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Lakeshore Public Schools Presents Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

The Lakeshore High School Performing Arts faculty will fill leadership roles in Lakeshore's production of *Beauty and The Beast*. Adam Wurst will serve as the show's Director. Joining him are Theresa Graziano, Choreography Director, Alex Kerr, Drama Director, and Lori VonKoenig, Instrumental Music Director. Senior, Sara Conrad will act as Student Director. Sara is an active member of

the Lakeshore Band and Choirs.

The early student response has been impressive, according to Adam Wurst, Director, "Lakeshore set another record - 115 students attended the pre-audition rehearsal and expressed an interest in auditioning. The singing was impressive and students showed great potential." Theresa Graziano, Choreography Director, was just as enthusiastic. "Seeing all of the talent, preparation, and potential of the students made the audition process very exciting. The students had a great work ethic and professional manner throughout the auditions, and the artistry that we saw in their singing, dancing, and acting was remarkable."

Mrs. Graziano is planning technically difficult, high-energy choreography with lots of jumps, traveling movement, lifts, and flips. Many cast members have little to no formal training as dancers, yet Mrs. Graziano is confident that they can pull it off. "It will take every bit of their passion, dedication, discipline, and hard work, but in the end, I know they'll get it done and that it will be fantastic."

On November 8th, the cast will participate in a master class with renowned choreographer Randy Duncan. Mrs. Graziano said, "He is absolutely phenomenal as a choreographer, teacher, and dancer, and he's worked with the best internationally. Randy is great with students; he has a fun spirit that gets them working. He will get them to do what they never knew they could, and they'll probably work harder that day than they ever have. The students will never forget this one day with Randy, he's that exceptional."

The cast and crew can also look forward to more instruction from professionals as three additional Artists-in-Residence are being planned. December will feature Emmy Award – winning composer Brian Siewert.

Beauty and The Beast will be the most elaborate show in recent Lakeshore history, thanks to the generous support of the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation who, along with the Frederick S. Upton Foundation, will underwrite the cost of guest artists and outside professionals to help cast and crew develop their artistry and stage production skills.

Performances for this classic fairy tale will be held March 26, 27, and 28, 2009. You won't want to miss it. Be sure to check www.LakeshoreChoirs.com often for all the exciting details on what's happening!

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Flower Sale Benefits Landscaping Fund

"Buy a flower for your "sweetie" for Sweetest Day" was theme of the flower sale run by the Assets Advisory Committee on Friday, October 17th. The students sold carnations during lunch in an effort to raise money for the Lakeshore Excellence Foundation High School Landscaping Project. The group sold 25 dozen flowers in one hour with proceeds of \$150.

The Assets Advisory Committee is a select student service group sponsored by the LEF. The group does projects that will be beneficial to their school and the Lakeshore community. They have several annual projects including a book drive in March, the NIKE Reuse-a-Shoe Recycling program in April, and the Lincoln Township Beach Clean-up in May. The AAC students also helped this year with the district wide Mock Election held the end of October.