The Huntington High School
Drama Club

PRODUCTION OF

Disney

Beauty and the Beast

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – 7:30 PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – 2:30 & 7:30 PM
**Director’s Notes**

“She warned him not to be deceived by appearances, for beauty is found within.”

At its essence *Beauty and the Beast* is a tale of societal outsiders looking for redemption through the magic of acceptance and love. Society causes them to question who they are and where they belong. Others are punished for their selfish and hurtful actions—all told in the guise of a children’s story. Belle, a “smart, plucky young woman” who enjoys reading—argh!—is mocked by the townspeople for not staying trapped in the gender role the world dictates for her. The Beast, the “master of the castle who used to be a prince”—a selfish one at that—cursed to live in his current form until he learns to love and be loved in return. Belle is at first frightened by this cruel and unyielding taskmaster. The Beast learns selflessness from Belle, who exchanges her life for her father’s. She then embarks on a crusade to have him do the little things that can mean a lot—simply being polite. Though put off by his looks we see their feelings for each other start to bloom right before our eyes. He begins to see the value of civility and she is able to see the burgeoning heart that beats beneath his expansive chest. Seeing the value of selflessness, he releases her, a simple act of kindness that cements their love for each other. Beastly or Beautiful we should look into the heart of a person to see their true worth, not be fooled by what we perceive them to be—judge lest you be judged—and we will all live happily ever after.

Enjoy the show!

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**Special Thanks**

“Oh, Lumiere, thank you . . .”

Christine Catti  
For doing what you do for free . . .

Ellen Fleury  
For your patience and your talent . . .

Dana Freed  
For going above and beyond the call of duty . . .

Ken Gilbert  
For being there no matter what . . .

Victoria Lombardi  
For the laughs and the help . . .

Nancy Fallon  
For making us look good . . .

Sandy & Janet  
For doing everything I can’t . . .

Donna – Debbie – Fran  
For keeping my books and letting us yell and scream at you for things beyond your control . . .

Custodial & Security  
For keeping us clean and safe . . .

Kathy Shea & the Drama Club Parents  
For doing everything from food to rides to ticket sales . . .
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Production of

Disney’s

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice

Book by Linda Woolverton

Originally Directed by Robert Jess Roth

Originally Produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

Director/Musical Staging
Michael Schwendemann

Musical Director
Jessica Castaneda

Vocal Coach
Veronica Mainville

Technical Director
Chris Helmke

Choreography
Michelle Mallardi

Dance Captain
Nancy Fallon

Student Directors
Jordan Biener
Melissa Ingle

Costumes & Set Decoration
Dana Freed
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Props
Dana Freed
Victoria Lombardi

Technical Consultant
Ken Gilbert

Program
Ellen Fleury

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Cast of Characters

in order of appearance

Beggar Woman ................................................................. Rachel Carpenter
Belle ..................................................................................... Nancy Fallon
Maurice ................................................................................ Andrew Gunthner
Aristocratic Lady ................................................................. Bailey Riordan
Meat Seller .......................................................................... Peter Ciccone
Egg Seller ........................................................................ Izzy Harman
Sausage Curl Girl ............................................................... Melissa Ingle
Baker ................................................................................... Jack Kitzen
Lady with Cane ................................................................. Grace Gedeon
Lady with Baby ................................................................. Ela Gonzalez
Candle Seller ....................................................................... Alanna Harvey
Hat Seller ........................................................................... Amelia Reilly
Milkmaid ........................................................................... Mary Kate Wolber
Shepard ............................................................................... Diana Orjuela
Bookseller .......................................................................... Mary Pulizzotto
Silly Girls ................................................................. Olivia Baldanza, Mina Cuesta, Ann Glackin
Gaston’s Cronies ................................................................. Michaela Carnesi, Will Fallon
A Mother ........................................................................ Dominique Dewar

Villagers

Jean Abecassis, Andrew Aprigliano, Anna Ardell, Olivia Baldanza,
Cordelia Blair, Michaela Carnesi, Rachel Carpenter, China Celestin, Peter Ciccone,
Mina Cuesta, Dominique Dewar, Will Fallon, Grace Gedeon, Ann Glackin,
Ela Gonzalez, Izzy Harman, Alanna Harvey, Hannah Hughes, Melissa Ingle,
Jaime Iopollo, Caitlin Kemerson, LJ Kindall, Jack Kitzen, Hannah Olesen,
Diana Orjuela, Mary Pulizzotto, Amelia Reilly, Bailey Riordan, Mary Kate Wolber
Gaston ................................................................. Kyle Meit
Lefou .............................................................................. Kevin McConnell
Wolves .......................................................... Amara Ayler, James Engstrand, Nicole Sevilla
Monsieur D'Arque ........................................................ Justin Waite
Cogsworth ................................................................ Maddie Shea
Lumiere ........................................................................ Declan Byrne
Babette ........................................................................ Hailey Giordano
Mrs. Potts ........................................................................ Olivia Liepa
Chip .............................................................................. Carolanne Buoniello
Madame De La Grande Bouche ................................. Brianne Niera
Forks .......................................................... Rachel Carpenter, Hannah Hughes, Diana Orjuela, Bailey Riordan
Plates ........................................................................ Peter Ciccone, Mina Cuesta, Jack Kitzen, Mary Kate Wolber
Spoons .......................................................... China Celestin, Izzy Harman, Melissa Ingle, LJ Kindall
Knives ........................................................................ Ela Gonzalez, Alanna Harvey, Hannah Olesen, Mary Pulizzotto
Napkins .......................................................... Anna Ardell, Cordelia Blair, Dominique Dewar, Jaime Ioppolo, Caitlin Kemerson, Amelia Reilly
Salt ................................................................................ Jean Abecassis
Pepper ........................................................................ Andrew Aprigliano
Cheese Grater ........................................................ Ann Glackin
Rug ................................................................................. Will Fallon
Broom .......................................................................... Michaela Carnesi
Gargoyles .......................................................... Olivia Baldanza, Grace Gedeon
Beast ............................................................................. Logan Rice
Scenes

**Act I**

*Overture*

**Scene 1**  Doorway of Castle
The Town
Belle Heads Home
Maurice with Invention

**Scene 2**  The Forest to Castle Door

**Scene 3**  Castle Interior

**Scene 4**  Belle’s Cottage

**Scene 5**  Castle Interior
Maurice in a Cell
Walk Through the Castle
Belle’s Room

**Scene 6**  The Tavern

**Scene 7**  Castle Interior
Belle’s Room
Beast’s Lair/Belle’s Room
Lumiere at His Post
Belle’s Room
Another Area in the Castle
Beast at Belle’s Room
Cogsworth’s Tour of Castle
West Wing/Beast’s Lair

**Act II**

*Entr’acte*

**Scene 1**  The Forest

**Scene 2**  Castle Interior Fireplace
Castle Interior/Library
Belle & Beast in Library
Belle Invites Beast to Dinner

**Scene 3**  The Tavern

**Scene 4**  Beast’s Lair/West Wing
Dining Room/Ball Room

**Scene 5**  Exterior Belle’s House
D’arque to Collect Maurice

**Scene 6**  Castle Interior
Beast’s Lair/West Wing
Transformation
All Human
Musical Numbers

Act I

Overture – Orchestra
Prologue – Orchestra
Belle – Belle, Gaston, Lefou, and Townsfolk
No Matter What – Maurice and Belle
No Matter What – Reprise – Wolf Chase – Maurice
Me – Gaston and Belle
Belle – Reprise – Belle
Home – Belle
Home – Reprise – Mrs. Potts
Gaston – Gaston, Lefou, and Townsfolk
Gaston – Reprise – Gaston and Lefou
How Long Must This Go On – Beast
Be Our Guest – Lumiere and Enchanted Objects
If I Can’t Love Her – Beast

Act II

Entr’acte/Wolf Chase – Orchestra
Something There – Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth, and Chip
Human Again – Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Enchanted Objects, and Ensemble
Maison des Lunes – Monsieur D’Arque, Gaston, and Lefou
Beauty and the Beast – Mrs. Potts
If I Can’t Love Her – Reprise – Beast
A Change in Me – Belle
The Mob Song – Gaston and the Mob
The Battle – The Mob and Enchanted Objects
Home – Reprise – Belle
Transformation – The Company
Finale – Beauty and the Beast – Reprise – The Company
Pit Orchestra

**Violin**
- Melany Lanham-Ciancia
- Annalise Mozer
- Billy Garfinkel
- Camryn Libes

**Cello**
- Suzanne Petryk
- Elisa Medina-Jaudes
- Brendan Wirth

**Double Bass**
- Suzanne Petryk
- Jessica Straub

**Piccolo/Flute**
- Sophia Latt

**Flute**
- Megan Boyce
- Bailey Whiffen

**Clarinet**
- Savannah Richardson
- Kyle Hansen
- Hayley Petrizzi

**Clarinet/Bass Clarinet**
- Hanae Wada

**Oboe/English Horn**
- Julia Engle

**Bassoon**
- John Malone

**Trumpet**
- Amy Schmelter
- Connor Grosso
- Joshua Yanuck

**Horn**
- Kayla Eidle
- Connor MacDonald
- Jason Moriera

**Trombone**
- Jordan Biener

**Bass Trombone**
- Spencer Pashkin

**Percussion**
- Justin Edgar-McNerney
- Jack Blakley

**Harp**
- Miriam Engle

**Piano**
- Hosun Moon

Stage Crew

**Lighting**
- Roxanna Aguilar

**Sound**
- Arly Romero Cisneros

**Joey Dammers**
**Emma Franznick**
**Jack Gallagher**
**Bailey Riordan**
**Kayla Soto**
**Leah Thomas**
**Michelle Veliz**
**Greg West**
**Sophie Wylie**
JEAN ABECASSIS
(Pepper) is thrilled and honored to be playing a role in Disney’s Beauty and the Beast this spring. It’s his senior year, however, so this will be the only show that he’ll be in. Despite this, he’s ecstatic at the opportunity and would like to send a special thank you to Mr. Schwendemann, Mrs. Freed, Mrs. Mainville and Ms. Lombardi for all their help in setting this up! And also a thank you to friends, family, and those who supported my joining the musical this year (you know who you are) and I hope you enjoy the show!

ANDREW APRIGLIANO
(Villager/Salt Shaker) is very excited to be in his first Huntington High School production. Over the summer he played Steven in his summer camp’s production of Bring It On, and also he played Ching Ho in a production of Thoroughly Modern Millie. He is thrilled to learn all there is to the HHS Drama Club.

ANNA ARDELL
(Villager/Napkin) is a sophomore and happy to be in her first HHS production. She has previously played Rizzo in her sixth grade production of Grease. She is happy to report for duty and learn all of the knowledge the upper-classmen Drama Club members are eager to pass along!

AMARA AYLER
(Wolf) is in her second show at HHS. She loves being in the Drama Club and making all the great friends she has. She loves being on stage and performing a great show for all to see. She hopes to be in future shows with the Drama Club at HHS, creating memories to last forever. Grade 10, two to go.

OLIVIA BALDANZA
(Silly Girl #1/Gargoyle) is one of the three silly girls. Olivia is 15 years old and a sophomore. In the past she was in Grease and Cinderella. This is her first play at HHS. She’s very excited to be a part of this musical and wishes the best to all her cast mates.

JORDAN BIENER
(Student Director) is so excited that she gets to help out with her first musical here at the high school. She was also a student director for the drama, The Babbling Brooks. She hopes that everyone enjoys the show. She would also like to thank everyone in the cast for being amazing on stage and off stage. Finally, she would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for letting her be a part of this amazing show.

CORDELIA BLAIR
(Napkin/Villager) is overly ecstatic to be playing in this year’s musical, as it is the first Huntington High production she’s been in. She wishes all of her cast mates good luck, and hopes the audience loves the show!

CAROLANNE BUONIELLO
(Chip) is so excited to be performing in Beauty and the Beast! This is her fifth show at HHS. Some of her previous roles include Chip in Beauty and the Beast Jr., Lady Larken in Once Upon a Mattress, a narrator in Aladdin,

Carolanne feels honored to have been able to work with such an amazing cast and would like to tell all of the seniors that she will miss them so much and wishes them the best of luck during the next chapter of their lives. Carolanne would like to include a special thanks to Olivia for being such a cool mom and to Hailey and our good pal Sylvia for keeping her sane and getting her everywhere. She would also like to thank Ms. Freed and Lombo for making this show look as amazing as it does and Mrs. Mainville for helping us to always sound our best. Lastly, she would like to thank Schwend for bringing this show together and for never letting her roll off stage.

DECLAN BYRNE (Lumiere) is a senior this year, and sadly, this is his last show. He is overjoyed that he has been able to participate in Drama Club for the past three years, and he is sad that it’s almost over. He jumped for joy when he was Mr. Hopper in Lady Windermere’s Fan; He played Friedrich in The Sound of Music; He’s bean – I mean, been – Jack in Into the Woods (The play, not the movie); He was on fire as Bobby Burns in The Babbling Brooks: and now he is the light-hearted Lumiere. He would like to thank all of his cast mates for making this a great last show, and he would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for always being fun to be around. I’ll miss you all so much, especially my fellow seniors, and good luck (or break a leg) with everything.

MICHAELA CARNESI (Gaston’s Crony/Villager/Broom) is in her first production at HHS. She says being in the play has given her a new family and she has made everlasting friendships. Being in the musical has given Michaela the opportunity to practice her acting and singing for the future. Michaela is looking forward to more musicals to come!

RACHEL CARPENTER (Beggar Woman/Villager) is utterly thrilled to be taking part in the spring production of Beauty and the Beast. She has been delighted to take part in other plays, such as Lady Windermere’s Fan, The Sound of Music, Anne of Green Gables, Into the Woods, and The Babbling Brooks. Although she still has one more blissful year with her Drama Club family, she would like to thank each and every one of the seniors who will be soon be departing for the lessons they have taught her, and the lovely times they have shared – especially her mama bear, Mrs. Potts! And as always, thanks to our eclectic director, without whom we would never be able to come together and share in the wonderful art we’ve learned to create.

CHINA CELESTIN (Spoon/Villager) is very excited to be in the production, Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. She’s also been in the ensemble of the drama, The Babbling Brooks, and it was a great experience. She is very happy to be a part of another show in her senior year of high school. She sends good luck to the whole cast and thanks her family and friends for supporting her!

PETER CICCONE (Meat Seller) is very excited to be a member of this year’s cast of Beauty and the Beast. He has played Olin in The Music Man, the Genie in Aladdin, the Herald in Cinderella, Mr. Torrence in The Audition, and Greg Feeter in The Babbling Brooks. This is his second
production at the high school and he has made a lot of friends being in Drama Club. Acting is his passion and he would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for giving him this opportunity.

MINA CUESTA (Silly Girl #2/Villager/Plate) studies opera and classical voice with The Citywide Youth Opera Company in Manhattan. She recently performed the role of Cosette in the Engeman Theater’s student production of Les Miserables. She wishes to thank Mr. Schwendemann and Ms. Mainville for all their support and guidance, and is thrilled to be a part of the HHS drama community.

DOMINIQUE DEWAR (A Mother/Villager/Napkin) is excited to be in this production and has done other productions over the years. She likes to dance and sing and act and says thank you to her family for being so supportive and getting her this far.

JAMES ENGSTRAND (Wolf) is a freshman and is very happy to be a part of the Huntington High School Drama Club. He wishes everyone good luck and “break a leg.”

NANCY FALLON (Belle), an eleventh grader, is currently appearing in her sixth performance at HHS. Regionally, Nancy has performed at the John W. Engeman Theater in Oliver! (Orphan, Fagin’s Gang, Schoolgirl) and Miracle on 34th Street (Brigitte/Dutch Girl). Other shows at HHS include Lady Windermere’s Fan (Ensemble), The Sound of Music (Brigittte Von Trapp), Anne of Green Gables (Miss Minnie), Into the Woods (Little Red Ridinghood), and The Babbling Brooks (Norma Brooks). She has also played Sarah Brown in Guys and Dolls and Queen Aggravain in Once Upon a Mattress, both at Finley Middle School. Other credits include You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown (Violet), 13, the Musical (Molly), and Alice in Wonderland (Small Alice). Nancy wishes all of the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors! She would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, Ms. Freed, Ms. Lombardi, Ms. Castaneda, and Mr. Helmke as well as the amazing cast, crew, and pit for supporting her and making this show incredible!

WILLIAM FALLON (Gaston’s Crony/Rug) is a ninth grader at HHS performing in his second show. He has performed in The Babbling Brooks (Ensemble). Besides singing and acting, William likes to dance. He also plays percussion for the school band and has been a member of the Huntington Blue Devil Marching Band for three years. He has performed with the Nassau-Suffolk Honor Band and in the SCMEA band program and in the Nassau-Suffolk Concert Band this year. Other shows include You’re A Good Man Charlie Brown (Linus), The Wiz (Yellow Brick Road), and 13, the Musical (Malcolm). He was in Cinderella (The King) and The Audition (Allison’s Father) at Finley Middle School. He wants everyone to know that Kyle Meit is horrible at Super Smash Brothers. He would like to thank his family for all their love and support.

GRACE GEDEON (Lady with Cane/Villager/Gargoyle) is ecstatic to be performing in Disney’s Beauty and the Beast with all her fellow cast members and crew. She loves the thrill of being on stage and enjoys any part, big or small.
In the eighth grade at Finley Middle School she was cast as Cinderella in *Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Cinderella*. In her freshman year she was cast as Rapunzel in *Into the Woods*. This year she will be taking on multiple roles. She enjoys every moment she spends on stage with her cast members because “no matter what” happens during the day, she looks at everyone like one big happy family. She wishes the best of luck to her talented cast members and would love to thank the Crew, Mr. Schwendemann her glorious director, and Ms. Freed her fabulous costume and prop manager. Without everyone, this couldn’t have been made and she is so proud of each and every one in this year’s production.

**HAILEY GIORDANO**
(Babette) is very excited to be performing in her final musical this weekend. She is ecstatic to be taking part in this year’s production. However, she is very sad to say goodbye to not only the Drama Club, but her second family. She wishes the best of luck to all her cast mates this week and in the future. She’s gone from a tree, to a nun, to a grandma and will be ending her time in the Drama Club as the flirty feather duster. Aside from taking part in the Musical, Hailey enjoys Piña Coladas and getting caught in the rain. She’d like to thank Schwen, Lombo, Mainville, and Mrs. Freed for all of the amazing memories they’ve given her. She’d also like to thank stage crew, the pit orchestra, and the parents for all that they do! The show wouldn’t go on without them! Hailey would like to dedicate her final performance to Mr. Schwendemann (and Screwball Jones). Schwen, you’re amazing — you have made such a positive impact on my life and I thank you for everything you’ve given me. This is Hailey Giordano signing off on her final bio. Au Revoir!

**ANN GLACKIN**
(Cheese Grater/Silly Girl #3) is so excited to perform in her second show with HHS’s Drama Club, even more so because *Beauty and the Beast* is one of her favorites. She’s had so much fun being sultry with the silly girls and being great as the cheese grater. Ann has also performed as Mrs. Webb (*Our Town*), Narrator (*Into the Woods*), Taylor Mckessie (*High School Musical*), Simone (*13, the Musical*), Mayor Matilda Hyde (*All Shook Up*), Bebe (*A Chorus Line*), Blanche (*Brighton Beach Memoirs*), Cameron (*Dead Poets Society*), and Granny Brooks (*The Babbling Brooks*). Ann wants to thank her parents for being willing to drive to every rehearsal and for being at every opening night. Finally, she would like to thank the entire cast of *Beauty and the Beast* (Schwen, Lombo, Mainville, Freed, Ms. Castaneda, stage crew, the pit, and student directors included) for such an amazing, fun experience and congratulate them on what is sure to be an amazing show. She would also like to thank her fellow silly girls for helping her put up with Gaston – that guy has such an ego! ;), and for being her partners in crime for every scene. To the cast: Break a leg! (but don’t break two because then you can’t walk). Her performance is dedicated to Hailey and Lombo, with all her gratitude for introducing her to Screwball J.

**ELA GONZALEZ**
(Lady with Baby) is very excited to be appearing in her first high school play, *Beauty and the Beast*. She has originally appeared in plays such as *Grease* (Ensemble), *The Music Man* (Maud Dunlop), and *Aladdin* (Razoul). She loves working with all her fellow actors and actresses. She wants to thank everyone who has put their time and effort into making this musical a big success. She is ecstatic to be a new member of the Drama Club and wishes everyone good luck!
Andrew Gunthner  
(Maurice) is elated to be in his junior year’s production of Disney’s Beauty and the Beast. His previous roles include Homer in The Babbling Brooks, Steward in Into the Woods, Moody in Anne of Green Gables, Kurt Van Trapp in The Sound of Music, Evan in 13, the Musical, the Jester in Once Upon a Mattress, Harry in Urinetown, Vince Fontaine in Grease, and many more! Andrew is very proud to be part of the family he calls Drama Club. He would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, Mrs. Mainville, Mrs. Freed, and Ms. Lombardi for putting together this wonderful production. It’s been a wonderful learning experience working with this cast and Andrew would like wish them good luck. Break a leg!!!

Izzy Harman  
(Egg Seller/Villager/Spoon) is very excited to be in her first production at HHS. Being a senior, she has seen many of the musicals and finally decided to join in on the extravaganza. She wishes the best of luck to the cast and her Cap’n Crunch loving neighbor Bailey Riordan in the High School’s production of Beauty and the Beast.

Alanna Harvey  
(Candle Seller/Villager/Knife) is extremely excited to be performing in Disney’s Beauty and the Beast with director Michael Schwendemann. Recently, Alanna performed as a nun in The Sound of Music also with Michael Schwendemann. She is a junior at HHS and recently went to Mannes School of Music for piano performance. She enjoys singing and playing her many instruments such as piano, flute, piccolo, and guitar.

Hannah Hughes  
(Villager/Fork) has been practicing theater since fourth grade. Hannah has been in plays such as Grease, The Music Man, Aladdin, Cinderella, The Audition, and now Beauty and the Beast. She loves theater! Last year she was cast as Carrie’s mother in The Audition. She adores movies and could basically watch Pulp Fiction every day for the rest of her life. Hannah is so excited to be in more plays at HHS!

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Meliissa Ingle  
(Student Director/Sausage Curl Girl/Villager/Spoon) started this year student directing and starring in the HHS’s fall drama, The Babbling Brooks. She also recently participated in a Theatrical Collaboration course, at Columbia University where she both directed (The Tourist) and starred (Painting) in original pieces. Some of her other credits include 42nd Street, Oliver!, and Grease. She would like to wish everyone in the cast good luck as well as send a shout out to her loving family, and most of all her sister Kathryn! Thank you for being our guest, and most importantly enjoy the show.

Jaime Ioppolo  
(Villager/Napkin) is overjoyed to be playing a napkin and villager for HHS’s Beauty and the Beast. Jaime is in her freshman year and in her first play here at HHS. She has learned and become more experienced and comfortable with Drama Club and is happy to be a part of the Drama Club family, after meeting new friends. It’s been a great experience.
CAITLIN KEMERSON (Villager/Napkin) is thrilled to be a part of HHS’s production of Beauty and the Beast. This is Caitlin’s debut in the Drama Club and, as a senior, she is very happy to be performing with such a talented group of people. Caitlin would like to thank everyone for all they’ve done to make this a great show. Break a leg!

LJ KINDALL (Villager/Spoon) is happy to be a part of the cast of Beauty and the Beast. She is making her Drama Club debut on the HHS stage and wants to wish the cast, crew, and pit good luck.

JACK KITZEN (Baker) is thrilled to be part of this magical production! He is overjoyed to be making his debut in a HHS musical. Jack has appeared in many plays and musicals in the past, but this will be his first HHS production. His most recent appearance was as Uncle Henry from The Wizard of Oz five years ago. Jack is extremely grateful to be able to take part in such an amazing experience and thankful to everyone for welcoming him into their theater family. He would especially like to thank his incredible family for their endless support. Jack would also like to give special thanks to his outstanding friends Mary and Olivia, for convincing him to take part in this production and to just have fun and enjoy the experience.

OLIVIA LIEPA (Mrs. Potts) is incredibly proud and honored to perform with such talented people in her seventh and final production with the HHS Drama Club. Her freshman year, Olivia joined the cast of Little Women as The Hag, and did not expect to meet a group of people she now considers family. Since then, Olivia has participated in numerous productions including Lady Windermere’s Fan, The Sound of Music, Anne of Green Gables, Into the Woods, and most recently, The Babbling Brooks. She wants to thank Mr. Helmke, Mrs. Freed, Ms. Castaneda, and the wonderful Mrs. Mainville for their hard work and unwavering dedication to the program. Furthermore, she is especially grateful to Mr. Schwendemann, an extraordinary person who plays far beyond the role of director in the lives of every Drama Club member. She feels so lucky to have had such an amazing director, mentor, and friend. Finally, she wants to thank the friends she has made through Drama Club, for helping her find the confidence she couldn’t have imagined four years ago. She is delighted and honored that her final performance at Huntington is with this remarkable group of people. Break a leg, everyone!

KEVIN MCCONNELL (Lefou) The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines greatness as “remarkable in magnitude, degree, or effectiveness.” There is no word that more accurately describes this year’s HHS Drama Club seniors, cast, crew, pit, and of course the old people who also help out when they feel like it. The above puzzle pieces fit together perfectly to form the absolute greatest club in the entire world. Thank you all for making my junior year so wonderful – you’re all so great – good luck tonight.

KYLE MEIT (Gaston) played Rapunzel’s Prince in Into the Woods and Hal Weston in The Babbling Brooks and is very excited to have the opportunity to play Gaston in his last HHS production. Whether he’s creeping you out or making you laugh...
on stage or after the show when he’s playing himself, he guarantees it shall be a sight to see. He’d like to thank Mr. Schwendemann, Mrs. Mainville, Mr. Helmke, Ms. Lombardi, Mrs. Freed, and Mama Cas for all their hard work. Now for a few brief show predictions: if you fall in love with anyone on stage it’ll probably be Declan, if you see anyone fall when they’re not supposed to it’ll probably be Nancy, if anyone’s going to make you laugh hysterically it’ll probably be Andrew and Kevin, and if anyone really scares you it’ll probably be Hailey. Kyle wishes everyone in the cast the best tonight and hopes that you’ll all enjoy the show!

**BRIANNE NEIRA**
(Madame De La Grande Bouche) is so excited to be playing the wardrobe in her third musical with HHS. She is an eleventh grader who has been in other shows such as *The Sound of Music*, *Our Town*, *Into the Woods*, and *Brighton Beach Memoirs*. She wants to thank the cast for an amazing experience!

**HANNAH OLESEN**
(Villager/Knife) is appearing in her first play as a sophomore in HHS and she can’t believe it’s already almost over. She had so much fun this year and can’t wait for next year! Her favorite moment of this year was practicing be our guest about 105,000 times and she wishes the rest of the cast good luck, especially with the dancing.

**DIANA ORJUELA**
(Shepherd/Villager/Fork) is very excited to be in the musical Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*. She is very pleased to be working with such a great cast. She would like to wish everyone good luck and thanks to all the cast members for the amazing memories that were made.

**MARY PULIZZOTTO**
(Bookseller/Villager/Knife) is a senior performing in her last Drama Club production here at HHS and is so grateful to have been in Drama Club for so long. She loves all the friends she has made along the way, reconnecting with old ones, and strengthening friendships that were always there. She would state them by name, but then she would need the whole page (you know who you are)! She loves how she was always so comfortable with all of the cast and never felt afraid to be herself. She’s been in the Drama Club since the first drama she could play in, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, where she played a fairy. From there, in sophomore year, she was an extra in *Lady Windermere’s Fan* and a nun and a maid, Ursula, in the musical *The Sound of Music*, and helped with costumes for *Into the Woods* in her junior year. She would like to thank all of the cast, directors, crew, *EVERYONE* for making the Drama Club such a wonderful and fulfilling experience and is so heartbroken this is her last play. She loves you guys and will never forget the experience! She would also like to thank all of her friends and family for being so supportive and loving throughout the whole journey. Last but not least, she would like to thank Mr. Schwendemann for making the Drama Club something to be proud of and something fun, which always brought her back. And finally, she hopes you enjoy the live version of one of her all time favorite movies, Disney’s *Beauty and the Beast*.

**AMELIA REILLY**
(Hat Seller/Villager/Napkin) is excited to be performing in her first HHS Drama Club production as a freshman. Nothing makes her happier than singing. She is proud to be performing with such a talented group of people and would like to wish her fellow cast members good luck.
LOGAN RICE (Beast) is extremely exited to play the Beast in this produc-
tion. This is his first school show since Finley, where he was Prince Dauntless in Once Upon a Mattress, but at the Usdan summer camp, he has been Hamlet and Macbeth in The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged) and Captain Blackstache in Peter and the Starcatcher. He is honored to be a part of such a talented cast and wishes them the best of luck!

BAILEY RIORDAN (Aristocratic Lady/Villager/Fork) is very excited to be partaking in her second HHS Drama Club production. After being a stepsister last year, she is very happy being the Aristocratic Lady in the wonderful musical Beauty and the Beast! She wants to thank her mother for always supplying her with food and she would also like to wish all of the amazing seniors good luck on their new journey as they take on the real world. Bailey holds this senior class very close to her heart because they were really the ones who made her feel like part of the club :) Also, a special good luck to the stage crew and the pit! Good luck to the rest of the cast as well!

NICOLE SEVILLA (Villager/Wolf) is ecstatic to be apart of the cast of Beauty and the Beast. Nicole lives in Huntington and has attended HHS for the past two years. She is in tenth grade and her favorite subjects are English and photography. Nicole first appeared in a musical theatre production at the age of twelve as a Lollipop Guild member in The Wizard of Oz, then later on as the Hooverville cook in Annie. Nicole dedicates her performances this season to her dear parents, who gave her the ability to show interest in musicals. Her sister, Arii, also encouraged her further in acting and singing.

MADIE SHEA (Cogsworth) is extremely excited to be playing Cogsworth in this year’s musical. In addition to being in every school production available, she most recently performed in the concert production of Jason Robert Brown’s Parade at Lincoln Center. She would like to thank Schwen, Lombo, Mrs. Mainville, as well as everyone involved in the cast, pit, and crew!! She wishes everyone good luck and hopes everyone enjoys the show!

JUSTIN WAITE (Monsieur D’Arque) is thrilled to be in yet another successful HHS production! He is an eleventh grader and is currently appearing in his fifth show at the high school. He has appeared in shows including Into the Woods (Cinderella’s Father). Drama Club is one of the greatest things that has happened in his high school career. He would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for all their time and dedication. Break a leg!

MARY KATE WOLBER (Milkmaid) is a sophomore and this is her first time participating in the HHS musical. She has the part of the milkmaid and is so excited to finally be joining the Drama Club family. She is dedicating her performance to her family and would like to thank her friends who helped convince her to finally be in the musical and she now wishes she would have joined earlier!
Congratulations to all HHS orchestra and cast members on a great production!

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WITH ALL OF OUR LOVE,
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And to our Beauty, Caitlin
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Break a Leg
Kyle
as
“Gaston”

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Mary P – What a perfect way to end your time in the Drama Club with your favorite play! So proud of you. – Love, Mom and Dad

Mary Frances – you make me the luckiest and proudest Granma in the world.

Sempi – You are the best around. Nothing is going to get you down. – Jessica and CR

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Beauty and the Beast, we love being your guests.

Best of luck to the Huntington High School Drama Club on their performance of Beauty and the Beast. Thank you for all your hard work. – the Byrne family.

Thanks to all who helped on this production – especially Michael Schwendemann and all the students and parents – for their hard work. – the Byrne family

Congratulations to Declan Byrne – you always shine brightly in our eyes. – Love always, Mom and Dad

Congratulations Declan as Lumiere; wish I was there. Best of luck in the show. – Love Grandma

Shine on, Declan Byrne. – Mary, David, Aileen and Liam

Congratulations Declan! Be my guest and hate this, but I told you you’d love it! – Love Michelle

Congratulations Declan. Break a leg (or candlestick) – Love Aunt Mary and Uncle Noel

Declan – you are going to light up the stage! Congratulations. – Love, Fiona

Congratulations Declan – you’re going to be WICK-ed. – Love, Conor

Mary Kate: “Shine Like A Star.” We love you. – Mom, Dad, Nicholas and Patrick

Way to Rock It, Mina Cuesta. Keep hitting those high notes!

A big thank you to Kathy Shea & Ellen Fleury for all of your many hours of blood, sweat (&tears!) in helping to make this production so successful!

Thank you to all of the HHDCPA parents who contributed their time and effort and helped us to pull Beauty and the Beast together! – AG & KS

Logan! Best Beast ever! – Love Auntie Ann

GO LOGAN! – Love, Papa Tore
Logan, you are amazing—bright, funny, capable, with the heart of a Prince! – Love, Mom and Dad

Logan, you’re so talented and we are so proud of you! – Love Aunt Pat & Uncle Pete

Dear Schwen – Thanks for making me laugh even on my worst days! – Love, Michaela

Dear Ms. Mainville – You rock! Thanks for being the best teacher ever! – Love, Michaela

Good luck to the entire Cast, Pit and Crew. Love you so much! – Maddie

Maddie – Break a leg gaweenie!!!! You are a star and I’m so proud of you! Missing performing with you and the rest of you drama babies so much! Hope you’re having the best TIME, lol see what I did there? – Love you and Bravo!

Congratulations, Cogsworth, on a great performance! Break a leg! – Love, Allie

Many thanks to Anne Gunthner for her tireless effort searching for donations to make the perfect raffle baskets, her artistic flare at putting everything together, the display case, and the list goes on and on. Your contribution to this production is priceless and we are very grateful.

To our Maddie – We are so proud of you always! You never cease to amaze us. We love you! – Mom and Dad

Many special thanks to Ellen Fleury for your great skill, incredible patience and your never-ending dedication to our Drama Club.

*Bright light*Achooo, My what a guy that Gaston!

Love ya Nance! #3rd grade #hb

Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear :)

Siterrr! I love you! You are fabolous and bae. Thanks for being goodly!

Brianne, we are so proud of you. Keep pursuing your dreams. Carpe diem! Love Mom and Dad

Thank you to Schwendy, Mrs. Mainville, Ms. Castaneda, Ms. Lombardi, Mr. Helmke, Mrs. Freed, and all who worked so hard to bring Beauty and the Beast to life! – The Drama Club Parents (A.K.A. The Drama Kings & Queens)
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— Schwendy
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TO
THE CAST, CREW,
AND PIT!

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