

# DRALION™

CIRQUE DU SOLEIL®

## GHS Alumnus Returns To GHS For A Special Visit

Grandview High School students received a special visit from Graduate (Class of 89) Anthony Cooperwood and fellow Cirque du Soleil performers, Marie-Eve Bisson (aerial hoop performer) and Marcus Perozzi (percussionist) on the morning of Tuesday, May 10. Cooperwood (a Bass Key Board artist) will be performing in the *Dralion by Cirque du Soleil* production at the Kansas City Sprint Center on from May 11 to May 15, 2011. His visit included a Q & A session with the GHS students.

Cirque du Soleil, is a Canadian entertainment company, self-described as a "dramatic mix of circus arts and street entertainment." Based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and located in the inner-city area of Saint-Michel, it was founded in Baie-Saint-Paul in 1984 by two former street performers, Guy Laliberté and Daniel Gauthier. Each show is a synthesis of circus styles from around the world, with its own central theme and storyline. They draw the audience into the performance through continuous live music, with performers rather than stagehands changing the props. Pictured at center is Cooperwood with (from left) GHS Principal Shunton Hammond and Cirque performers Marie-Eve Bisson and Marcus Perozzi.

