

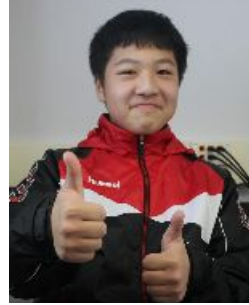
African American

"As an Ethiopian, we are very fond of our family. If there are holidays or traditions, I'd describe it more of a family gathering. The way people celebrate Christmas is different from us. We celebrate it mid-January and we don't have any presents."
-Bethel Daniel



Asian

"Korean is unique from other ethnicities because we used to use Chinese, but it was too complicated, so we branched out. A king of a dynasty, Sejong the Great, invented the Korean language, Hangul. We're the healthiest living country with the highest age expectancy between 80-90 years old."
-Young Ho Song



Native American

"I am American Indian and not many people actually know that I am American Indian. There are a few landmarks my family owns. Not many people know I'm Native American so I don't face much discrimination."
-Shayna Wadlington



African American

"My family is Nigerian - my mom is Yuroba, and my dad is Ebo. There are many different tribes and languages in Nigeria. We are Christian and celebrate Christian holidays, but also have many other parties throughout the year. We eat foods such as jellof, dodo, effel, and stew pepper soup."
-Tobenna Onwuchekwa

Asian

"As Indians, we celebrate many different holidays such as Diwali, which is the festival of lights, and Holi, where we throw colored powder symbolizing a victory of good over evil. Some foods are chole, which is a chickpea curry, and parata, a type of flat bread. We have one god but they have many forms that represent different things."
-Neerja Akruwala

Native American

"I am 75% Ute and 25% Sioux. However, I don't know much else about my culture and background as I was adopted when I was very young. I don't know anything about my biological parents either."
-Nodin Tilson

Cultural Contrast

Ethnic Makeup of Our Learning Space

Diversity is something that enhances our culture. It's something that we depend on to make us individuals, each of us unique and beautiful through our differences. America is frequently called a "melting pot" of different cultures and heritages, and the same goes for here at Cresthill. Many students of Cresthill come from a variety of different places, from Nigeria to Haiti to South Korea to here in the United States. The ethnic makeup of our school is divided into six different groups: African American, Asian, Hispanic, Native American, Mixed, and White. The percentages of each race in our school are the following: 69.7% White, 14.9% Hispanic, 7.3% Mixed, 4.7% Asian, 3.2% African American, and 0.2% Native American. However, in the end, it's important we don't let our differences divide us, but instead unite us.



Summit

"School has changed a lot since the no-phone policy because there's a lot more kids talking to each other and I think I have better relationships with friends."
-Dalvino Majewski



Legend

"Not much has changed for me since the policy. This is my first year at Cresthill, and my old school had the same no cellphone policy, so this is all the same for me."
-Vanessa Caffrey



Horizon

"I was sad about the no-phone policy, but I think it has improved my focus in school. I don't look at my phone because it's in my locker all day."
-Isabel Flenard

Hispanic

"Both of my parents are Mexican so I'm full Mexican. We celebrate Mexico Independence Day on December 16, where we get together and eat a lot of junk food. People that aren't Mexican sometimes think they're better than me and they make fun of me because of my skin color and my accent."



Mixed

"Although I'm Mexican and Thai, I'd consider myself as a Hawaiian because most of my Thai side lives in Hawaii. My Mexican side lives in El Paso Texas. My Thai side is Buddhist. We believe being athletic, healthy, family-oriented, and that having good relationships that will make you a sturdier person."

White

"My ethnicity would be defined as Swedish. ASL is my first language and English is my second. I celebrate St. Lucia Day, which is a day where the eldest girl of the house wakes up early and makes breakfast for her parents along with her younger siblings. It's a day where I help my parents as much as possible."
-Kristen Hellstrom

Hispanic

"My whole family is Mexican. We celebrate Quinceañera for our 15th birthday. It's a sweet 16 on steroids and only for one night. I experience a lot of discrimination, like one time during soccer, these girls were saying racist slurs and threw Mexican foods to our cars."

-Carla Delgado

Mixed

"My dad was born in Haiti and my mom was born in Texas. People have called me 'white washed' when they find out I'm mixed. However, I get to personally experience positivity about how much the world has evolved. People are discriminating less against colored-skinned people nowadays."

-Gabriella Placide

White

"My parents are both from America, though I am part Irish, English, and a little Norwegian. As a culture, Americans are crazy and sometimes annoying. We celebrate holidays such as Christmas, Halloween, and Mardi Gras. I really enjoy eating gumbo."

-Jackson Curry

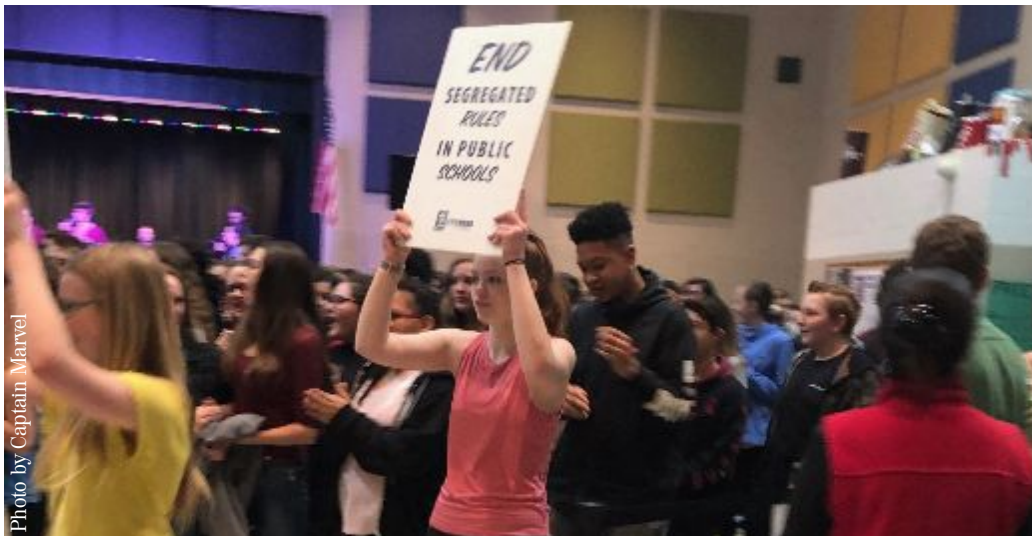


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Call For Equality

Chelsea Napper holds up a sign calling for the end of segregation at the Doctor Reverend Martin Luther King Junior eighth grade assembly. During the assembly, students learned about the legend of MLK and participated in interactive songs and marches.

Navigators

"Since the no-phone policy was put in, I've noticed that more people are talking to each other instead of just being on their phones."

-Keene Zhang



Trekkers

"I think the no phone policy is good because it helps me focus on my work more."

-Kaitlyn Williams



Explorers

"I don't use my phone that often for homework but I occasionally use it because I want to have a better focus on what I'm doing."

-Meiley Tat

