

Dear Students and Parents of St. Francis Xavier,

My name is Terry Temple and I will be directing your first ever, all-school major musical production: Beauty and the Beast, Jr.! It was such a joy and honor to direct the 8th Graders in their brilliant show High School Musical and I am looking forward to working with them again. For Beauty and the Beast we are inviting students in grades 3 - 8th to be a part of this production and everyone who auditions will be cast! Well... maybe not everybody... We will limit the cast size to around 140 for safety reasons. How amazing would it be to have 140 SFX students of all grades lighting up the stage? I hope you will give serious consideration to being a part of this magical event. Theater has a way of bringing a school community closer together, establishing friendships, building confidence, and creating memories that last a lifetime.

You will be receiving information about this production from the school but I wanted to provide you and your children with some information about the audition process which I know can feel a little intimidating. I have been doing this a long time and I work hard to make auditioning a positive experience.

The audition process is very simple. Each student will be asked to prepare the material below based on their gender and grade level. They will sing for me individually outside the presence of their classmates. There is no need to have their song memorized as I will have lyric sheets available to them during the audition. I am not looking for perfect voices, just big smiles and a great attitude. If you don't think your child is a singer or an actor, I will make them one... I promise. You won't believe what they are capable of.

I strongly encourage all students being a part of this wonderful opportunity. This will be a show like you have never seen in an elementary school before!

Here is their audition materials. I have included youtube links to help them learn the songs. If a song feels too high or too low... no worries. I can adjust the key to fit their voices.

I can't wait to meet you all and begin this wonderful journey!

Terry Temple
Director

Audition songs for Beauty and the Beast

Girls 6-8 can choose one of the following 2 songs with which to audition:

“Beauty and the Beast”

Just a little change, small to say the least.
Both a little scared, neither one prepared, Beauty and the Beast.
Ever just the same... Ever a surprise,
Ever as before, ever just as sure as the sun will rise.

Start at :47 through 1:35

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEPGDgYZ1uI>

“Something There”

New and a bit alarming... who'd have ever thought that this could be?

True that he's no Prince Charming...

But there's something in him that I simple didn't see

Start at 2:30 through 3:00

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol-VauBZWVs>

Boys, grades 6-8, “Something There”

She glanced this way, I thought I saw

And when we touched she didn't shudder at my paw

No it can't be, I'll just ignore

But then she's never looked at me that way before

Start at :50 and go thru 1:07

Youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ol-VauBZWVs>

Boys and Girls, 6th grade and younger, “Be Our Guest”

Be our guest! Be our guest!

Our command is your request

It's been years since we've had anybody here

And we're obsessed

Start at 2:20 and go thru 3:00

Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l55SwihKfVw&index=17&list=PLgNUN9VgXDtEevH1evRknr8xGyjl18dOK>

You'll be great!!! Just smile... have fun... and give it all you've got!