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Welcome New Staff and Faculty

The school year began with several new faces at CDH. Join us in welcoming these new faculty and staff members!

Chris Kaus is a new teacher in the Science Department and is teaching AP Physics and Physical Science. He also assists with the Future Engineers Club. He earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Arizona State, and later went back and earned his Masters in Education from Winona State University. Before his teaching career, he worked several years as a mechanical engineer. He most recently taught science at Richfield High School. He loves all sports, and enjoys playing golf, biking, skiing and camping. He is fascinated with how the world works and recently spent six weeks living on a small island country off Madagascar.

Joe Miley '11 returns to CDH as a teacher (Learning Specialist in Learning Lab) and campus ministry team member. He will also coach 9th grade football, basketball and baseball. Joe graduated from St. Mary's University (Winona) with a BA in Religious Education and is currently working on his masters in Special Education at St. Mary's University – Twin Cities campus. He is a familiar face to many – last year he was a long-term sub at CDH. Joe's interests include coaching, spending time with family and friends, as well as walking and biking around St. Paul.

Sarah Lipinski is this year's St. Joseph Worker and Assistant Cross

Country coach. She graduated from Father Gabriel Richard High School, Ann Arbor, MI and Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame with a degree in Global Studies and International Higher Education Administration. She was a camp counselor at Camp-ABLE, a summer camp for children with additional needs, and participated in Campus Ministry and was a Pastoral Music Leader in college. Her passion is music; she is a vocalist who also plays the guitar and piano. She enjoys triathlons, performing arts, baking, and all things Irish!

Carole Loufek is a Network Admin Specialist in IT. Most recently, she worked at St. Thomas Academy as a Technology Specialist. She earned her

degree at St. Catherine's University in Elementary Education and went on to earn a masters in Education Change and Technology Innovation from Walden University. When she isn't behind a computer screen, she enjoys outdoor activities, sewing, her dogs and spending time with her family and friends.

Annie Broos is the new Director of Communications and PR. She has worked in various marketing and public relations roles in her career and also was a teacher/director at St. Joseph's School. Working at CDH combines her love of Catholic education with her communications background. She is a graduate of St. Mary's University (Winona) and earned her masters at St. Catherine's University. She and her husband are the parents of four CDH grads and she served on the Board of Directors. Her interests include anything that brings her four kids home together, photography, and every so often, a sunny beach.

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Several new staff members joined Cretin-Derham Hall. From left to right: Fr. Pat Kennedy, '69, Chaplain; Carole Loufek, IT; Annie Broos, Director of Communications and PR; Br. Pat Conway '71, Vice President for Advancement; Christopher Kaus, Science; Sarah Lipinski, Campus Ministry; Joe Miley '11, Learning Lab.

Principal's Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians:

To all new families, welcome. To all returning families, welcome back.

Each new school year brings an opportunity for new beginnings. Our students have embraced this opportunity with great enthusiasm. Our Link Crew welcomed 275 wonderful 9th graders to our community at Orientation. They continue to support them through a new Peer Tutoring Program, PFP, and CASA. Students are also hard at work in their classes, activities and athletics. Students have already published the first edition of the *Chronicle*, participated in the 24 Hour Create-A-Play, played many games and enjoyed the Homecoming festivities.

Our teachers kicked off the year incorporating multiple intelligence strategies into their classrooms. They are also integrating teaching methodology to insure all students are challenged. And of course, teachers continue to be available from 2:30-3:00 p.m. to assist students who need extra help in their classes.

Our building underwent some updates over the summer. The hallways are freshly painted and the old gates were removed. Furniture was added in the halls where students gather long before the school day starts and ends. Students also love to congregate in the new booths in the cafeteria where they can enjoy the new food service provided by Taher. One of the most noticeable changes was the relocation and renovation of our Learning Lab.

Most importantly we are embracing our Catholic faith with this year's theme of Peace. At the start of every school day, we pause to pray together. We have selected the Peace Prayer, also known as the Prayer of St. Francis for our daily prayer. It is a beautiful and meaningful start to our days.

It was great to see you at Back to School Night and we look forward to seeing you again at Conferences.

May God's peace be with each of you.

Mona Passman
Principal

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Br. Pat Conway, FSC'71, joined CDH as Vice President of Advancement in July. He is a proud graduate of Cretin High School; he is also a graduate of St. Mary's University (Winona), and later earned his Ed.S in Educational Administration from University of St. Thomas and his doctorate in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. His career includes being both a teacher and a campus minister, and later Principal and President at the secondary level. Most recently, he was the Vice President for Student Development at St. Mary's University. Br. Pat enjoys reading, music and exercise.

Fr. Patrick Kennedy' 69 is the new chaplain at CDH. He is also a pastor for St. Olaf Parish in downtown Minneapolis. Fr. Kennedy grew up in St. Paul, attended St. Luke's, Cretin High School, St. Thomas College and Saint Paul Seminary. He was ordained in 1977. He came back home to Minnesota after serving several years as an Administrator of a parish in Arizona where they built a beautiful church while he was a part of that community. In his free time, Fr. Kennedy tries to swim every day, and he enjoys reading, travel and spending time with family and friends.

Peggy Mansur (not pictured) joined our Main Office staff in September. Peggy comes to us from St. Thomas Academy, where she supported the Admissions Office. Peggy is a former CDH parent and mother of five children. She enjoys cooking and baking as well as spending time with friends and family.

SPAFF Discontinued—Support CDH Through Annual Fund

There are many ways to support CDH. Many of you are aware that we will no longer have the SPAFF fundraiser. We have found that our Annual Fund, with special focus from Give the Max Day and our Taste of CDH and the Car Raffle, have been a source of new energy for our generous community. SPAFF, while a favorite tradition in years past, has run its course.

This year, we ask that the Annual Fund, or these other events, be your primary avenue for your philanthropic

support because you will not be asked to purchase any SPAFF tickets. Our Annual Fund kicks off in October and we ask for your prayers and your financial support. Our generous benefactors are key to our mission of making a CDH education accessible and affordable for our families. We rely on your donations to continue our faith-filled tradition of academic excellence for all our students – your gift matters.

Faculty Corner

Learning Anatomy and Art in Italy to Enhance Classroom Learning at CDH

This was quite possibly the most amazing summer of my life! Cretin-Derham Hall generously sponsored an educational study program for me this past summer: *Anatomica Italiana*, a course examining the links between Anatomy and Art. I traveled to Italy with 19 other adults and 2 guides, where we spent 12 days touring historic museums, churches, universities, in Rome, Florence, Padua, Assisi, and Venice. The professor / tour guide, Dr. Kevin Petti – Anatomy Professor from San Diego Miramar College, gave unbelievable background on not just pieces of art, but how and why they were created in such a way.

Michelangelo sculpted in a realistic manner due to the enormous number of dissections and sketches of people (we even visited the church basement where he did his dissections). We visited the original Wax Collection at the University of Florence, the famous podium of Galileo, and the enormous Anatomy Theater at the University of Padua.

While the Vatican itself is amazing, seeing it through the eyes of our tour guide, an art historian, made each room come alive! The Pope's Borghese apartment with its Spanish flair and secrets was my favorite. She also brought us to the catacombs, the Capuchin Crypts and many other historically remarkable sites.

The highlight of my trip was Florence! With the Uffizi, Duomo, the river, the scenery and mostly the food – I had a little bit of heaven right at my feet! I even had my own



Anatomy teacher, Ann Marie Froehle, visited Florence as part of her Italy trip connecting art with science.

little miracle at Santo Spirito while visiting Michelangelo's crucifix, his first sculpture! As I said in my blog – What were YOU doing at age 17?

I'd again like to say *Grazie Mille* to CDH for the support for me to experience this amazing trip! My Anatomy classes are becoming well versed in art history as well!

If you'd like to see pictures of my trip, hear tales of my "miracle", or see my amazing experience – please

check out my blog: Anatomytravels.wordpress.com. Maybe you'll trace my steps in Italy, and experience a miracle of your own!

Ann Marie Froehle
Science

Recent Events on Campus



Frank Miley was installed as President of CDH at the opening Mass of the school year. Representing the sponsors, Katherine Rossini, CSJ and Br. Larry Schatz, FSC offered a special blessing. "We are blessed with our rich legacy of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph's of Carondelet. This gives us a foundation for the uniquely transformative impact, we believe, that a Catholic high school can – and should – have on each and every student's life," said Miley.



Both 9th grade football teams spent a Saturday in September on retreat, lead by Joe Miley, Frank Miley and Br. Pat Conway, along with their coaches. The retreat focused on character on and off the field, as well as the importance of developing a relationship with God, self and others. The football players also celebrated Mass together.



Students were treated to Dilly Bars in celebration of the Installation of Frank Miley as President after the Opening Mass of the school year. Brian Nalipinski'96, owner of the Dairy Queen in Morris, MN, donated the ice cream which was enjoyed by all.



Link Crew welcomed the members of the Class of 2019 with a lot of energy and passion. Link Crew consists of specially selected junior and senior students who focus on the new student orientation and the ongoing transition to CDH. In addition to making new friends, their orientation day included a picnic lunch, a chance to follow their schedules, find their classrooms and open lockers, and a special prayer service.



Incoming 9th graders, Class of 2019, began the year by celebrating with a special prayer service. After the students were seated, the faculty and staff surrounded them for a special blessing.

CDH Blood Drive Earns Two State-wide Awards



Cretin-Derham Hall was honored with two special awards this month at the Memorial Blood Center High School Blood Drive Workshop at Children's Hospital in Minneapolis. With two very successful Blood Drives during the school year, CDH is a leader among high schools for blood collection. The CDH Blood Drive student chairpersons accepted certificates recognizing the fact that CDH hosts the largest high school blood drive in the state of Minnesota. In addition, one of the blood drives last year was the single largest blood collections during a Blood Drive last year. Pictured here are current Blood Drive chairs from left to right: Mitchell O'Brien, Katie Boland, Grace Muntifering (not pictured: Siobhan Judge, who is also a chair)

You are specially invited!

The 6th Annual Cretin-Derham Hall Legacy Gala Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 24, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Riverfront Hotel in downtown St. Paul. Please join us for dinner and dancing to music by the George Hottinger Blues Band! For more information about the Legacy Gala Dinner, including a link to frequently asked questions about the event, please visit the CDH website. For your convenience we also invite you to register for the event online. Questions? Please contact Peggy Gilligan at 651-696-3319.



**Mark your calendar for the
CDH Blood Drive
Friday, December 4, 2015**

Unexpected Blessing from Guatemala Trips

July 3-13, 2015

This summer I was blessed with the opportunity to take a school social justice trip to Guatemala. Those who took the trip with me, the local people, and the breathtaking beauty that surrounded San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala, all had an impact on me and contributed to a change in my view of life.

A major change occurred while preparing for our trip in late last spring. Around 50 CDH students accompanied by six faculty had planned to embark on a justice education trip to El Salvador. As a result of the escalated gang violence, this trip was called off for our safety. Scrambling to come up with an alternative, the faculty decided on replacing the El Salvador trips with two trips to San Lucas. This adjustment to travel plans could have been looked at in many ways, but I consider it a great blessing.

We were greeted by the humid air of Guatemala City on a Friday afternoon. As we arrived the words, "I cannot believe we are in Guatemala right now," echoed from the many voices in our group. We crammed into a van and began the three hour mountainous drive to San Lucas. Despite the heat and condition of the roads, I was ecstatic about everything I saw. Many of my friends took the opportunity to rest after a long day of travel. Despite the rest my body was demanding, my eyes were peeled, taking in everything we passed. The air was humid and infused with a strong scent of espresso from the rolling hills of coffee beans. The coffee plants carpeted the hills with a vivid green I have never seen before. After a few hours of poking and prodding our



sleeping travel companions, the road approached the top of the foothills, and Lake Atitlan lay below us like a lamb in a field. The remarkable beauty we experienced on our first day was only the start of the views we would see for the rest of our time in Guatemala. The scene I was immersed in brought a presence upon me I had never felt before. The clouds and fog hung in the sky right above our heads. It appeared as if they were caught in the mountain tops with no way of escape.

The group of students that I travelled with began as classmates, friends, and mere acquaintances. Little did I know the deep bond we would share as we departed from the Guatemala City airport 10 days later. Building relationships with the people of San Lucas and the surrounding area was an amazing opportunity I wouldn't trade for anything. By staying in one town for 10 days we were able to build relationships with the locals of San Lucas and we all felt quite comfortable with the area. Very quickly we felt as if we had been in Guatemala forever and that we could stay there forever as well. I was changed by the people of Guatemala and their nonchalant, yet hard working way of life.

Traveling to a country vastly different than my own changed my life

by exposing me to a different way of living. I was inspired by the natural beauty of my location, the faith and culture of the Guatemalans, and strengthened friendships with my classmates. San Lucas Toliman has changed my life in a way that is hard to describe. A glimpse of the impact it left on me can be shown through the way places, people, and routines back at home remind me of my time there every day.

Claire Hennessey
Senior



June 17-27, 2015

Our trip to Guatemala was nothing that we expected when we first planned our mission trip. The mission in San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala opened their doors to us after the planned El Salvador trip was cancelled due to last minute changes in the personnel working there. Guatemala was a wonderful option and we were so happy to go. Our group of 15 students (see list) and two leaders, **Brock Beithon** and **Montse LaVelle** enjoyed a very memorable trip.

We arrived without incident and with no lost passports. Once there, we did a lot of hard work to help the people in the mission. For the next 10

days, we dug trenches because there had been flooding of homes. We carried wheelbarrows and buckets full of dirt and chopped down indigenous plants and trees with machetes. One project found us sifting sand to make cement for laying bricks in ovens that would vent to the outside and lessen lung problems for a family. Our transportation around the area was unique. We rode in pick-up trucks by standing in the back, holding on to one metal bar that ran down the center.

It was a special place and we will never forget the Guatemalan people.

Montse LaVelle
Spanish

Guatemala Justice Trip Participants

June

Faculty: Montse Lavelle,
& Brock Beithon

Evan Anderson
Emma Forliti
Sara Gallaher
John Goodson
Sarah Hennen
Catherine Huss
Hayden Johnson
Grace Judd
Maria Kuenster
Eric Mueller

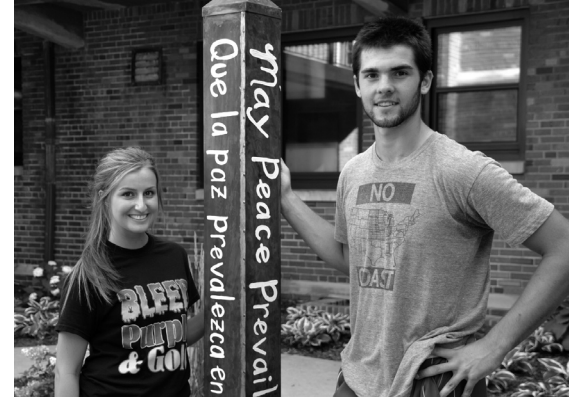
Connor Peltier
Kirby Rice
Clare Sevenich
Halle Sterling
Cullen Wiley

July

Faculty: Mark McGuire
& Jessie Cusick

Ryan Arlandson
Gwen Berrisford
Katie Berthiaume

Emma Carmody
Eliza Harris
Claire Hennessey
Kate Hughes
Ellie Kestner
Rachel Larson
Clare McGuire
William Olander.
Nico Palomo
Caroline Tracy



CDH Leadership Academy Students Build Peace Pole

CDH students, **Megan Ekstrand**, **Halle Sterling** and **Jack Kemper**, participants in the Cretin-Derham Hall Leadership Academy, selected the Peace Pole Project as their capstone project. They created and installed a specially-designed Peace Pole in the Brothers' Courtyard this summer. More than tens of thousands of peace poles have been dedicated in 180 countries all over the world as a visual reminder to pray for world peace.

The Leadership Academy is a year-long curriculum developed at CDH to explicitly teach select students the skills associated with being good leaders. This unique program provided students with an opportunity to complete a project using skills taught in the Leadership Academy. The students designed the pole and also hand-painted the words on the pole, leaving a personal mark on a structure designed for long-term beauty and personal reflection on the CDH campus.

The Peace Pole at CDH features a four-sided copper pole that features not only the Peace Prayer in English and Spanish, but also highlights the words of our CDH prayer: "Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. Let us love God and our dear neighbor without distinction."



Parents' Association News

Mother-Daughter

Don't miss the fall tradition of the Mother-Daughter Luncheon to be held on Sunday, November 8, 2015, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the University of St. Thomas. The beautiful new location is at the James B. Woulfe Hall in the Anderson Student Center. Invitations have been mailed out and reservations are due by Sunday November 1. The reservation forms are available online at the CDH Parents' Association website. Please note that due to the new

venue, the tables seat a maximum of eight people. This is a change from previous years. We look forward to seeing you at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon this year.

Volunteers

The Parents' Association still needs volunteers! To sign up, go to the Quick Links menu on the CDH homepage at www.c-dh.org, click on Parents' Association, and click on Volunteer. Volunteering is a fun and great way to meet other parents.

Highland Friendship Club Cards For Sale

The CDH Parents' Association is happy to have developed a relationship with the Highland Friendship Club. If you are interested in learning more, please go to the CDH homepage, look under Quick Links, click on Parents' Association, and then click on Highland Friendship Club Cards for Sale. The cost is \$5.00 per box of six cards and envelopes. Custom orders, colors, printing dates/time etc. can be arranged. For questions and placing orders contact Pat Leseman at dleseman@comcast.net or call 651-307-0096. The CDH Parents' Association receives \$1 for every box sold. The Highland Friendship Club is a 501(c)(3) organization that serves the social and personal development needs of teens and adults with disabilities. Thank you for your support!

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Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration is offered each month after the 7:15 a.m. mass in the Pax Christi Chapel. Parents and guardians of CDH may sign up for a specific time between 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the following dates: November 6, December 4, January 8, February 5, March 11, April 1 and May 6.

*For more information and/or to sign up for a prayer time, contact **Lou Anne Tighe** at ltighe@c-dh.org.*

Art at the Fair



Mary Steinson, Cretin-Derham Hall's drawing and painting teacher, had a painting exhibited in the highly competitive 2015 State Fair Art show. Her acrylic painting titled "Country Garden" was on display throughout the fair at the Fine Arts Center

CDH Admissions Welcomes Prospective Families

Help us spread the word about our Admissions Events! We invite all prospective students to a Raider Shadow Day where students spend the day with a current 9th grader and experience first-hand the welcoming nature of our community. We can also schedule a personal tour of our facilities.

Admission Criteria Forum for 7th and 8th grade parents

Learn about our application and acceptance process
Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Open House for 7th and 8th grade students and families

Meet current students, engage with teachers to learn about our curriculum, enjoy performances from our Fine Arts Department and get lots of information about academics, sports and other school information.

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (Field House)

Incoming 9th Grade Placement Test at Cretin-Derham Hall

Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Application Deadline

Saturday, January 16, 2016

Class of 2020 Applications are online now. If you have questions, please contact **Tony Leseman'01**, Admissions Director at 651-696-3301 or information can be found at www.c-dh.org/Admissions.



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CDH Class of 2015

Where are they now?

Of the students in the Class of 2015 continuing their educations:

- 44% are attending 23 different post-secondary institutions in MN
- 67% of our students are attending post-secondary institutions in the five state area including Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin
- 33% are attending colleges and universities in 23 other states and in Washington, D.C and Canada

The Class of 2015 submitted 1,575 applications last year. The average number of applications per student was six.

Of the 1,575 applications submitted:

- 80% resulted in offers of admissions
- 14% resulted in denials
- 6% resulted in offers to be on the wait-list

The college admissions environment is still very competitive and these are encouraging numbers. CDH has a strong academic reputation and our students are making appropriate, realistic choices as they decide where to apply.

CDH Naviance Family Connection

All current seniors (Class of 2016) have access to a college application management system called the “Naviance Family Connection”. Naviance has a wealth of information on colleges and admissions requirements and can help keep students organized as they apply to schools. The web address is <http://connection.naviance.com/c-dh> or a student can link to the site from the CDH website. If

a senior has trouble accessing the system, please come to the Guidance Office for help. If you are not a senior, but would like to view the site, you can enter as a guest.

Fall College Visits 2015

The fall is the prime time for college and university admissions representatives to make their annual visits to high schools. Last year, Cretin-Derham Hall hosted over 100 institutions of higher education and many of our students took advantage of these opportunities to meet with admissions representatives. These visits make it possible for our students to plan for the future and to get the information they need to make good educational choices. A high school visit also gives CDH the opportunity to establish good relationships with the colleges and promote our graduates. A complete list of visiting schools can be found on Naviance. Juniors may access the list on the Family Connection as guests as mentioned above.

Scholarship Scam Alert!

Once again, students and families should be vigilant about college scholarship scammers. Beware of any scholarship organization that asks you to pay a fee, guarantees scholarship money or promises money-back guarantees. Scammers will “select” your student to come to an individual appointment or seminar – generally a thinly-veiled, high powered sales pitch to be avoided. Don’t be fooled by official sounding names such as “National,” “Federal” or “Administration”. NEVER supply your credit card information.

Free, legitimate scholarship searches are available free of charge on the

web at www.fastweb.com. Private scholarships we are made aware of at CDH will be posted monthly on Naviance under “scholarship list.” Scholarship directories are also available in the Guidance Office for student use.

CDH College Application Boot Camp

Close to 100 seniors worked hard in the CDH College Application Boot Camp this summer where they got a head start on college essays, applications and resumes.

Joan O’Connell

Guidance

Band

The CDH Band is off to a great start for 2015-2016! There was only one week of band camp this year due to school starting so early. Camp included music rehearsals, marching fundamentals, parade marching, field show work and generally learning to work together as a band; it is a lot of work in a very short period of time! Band camp concluded with a neighborhood parade and a family potluck on August 23. The band participated in the State Fair Parade on Friday, August 28, marching to the tunes *Jump* and *Renegade*. A fun time was had at the Fair afterwards!

Homecoming this year was October 2 and the band performed a Styx Field Show with some of their most famous songs: *Mr. Roboto*, *Grand Illusion*, *Renegade and Come, Sail Away*. This year’s drum majors are senior **Mizelle Hornilla** and Junior **Ryan Klein**, both percussionists.

This year’s fundraisers include the 11th Annual CDH Band Pancake Breakfast & Raffle, which will be held on Sunday, October 11, and the

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The CDH Marching Band, with 84 members from all grades, entertained fair attendees this past August at the Minnesota State Fair. The CDH Marching Band has performed at the State Fair every year since 1998.

World's Finest Chocolate Sale in late November and December. Proceeds from these fundraisers go toward band trips taken every other year. Next March, the band will be traveling to Chicago; stay tuned for more details! We thank everyone for your support of these various fundraisers! Even more important, we hope that you will also support the band members by attending the various concerts throughout the year! Show your school spirit by supporting a variety of events—band, choir, theater, sports, etc.

The band is supporting several other events this fall, including the Cretin Alumni Banquet, the JROTC Fall Review and Diamond Promotions, and many pep bands. The band will continue to support the various athletic teams throughout their seasons and as long as Mother Nature cooperates!

- CDH “Bandcake” Breakfast will be Sunday, October 11 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the CDH Cafeteria. Don't forget about the wildly popular Raffle!

- The Fall Band Concert will be Monday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lillian Theater.
- All-State Orchestra was held this past August at the College of St. Benedict, culminating in an outstanding concert on August 8. Students representing CDH were **Emily Kinne** (senior flute/piccolo) and **Marina Tschida** (junior violin). They will perform again in February at Orchestra Hall for the Minnesota Music Educators Mid-Winter Clinic.
- Senior Band Officers this year are **Emily Kinne** (flute), **Sadie Hennen** (tenor sax) and **Bobby Hahn** (trumpet).
- Jazz Band rehearsals began on September 14 and will present the first concert on December 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lillian Theater. New this year, Jazz Band is now offered as a class before school.
- The Music Department Christmas Concert will be on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Field House.
- To keep up with the activities of the

CDH Band, check out the website! Band shirts can also be purchased at the CDH on-line store.

Donna Novey
Band

Choir

The year is off to a good start for the choirs. Rehearsals are going well and each of the groups is sounding very nice already. The students are excited for all that is to come this year. Vocal Arts Ensemble has even already sung for one event. On only the fourth day of school they helped to lead the community in song at the Opening Mass.

As the year progresses we have an exciting slate of performances on the schedule. Most of those events are public performances, so mark your calendars and plan to come!

To kick off the season, Select Treble Choir and Vocal Arts Ensemble will be singing on the Missa Choralis Series at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis on Saturday, October 10. This series at the Basilica welcomes guest choirs to the 5:00 p.m. Mass throughout the fall, winter, and spring. The CDH choirs will sing for prelude, during offertory and communion, and as a postlude.

Next up will be the choirs' annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 5 which will feature both Pop Singers ensembles (Albert Street Voices and Sweetones) and have appearances by a number of soloists as well as both of the other choirs. Tickets will be available in November by calling 651-696-3315 or emailing cjacobson@cdh.org. Rounding out the Christmas Season is the Band & Choir Christmas Concert on Monday, December 14.

As usual, the winter will be a busy time for the choirs, including Vocal

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Arts Ensemble participating in the annual Suburban East Conference Music Festival at Mounds View High School in early February. In early March, all of the choirs as well as individual student ensembles and soloists will participate in the MSHSL Section 4AA Vocal Music Contest. On Monday, March 14, Select Treble Choir, Vocal Arts Ensemble, and some of the student soloists and ensembles will present their contest pieces publicly at CDH.

In the spring, there are a couple of favorite, intimate performances: Vocal Pops Night on Friday, April 1 and the Night of Song recital on Tuesday, May 3. The final major performance of the year will be the spring concert on Tuesday, May 10.

The CDH Community and the public are very welcome and encouraged to attend any or all of the performances. Visit the choirs page under the "Arts" menu on the CDH website for more information.

We're excited about the year and hope to see you at a concert – there's always a little something for everyone!

Chris Jacobson
Choir

Campus Ministry

Empty Bowls - Planning has begun for our 14th Annual **Empty Bowls** hunger awareness and fund-raising event. Just last February, Cretin-Derham Hall students served over 1400 guests, increased our community's awareness of hunger and sustainability issues, and raised nearly \$9,000.00 to support the work of Heifer International. All this was made possible because of the gener-

ous support of many friends of CDH through the donations of soup, bread, hand made ceramic bowls, silent auction items and financial support. Families throughout the world have been strengthened in becoming more self-sufficient by providing them with livestock, seed for planting crops, and access to clean water.

CDH students will once again be leading our event. Their hard work and commitment to finding a long-term solution to world hunger is deeply appreciated.

Please add **February 3, 2016** to your calendars for **Empty Bowls 2016!**

If you have any questions regarding Empty Bowls, or might be interested in supporting the event with a monetary donation, or a donation of soups, bowls or silent auction items, please contact **Peter Gleich** at PGleich@c-dh.org.

Habitat for Humanity - Another year begins and still more homes need to be built for families dreaming of a place to put down roots. CDH students, staff, alumni, parents and friends, in partnership with many other schools, churches, businesses and civic groups, will once again help in the work of Habitat for Humanity to provide families with a place to truly call home.

Over the last 20 years, more than 2000 students, staff, alumni and parents have helped with our Habitat building days. We are expecting an even bigger and better "construction season" this year.

Our first monthly building day was in September and the rest are scheduled for:

October 9
November 6

December 11
January 29
February 18 (So. Retreat Day)
April 15

Due to Habitat for Humanity site restrictions, our building days are open to students age 16 and older.

Parents, guardians, alumni and friends are invited to be a part of our Habitat for Humanity experience. Come spend a day with some awesome students, learn a new carpentry skill, and help a family know the joy and blessing of having a place to call home.

If you have any questions regarding our CDH Habitat for Humanity opportunities, please contact **Peter Gleich** at 651-696-3329 or PGleich@c-dh.org.

Wilder Foundation "Leap Forward For Children" – The Wilder Foundation's Child Development Center in St. Paul's Frogtown neighborhood is the site for our monthly "Leap Forward for Children." This service experience offers CDH students and staff the opportunity to work with the Wilder's classroom teachers in preparing 18 month to 5 year old children for entry into kindergarten, as well as to learn about the families and children served. The Child Development Center specializes in preparing children, often coming from economically challenged backgrounds, with the skills needed to be successful in school.

All students (grades 9 - 12), staff, and parents and guardians are invited to participate in our Wilder "Leap Forward For Children" days.

Upcoming Leap Forward for Children days will be on:

October 12
November 4
December 14
January 25

February 18 (So. Retreat Day)

April 11

If you have any questions regarding our Wilder Foundation “Leap Forward For Children” Day opportunity, please contact **Peter Gleich** at PGleich@c-dh.org.

LaSallian Youth –Faith, Service, Community and Justice - these are the foundations upon which our CDH LaSallian Youth gather for prayer and play, conversation and action. Deeply rooted in the commitment to social justice as given to us by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the Christian Brothers, LaSallian Youth seeks to positively impact the world of CDH, St. Paul, and beyond. Students from all grades are invited to join our CDH LaSallian Youth Group.

In July, over 100 students and staff from CDH, De LaSalle, Holy Family, Totino-Grace, and 10 other Christian Brother High Schools from the Midwest gathered in Chicago for our annual summer convention. Each morning and evening, all 100 participants gathered for and led prayer, song, sharing, and grew closer as a community grounded in the Gospel and the work of the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph. Presentations on Scripture, Prayer, Vocation and Community Engagement served as a backbone for the week. A highlight of the week included a presentation on the life and work of St. John Baptist DeLaSalle given by Br. Larry Schatz, FSC, the Provincial/ Visitor of the Christian Brothers of the Midwest.

A special thanks to **Mizelle Horquilla** and **Auggie Postiglione** who represented CDH at our summer gathering.

Plans are in the works for our 4th Annual LaSallian Youth “Night to Fight Homeless” in early November. Once again, students from CDH, Totino-Grace, Holy Family, Benilde-St. Margarets, and DeLaSalle will gather to learn more about and confront the reality of homelessness in the Twin Cities. This event will include an overnight outside experiencing the late fall, early winter cold.

Parents or guardians interested in learning more about our LaSallian Youth experiences are invited to contact **Mr. Joe Miley**, **Mr. Peter Gleich**, **Ms. Suzanne Zobitz**, or **Br. Mike Rivers** for more information.

Peter Gleich

Campus Ministry

Corps of Cadets

We are off to another absolutely fantastic year in JROTC at CDH! We are again thrilled to report our opening enrollment for School Year 2015-2016 is 209 and 57 are 9th graders!

As the CDH JROTC enters its 99th year there will be a change on how the corps of cadets is rated for excellence. As of this year the Honor Unit program has now officially ended. Cadet Command replaced it with an inspection called the JROTC Program for Accreditation or JPA. Since 1929, our CDH JROTC consistently held the highest award for excellence, “honor unit with distinction,” which allowed us to wear the gold star on our uniforms. The new programs will have an award system,

too. We promise you that we will earn that award, so that, although the name may change, our unbroken streak of excellence will continue.

This summer, in June, right after the school year ended and for the eighth year, 12 members of the CDH JROTC Corps of Cadets traveled to Camp Wilderness near Park Rapids, MN. Our 12 cadets joined JROTC cadets from high schools from Fargo (ND), Bemidji (MN), Red River (ND), Grand Forks (ND), Pine Ridge (SD) and Lower Brule (SD) for a week of activities that included archery, athletics, biking, high and low COPE courses, land navigation, physical training, biking, and swimming. The CDH cadets were **Walter Cleveland**, **Nick Neumann**, **John Leininger**, **Luke Lacy**, **Samantha Guevara**, **Alyssa Wallace**, **Alexis Feist**, **Maddie Hathaway**, **Emmanuel Cabasug**, **Jack Spencer**, **Michael Burke**, and **Jackie Radford**. At this camp we have the privilege of selecting one outstanding cadet from the attendees for recognition as the superior leader for the week. This year **Alexis Feist** was selected as the superior leader.

Again, our September opening enrollment for the new school year is 209, which is extremely high. This new 9th grade class is a source of excitement because of its energy, involvement and early contributions. JROTC at CDH is organized to include freshmen in many meaningful ways. Their talents were showcased during the Fall Review on September 23, when the Corps of Cadets together with the CDH Band honored the freshman JROTC class at this annual event on Wingerd Field. The acting Brigade Commander, **Sophie Perron** and the acting Battalion Command-

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ers **Lenny Gerten, Nico Palomo,** and **Luke Lacy** are doing their best to get everything rolling. They are organizing drill instruction, preparing for Fall Review, and building their plan for the year. At the same time the sophomore and junior classes have been preparing to take on more leadership responsibilities as leaders at squad and platoon level.

Congratulations to the cadets who earned Junior Officer over the summer: **Colin Francis, Samantha Guevara, Ryan Kirmeier, Dorothy Register, Yale Williams, and Gabe Young.** Their performance is noteworthy because they studied extra and then set an appointment with **LTC Fischer** to test again, *while they were on summer break*- that shows the kind of dedication that leaders should have. They are eligible for promotion to Diamond Officer and higher responsibility in the Corps.

The Annual JROTC Encampment at Camp Ripley, Minnesota, was held September 25-27 with 125 students attending.

The Armed Precision Crack Drill Team, which is commanded by **Dan Gainer, Gabe Andrzejek,** and **Brian Aguilar-Rivera** has started practice for the year and about 20 cadets are active participants. Along with the practices for Crack Drill, the Regulation Drill Commander, **Nico Palomo,** has started practice for this squad. We have a great returning corps and new 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders are welcome to join Regulation Drill as well.

The Color Guard, under the leadership of **Michael Sievert,** kept busy this summer with events in Minneapolis and at the St. Paul Irish Fair. We continue to support all home football games plus select soccer and volley-

ball games. The highlight of our Fall is posting colors at the Cretin Alumni Banquet and performing in the Fall Review.

The Orienteering team, led by **Luke Lacy** and **Jordan Grovum,** has high goals. We intend to prepare two teams to compete at the Interscholastic Orienteering Nationals in April. For now, we will use Camp Ripley to recruit and participate in some MNOC events in the fall.

Peter Cho, the leader of the Flight Club, plans to tour one of the aviation museums in the area, ground airport operations at MSP, the Regional Control Center in Farmington, and maintenance operations at Malibu Aerospace. As always, we are doing everything we can to get time in a C130 or Blackhawk.

The Honor Guard, under the leadership of **Mark Daigle, Lenny Gerten,** and **Joseph Schroeder,** have accumulated many hours of service in the three weeks since school has started, with service at the St. Paul Irish Festival Mass, numerous wakes and funerals, as well as the Back to School Night, the Cretin Class of '65 - 50 Year Reunion, the Cretin Class of '50 - 65 Year Reunion, and the Cretin Alumni Banquet.

Aaron Anderson, Anna Muccio, and **Sarah Zastrow** will lead the varsity Air Rifle Team again this year. Currently, there are over 30 students involved in the rifle team. The team's competition season runs from mid-October through April. This year's competition schedule will include 12 postal matches around the nation, the Upper Midwest JROTC Challenge (UMJC) at CDH, the USA Shooting state and sectional competitions and possibly a match in Illinois or Missouri.

Cadets are traveling with admissions teams to 26 feeder schools to talk about the JROTC program at CDH. This is an important opportunity to highlight program activities and to inform prospective students that JROTC is a leadership development and citizenship program with the mission "*to motivate young people to be better citizens.*"

Those interested in military scholarships are putting the finishing touches on their application packets. They are taking the necessary fitness assessments, completing essays, collecting letters of recommendation, improving their ACT scores, and attending interviews. All the instructors are happy to write letters of recommendation for cadets in good standing. The application windows will be closing soon which is why we encourage students to complete the process over the summer. Members of the class of 2017 and their parents who have questions about the Academies or College ROTC can contact LTC Fischer.

Throughout the school year, our co-curricular organizations and cadets will be active in the CDH community. They will be striving to model the values of CDH. As one of many important programs in the school, the JROTC is committed to contributing to the great reputation of our high school. It's never too late to transfer into one of our classes regardless of the date or the academic class. There are no physical, mental or other limitations. We welcome all students. Why not enroll today and share in the tradition?

LTC Jamie Fischer, SGM David Berrisford, and MSG Ken Peloski
JROTC

Athletics

The start of 2015 Fall Sports Season had many new changes to it. This is the first year of the East Metro Football District. CDH is part of the Blue Sub-District and we are still completing against Suburban East Conference Teams plus an early season non-conference crossover game with Lakeville South. This is a new 2 year cycle of section competition. Many CDH teams will be competing in sections in various parts of the metro area, when in the past we competed against mainly east or south metro teams. The Athletic Department started using online registration for sports and some activities.

The 2015 CDH **Football Team** is off to a great start. Football started one week before all other sports on August 11 competing in three games before Labor Day. The team worked hard during the off season and opened the season with a nice 21 - 12 win over Lakeville South, rushing for close to 300 yards. This was followed by a tough 19 -14 loss to Woodbury, a 31 - 21 win over Stillwater and a 31-28 win over White Bear Lake. The team is showing a lot of support for one another as they have dealt with some early season injuries. The young Raiders are led by hard working senior captains **Kenneth Udoibok, Josh Panek, Kevin Hartman** and **Danny Greenheck**.

The **Girls Soccer Team** is in a rebuilding season in 2015. After graduating 11 seniors from the 2014 state tournament team, the Raiders are young with the largest class being sophomores. Leading the CDH squad are senior captains **Rachel Clark** and **Hayden Johnson**. Key returning players **Molly Ploetz (11)**, **Nicki Sobaski (11)**, **Maya Quigley**

(10) and **Lizzie Edinger (10)** will need to guide their new teammates to play at the top of their game. Strong new additions to the Raiders include goalkeeper **Liz Wirt (10)**, midfielder **Sophia Wackman (10)** and defender **Paige Goaley (9)**. So far the Raiders are 1-2-1 as they start play in the tough SEC conference.

CDH 2015 **Volleyball Team** is comprised of 15 players, nine seniors, five juniors and one sophomore. All 15 players know the importance of team chemistry whether in practice or in matches. The team is led by senior captains **Chloe Dousette, Ellie Kestner** and **Eliza Harris**. Expectations are high, as the team is has been ranked in the top 5 in the state in preseason rankings and off to a 4-0 start. The balanced team has an offense among the state's best and defense improving each match. Position players are: DS/L **Janie Munson, Samantha Vaith, Sarah Husaby, OH, Chloe Dousette** (D1 Nebraska-Omaha recruit), **Brynn Carlson** (Kansas State recruit), **Eliza Harris, MH, Ellie Kestner, Kate Kohler, Frances Patt, Megan Aanonsen, RS, Maggie Enestvedt, Deaira Gresham, Clare McGuire** and we're relying on senior **Larissa Kisch** and sophomore **Grace Anetipa** for setting responsibilities. With hard work, a little luck and good health the the team has high hopes for a conference championship and berth to the state tournament.

The Cretin-Derham Hall **Performance Dance Team** has had a very fast-paced start to their season. With one performance under their belt, they are headed into the 4th annual Youth Clinic on Saturday, September 12. On October 2, the Performance Dance Team will perform with the

"Little Raiders" at the Homecoming Halftime Show. The season will finish off with three performances on Homecoming: Pepfest, the CDH Alumni picnic, and the Homecoming Football game. It has proven to be a great season thus far, and it is sure to finish off the same.

The **Boys Soccer Team** has begun this season with two wins and three losses against a tough early season schedule. After losing 12 seniors from last season, the team has six returning varsity players and a good mix of players eager for their first taste of varsity soccer. The team has shown great character and is continuing to build consistency and quality as they bring great effort to each practice and game. The Suburban East Conference is full of quality as always and with a switch to a new section, the road ahead will be challenging, yet this team is starting to show it has what it takes to compete.

Boys and Girls Cross Country started off the season with a race with the alumni on August 21 at St. Catherine's University. Some thirty alumni were there to run and cheer the team into the 2015 season. From there, the Raiders competed at the Islander Invitational where the varsity boys brought home the team championship plaque. Both the boys' and the girls' teams are showing improvements over last season and have started with new enthusiasm for the sport. They are really starting to come together as a team encouraging each other in every aspect of the sport. Their strength will lie in their ability to race well together, not letting too many racers in their ranks.

The **Girls Tennis Team** has started off the 2015 season playing some excellent tennis. The team

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is led by eight outstanding seniors: **Claire Hennessey, Cate Huss, Molly Hynes, Mac Molnar, Siobhan Judge, Hannah Kampmann, Cece Donohue** and **Emma Forliti**. These eight have been varsity players for two or three years and provide experience and leadership while setting an example for younger players on how to be varsity athletes on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The team will finish its regular season at the end of September with tournaments in Rochester and Mounds Park Academy followed by team and individual section play in early October. The Junior Varsity team also has a strong senior influence led by **Izzy Barona, Madison Montero, Maria Cullen, Rachel Wheeler, Anna Domler** and **Mizelle Hornilla**. The dedication, hard work and positive attitude demonstrated by these six seniors provides an invaluable example to their teammates. We are lucky to have all these young women as part of the tennis program. The tennis team will celebrate the contributions of all 14 seniors, as well as the other varsity players, at a team banquet in late October.

The **Girls Swim Team** is off to an incredible start seeing successes in and out of the water. There have been some amazing performances thus far and the team is gaining a considerable amount of depth. Senior captains **Molly Bauchle, Maddie Kehoe** and **Mary McConville** are leaders of the team. In early September, the team, made almost 21,000 meals for children in Haiti while volunteering at Feed My Starving Children.

Jodi Loeblein
Athletic Director



CDH Trap Team

This past spring ushered in the school's third year of competitive Trap Shooting in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target League. By all standards, we had a very successful season and the 43 students that represented Cretin-Derham Hall on the team did an outstanding job.

We had three squads of five turn in some great efforts at the season's conclusion at the state championship shoot. **Ben Linke** turned in a perfect round of 25 at the event. These are somewhat elusive in nature, but with practice, can be within reach of most athletes.

Competition requires students to commit to participating only one night each week, and the season spans a period of about ten weeks, including a league-sponsored championship event in Alexandria, Minnesota. That event has become the largest Trap Shooting competition event anywhere in the world! Trap Shooting at the high school level has now spread out of Minnesota and into a fast growing number of other states.

This last year saw over 8000 students represent high schools from all across the state as the teams focused

on the three major tenets promoted by the league and the schools: Safety, Fun and Competition. The structure is designed to introduce all skill levels to the sport, especially those new to the sport. Both young men and women compete side by side as this is not a gender-specific undertaking.

There are no required benchmarks to hit, and team scoring is only weighted to include the top shooters on the team. So, don't feel as though you may be holding anyone or the team back. Bring your best game and find competition at all levels. The coaching staff wants to see everyone have a fantastic season of shooting and develop a desire to continue with interest in the shooting sports.

We have a great staff of dedicated coaches to help you meet your personal goals and discover untapped talents. The team encourages students to become not only better shooters, but a consummate sportsmen and team players. Bring along a friend and give us a look.

Patrick Rugloski
Trap Team Head Coach

Theatre Department Announces an Exceptional Artist in Residence: Music Director, Andrew Bourgoin



Andrew Bourgoin, CDH Artist-in-Residence, rehearses with cast of Children of Eden.

The CDH Theatre Department is pleased to announce visiting artist, Andrew Bourgoin, as our music director for the Fall Show, *Children of Eden*. Andrew has teamed with the department in the past for the original song cycle *Here I Am* in 2015, as well as for our summer community production of *Pippin* in 2014. He has also held positions with Twin Cities' area companies including Theater Latte Da, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Park Square Theatre, Hennepin Theatre Trust, and others. Regional directing credits include Northern Michigan University, the University of Central Arkansas, and associate conductor at the College Light Opera Company. Andrew graduated from St. Olaf College where he acted as an assistant conductor and touring pianist to both the

St. Olaf Choir and Manitou Singers.

Says *Children of Eden* director Katie Kreitzer about the Fall collaboration, "There isn't anyone I would rather collaborate with than Andrew Bourgoin. He makes singing magical."

Mark your calendar for *Children of Eden*: Oct. 23,24,30 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct 24,25,31 and Nov 1 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Students and Seniors: \$5 and Adults: \$8.

Ann Frances Gregg Gerstner,
Kathleen Kreitzer
Fine Arts

Help CDH win four in a row on Give to the Max Day!

What if you could help Cretin-Derham Hall win **\$5,000, \$7,500 or \$10,000**? On Thursday, November 12, you can! CDH is preparing for the seventh annual *Give to the Max Day* in Minnesota and this year the top prizes will be awarded to the non-profits who raise the most money in the 24 hours of **Nov. 12**. For the past five years CDH has finished in the **top 10** in dollars raised, including a **1st place** finish the past three years. The community's support was incredible again last year with **1,090** donors giving a total of **\$616,020.64** and we want to win again in 2015!

How can you help? Consider giving your annual gift on Nov. 12. You can fulfill an outstanding pledge, give your most generous annual contribution or give an *additional* annual gift. It's simple: on November 12, go to the link on the CDH Homepage www.c-dh.org, or go to www.givemn.org and search for Cretin-Derham Hall.

Once again this year, we have a generous matching donor. **All new and increased gifts to the CDH Annual Fund this year will be matched \$1 for \$1!**

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Senior Women's Retreat

On Sept. 20-21 over 105 Cretin-Derham Hall young women gathered to celebrate one another, and deepen faith at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi for the first ever Senior Women's Retreat.

Last spring during Women's Spirituality class, a group of junior women, now seniors, had a vision of gathering their female classmates together for an overnight retreat this Fall. The goal was to deepen friendships, have fun and change the culture in their class so that there would be a more inclusive spirit among them.

The leadership team of women who planned all the activities including cabin activities, fun breakout sessions, karaoke, and Mass include: **Megan Aanonsen, Alli Altier, Bridget Arend, Anna Bins, Molly Bauchle, Maria Cullen, Claire Hennessey, Maddie Kehoe, Mary McConville, Audrey Mullarky, Madi Montero, Anna Tobritzhofer** and **Yasmin Varela**.

The retreat used faith stories to set the stage for relevant experiences.

For instance, the story of Miriam dancing with the tambourine after the Exodus inspired them to dance to the closing song at their outdoor mass with their homemade tambourines while singing "Dancing Queen" by Abba.

After returning to school, students remarked that the hallway culture had changed and become so much more friendly and fun after the experience of the retreat. Seniors returned feeling empowered, enthusiastic and more grateful for one another. In the end, many would say that the retreat was EPIC.

Faculty facilitator **Jackie Bohrer** stated "This Retreat Leadership Team was really impressive and it was a privilege to support their dream. The talents, creativity, and commitment of all the students who went on the retreat was deeply inspiring and memorable."



More than 100 senior women gathered for the first CDH Senior Women's Retreat in late September.

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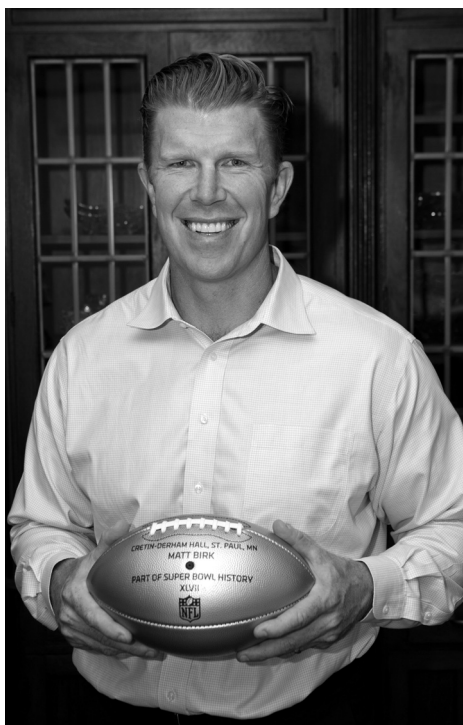


Speaking on the topic, "Catholic Education in the Era of Pope Francis," Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, SSND met with faculty and staff on their in-service day, and later offered a session open to the public in the evening. Sr. Clare was both delightful and insightful as she connected Pope Francis's humble approach to ministry with our mission in Catholic education. In particular, she praised CDH for seemingly simple actions such as utilizing the Peace Prayer on a daily basis as a way to intentionally give students the support they deserve to further develop a relationship with God. She also acknowledged the tremendous gift parents give to their children when they choose Catholic education for their family. Sr. Clare is pictured here with **Br. Pat Conway**, Vice President for Advancement and **Frank Miley**, President.

Matt Birk'94 Awards Golden Football to CDH



Several Super Bowl players gathered for our CDH/NFL Golden Football Assembly to support Matt Birk'94 and the NFL recognition of Cretin Derham Hall's impact on the game of football and Super Bowl history. In attendance were: Bob Lurtsema, Tyrone Carter, Corbin Lacina'89, Matt Birk'94, Zach Moore, Marcus Freeman'02, and EJ Henderson.



Cretin-Derham Hall graduate, Matt Birk'94, Super Bowl Champ with Baltimore Ravens, former Minnesota Viking, and current NFL Director of Football Development, presented a *Golden Football* to students and faculty on September 22, at an all-school assembly.

Birk's remarks were not only about football; in fact, he gave a strong message of character, faith and community. Segments of his speech are available on our website on the News Page.

The National Football League is celebrating the 50th Super Bowl by honoring players and coaches of previous Super Bowl games by highlighting champions on and off the field. Athletes and coaches are recognized, along with their alma maters, for positively impacting the game of football. Specially selected high schools will be highlighted by the NFL with local and possible

national coverage now and leading up to the Super Bowl on February 7, 2016, as well as be presented with the commemorative *Golden Football*.

The NFL's High School Honor Roll is designed to highlight not just those athletes that can compete at the Super Bowl level, but also the community that was instrumental in each athlete's path to playing at the highest level.

Cretin-Derham Hall has produced four players who were on Super Bowl teams: Matt Birk'94, Marcus Freeman'02, Derek Engler'92, and Corbin Lacina'89. In addition, the CDH football program has sent an impressive list of players to the NFL and college system. Cretin-Derham Hall is proud to welcome back Birk and other Super Bowl athletes, not only for their accomplishments in pro sports, but also, for the strength of their contributions outside of sports.



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October

- 11 Bandcake Breakfast
- 12 Leap Forward for Children
- 13 & 14 Conferences
- 15 & 16 No School
- 18 Dorothy Day
- 18-22 El Otro Lado Justice Trip
- 21 9th Grade Parent Mass
Late Start
CDH Admission Criteria Meeting
- 22-25 Red Lake Justice Trip
- 23 JROTC Diamond Promotions
Lillian Theater – *Children of Eden*
- 24 Legacy Gala Dinner Dance
Lillian Theater – *Children of Eden*
- 25 Lillian Theater – *Children of Eden*
Taize Prayer
- 26 Winter Sports Parent/Athlete Meeting
- 29 -31 Lillian Theater – *Children of Eden*

November

- 2 All Souls Prayer Service
- 4 Leap Forward of Children
Parents Association Meeting
- 6 Habitat for Humanity Building Day
- 7 Dorothy Day
- 8 CDH Open House
Faculty/Staff Appreciation
- 11 Late Start
- 12 Give to the Max Day

- 13 Lillian Theater: *Improv*
- 16 Band Fall Concert
- 18 Senior Parents: Applying for College Financial Aid
- 22 Taize Prayer
- 23 -24 Tri 1 Exams
- 25-27 No School; Thanksgiving Break
- 30 Tri 2 Begins

December

- 1 Advent Prayer Service
- 2 Late Start
Band Jazz Concert
Parents Association Meeting
- 3 A Simple Christmas; CDH Commons
- 4 JROTC Diamond Dining In
- 5 Choir Christmas Dinner
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- 9 – 13 Lillian Theater; Children's Play: *Wild*
- 10 President's Advisory Council Christmas Luncheon
- 11 Habitat for Humanity Build Day
Advent Reconciliation
- 12 Breakfast with Santa
- 13 Taize Prayer
- 14 Leap Forward for Children
Music Department Christmas Concert
- 16 Late Start
- 18 Christmas in the Commons
- 19- Jan. 4 Christmas Break-No School
- 20 Dorothy Day
- 26 Silver Belle Ball