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Congratulations to Our National Merit Students!

The Cretin-Derham Hall community is proud to announce our National Merit Semifinalists and Commended Students in the 2015 National Merit competition.

National Merit Semifinalists, who are the highest scoring National Merit entrants representing the top 1% of Minnesota's high school seniors, include **Madeline Lee, Carl Modl, and Anna Kalkman.**

Commended Students, who represent the top 5% of the more than 1.5 million students who entered the completion nationwide, include **Megan Kollitz, Emma Gutzmann, Kevin Hottinger, Wyatt Stackpole, Maria Neuzil, Mateo Paredes-Sepulveda, and Mark Schuweiler.**

All of these students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success. Congratulations!



Pictured are (front five students, l to r) Maddie Lee, Anna Kalkman, Carl Modl, Kevin Hottinger, and Megan Kollitz. Four students in the back row are (l to r) Mateo Paredes-Sepulveda, Maria Neuzil, Wyatt Stackpole, and Mark Schuweiler. At right: Emma Gutzmann



Matt McMahon Aces the ACT

Senior **Matt McMahon** joins classmates **Maria Neuzil** and **Anna Kalkman** as the third member of the Class of 2015 to earn a perfect 36 on the ACT.

The number of students who earn a perfect score varies from year to year, but on average, less than one tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT each year achieves the top score.

Congratulations, Matt!



President's Letter

Dear Parents, Students, Faculty and Staff,

In this season of giving, I am reminded of the many gifts we have to be thankful for at Cretin-Derham Hall. Certainly, the gift of our Catholic faith, which we practice every day, is among the most important of all gifts.

Cretin-Derham Hall has just completed two major fundraising efforts: SPAFF and Give to the Max Day. Between these two fundraisers, monetary gifts were made to CDH in excess of \$760,000! This is just an extraordinary and unprecedented display of gift giving and underscores the very deep commitment of our CDH community.

A simple definition of a gift is something given to another without the expectation of compensation. But I would say that those who have supported CDH through SPAFF, or through Give to the Max, or any of the literally thousands of donors who support the school throughout the year do indeed have an expectation of compensation.

They expect their gifts to be used wisely; they expect their gifts will be used to maintain and enhance the tradition of educational excel-

lence that CDH has enjoyed for generations; they expect their gifts will be used to provide this education in a spiritual, supportive, and inclusive environment; that their gifts will be used to do all that is necessary to ensure that this education is available and as affordable as possible to a broad range students from varying socio-economic backgrounds.

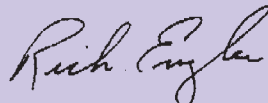
Meeting and exceeding these expectations are the challenges we embrace at CDH and represent the compensation our CDH community insists on and deserves.

I want to thank all who have supported Cretin-Derham Hall and assure them that we strive each and every day to make certain that their faith and their resources have been well-placed.

May you and your family enjoy a blessed Advent, a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless you always.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Engler
President

CDH Launches New Website

Cretin-Derham Hall has launched a new website. The site is cleaner, easier to navigate for parents and students, and tells the CDH story to prospective families. The new site works better on mobile devices too. Our web address, www.c-dh.org, has not changed. To find the daily announcements, click on Campus Life and Announcements.

Taizé Prayer

This school year, under the leadership of campus minister **David Haas**, the CDH community has been hosting monthly Taizé Prayer. Each Taizé Prayer gathering is held at 7:00 p.m. at Cretin-Derham Hall, usually in the Pax Christi Chapel in the James and Julie Woulfe Activity Center.

Taizé Prayer originated in the ecumenical community of Taizé, France. It is contemplative in nature, filled with musical mantras, litanies, prayer, intercession, and silence. Taizé Prayer has become popular in parishes and other communities of faith in the United States and other parts of North America.

Below is a list of the remaining Taizé Prayer gatherings currently scheduled for the remainder of the school year. It is advisable to check the CDH website at www.c-dh.org and/or The Cretin-Derham Hall Taizé Prayer Community of Facebook.

January 11, 2015: Taize Prayer; Baptism of the Lord
February 8: Taize Prayer
March 9: Lenten Taize Prayer
April 12: Taize Prayer for Resurrection

SPAFF Raises \$151,000!

Many thanks to the CDH community for the time, effort, and generosity put forth that enabled to school to raise \$151,000 in the annual SPAFF Raffle. Thank you, too, to our sponsors: Bruegger's Bagels, Soapy Joe's Car Wash, and Advanced Imaging Solutions. Below is a summary of the SPAFF results.

SPAFF Raffle Winners

\$2500.00 - Art Botello
\$1500.00 - Craig Arends
\$1000.00 - Bob Anderson

Raider Raffle

Usher Tickets - **Lucas Peltier**
Maroon 5 Tickets - **Kourtney George**
iPad Mini - **Nick Lewis**
Student Parking Space - **Jonathan Peterson**
Soapy Joe's Ultimate Exterior Package - **Sam Neumann**

Top Ten Sellers: Congratulations!

1. **Lucas Peltier**
2. **Alexis Peltier**
3. **Kalay Kotasek**
4. **Sam Swanson**
5. **Nick Lewis**
6. **Wyatt Richards**
7. **Lizzie Lentsch**
8. **Isabella Bowlin**
9. **David Deaver**
10. **Mariah Theisen**

Top Ten 1st Period Classes: Congratulations!

1. **Hoffstrom/Jamison** - 140%
2. **Rosen/Peloski** - 124%
3. **Thornton/R. Muetzel** - 115%
4. **Nordby** - 109%
5. **Wadell/Roy** - 109%
6. **Flynn** - 104%
7. **Sternhagen** - 103%
8. **Malone-Povolny/Novey** - 101%
9. **Pohl** - 92%
10. **Lally** - 89%

CDH Finishes First on Give to the Max Day!!

For the third consecutive year, Cretin-Derham Hall finished in 1st place and won \$10,000 in the annual Give to the Max Day in Minnesota.

GiveMN.org, the sponsor of the event, offered prize money to the top ten nonprofits that raised the most money during a 24-hour period on November 13, 2014. CDH received online donations from 1,069 donors totaling \$610,610.00! All proceeds will be applied to the Richard Engler Recognition Challenge as part of this year's Annual Fund Drive.

The purpose of Give to the Max Day is to encourage donations to schools and nonprofits in an effort to improve the quality of life for all Minnesotans. More than 120,000 people donated more than \$18,000,000 to nonprofit organizations statewide.

"The Cretin-Derham Hall community loves a challenge, and nowhere is that more evident than on Give to the Max Day," said President **Dick Engler**. "This community is truly committed to ensuring that our school continues to provide an excellent Catholic education to young people for generations to come. We are sincerely grateful to all those who show their support for CDH, on this day and every day."



Latin America History and Culture Fair

For their first-trimester final projects, 9th grade students presented a variety of topics for the annual Latin America History and Culture Fair. Teachers, friends, students from Spanish classes, and a number of parents visited the fair to visit and interact with the students.



Students Mary Arend (l) and Amy Rueter presented "The Day of the Dead."



Teagan Fee (l) and Maddie McQuillan exhibited "Latin American Fashions" to parents Michael and Rebecca Murray, with two of their children, Margaret and Peter, and to Danny Gendreau's mother, Kristen Sanders-Gendreau.

Loving F. Scott Fitzgerald

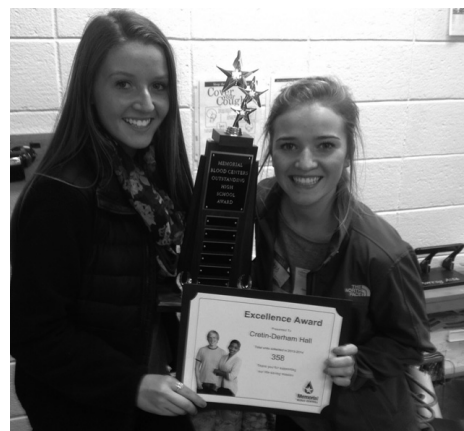


*Students in Mrs. Mamie Fabel's English classes had an opportunity to show just how much they love F. Scott Fitzgerald and his novel, *The Great Gatsby*, when they visited his statue in Rice Park. Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul in 1896 and his statue was created by sculptor Michael Price to honor the author on the centennial of his birthday. Pictured are juniors Katie Hughes (l) and Katie Berthiaume.*

CDH Recognized as Top High School Blood Drive in the State

Cretin-Derham Hall has been recognized as the top high school in the state of Minnesota for units of blood collected through the Memorial Blood Center (MBC). In the 2013-2014 school year, the Service Committee of the Student Council, in partnership with the MBC, collected 358 units of blood. The traveling trophy that comes with this recognition will remain at CDH for this school year.

Pictured are the co-chairs of the December 2014 Blood Drive, Meghan Vozbeek (l) and Abby Rottjakob, holding the traveling trophy, which will remain at CDH for this school year.



Keeping Up with the Respect Life Team

The Respect Life Team has been busy this fall. On October 21, Kristan Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, spoke with members of the team about what they can do to spread the pro-life message at Cretin-Derham Hall.



Kristan Hawkins

On October 29, the team sponsored a Silent Day of Solidarity with more than 130 student volunteers who remained silent for the day to give their voice on behalf of the millions who have had their voices permanently silenced by abortion. Participants wore red arm bands and carried cards explaining their silence. Pictured are team members (l to r) **Ruth McInerney, Henrianna Monrovia-Tommy, Jacori Johnson, Blessing Awode, Maia Fernandez-Ray, Samantha Guevara, Octavia Wilson, Sara Kumerow, and Connor Petit.**



On November 6, members of the team went to Catholic Charities Northside Child Development Center for their Service Day to serve the children and staff there. Pictured are (front row, l to r) **Kiersten Garcia-Jungwirth, Elshadye Cherinet, Octavia Wilson, Henrianna Monrovia-Tommy, Maia Fernandez Ray, and Alysia Buckhanan-Garcia.** Back row, l to r: **Estefany Garcia, Allison Rudolph, Alin Vega-Vargas, Brison White, Avianna Wilson, and Blessing Awode.**



Notes from the Student Council Executive Board

“This year has brought new and different opportunities,” said Student Council Co-President **Maria Gleason**. From planning Homecoming Week in the summer to participating in the volleyball tournament in November, Maria Gleason and Co-President **Brandon Steer** have been doing a great job keeping up with the busy year. Both Maria and Brandon have worked very hard to lead the Student Council.

For Homecoming Week, Maria and Brandon helped the Homecoming Week Vice Presidents, **Carly Koempften** and **Caroline Greavu**, to plan the week. “The biggest struggle was the theme [for Homecoming Week] this year,” Caroline said. The Student Council leadership ran it by Cottage Grove’s administration to ensure sportsmanship. Although it was a debated theme, Carly and Caroline were able to put the saying, “It was just another walk in the park,” on the back of the homecoming T-shirts. The Homecoming Dance also had “a great outcome,” said one of the Vice Presidents of the dance, **Monica Harris**. Vice Presidents of the Homecoming Dance were **Halle Sterling**, **Monica Harris**, and **Grace Judd**. In the middle of the dance, they threw out glow sticks to everyone in the crowd on the dance floor. Halle said, “The glow sticks we got this year were something new that we haven’t done at CDH dances in the past. I think they were a big hit.” The

Activities Committee hosted a very fun Homecoming Week ending with a very fun dance.

While Homecoming Week was in progress, the Service Committee held their annual Coat Drive. Coats this year were needed most by children. The coats were sent to Bancroft Elementary in Minneapolis. Vice President of the Coat Drive, **Liz McGrath**, said, “It was a successful year. We got more coats than we anticipated.” The Service Committee also helped at the Mac Greeman Foundation fundraising walk held on November 1. Vice President of the walk **Claire Schwirtz** said, “Even though it was really cold, we had a lot of volunteers from both the Service and Activities Committee [of Student Council]. A lot of the family members came to support the Greeman family.”

Besides helping the Activities and Service Committees, Maria and Brandon have worked on their own projects and ideas as the Co-Presidents. “It takes time to get new ideas passed through administration. Sometimes what we do goes unnoticed by the student body, so we like to improve things that please many

students. These two things go hand in hand, so we have to make sure the administration is willing to pass the things that we want to improve or add to in the school,” Brandon said. “For example, one of our senior classmates wanted hot sauce for his lunch. We brought the idea of supplying hot sauce packets in the lunchroom to the lunch staff. We were successful. That was one of the biggest successes this year.”

Other projects the Co-Presidents are currently working on getting CASA sweatshirts and getting pencil vending machines. Both of these are still a work in progress. These projects are keeping Maria and Brandon very busy during the time they aren’t helping organize Student Council events. Additionally, they spoke at the 9th Grade Orientation, the first prayer service of the year, the Cretin Alumni Banquet, and the November Open House. Although this year has been busy, filled with planning and organizing, it has been an outstanding year thanks to the the Student Council Co-Presidents.

Mizelle Hornilla
Student Council Journalist



Homecoming Week Vice Presidents Carly Koempften (l) and Caroline Greavu prepare decorations for Homecoming Week.

Model UN Team Presents at Conference

On November 18, 2014, Cretin-Derham Hall's 12-member Model UN Team presented at the Minnesota State High School Model UN Conference at Macalester College. The students spent two months preparing to address their assigned countries' stance on issues including bioterrorism, cyberterrorism and arms proliferation. The next Model UN Team presentation is in January at Edina High School.



Members of the team include (back row, l to r) Jenna Konzemius, Jackie Hoppe, David Peterson, Michael Perra, Nicole Anderson, Dani Perra, and Jacqueline Schaefer. Front row, l to r: Sara Kumerow, Len Gerten, Brian Aguilar, Josie Lubman, and Kate Grumbles.

Mac Greeman 2014 Fundraising Walk

On November 1, 2014, CDH was the site of the first Mac Greeman Foundation Fundraising 3K/5K Walk.

Mac was a 9th grader at Cretin-Derham Hall when he died at home on Thanksgiving Day 2013 of sudden cardiac arrest caused by a virus that attacked his heart.

The goals of the Mac Greeman Foundation are three-fold: promote health screenings in all youth physicals; produce educational materials; and make AEDs (automated external defibrillators) available at sporting events and practices in the metro area. The mission of the organization is to bring cardiac health awareness and safety to youth organized sports.

For more information about the foundation, visit www.macgreeman.org.



A large contingent of Mac's classmates participated in the Walk, including these enthusiastic walkers who paused for a photo.

Activities Report

Blood Drive

The CDH Blood Drive, sponsored by the CDH Student Council in partnership with the Memorial Blood Center Blood Drive, was held on December 5.

CDH-HFC Halloween Dance

The Cretin-Derham Hall Highland Friendship Club held its Halloween Dance on October 24 at CDH. Fifty students and 50 HFC members attended the event that included great music and dancing. DJ Duty Thune and House of Thune Productions provided the music, and a good time was had by all!

Trap Shooting Team

The Trap Shooting Team had a great fall season with a number of shooters posting Personal Bests. **Ben Linke, Tom Lavigne, and Lenny Gerten** each shot perfect scores of 25. Rounding out the team were **Jack Calkins, Mark Daigle, Cole Overland, Paul Reyes, Buck Strain, and Nick Wahlstrom**. Another highlight was the visit from Activities Director **Katie Carroll**. She tried her hand at trap shooting for the very first time and had a "blast!"

The Trap Shooting Team is coached by Dave Becker and Mario Reyes, along with head coach Patrick Rugloski. "Nine students participated and gave great performances in representing their school and its endeavor to become a competitive player in this new and fast growing league," said Rugloski. "I encourage any student, whether they have



Senior Elijah Haggerness as Batman made a new friend at the HFC Halloween Dance.

previous experience or not, to join the team and represent their school next spring as we continue a great new tradition of shooting Trap in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League." Congratulations to our fall team!

Bowling Team

Congratulations to the Bowling Team. Led by Captains **Ryan Johnson** and **Sara Kumerow**, the varsity team won the Conference Tournament and at press time are competing at the State Tournament on December 6.

Katie Carroll '00
Activities Director

Yata Peinovich Performs at CDH

Singer, songwriter, guitarist, and educator Yata Peinovich performed for students in **Mrs. Mamie Fabel's** Honors US Literature classes in November. Peinovich has recorded more than 10 CDs, and some of his songs weave original melodies around the words of famous poets, including Emily Dickinson, Robert Frost, and e.e. cummings, whose poems are being studied in Mrs. Fabel's class. Yata sang songs from those poets, as well as other British, Irish, and Scottish poets.



Parents' Association News

Mother-Daughter Luncheon

The annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon was held on Sunday, November 16, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in St. Paul. More than 600 people enjoyed delicious food, great company, and artisan boutique shopping, as well as a slideshow of seniors with their mothers/guardians. Thank you to chairs Dana Bruce, Katie Shaw, Katie Waters, Trixie Golberg and the Parents' Association for hosting this wonderful event.



Ninth grader Amelia Salisbury attended the Mother/Daughter Luncheon with her mom, Kristi.

Staff Appreciation

The Faculty-Staff Appreciation Committee held its Fall Buffet on November 11, 2014. The buffet is held twice a year to celebrate and show our gratitude for our outstanding teachers and staff at CDH. This is also a great opportunity for teachers and staff to come together as a community and share a meal or two. Autumn Harvest was the theme for this buffet and was enhanced by fall decorations throughout the Teacher Lounge. Over 80 parent volunteers contributed breakfast and lunch items for 150 faculty and staff. Our volun-

teers/chefs offered up a wonderful assortment of foods, including fresh baked caramel rolls, wonderful egg bakes, homemade soups, pulled pork, and as always many yummy desserts! We also received generous donations from local restaurants, including Chianti Grill, Skinner's, DeGidio's, Southern Style Catering and Claddagh Coffee. We had enough food that the teachers and staff had leftovers for a couple of days! Thank you to all the volunteers who brought in food and beverages and to those who gave their time serving and cleaning on one of the four serving shifts. We could not do this without our special volunteers! Last, but by no means least, a huge thank you to the CDH maintenance staff. You are the best! Anyone interested in volunteering and joining in on the fun for our spring event can go to the Volunteer tab on the Parents' Association page on the CDH website to sign up. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Kestner, mckestner@comcast.net, Kim Kirmeier, kkirmeier@yahoo.com, or Marci Franzen, marci.franzen@egeriainc.com.

Father-Daughter Dinner Dance

The Father-Daughter Dinner Dance is a fun-filled evening held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown St. Paul. This event is sure to be a party you won't want to miss! Mark your calendar for Saturday, January 24, 2015. All CDH girls and their fathers/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend. The social hour gets under way at 6:00 p.m., along with father-daughter photos, dinner at 7:00 p.m., and dancing until 11:00 p.m. The celebration at the Crowne Plaza costs \$35 per person, which includes dinner and entertainment for the evening. Watch for the invitation in the mail and on the CDH website. We are encouraging all attendees to register and pay online. You can find the link by going to the Parents' Association page on the CDH website and clicking on the Father-Daughter tab. Reservations are due by January 12, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact either Kayleen Rooney, kayleenrooney@gmail.com, 651-210-8139, or Lisa Schleif, lmschleif@aol.com, 651-335-9345.



Volunteers at the Autumn Harvest Faculty-Staff Appreciation Day included (l to r) Cathy Daigle, Amy Guttery, Kim Kirmeier, Melissa Kestner, Marci Franzen, and Karen Judge.

SCENES FROM THE ACTIVITIES FAIR



On September 22, 2014, CDH hosted its annual Activities Fair in the Commons. The event is an opportunity for students to learn about the more than 40 clubs and co-curricular activities available to them. From the Asian Culture Club and Bowling, to Ultimate Frisbee and Yearbook, CDH has something for everyone! For more information, contact Activities Director Katie Carroll '00 at kcarroll@c-dh.org, or call 651-696-3384.





Heard in the Halls

Guidance

The FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) for the 2015-2016 school year will be available online at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA can be filed after January 1, 2015, for your student entering college in the fall of 2015. Filing electronically is highly encouraged as your information can be processed much more quickly.

CDH seniors can find private scholarship information on their Naviance Family Connection accounts. Once a student has logged in, click on the "colleges" tab, scroll down to "scholarships & money," and click on "scholarship list" to find the most updated list. All of the private scholarships that we have been made aware of will appear here, and students can get all the information they need to apply in one spot. You can also do a search of a national scholarship database by clicking on "national scholarship search." Please remember to check these resources throughout the winter and spring as they are continually updated.

On January 15 all junior students will attend Jumpstart Your Future, a day-long series of workshops and speakers to help students get ready for the college search process and to begin formulating post-high school plans. This required school day will give students the chance to hear from college admissions professionals on a wide variety of topics. A corresponding program for parents/guardians of junior students will be held on January 21, at 7:00 p.m. While parents/guardians who have been through this before are welcome to attend, this evening is designed for those who are beginning the college search process for the first time. Watch for

more information and invitations via email. Post-high planning meetings with junior families will begin in early February, and information and scheduling instructions will be emailed to you after the first of the year.

Results from the October testing (ASPIRE or PSAT) will be mailed home on or about the first of the New Year.

Joan O'Connell
Leslie Connelly
College/Career Counselors

Band

The Band had a great fall with several great performances. The Wind Ensemble performed for the Cretin Alumni Banquet, the Diamond Promotions, and the Fall Open House. The Jazz Band also performed at Open House. The Band supported athletic teams with several pep band appearances. As of this writing, the bands are just coming off the Fall

Concert and are starting preparations for the Christmas Concert. There's always more great music to learn, and the process of working together to gel as an ensemble is a valuable experience!

Going into the winter months will include preparing for the upcoming events listed below.

The Music Department Christmas Concert will be presented on Wednesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Field House. Besides sharing some great holiday music, the band will also be selling World's Finest Chocolate.

The Suburban East Conference (SEC) Music Festival is at Mounds View this year on February 2. Bands, choirs, and orchestras from each of the SEC schools perform during the day, and the Grand Finale Concert, featuring the All-Conference Band, Choir, and Orchestra is at 7:15 p.m. in the MVHS Auditorium.

The Winter Concert will be on February 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lillian Theater

Notes of Interest:

Honor Band attendees for this fall included Gustavus: juniors **Emily Kinne** (flute), **Maggie Enestvedt**, (flute), **Sadie Hennen** (tenor sax), **Bobby Hahn** (trumpet) and seniors **Paul Reyes** (bass clarinet), **Tim Kaufenberg** (trombone), and **Dana Connelly** (percussion). And St. Olaf: juniors **Sadie Hennen** (tenor sax) and **David Bedford** (bari sax).

World's Finest Chocolate is on sale through December 18. Sale items include caramel, almond, crisp, dark or plain milk chocolate bars for \$1.00 each and boxes of mint melt-a-ways for \$2.00. See any band member or call the Band Office to get your chocolate fix at 651-696-3314.

The Bandcake Breakfast in October was a great success and we now



David Bedford and Sadie Hennen are members of the St. Olaf Honor Band.

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The Gustavus Honor Band members included (front row, l to r) Maggie Enestvedt, Sadie Hennen, and Tim Kaufenberg. Back rows (l to r) Dana Connelly, Paul Reyes, Emily Kinne, and Bobby Hahn.

have a good start financially for next year's band trip. We thank everyone who came and supported the cause and hope you had as much fun as we had!

Donna Novey
Band Instructor

Theater

The Theater Department was buzzing with activity this fall with two plays in production. Our main stage show, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, opened on Halloween evening, and the audience was full of CDH students kicking off their evening festivities with some frightening theater. Known for its bloody content and dark themes, the show, directed by theater instructor **Ann Frances Gerstner**, was set in a post-apocalyptic, war-torn land run solely by young people. The concept of the play worked well with our new set

designer, Eli Schlatter's, gorgeous set, which included three pools of water built into the stage. It was a sight to behold and delightfully wicked. Congratulations to the cast and crew for tackling an incredibly hard produc-

tion with strength and creativity.

The other fall cast performed our touring play, *The Hundred Dresses*, to four local grade schools and held two public performances at CDH. The play, based on the award-winning novel by Eleanor Estes, addressed the difficult issue of bullying and approached the topic from all sides through the main character who acts as a bystander. The cast witnessed powerful and enlightening questions from the grade school audiences, such as "Why is there such a thing as popular?" and "Why do people bully?" It was a profound experience to witness our CDH students teaching life lessons to young audiences.

The fall also held two *Improv* shows and a *24-Hour Create-A-Play* event allowing 40 new 9th graders the opportunity to perform on the CDH stage for the first time. These 9th graders are quite amazing, and we are anxious to see all that they will bring these next four years. The future of CDH theater looks bright.



*From left: senior Lilly Gray, junior Nadya Anderson, and senior Laura Dellis, who played three witches in *Macbeth*, are pictured around one of three pools created by set designer Eli Schlatter. Photo credit: Clare Tures Haider*

Heard in the Halls

The department is currently in rehearsals for Charles Dickens' classic story, *A Christmas Carol*. The show opened on December 10 and will run through December 16. Performances are in the intimate Black Box Theater, and the production is staged in theater-in-the-round style. We are extremely excited about the production, because the small space helps us focus on the language and the heart of the story. We are also proud that CDH math and TLC instructor, **Mark McGuire**, plays the role of Ebenezer Scrooge! This show is a must see and the perfect Christmas gift to give to young people in your lives. Because of the small audience size, we have added extra performances, so please check the CDH calendar for specific times and dates.

As always, thank you for your support of CDH theater. We hope that you share in the joy of this season. After Scrooge's transformation, he says, "I will honor Christmas and keep it in my heart the whole year. My life will be a celebration!" May you say the same.

Katie Kreitzer
Theater Instructor

JROTC

The first trimester of the school year has been great for the cadets of the Raider Brigade. Here are some of the highlights.

The cadets conducted the 97th Annual Fall Review on October 1. This event celebrates the full integration of the 9th grade class into the Corps of Cadets following a period of drill instruction headed by the instructors and seniors. The weather was a challenge, so we moved the ceremony into the Field House; nevertheless, the ca-

dets looked fantastic. Our Reviewing Officer was Lieutenant Commander Jason Krueger, the Professor of Naval Science at the University of Minnesota. He spoke for a few minutes to the cadets and encouraged them to continue to be good students and seek excellence in all that they do. In spite of the weather, we were joined by a large crowd of alums, families, friends, and faculty. **Rosemary Ar-ends** was the Host Commander, and **Thomas Konetschka** served as the Commander of Troops. The Brother Alphonsus Martel Leadership Scholarships for early achievement by 9th graders were presented to Cadet Privates **William Bechtold, Alexis Feist, Dominic Loveland, and Kennedy Spiering**. Cadet Privates **Melissa Garcia, Jack Kimlinger, Samuel Luhman, Terrence Nash, Michael Richardson, Jack Rymanowski, and Diego Vargas** received the Outstanding Drill Cadet Awards.

Senior **Wyatt Stackpole's** entry in the Voice of Democracy Essay Contest, sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, has gone forward for judging at the regional level. He will compete for scholarships worth up to \$30,000.

Our co-curricular organizations remain a unique and fun way to experience JROTC. The Color Guard has presented at numerous football games and other events to include the Cretin Alumni Banquet and Diamond Promotions. An all-junior color guard of **Anna Muccio, Peter Cho, Gabe Andrzejek, and Michael Seivert** took 3rd place at the Como Park Marine Corps JROTC Devil Dog Competition on November 1. This was an achievement for us; we were the only Army school at the meet, and we had to adapt some of our commands to match the Marine Corps methods. It was our best finish in over five years. We continue to

prepare for competitions and to support varsity athletics. Our Regulation Drill team, commanded by Cadet LTC **Emma Gutzmann**, also competed at the Como competition and performed very well.

The members of the Crack Drill Team continue to practice and will be performing demonstrations throughout the year. The Honor Guard has been very visible with school and alumni/ae functions. The Rifle Team's season has started and will compete in multiple competitions this year. The Orienteering Team competed one more MNOC course and is now on break until after Christmas.

We conducted the squad competition on November 19, and we will announce the winners on our CDH webpage, Twitter, and Facebook.

The big event of the trimester was the presentation of Diamond Rank to our seniors. This year's selection process was very difficult due to so many fine candidates. Here are those who earned the honor to lead the Corps for the rest of the year:

Brigade S1 (Personnel)
Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Per Peterson**

Brigade S2 (Information)
Cadet Major **Paul Reyes**

Brigade S4 (Logistics)
Cadet Major **Connor Fitzgerald**

Brigade S5 (Communication)
Cadet Major **Wyatt Stackpole**

Executive Officer, 1st Battalion
Cadet Major **Casey Malone-Povolny**

Executive Officer, 2nd Battalion
Cadet Major **Thomas Baty**

Executive Officer, 3rd Battalion
Cadet Major **Jack Fitzpatrick**



Thomas Konetschka was appointed Cadet Colonel at the Annual JROTC Diamond Promotions Ceremony.

Brigade S3 (Operations and Training)
 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Rosemary Arends**

Commander, 1st Battalion
 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Michael Fortuna**

Commander, 2nd Battalion
 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Wynonna Garcia**

Commander, 3rd Battalion
 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Matthew Boncich**

Brigade Executive Officer
 Cadet Lieutenant Colonel **Tristan Anderson**

Brigade Commander
 Cadet Colonel **Thomas Konetschka**

Thirty-five cadets presented at the CDH Open House in early November to show prospective 9th graders and their parents JROTC in action. The Raider Brigade depends upon a strong 9th grade enrollment to sustain our school's important traditions,

variety of activities, and service to the community.

On November 8, four cadets, **Yale Williams, Sophia Perron, Jack Westafer, and Aaron Anderson**, participated in the West Point Student Leadership Seminar hosted by the West Point Society of Minnesota. Participants learned about challenges facing students and the ways to lead their communities to better choices.

Ninth graders and sophomores continue to learn leadership principles and are starting to engage more and more in planning for and participating in events and service. Juniors are learning the basics of leadership theory. All juniors will move to different positions for second trimester. This is to help them gain experience so they can better lead the Corps as seniors. Before Christmas, they will receive their junior officer study guide so they can prepare for the JO test at the end of 2nd Tri.

Our Diamond Dining-In was held on December 5. This is a great formal occasion for the cadets and all who

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attended had a great time.

The window for Academy Nominations has closed. By the end of the year, we will complete JROTC nominations for our students seeking an appointment. The deadline for ROTC scholarships for the Army and Air Force was December 1, and the deadline for the Navy is at the end of January. Juniors should be researching websites, taking the best classes, and taking the ACT test.

If you have any questions about these or other military education opportunities, feel free to visit the JROTC Office or call us at 651-696-3350. The application cycle for juniors begins in March 2014.

We appreciate the support of our community and always have room for more members. Students in all class years can join at any time.

The JROTC Department



Diamond Officers included (seated, l to r) Matthew Boncich, Connor Fitzgerald, Thomas Baty, Thomas Konetschka, Paul Reyes, and Emma Gutzmann. Standing (l to r) LTC Jamie Fischer, Tristan Anderson, Wynonna Garcia, Michael Fortuna, Rosemary Arends, Wyatt Stackpole, Jack Fitzpatrick, Casey Malone-Povolny, Per Peterson, and SGM David Berrisford.

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Athletics

In October, Cretin-Derham Hall launched a new website. On the athletic page, there are some new features that are still under construction as of this printing, but will soon be launched. Look for a CDH Bleacher Report Page, a student-led website featuring student articles and photography of CDH student-athletes and former Raiders playing in the professional and collegiate ranks. In addition, an Athletic Director Page will highlight articles on Minnesota State High School League programs and other information relevant to high school athletics. Also nearing completion is a virtual trophy case, which will provide information on each athletic program starting with the merger of Derham Hall and Cretin all the way up to the present day. Additional research on the virtual trophy case is ongoing. If you have any information, such as booklets, about athletic events at Cretin, Derham Hall, or CDH, I would appreciate it if you could send them my way as they may prove to be valuable.

The fall NCAA signing period began November 12 with seven CDH student-athletes committing or signing national letters of intent to play collegiate athletics. **Bret Huebner** (Furman University) and **Cole Gnetz** (Miami University-Ohio) signed National Letters of Intent to play baseball. **Paige Voight** and **Andrea Boeckers** both signed with Merrimack College to play Women's Ice Hockey. **Emmy May** has a preferred walk-on status as a goalie for the University of Minnesota Women's Hockey team. **Donnell Gresham** (Northeastern University) and **Sam Neumann** (Montana State Uni-



CDH student-athletes committing to play collegiate athletics are (l to r) Donnell Gresham, Sam Neumann, Andrea Boeckers, Paige Voight, Emmy May, Bret Huebner, and Cole Gnetz.

versity) signed letters to play Men's Basketball. The next NCAA signing day is in February and will include student-athletes playing soccer and football.

The Fall **Performance Dance** team finished the season strong with a fantastic Youth Clinic performance during halftime at the last CDH home football game; approximately 50 young people danced with the team. The season was a huge success, with the team learning three dances, performing at four CDH home football games, a performance at pepfest for Homecoming, and a whole lot of hard work and fun. Thanks to family and fans for all their support this season, and a HUGE thank you to the team and captains for an outstanding fall season!

The **Girls Tennis** team showed improvement from last year, winning nine matches and losing in the Section Quarterfinals, 3-4. The team will miss the work ethic and humor of seniors **Celia Carlisano**, **Monica Whaley**, **Elizabeth Heuer**, **Sara Mitchell** and **Rose Arends**. The returning players showed great improvement during the course

of the season and are eager to win even more matches next season. The student-athletes participating in the individual Section Tournament played some of their best tennis of the season. The doubles team of juniors **Mackenzie Molnar** and **Cate Huss** upset the 5th seed team in the first round with a three-set win over a doubles team from East Ridge. The doubles team of junior **Claire Hennessey** and senior **Monica Whaley** also had a nice first-round win over a tough White Bear Lake team in another three-set match. Seventh seed, senior **Celia Carlisano**, made it to the Quarterfinals for a second year but lost to the 2nd seed player from St. Paul Central. Fourth seed, junior **Molly Hynes**, lost in the Semifinals to the 1st seed player from Mahtome-di but ended a winning season with a 3rd place victory over the 3rd seed from Hill-Murray. Hynes earned All-Conference honors, as did Carlisano, who was also earned All-State Academic honors. The team earned Class AA Academic Gold honors with an overall team GPA of 3.79.

This year, the **Cross Country** team grew to 55 members with about half

of the team being new to running. The **Girls Varsity** team saw good performances from 9th grader **Lucia Frias-Wackman**, who led the team for the last half of the season. Overall, the girls showed good potential. This year's Boys Varsity team was led by senior **Will Zastrow**, who placed 19th in the Conference Meet earning All-Conference Honorable Mention. Will narrowly missed going to State the next week at Sections. Senior **Conor Leyden**, a fall two-sport athlete (soccer and cross country), was the second runner and also earned All-Conference Honorable Mention. Both teams earned Gold Academic awards, and Zastrow earned All-State Academic.

The **Boys Soccer** team finished 9-5-2 in the regular season, finishing in 5th place in the Conference and seeded 4th in Section 4AA. In the 4th seed vs 5th seed Section game, CDH played Stillwater, winning 2-1, and advancing to the Semifinals against East Ridge. Senior **Carlos Quiroz-Torres** was named to the All-State Team. Seniors **Carlos Quiroz-Torres** and **Paddy Gilligan** and junior **Ben Bailey** received All-Conference honors.

After a 1-2 start, the Raider **Football** team ran off five straight victories, a nice victory over ranked Stillwater. The season came to an abrupt end with a tough 26-21 Section Quarterfinal loss to White Bear Lake. Despite the outcome of the last game, there was great senior leadership from captains **Jashon Cornell**, **Joey Dekker**, **Max Jackson**, and **Peter Johnson**.

The **Girls Soccer** team had the best team performance in the last 10 years. With a record of 14-6, CDH earned 2nd place the SEC conference, won the Section 4AA Tournament as the #1 seed, and

participated in the MSHSL State Tournament. A heartbreaking loss in the State Quarterfinals came down to a shoot-out versus Centennial High School. The team was led by 11 amazing seniors. These student-athletes played consistently at an extremely high level while maintaining a 3.78 team GPA and participating in many other CDH activities. Two outstanding individual season performances were recognized at the state level. Senior forward **Lizzie Schneeman** was named 1st team All-State for the second year in a row. Senior goalie **Anna Fobbe** was named to the 2nd All-State team and team MVP.

The **Volleyball** team ended up in 2nd place in the SEC and was seeded 3rd in region 4AAA. Team expectations were high; however, injuries proved a little too much to overcome this season. The team placed in the top four academically statewide with a 3.86 GPA. Six senior players received All-State Academic awards (GPA 3.8 and over): **Anna Rose Schneider**, **Sophie Crandall**, **Dana Connelly**, **Katie Wollmering**, **Quinn Brudney**, and **Kate Munson**. Five players received SEC Conference Awards: junior **Chloe Dousette** and sophomore **Brynn Carlson** were named All-Conference, while senior **Nicole Schmitz**, junior **Maggie Enestvedt**, and sophomore **Frances Patt** received SEC Honorable Mention awards.

The **Girls Swim and Dive** team had a successful season and several advanced to the State Meet. Ninth grader **Kate Van Meter** finished 16th in the 200 IM and took 6th place in the 500 Free, which resulted in All-State honors. The relay team of 9th graders **Grace Arlandson** and **Kate Van Meter**, sophomore **Zoe Allyson**, and senior **Maddy Strong** finished

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14th at the State Meet in the 200 Free Relay. Congratulations to them and thank you to all the seniors for their dedication, positive attitude, and commitment to the program and its continued success

The **Competition Dance** team is the first of the winter sports teams to start its season. The dancers and coaches are working hard on teaching, learning, and mastering the new kick and jazz routine for the first of many competitions. On December 15, CDH will host one of three SEC Dance competitions. Dance competitions are fun, fast, and entertaining. New this year, the Dance team has welcomed a number of 6th to 8th grade students from neighboring grade schools to participate in the Junior Raider Dance Team program. The team is headed by Libby Benda '10 and will be traveling with the Dance team to all Saturday Invitationals.

The **Girls Hockey** team is excited to build on its success from last year. With 13 letter winners returning, the team has high hopes competing for the Conference and Section titles. All-Conference performers include seniors **Emma May** and **Paige Voight**, and sophomore **Jordan Hansen**, as well as All-Conference Honorable Mention players, seniors **Anna Fobbe** and **Annie Boeckers**. The Raiders play a tough non-conference schedule, including the Eden Prairie Mid-Winter Meltdown Tournament. A highlight of the season will be when the Raiders face off with Duluth on Hockey Day in Minnesota on January 17, 2015. The game will be played on a runway at Holman Air Field in downtown St. Paul.

The **Boys Hockey** team returns good talent to the 2014-15 season. Leading scorers, seniors **Nick Reis**

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and **Bret Huebner**, are back and will assist with captain's duty. Senior **Max Jackson** returns on defense for a third year and was voted as a captain by his peers. Goaltender, senior **Trent Jancze**, will return for a third year. Seniors **Joe Dekker**, **Cole Gnetz**, **Aitor Flood**, **Sam Wackman**, **Logan English**, **Scott Wolff** and **Gunner McClellan** are returning letter winners. Junior **Ryan Smith** also made a big contribution as a sophomore. The Raiders look to contend in the SEC and be ready for a long playoff run.

The Alpine Ski team, led by senior captains **Lucy Franzen** and **Per Peterson**, begins the season with promising weather; Afton Alps has been making snow for weeks. Senior **Warren St. George** is one of the top skiers for the team. Coach **Carrie Freitag** and the team are looking forward to a fun and snowy season.

Courtney Norman '99 was hired as new Head Gymnastics Coach and looks forward to working with the **Gymnastics** team. Norman, a stand-out gymnast while at CDH, went on to earn All-Big Ten honors at the University of Minnesota. She brings several years of club experience and passion for teaching gymnastics to the CDH squad. The team returns five letter winners and four returning seniors. Last year, the team had its best season, finishing 6th in the Conference. This year, the team hopes to continue to work hard and maintain competitiveness in the tough SEC Gymnastics Conference.

The **Boys Basketball** team has high expectations going into the season. The team returns a majority of letter winners from a team that finished 4th last year in the State Tournament. Seniors **Joe Rosga**, **Donnell**

Gresham, and **Sam Neumann** will lead the team on the court in all categories, from assists and scoring, to leadership, both on and off the court. Look for senior **Frank Delaney** and juniors **Jordan Ammons**, **Jalan Ousley-Brown**, and **Chris Perry** to provide additional support. The team is looking forward to a tough non-conference schedule to prepare them for Section competition and hope to replicate another memorable journey to the State Tournament.

The **Girls Basketball** team will be a new adventure for all. **Joe Lynch** was named Head Coach for the 2014-15 season, after working with the team at all levels for the past four years. With four returning seniors, leadership will be important all season long. The team can expect some really good things from the underclassmen, as the team battles in the Suburban East Conference. The team will play great defense and will work hard to show improvement each week and each game. The team will be fun to watch. We will press, run, and make it a full court game.

The Raiders **Wrestling** team will feature 17 returning letter-winners from last year's squad. They will look to improve on their 10-6

non-conference record from a year ago. Leading the charge will be the captains, senior **Matthew Boncich**, junior **Dan Gainer**, and sophomores **Josh Goldberg** and **Logan Smith**. Matthew Boncich begins his final campaign with 75 career wins. If he continues at that pace, he will join an elite group of Raider wrestlers who hit the 100-wins milestone. To date, only Jeff Jackson '07, Matt Jackson '05, and Andy Braun '95 have reached that plateau. Other senior wrestlers who will provide veteran leadership are **Casey Malone-Povolny** and **Mason Rostad**.

The **Boys Swimming and Diving** season just started at press time. Many of the swimmers and divers worked hard during the off-season to be prepared for the season. Returning for the Raiders is junior diver **Michael Perra**, who broke both the six-dive and 11-dive school records last season. On the swimming side, senior captains **Frankie Zobitz**, **Seamus McDonald**, and **Will Zastrow** will lead the way in the pool, providing a strong work ethic at practices and leadership as great student-athletes.

Jodi Loeblein-Lecker '95
Athletic Director

Students in the News

Senior Tristan Anderson set a new world record in his age group by squatting 606 pounds at the International Powerlifting League World Championships in Las Vegas. Tristan competed in Squat, Bench Press, and Dead Lift, and earned a silver medal in the competition. Congratulations!



Students of the Month

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Tristan Anderson	12	CDH Band
Gabriel Andrzejek	11	JROTC-LET3
Rosemary Arends	12	JROTC-LET4
Thomas Baty	12	JROTC-LET4
William Bechtold	09	JROTC-LET1
Lucas Berhane	10	Scripture
Marcella Blake	12	Accounting I-Advanced
Amia Bridgeford	11	Chemistry
Patrick Bruce	10	U.S. Literature/Composition-Honors
Margaret Brudney	12	Spectrum/ICL
Mattea Bui	10	English 10-Honors
Maria Burke	10	English 10-Honors
Noel Busse	10	Algebra 2/Trig-Advanced
Jack Calkins	10	CDH Band
Giselle Centeno	09	JROTC-LET1
Jonathan Cermak	09	Values Symposium
Jake Christianson	09	Values Symposium
Mitchell Conzemius	09	Values Symposium
Yasmine Cragg	12	Environmental Science-Advanced
Sophia Crandall	12	Spanish 4-Honors
Nicole Dellis	09	Values Symposium
Sidney Fellows	10	U.S. Literature/Composition-Honors
Alijah Fitzgerald	11	U.S. Literature/Composition
Leonard Gerten	11	Economics-Honors
Elizabeth Harris	11	Spanish 4-Honors
Sarah Hennen	11	CDH Band
Alexandra Hire	09	Values Symposium
Mizelle Joy Hornilla	11	CDH Band
David Jaksha	09	CDH Band
Katelyn Jaksha	09	CDH Band
Michael Jay	09	CDH Band
Liliane Jurajj	09	Values Symposium
Hannah Kampmann	11	Living by Chemistry
Jack Kimlinger	09	Values Symposium
Emily Kinne	11	Chemistry and CDH Band
Ryan Klein	10	CDH Band
Andrew Kolar	12	Environmental Science-Advanced
Thomas Konetschka	12	JROTC-LET4
Mariah Krey	12	Ceramics II
John Kuntz	12	CDH Band
Elliot Machado	09	Introduction to Business
Naomi Main	12	CDH Band
Madeline Marzolf	09	Values Symposium
Allison Masciopinto	11	Economics-Honors
Harry McClain	12	Environmental Science-Advanced
Josephine McMahon	10	CDH Band
Madeline McQuillan	09	Physical Science
Mary Miley	11	Analysis-Advanced
Shea Murphy	09	Geometry-Advanced
Maria Neuzil	12	CDH Band
Connor Nickelson	11	U.S. Literature/Composition
William Pearson	12	Spectrum/ICL
Eduardo Peris	12	Vocal Arts Ensemble
Connor Petit	12	AP Environmental Science
Nora Phythian	11	U.S. Literature/Composition-Honors

Rosabella Pitera	12	Spectrum/ICL
Leland Pornschloegl	09	JROTC-LET1
Dorothy Register	11	JROTC-LET3
Megan Reis	09	Values Symposium
Claire Riesgraf	10	Biology-Advanced
Zohra Ruona	10	JROTC-LET2
Marybeth Schufman	10	Scripture and JROTC-LET2
Thomas Slagerman	11	U.S. Literature/Composition-Honors
Logan Smith	10	Biology-Honors
Warren St. George	12	Spectrum/ICL
Brandon Steer	12	CDH Band
Halle Sterling	11	Ceramics III Independent Study
Connor Stewart	11	Yoga
Buck Strain	10	Biology-Advanced
Emma Strong	09	Values Symposium and Physical Science
Samantha Sutton	10	English 10-Honors
Mariah Theisen	12	Ceramics Independent Study
Marquell Thompson	10	JROTC-LET2
Sarah Thornton	11	Living By Chemistry
John Thuente	10	English 10-Honors
John Tierney	09	Values Symposium
Thomas Underwood	09	Physical Science
Madison Veverka	10	Biology-Advanced
Samantha Vitek	12	AP Environmental Science
Toan Vo	10	Dance & Movement for Theater
Matthew Voigt	09	Health and CDH Band
Joseph Wenger	12	AP Calculus
Brison White	11	Living By Chemistry
James Williams	09	Values Symposium
Yale Williams	11	Living By Chemistry
Mackenzie Zenk	10	Biology-Honors

The 2014 Fall Cleanup Day

The Annual Fall Cleanup was held on November 8, 2014. The Cretin-Derham Hall Alumni/ae Association, in partnership with CDH Athletic Department, assisted those neighbors whose houses either surround or are near to the CDH campus with their fall cleanup chores. More than 30 student-athletes volunteered their time—and their rakes—to the effort.





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Calendar

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December

- 17 Late Start
Music Department Christmas Concert
- 18 President's Advisory Council Christmas Luncheon
- 19 Christmas in the Commons
Christmas Break Begins at the End of the Day
- 26 Silver Belle Ball

February

- 2 No School; Teacher In-Service
- 4 Parents' Association Board Meeting
- 5 Habitat for Humanity
Sophomore Retreat
- 6 First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
JROTC Upper Midwest Challenge
- 6-8 Lillian Theater: *Here I Am*
- 8 Taize Prayer
- 9-13 Justice Week
- 11 Empty Bowls
- 13-15 Lillian Theater: *Here I Am*
- 14 Toss for Justice
- 16 No School; Presidents Day
- 18 Ash Wednesday Mass
- 20 Lillian Theater: *Improv*
- 22 Father-Son Banquet
- 23 Spring Sports Meeting
- 25 Late Start
Band Winter Concert

January

- 5 School Resumes
- 7 Late Start
Senior Retreats
Parents' Association Board Meeting
- 8 Open House
- 9 First Friday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration
- 11 Taize Prayer
- 12 Senior Retreats
- 14 Board of Directors Meeting
- 15 Jumpstart Your Future Day
- 16 Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Prayer Service
- 17 Placement Test
- 19 No School; Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- 21 Make-up Placement Test
Post-High School Planning Night
- 23 Habitat for Humanity
- 24 Father-Daughter Dinner Dance
- 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences; Special Schedule
- 29 Special Schedule; Early Release
RaiderRama
- 30 No School