

2022-2023 Ridgetop Musical Auditions

Hello Ridgetop families! It is that time of year again - time for Ridgetop Musical Auditions! This year we are excited to announce our production will be **Beauty and the Beast!** Auditions for **3rd-5th graders** will be held **Friday, December 2nd, 3:30-5 pm**, and **Saturday, December 3rd, 10-12 pm** at the school. Students only need to be at **ONE DAY** of auditions. Please read this information packet in its entirety.

General Audition Information

- 3rd-5th grade students must attend auditions to become a part of our main cast. K-2nd grade students will be part of our chorus and **do not need to attend auditions**.
- Auditions will be Friday, December 2nd, 3:30-5 pm AND Saturday, December 3rd, 10-12 pm at Ridgetop Elementary. Please sign your student up for ONE audition slot for only ONE DAY here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/19mvqlSssRd4ls5lVuh7NI-cCmn1fo8VqsoFHZG-T6Dw/edit?usp=sharing>
- Auditions are NOT come and go. Your student must be available for the entire audition duration.
- Please bring a completed permission slip to auditions. Permission slips can be found attached to this email and can be brought in person or sent back electronically as a PDF. **Please fill out the permission slip in its entirety.**

New Rehearsal Information

Our rehearsal plan this year has shifted slightly to accommodate students better. If you have a conflict with Main Cast rehearsal times, please email me. We had to decide these based on the results of the interest form, but we want to try and accommodate as many students as possible. If you have already emailed me, I am aware of your conflict. The officers will meet soon to try and accommodate students who are not available for rehearsals.

- **Main Cast Rehearsals: Every Saturday, 10 am-1 pm**
- **Chorus Rehearsals: Every Friday, 3-5:30 pm**
- The tentative dates for the performance in March/April are still pending approval. The following weekends are the two most probable options:
 - March 24th, 25th, and 26th
 - March 31st, April 1st, and 2nd

- If your child would like to be a part of the main cast, please make sure they are available for all Main Cast Rehearsals. If your child is unable to regularly attend rehearsals, another child will be cast in the part. We do not wish to take parts away from the students so please keep the time commitment in mind before auditioning.

Main Cast Rehearsals

Main Cast Rehearsals will occur **every Saturday from 10 am-1 pm**, with a 30-minute break in between.

Chorus Rehearsals

Chorus Rehearsals will be held **after school every Friday, 3-5:30 pm**.

Audition Process

Our audition process is very casual, so your student does not need to be nervous at all. Students will audition in groups of four, which will be assigned during auditions.

The audition will be comprised of 3 parts:

Script Reading: Your student will be asked to read a short section of the script during the audition. This excerpt will be kept a secret from all students to give everyone an equal opportunity for auditions. Students will be assigned a character at auditions. Things we look for include clarity, projection, and emotion.

Spanish: Each student will be asked to do a blind reading of a short line in Spanish. We are not trying to trick them, but simply see their comfort level with Spanish.

Singing: Each student will be asked to sing a short, commonly known song, such as “Twinkle Twinkle Little Star” or “Frosty the Snowman”.

Your student will also be asked if there is a character in the musical they prefer. A list of characters can be found below.

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

NARRATORS- villagers who serve as storytellers

BELLE- a confident young heroine who longs for adventure

MAURICE- Belle’s quirky mother and an inventor

BEAST- a Prince who was transformed by an Enchantress

GASTON- a pompous, egotistical brute who wants Belle to marry him

LEFOU- Gaston's trusty but dim-witted sidekick

VILLAGE GIRLS- villagers who fawn over Gaston

LUMIERE- a charming French man, who has become a candelabra

COGSWORTH- a nervous, English butler who has become a clock

MRS. POTTS- a sweet, motherly cook who has become a teapot

BABETTE- a flirtatious maid who has become a feather duster

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE- an opera singer who has become a wardrobe

CHIP- Mrs. Potts' young son who has become a teacup

OLD BEGGAR WOMAN/ ENCHANTRESS- the mysterious woman who casts a spell on the Prince, turning him into a Beast

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE- the sinister, creepy proprietor of the lunatic asylum

SERVANTS- the castle's staff who have been transformed into objects

VILLAGERS- the residents of Belle and Gaston's village