, dignity, justice and the Dear Neighbor — and to consider what they can do in response.

JROTC

A CDH tradition spanning more than 109 years, JROTC combines leadership, discipline and service. The program has earned 97 consecutive years as an Honor Unit with Distinction and contributes approximately 10,000 community service hours each year.







Leadership With Purpose

CDH gives students opportunities to put their values into action and develop as leaders.

Student Council

Students take an active role in school life by representing their classmates, building school spirit and planning activities and events.

Link Crew

Upperclassmen help welcome and support incoming ninth graders and transfer students, providing leadership while helping new students become part of the CDH community.

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Students participate in district conferences and organize opportunities to support young people in the local community

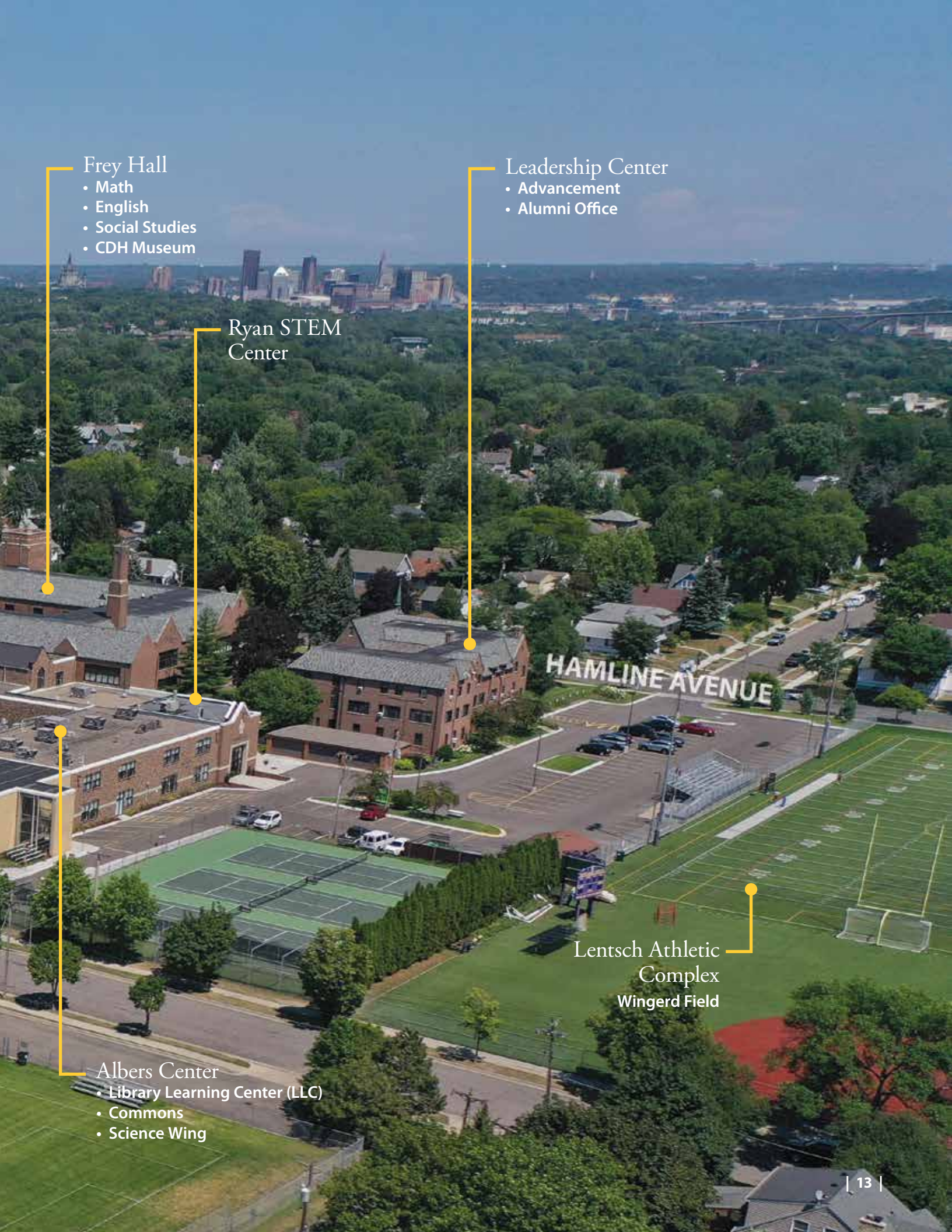


Blessed Brother James Miller, a former Cretin High School student and teacher, was beatified by Pope Francis in 2019 and is on the path toward sainthood.

His legacy is part of the physical and spiritual life of CDH. His bust anchors the courtyard outside the Commons and the school chapel bears his name. His intercession is also part of our daily prayer: *Blessed Brother James Miller, pray for us.*

Welcome to Cretin-Derham Hall




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

Join In All CDH Offers!

Something for Everyone.

In fact, 96% of students are involved in one or more co-curricular activities or sports.

You will find your people, discover your talent, and feed your passions. And it's really fun! You don't have to choose just one thing. Be a student. Be an athlete. Be a performer. Serve. Lead. Take risks. Be a Raider!

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 — 28 different teams at all levels. 91% of students participate in at least one sport over their four years.

Participate! Check out all the options on our website.









Theater

Four major productions each year give students the opportunity to perform, direct, design, build and create — from musicals and children's theater to a black box production. CDH theater has consistently earned Outstanding Overall Production honors through Spotlight Education and has produced multiple Top Ten Triple Threat finalists.

Students can learn from industry professionals and take their theater experience beyond CDH through special opportunities and trips.





Award-Winning Fine Arts

40% of CDH students participate in the fine arts outside of the classroom. That kind of participation happens because the programs are strong, the opportunities are real, and the arts are an important part of the CDH experience.

Choir

CDH Choir gives students opportunities to perform, compete and grow — from Concert Choir and Honors to Music Ministry and Purple Reign A Cappella.

Students perform throughout the year, participate in festivals and competitions, and have opportunities to be selected for honor choirs at the local, regional and national level. Recent CDH singers have participated in events including the Midwest and National ACDA Honor Choirs.

Studio Arts

CDH gives visual artists the space, facilities and course options to take their creative work seriously. Explore ceramics, photography, printmaking, jewelry making, drawing, painting and manufacturing arts — with opportunities to develop advanced skills and showcase your work.

The annual student art show turns the school into a gallery, while students can also enter local, statewide, national and even global art opportunities.



Band

Whether it's Concert Band, Honors Band, Jazz Band or Pep Band, CDH musicians get meaningful opportunities to perform throughout the year. Students take part in formal concerts, music festivals, competitions, school events and fine arts trips.

And CDH welcomes musicians at every level — including students who are just getting started.

Athletics







Let's Go, Raiders!

At CDH, athletics are about more than winning. They're about competing with purpose, representing your school with pride, and becoming the kind of teammate and leader others can count on.

And CDH has the track record to prove it.

Our teams compete in the Suburban East Conference, and CDH has earned 23 MSHSL State Championships since 1975.

Excellence is measured by the standard you bring to practice.
The way you compete.
The way you treat your teammates.
And the way you represent your school.
Sportsmanship, teamwork and a high standard of moral conduct are part of what it means to compete as a Raider.

A PLACE TO GET BETTER

CDH athletes have access to facilities designed to help them train, compete and perform at their best.

The **10,000-square-foot fitness center** provides space for strength and conditioning, while the **Joe Mauer Field House** features three full-size courts along with state-of-the-art meeting rooms and locker rooms.

The **Len Horyza Gymnasium** includes a newly added wrestling room and dance studio, while the **Lentsch Athletic Complex** includes **Wingerd Field** (upgraded with turf for football, lacrosse, soccer and softball), baseball field, and tennis courts.

CDH also provides **state-of-the-art hockey locker rooms for both boys and girls**, giving athletes spaces that match the level of competition.

OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE

Not every athlete's path looks the same — and that's a strength.

With **28 varsity sports and additional JV, B-squad and 9th grade teams**, CDH offers opportunities to compete at different levels for student athletes with different experieces and goals. And with **12 no-cut sports**, more students can be part of a team, develop their skills and experience what it means to compete together.

Of course, the **CDH Super Fans** bring the school spirit to all of it.

Whether you're pursuing a state championship or looking for your first high school team, there's a place for you here.

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Student. Athlete.

At CDH, being a student-athlete means both parts matter.

Our athletes take challenging classes, pursue leadership opportunities and prepare for life beyond high school — all while competing at a high level. Teachers and coaches work together to help students manage the demands of academics and athletics.

Raiders don't just play for the name on a jersey. Raiders represent something bigger.







Belong Here!



Our Favorite Word: Community!

At CDH, community is one of our defining strengths. It comes from the relationships students build with classmates and teachers, the vibrant student life, and a shared commitment to faith, service, and the dear neighbor. It's something you experience every day and one you can count on long after graduation.

Four years for a lifetime.

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Belong Here!

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Find Your People.

CDH brings together students from 128 different elementary and middle schools, bringing together people from all over, with different experiences, interests and backgrounds.

That's part of what makes CDH special. You get to know people you might never have met otherwise — and discover that your community can be bigger than you imagined.

FIND YOUR PLACE

There are countless ways to be part of CDH. Join a team. Take the stage. Make music. Lead. Serve. Build. Be a SuperFan.

Choose one thing or five.

The point isn't how much you do. It's finding the places where you feel connected, contribute something of your own and become part of something bigger.

PEOPLE WHO KNOW YOU

You're not just a name on a class roster.

Our teachers get to know their students, challenge them to do their best, and make themselves available when students need extra help. They care about your success — and they expect you to care about it, too.

That combination of high expectations and genuine relationships is a big part of the CDH experience.

A COMMUNITY THAT LOOKS BEYOND ITSELF

Being part of the CDH community also means understanding that we're connected to something bigger than ourselves.

Our commitment to the *Dear Neighbor* calls students to recognize the dignity of every person and put faith into action as we grow to understand our responsibility to one another. Service is woven into the student experience, from opportunities throughout the Twin Cities to the unique fieldwork component required during senior year, and justice education trips at home and abroad.

You will graduate with significant experience putting their faith and values into action — preparing you to be a person who makes a difference wherever you go.











Tuition Assistance

A CDH Education is Within Reach!

Choosing a high school is a significant decision for every family. At CDH, we believe a Catholic, college-preparatory education should be within reach for families who want it.

Tuition is an investment in your student — and CDH works hard to make that investment attainable while providing an exceptional education, a strong community and opportunities that extend well beyond the classroom.

The support of our alumni and friends makes that possible. Their generosity helps CDH keep tuition among the **lowest of Catholic high schools in Minnesota** while continuing to invest in academics, athletics, fine arts, facilities and student experiences.

GENEROUS TUITION ASSISTANCE

Our tuition assistance program provides substantial support to families who qualify based on financial need:

70% of CDH families received tuition assistance in 2025-26

$3+ million distributed in tuition assistance

$7,545 average tuition assistance package

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Recognizing students who demonstrate academic excellence, character, and leadership, Merit Scholarships range from $1,000 to $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.*

WORK STUDY — Earn while you Learn

CDH's new Work Study Program gives students the opportunity to earn money toward tuition while gaining real-world experience and contributing to the school community.

Students can apply for positions in **Admissions, Athletics, Communications, Advancement, and Maintenance**.

It's more than a job. Students develop skills, learn from professionals and take on meaningful responsibilities — all while helping make their CDH education more affordable.

No financial need is required to participate.









Let's Go, Raiders!

Come visit and see for yourself.

The best way to experience CDH is to come and see it for yourself — and we can't wait to welcome you on campus. Walk our halls. Meet our students. Talk with our teachers. Sit in a classroom. Feel the energy.

CONNECT WITH US!

Scan the QR code to:

- Schedule a Raider Family visit which includes a tour of campus for students and parents/guardians, plus lunch with current students and teachers. Students will spend the afternoon shadowing a current Raider, attending classes and getting a feel for a regular day at CDH.
- Explore our academics, activities, campus ministry, sports, and JROTC and the other programs that make CDH special.
- Learn about our generous tuition assistance and merit scholarship programs that make sure a CDH education is possible for your family.
- Check the calendar for upcoming events, such as Open Houses, or chances to experience a theater show or a sports game... and more!
- Find out more about the Admissions timeline and how to become a Raider.

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We can't wait to get to know you!

Four Years to a Lifetime!

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