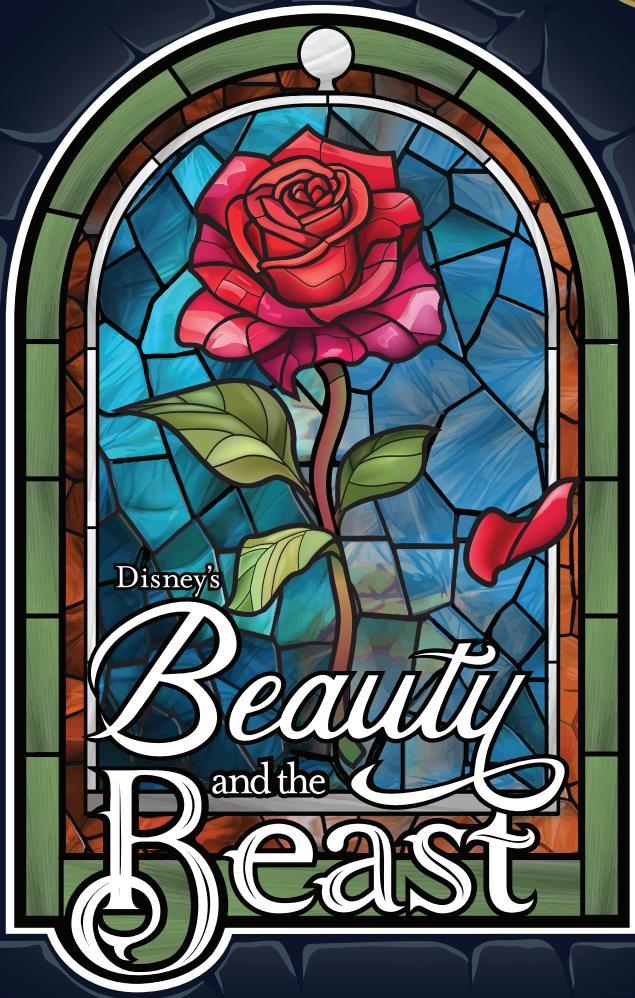


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PRESENTS

Disney's

Beauty and the Beast

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Tim Rice

Book by Linda Woolverton

WITH

Shiloh Stoller
Tanner Foust
Sam Paris
Micah Stiver

Konnor Steffey
Will Benson
Cooper Herrmann

Mattie Smeltzer
Megan Schwartz
Sophia Paris
Brielle Thompson

Costumes
Danielle Tomell

Lighting Design
Kaden Marker

Sound Design
Allen Mathis

Scenic Design
Jessie Smith

Music Direction
Emily Kars

Technical Direction
Tim Marker

Choreographed by
Naomi Kujak

Assistant Director and Prop Designer
Stephanie Young

Directed by
Mary Beth Frank

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SONGS

ACT I

Belle.....	Belle, Gaston, Lefou, Silly Girls, Townspeople
No Matter What.....	Maurice, Belle
Maurice Travels.....	Maurice
Me.....	Gaston, Belle
Belle (Reprise).....	Belle
Home.....	Belle
Home (Reprise).....	Mrs. Potts, Madame de la Grande Bouche
Gaston.....	Gaston, Lefou, Villagers
Gaston (Reprise).....	Gaston, Lefou
How Long Must This Go On?.....	Beast
Be Our Guest.....	Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Chip, Castle Staff
If I Can't Love Her.....	Beast

ACT II

Something There.....	Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs. Potts, Cogsworth
Human Again.....	Lumiere, Madame de la Grande Bouche, Cogsworth, Mrs. Potts, Babette, Chip, Enchanted Objects
Beauty and the Beast.....	Mrs. Potts
If I Can't Love Her (Reprise).....	Beast
A Change in Me.....	Belle
The Mob Song.....	Gaston, Monsieur D'Arque, Villagers
Home (Reprise).....	Belle
Transformation/Finale Ultimo.....	Belle, Prince, Company

CAST

CAST MEMBERS

The Enchantress	Emme Herrmann
Belle.....	Shiloh Stoller
Gaston	Sam Paris
Lefou.....	Micah Stiver
Maurice.....	Konnor Steffey
Beast	Tanner Foust
Cogsworth	Will Benson
Lumiere	Cooper Herrmann
Babette	Mattie Smeltzer
Madame De La Grande Bouche	Megan Schwartz
Mrs. Potts	Sophia Paris
Chip	Brielle Thompson
Monsieur D'arque	Brennan Connelly
The Cobbler.....	Lyla Sherbahn
Marie.....	Pata Hawkins
The Tavern Master.....	Ellia Smith
The Laundry Ladies.....	Addison Study, Kinsley Gerber
The Baker	Brennan Connelly
The Milkmaid.....	Brandi Halliburton
The Flower Sellers.....	Reese Richards, Haddie Amstutz
The Sausage Curl lady.....	Brielle Saldivar
The Candle Maker (as Hat Seller's Wife).....	Olivia South
The Hat Seller	Noah Johnson
The Bookseller.....	Collin Smeltzer
The Tailor	Dylan Faurote

CAST

CAST MEMBERS

The Silly Girls	Catherine Romey, Kiera Kinney, Selah Johnson, Olivia Dubach, Kayla Greenwalt, Elaina Wahli
Gaston's Cronies.....	Collin Smeltzer, Callen Weisenberg, Noah Johnson, Luke Benson
The Gargoyles	Jackson Smith, Riely Sheldon
The Wolves	Charis Hooley, Judah Hooley, Madelyn Jones, Jackson Smith, Willis Weigand, Riely Sheldon
The Flatware	Luke Benson, Brennan Connelly, Riely Sheldon, Noah Johnson, Judah Hooley, Callen Weisenberg, Collin Smeltzer, Jackson Smith
The Napkins.....	Kinsley Gerber, Kiera Kinney, Selah Johnson, Olivia Dubach, Kayla Greenwalt, Pata Hawkins, Reese Richards, Emme Herrmann, Catherine Romey
The Plates.....	Lyla Sherbahn, Brandi Halliburton, Brielle Saldivar, Madelyn Jones, Olivia South
Castle Staff.....	Willis Wiegand, Ellia Smith, Addison Study, Charis Hooley, Dylan Faurote
Magic Carpet.....	Haddie Amstutz
Villagers	Kinsley Gerber, Lyla Sherbahn, Charis Hooley, Judah Hooley, Brandi Halliburton, Luke Benson, Willis Wiegand, Ellia Smith, Addison Study, Brielle Saldivar, Madelyn Jones, Olivia South, Riely Sheldon, Dylan Faurote, Catherine Romey, Kiera Kinney, Selah Johnson, Olivia Dubach, Kayla Greenwalt, Elaina Wahli

Olivia,

We love seeing you use your theatre gifts for the Lord. Keep shining bright to all those around you. God is using you in mighty ways. We could not be more thankful to be your parents, and proud of the young woman you are becoming. Break a leg,

Mom & Dad



CREW

CREW MEMBERS

Director/Set Designer/Marketing/Producer	Mary Beth Frank
Assistant Director/Props Designer/Crew Coordinator	Stephanie Young
Music Director	Emily Kars
Choreographer	Naomi Kujak
Fight Choreographer	Connor Beer
Costume Director and Designer	Danielle Tomell
Assistant Costumer	Shannon Steffey
Technical Director	David Kars
Light Design	Kaden Marker
Light Board Operator	Makara Zimmerman
Sound Designer and Music Operator	Allen Mathis
Sound Board Operator	Jeff Frank
Set Design	Blake Wunderlich
Automation Engineer	Eliyahu Wahli
Scenic Designer	Jessie Smith
Stage Manager	Lilli Arnold
Stage Manager	Jasa Smith
Stage Manager	Maya Yoder
Parent Liaison	Courtney Smeltzer
Rehearsal Assistant	Deanna Foust
Marketing/Graphic Design	Cory Benson
Show Photographer	Bekah Guntle
Rehearsal Photographer	Pam Thompson
Backstage Crew	Jedidiah Smith
Backstage Crew	Kaitlynn Van Natta
Backstage Crew	Austin Adair
Mic Assistant / Backstage Crew	Isaac Tilma

CREW

CREW MEMBERS

Mic Assistant.....	Bre Halliburton
Tower Operator.....	Corbin Jones
Tower Operator.....	Zak Thompson
Prop Crew.....	Miles Miller
Prop Crew.....	Cameron Ross
Dungeon Crew.....	Elleigh Sheldon
Dungeon Crew.....	Maddi Taylor
Dungeon Crew.....	Joslynn Strong
Dungeon Crew.....	Anna Wurst
Dungeon Crew.....	Cordelia Tomell
Dungeon Crew.....	Lucy Duncan
Dungeon Crew.....	Kiden Mayer

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every role you are given.

Love you Meg!
Mom and Dad



DIRECTOR'S NOTES



Wow! The year feels like it just started, and we have accomplished so much! With the help of Adam Jones, and his family, we have a brand-new tech booth to house our equipment and operators during the shows. Eliyahu Wahli has helped automate the set, so everything moves with switches and remotes. We have a new technical director, David Kars, who has helped create a more balanced sound for the gym and added new lights, microphones, and speakers to our technical inventory. We have a new music director, Emily Kars, who has helped bring a fresh teaching perspective to the students. She is an incredible teacher. We have a new choreographer, Naomi Kujak, who's doing amazing working with the kids and bringing their dancing to another level of complexity. With the help of Connor Beer, our fight director and choreographer, they made an incredible visual eye candy for the wolf sequences. And of course, our amazing costumer, Danielle Tomell, has worked with inventory from various theatres, plus her own designs and imagination, to bring this show to life! And for this show, Blake Wunderlich, brought the designs for the set to life and did an amazing job working with Eliyahu Wahli and our art club team to bring these elements to life. Jessie Smith has a big job on her hands this semester and her team made the trees, the photo booth canvases, the stained-glass windows, and painted everything you see. This show is "a beast" to undertake and we have had an amazing team to make it happen!

I could not have survived this show without my assistant director, Stephanie Young, and rehearsal assistants, Courtney Smeltzer and Deanna Foust. Thanks to Cory Benson, for bringing our marketing to whole new level this year, designing logos, fliers, t-shirts, programs, and more for us. There are so many people who are involved every step of the way. It takes a huge amount of planning, meetings, emails, texts, phone calls, and more to make all this come to life.

This story is my favorite fairy tale, because I love how Belle feels "odd" in her own hometown and finds friendship and the love of her life from a cursed group of people, people who have made a lot of mistakes in their past. I love that she can see beyond the initial perception and get to know these characters for who they really are.... faulty people who just want to be accepted and loved. And isn't that true for all of us? We just want to find acceptance from people who feel safe. I pray that is what our department is for all the students involved, but I also continue to pray this prayer for the American church. That we would be less about the "rules" and business of church, and more about seeing people past their faults and learning to love them regardless of how hideous they first appear. It's hard, it's messy, but what joy is found in a true friendship that goes beyond convenience and appearances! I have challenged the kids to be friends with people, at school, because they want to be their friend, not because those are the people others say are "cool." I have encouraged them to stop worrying about what lunch table they sit at and just hang out with people because they are a loyal friend. Who cares what they look like or what their social status is.... Find you people, put roots in community, and who care what others say about them. "For who could ever love a beast? "Jesus can and so should we.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Shiloh Stoller as *Belle*

Hi! I'm Shiloh Stoller and I am currently in the 11th grade. I'm super excited to be in the BSC production of Beauty and the Beast. The last show I was in was Oliver and I played Bet. I really hope you enjoy the show! Its one of my favorite Disney movies!



Tanner Faust as *Beast*

Tanner Foust, in the first show of his senior year, is thrilled to take part in Beauty and the Beast! He's been doing theatre ever since he was a freshman, 3 years ago. You may have seen him in Oliver! (Bill Sikes), The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Aslan), Anastasia (Vlad Popov), Ann Frank (Mr. Dussle), and Jane Eyre. With this being on of hist last shows with BCT, he hopes everyone enjoys the performance and comes back for future shows!



Sam Paris as *Gaston*

Sam has been attending BCS sine 4th grade and this is his 5th show here at BCS. He plays soccer, bowling and volleyball. He enjoys playing Ukulele and Cajon, taking walks and bike rides outside, and hanging out with his sister, Sophia.



Cooper Hermann as *Lumiere*

Cooper Hermann is a sophomore at BCS. His past shows include Anastasia (Tsar & ensemble), The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe (Peter), and Oliver (Mr. Sowerberry & ensemble). Some of his hobbies are playing the trumpet, listening to music, and hanging out with friends. "This has been such a fun show to do! I am so grateful to get to perform with this amazing cast! I hope you all enjoy the show."



Will Benson as *Cogsworth*

Hi, it's me the playbook. The bio you're reading is Will Benson's. You must be pretty bored while waiting for the musical to start. Bored enough to learn that Will Benson is a sophomore in high school who is a big fan of film, animation, writing, and art. He's playing Cogsworth in the show you're about to watch. How about you move on to the next bio?

CAST WHO'S WHO



Micah Stiver as *Lefou*

Micah Striver is a freshman at BCS. He has been doing theater since the fifth grade and has taken part in 9 different shows! Some of Micah's favorite productions to have been in include: Oliver, Charlie Brown Christmas, Live in Living Color, and Jeremy Thatcher Dragon Hatcher. Micah live to serve at his church and one could find him doing ANYTHING creative, at ANY time :) He wants to thank Mr. Mckown, and wishes you all a great viewing experience.



Konnor Steffey as *Maurice*

Konnor Steffey is a tenth grader and this is his fifth show at BCT. Konnor loves theatre as well as singing, writing, and gaming. Speaking of writing, Konnor plans to write a book series of an amazing fantasy adventure he's created. Konnor would like to thank everyone who has com to support him and all the cast for being such a great family.

"All the world's a stage, FOR ME!"-Phantom, one of Konnor's Story Characters



Mattie Smeltzer as *Babette*

Mattie Smeltzer is a sophomore this year at BCS. She has been in four other shows at BCT including Jane Eyre (Adele), Anastasia (Maria), The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (White Stag), and Oliver! (Charlotte). She has three siblings and 2 dogs and spends most of her time dancing around the house, hanging out with her sister, or texting friends.



Megan Schwartz as *Madame De La Grande Bouche*

Megan Schwartz is 15 years old and a sophomore at BCS. She caught the theatre bug in 4th grade and has been acting ever since. Her most recent show at BCS was Oliver! in which she played the role of Nancy. She has also done many shows with Fort Wayne Youth Theatre. She loves singing, reading, and dancing in her free time. She wants to thank her family for always putting up with her when she's tired.



Sophia Paris as *Mrs. Potts*

Sophia Paris is a Senior here at Blackhawk Christian and has been attending since the Fourth Grade. All throughout middle school and high school, she has been involved in theatre; she helped paint sets from 79th grade, and finally went on stage in her sophomore year. She has since loved theatre, or it helped her gain confidence and meet many new people. Sophia is very excited to work with this year's cast and produce an astounding show with them.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Brielle Thompson as *Chip*

Brielle is a sixth grader this year at BCS and has been here since preschool. This is her second BCT play. She has been in several dram camps and has definitely caught the theatre bug! She is so excited to be a part of Beauty and the Beast! Brielle loves Jesus, enjoys spending time with her family, friends and her bulldog, Oliver. She loves being creative, reading and music!



Brennan Connelly as *Monsieur D'arque, The Baker, & Flatware*

Brennan is a senior at Blackhawk Christian School. He loves playing the piano and drippy golfing with his friends. This is his first show on stage and he is incredibly excited to perform.



Lyla Sherbahn as *the Cobbler, a Plate, & a Villager*

Lyla Sherbahn is a seventh grade student at BCS. This will be her third production with BCT. Her previous roles include Young Anastasia in Anastasia and a rabbit in the ensemble of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. When she is not performing Lyla likes to read, paint, and listen to music.



Emme Herrmann as *the Enchantress & a Napkin*

Emme is an eighth grader at BCS. She has performed in 2 shows with the BCT as a wood nymph/witch's army in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and a pickpocket/orphan/street performer in Oliver! Some of her many hobbies are cheer-leading, volleyball, reading, the trumpet, singing, and drawing.

"I am so excited that we are finally here! Thank you to everyone who has supported me! Enjoy the show!"



Pata Hawkins as *Marie & a Napkin*

Pata has been involved with ballet and contemporary dance for the last 4 years and has loved performing. She is enjoying the transition to theatre at BCS, making her first appearance on the BCS stage as a reindeer in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. She has loved this opportunity.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Ellia Smith

as the Tavern Master, Castle Staff, & a Villager

Ellia Smith is happy to be a part of Beauty and the Beast. Ellia has attended BCS since preschool. When she's not in school, Ellia enjoys drawing, reading, and listening to music. She also swims for Arlington Park and the Fort Wayne Sharks!



Addison Study

as a Laundry Lady, Castle Staff, & a Villager

Addison Study is delighted to be making her theater debut with BCT. She is currently in seventh year of dance at Beacons of Light Dance Studio. She excited to bring these skills to the stage. She has a heart for God and serving others. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her and God for her talents.



Kinsley Gerber

as a Laundry Lady, a Napkin, & a Villager

Kinsley has enjoyed the bright lights of the stage for years as a competitive dancer. She is thrilled to be making her theatre debut. When not on stage she is happiest sitting on the lake or baking in the kitchen. She thanks her family for their unconditional love and support.



Brandi Halliburton

as the Milkmaid, a Plate, & a Villager

This is Brandi Halliburton's first musical ever! I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me with everything leading up to this moment. Shout-out to my older sister, Bre, and the rest of my family! I would like to dedicate my performance to my Grandma, Clare, and my Grandpa, Donald. Miss you, Grandma. Love you guys!



Reese Richards *as a Flower Seller & a Napkin*

Reese is a sixth grader at Blackhawk and has attended BCS since Preschool. Reese fell in love with theatre after being cast as an orphan/pickpocket/school girl in the musical Oliver! last spring with BCT. In her free time she enjoys singing, drawing and hanging out with her family.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Haddie Amstutz

as a Flower Seller & the Magic Carpet

Haddie is super excited for her very first theater performance in BCT's Beauty and the Beast musical. She is a sixth grader and BCS and loves music, playing the piano, and most of all, crocheting. She wants to thank her parents and family for always supporting her



Brielle Saldivar

as the Sausage Curl Lady, a Plate & a Villager

Brielle Saldivar is a tenth grader ad BCS. She is very excited to be in Beauty and the Beast. In her free time she loves to read and spend time with her family. She has done one official play called, The Bully. She played Dana and loved every second of it. She would like to shout-out here Grammy, for being very truthful on her performances.



Olivia South

as Candle Maker, Hat Seller's Wife, a Plate & a Villager

Olivia is very excited to part of Beauty and the Beast. Last fall, she was in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe as a reindeer/stag. Sh really enjoys singing on her youth group worship team. She also enjoys playing basketball on the school team. Olivia would like to thank her parents for taking her to and from rehearsals and for all the support they giver her. She would also like to thank her voice coach for helping and supporting her through everything.



Noah Johnson

as the Hat Seller, Gaston's Crony & Flatware

Noah is excited to return for his second show with BCT. His first appearance on stage was the spring production of Oliver! He was a Pickpocket and street performer. When he is not onstage, he likes to read and play board games. Enjoy the show!



Collin Smeltzer

as the Bookseller, Gaston's Crony & Flatware

My name is Collin Smeltzer, and I am in the eighth grade. I have been in two shows and I enjoyed every minute of it. I have 2 dogs and 3 siblings. I enjoy watching sports and hanging out with my friends.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Dylan Faurote

as the Tailor, Castle Staff & a Villager

This is Dylan's third show. He was backstage in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and also backstage in Oliver! In his free time he reads, listens to music, and of course, watching theatre.



Catherine Romey

as a Silly Girl, a Napkin & a Villager

Catherine (8th grader) is excited to return to the stage as a silly girl. She began theater journey last year as a teen hedgehog in The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe and followed that performance as an orphan in Oliver. Besides theater, she cheers on the middle school squad, rides English Pleasure Morgan horses, and plays tennis. She hopes you "Be Our Guest" at this year's Beauty and the Beast Musical.



Kiera Kinney

as a Silly Girl, a Napkin & a Villager

This is Kiera's second show with BCT. While new to BCT, it's not her first time on stage. She has danced in the ballet productions of Snow White, Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Alora, Snow Queen, and The Nutcracker. Kiera loves reading, volleyball, and leading youth worship at Redemption Bible Church. She is so excited to be included in BCT



Selah Johnson

as a Silly Girl, a Napkin & a Villager

Selah Johnson is 15 years old and is a freshman at BCS. She has done three shows with BCT including The King and I (King's kid), The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (Squirrel) and Oliver! (Pickpocket). In her spare time, Selah enjoys reading, singing, listening to music, playing the clarinet, and hanging out with friends. She is so grateful to be apart of this amazing cast!



Olivia Dubach

as a Silly Girl, a Napkin & a Villager

Beauty and the Beast is my third production here with BCT. My theatre debut was The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe cast as Lucy. My second show was Oliver as a pickpocket. Theater people have become my family. I am so blessed to be an eighth grader in BCT!

CAST WHO'S WHO



Kayla Greenwalt

as a Silly Girl, a Napkin & a Villager

Kayla Greenwalt is 18 years old. She is a Senior at Blackhawk & has been at Blackhawk since preschool. As she is heading out into the real world, she is very happy to end her Senior year with a ton of memories. She has been a part of theatre since her Sophomore year performing in of Diary of Anne Frank, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Oliver! She is hoping to end her high school career with 2 amazing shows. Enjoy!



Elaina Wahli as a Silly Girl & Villager

Elaina Wahli (Silly Girl/Napkin) is a sophomore at BCS. This is her fourth show in BCT, and she is very excited and grateful to be here. Whenever she's not on stage, you can find Elaina with friends, family, or writing songs in her room. She would like to thank all of her friends and family for supporting her and encouraging her to do what she loves; she is grateful for each and every one of you! *1 Corinthians 10:31 "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."*



Callen Weisenberg

as Gaston's Crony & Flatware

Callen is a sixth grader at BCS. This is his second show for BCT. He enjoys singing and dancing. In his free time he enjoys playing outside with friends and he loves to spend time reading, especially the Bible.

*"Let your light shine before men... to God be the Glory!
Matthew 5:6*



Luke Benson as Gaston's Crony & Flatware

Luke is a 6th grader at BCS. He enjoys drawing, dancing, and singing. He played Nipper in Oliver, and Young Shrek in Shrek the Musical. He is excited to play his role in Beauty and the Beast. Now sit down, be our guest, and enjoy the musical!



Jackson Smith

as a Gargoyle, a Wolf, and Flatware

Jackson Smith is 14 years old and in the freshman grade. He has been in three other Blackhawk shows; Anastasia, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and Oliver! He's excited for this show. It's his childhood favorite show.

CAST WHO'S WHO



Reily Sheldon

as a Gargoyle, a Wolf, Flatware, & a Villager

Reily Sheldon is a freshman who really enjoys retro styled games (his favorite being Ultrakill) and puzzle adventure games (his favorite being OneShot). This production will be his second time being on stage, and he can't wait!

"The heart is willing, but the body must rest?"



Charis Hooley

as a Wolf, Castle Staff, & a Villager

Charis Hooley is excited to be in Beauty and the Beast. She enjoys reading, writing, and spending time with family. She is thrilled to be back in the fund and friendship of theatre. Her past shows with BCT are Oliver! and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Her favorite verse is Psalm 94:19



Judah Hooley *as a Wolf, Flatware, & a Villager*

Judah Hooley is returning to the stage after his role as Oliver in Oliver! the Musical. He is excited to return to the friendship and fun that comes along with theatre. Judah enjoys playing basketball, supporting Purdue University spots, and playing with his siblings. He is a follower of Jesus and encourages you to also be one. If you don't get anything from this bio, take this from it.: In this life you need to work hard, now quiet down. They're about to announce the lottery numbers.



Madelyn Jones *as a Wolf, Plate, & a Villager*

Madelyn is very excited to be part of Beauty and the Beast this year! When Madelyn isn't doing theatre, you can find her hanging out with her friends and family and listening to music in the comfort of her own bedroom. She wants to thank her mom and dad for all the encouragement and hard work they put towards her passion for theater.

"Even when the dark comes crashing through, when you need a friend to carry you, and you're broken on the ground. You will be found" – Dear Evan Hansen



Willis Weigand

as a Wolf, Castle Staff, & a Villager

Willis is a Sophomore at BCS. He helped in Anastasia, played the Dwarf in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and was backstage crew/props in Oliver! Willis likes to hang out with his friends, play games with his family, watch YouTube, listen to audio-books and music, and loves to play with his family pets. Willis is excited to bring his energy and enthusiasm to the cast/crew for Beauty and the Beast.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Mary Beth Frank

Director/Set Designer/Marketing/Producer

Mary Beth Frank has been directing youth theatre since 2008, where she started running the school drama program at Imagine Master Academy. She grew up in semi-professional, and professional, theatre in the Indianapolis area. A graduate of Heritage Christian High School and Purdue University, Mary Beth moved to the Ft Wayne area in 1999, where she has lived since with her husband, Jeff, and two boys, Scotty and Marshall. She has directed over 35 productions at the high school, university, and community level. She is also an adjunct professor and director at Huntington University, where she will be directing Newsies this spring. She teaches Acting 2, Historical Styles, Directing and Script Analysis, and Intro to Theatre. Mary Beth also coaches High School Directors across the United States on processes and procedures.



Stephanie Young

Assistant Director/Props Designer/Crew Coordinator

Steph Young has enjoyed helping with theatre for many years. Her favorite aspects include working with the students, selecting future shows and casting and bringing the vision for the production to life.



Lilli Arnold Stage Managers

Lilli Arnold is a Senior at Blackhawk Christian School. She has been a part of theatre at Blackhawk since ninth grade helping with props crew on Jane Eyre. She has also helped with stage crew during Anastasia and as a stage manager during The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and Oliver! last year. Lilli would like to go to college to study illustration and theatre. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Jasa Miller Stage Managers

Jasa Miller is a 17 year old Senior at BCS. Beauty and the Beast will be her third performance as a stage manager at BCS. She was involved in The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and Oliver! She is excited to finish high school while continuing to stay involved in theater.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Maya Yoder *Stage Managers*

Maya Yoder is a Freshman and the oldest of four siblings. This is her third show with BCT. She was a reindeer and statue in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Then, in *Oliver!*, she did dungeon crew and loved it. For *Beauty and the Beast* she is trainin to be the next stage manager for BCT. She attends Pathway Community Church. She loves to read, sing and be with friends and family. Enjoy the Show!



Emily Kars *Music Director*

Emily Kars recently graduated with a Bachelor of Music from Huntington University where she studied Vocal Music Education and Theatre. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in Contemporary Commercial Music Voice Pedagogy at Shenandoah University. Emily is a substitute teacher for local Fort Wayne school districts. She runs a private voice and piano studio, Emily Kars Music Studio, out of her home in Fort Wayne where she teaches lessons to students of all ages. Emily has always loved performing and is continuing to do so this season as a Part Time Vocal Artist with Heartland Sings. Emily is incredibly excited to be making her music directorial debut here at BCT!



Naomi Kujak *Choreographer*

Naomi Kujak has loved being a part of the fantastic group of staff and students at BCT this season! She trained in dance for thirteen years and has had a hand in creating choreography for over a dozen local productions involving kids of all ages. Some of her favorite productions to work on in the past have been *Beauty and the Beast* (En Croix Ballet), *Matilda* (Fire and Light), and *Oliver!* (BCT). Besides getting to do some wonderful shows, Naomi's favorite part of her job is seeing God's joy and creativity reflected through the arts and through every individual. Ephesians 2:10



Danielle Tomell *Costume Director & Designer*

As a high school freshman, Danielle started in theatre with *The Wizard of Oz*. She then participated in every production she could, continuing through Grace College. She helped start the drama program at a high school with her husband, Benjamin, where he taught German. In 2021 she became BCT Costumer, grateful for the love shared by the students. She wishes to thank Shannon and Joy for being great partners this show, *Fire and Light* for their generosity, and the wonderful parents and grandparents helping with sewing!
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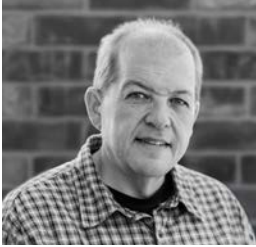
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Shannon Steffey *Assistant Costumer*

This is Shannon's third show working in the costume dungeon. She is in charge of shoes and in co charge of wigs. She also helped design the Lumiere head piece. Her son, Konnor, is Maurice in this production.



David Kars *Technical Director*

David is thrilled to join BCT for their production of Beauty and the Beast. He is a multi-faceted musician with experience in technical theatre, the performing arts, and Church Music & Technical Ministries. David was the previous Technical Director at The Soo Theatre in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. His expertise spans lighting design, sound design, and IT infrastructure. David has also designed and installed audio systems for schools and churches. Currently serving as the IT Audio Visual Engineer for Sweetwater, this is his debut production as the Technical Director for BCS.



Kaden Marker *Light Design*

Kaden Marker joined BCT in seventh grade helping with lighting for Seussical and has done lighting for fifteen other plays and musicals including John, The King and I, The Westing Game, Willy Wonka, Leaving Iowa, The Little Mermaid, The Mousetrap, Fiddler on the Roof, Trap, Live in Living Color, A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Jane Aire, The Diary of Anne Frank, Anastasia, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Oliver. Kaden is also a member of Troupe #5242 of the ITS and the Production Director at the Pointe Church as well as an Engineering intern at Avancez Assembly.



Makara Zimmerman *Light Board Operator*

Makara Zimmerman is currently a senior at Blackhawk. She has helped on crew for Conneticut Yankee, Jane Eyre, Anne Frank, Anastasia, and now Beauty and the Beast. She played the role of Wood Nymph in the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Outside of theatre, Makara is involved on the tennis team, student government, her curling team and her youth group.



Allen Mathis *Sound Designer and Music Operator*

Allen Mathis is a tenth grader at Blackhawk Christian. This is his fourth show with BCT, previously running tech for Anastasia, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe and Oliver! When he is not busy with rehearsal, Allen enjoys playing video games with friends, watching movies, and watching motorsports.

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Blake Wunderlich *Set Design*

While you'd usually find Blake performing on stage, he is taking a break from the spotlight to set build and help bring *Beauty and the Beast* to life. You may have seen him most recently in *Tuck Everlasting* at Huntington university.



Elyahu Wahli *Automation Engineer*

This is Elyahu's first involvement in set automation. He enjoys the new challenges that this production has presented. He has experience in mechanical & electrical engineering, graduating from TRINE University long ago. In his free time he likes to...wait, he has free time? No he doesn't, I misspoke. If he did have free time, he would travel with his family and watch Colts football. He thanks his wonderful wife, Jacquelyn, & their 2 kids Elaina (10th) & Owen (6th) for all of their encouragement.



Jessie Smith *Scenic Designer*

Mrs. Smith has been the High School Art Instructor at BCS since 2008 and started the High School Art Club in 2014. Art Club has been assisting in props/scenic design for every play and musical since its inception. Mrs. Smith and the art club are honored and humbled to serve (alongside many others) the BCS Theatre department and she loves the BCS community.



Courtney Smeltzer *Parent Liaison*

Courtney Smeltzer is a BCT alum and currently lending a hand at rehearsals as a Stage Mom (or whatever you call me). In her time in BCT, she was in *Annie*, *She Loves Me*, *Annie Get Your Gun*, and *Oliver!*. She also performed in Taylor University's production of *Peter Pan*. "This is a great group of kids on and off the stage. Enjoy the show!"



Deanna Foust *Rehearsal Assistant*

Deanna Foust is one of the "theater mom's" you'll find around rehearsals. She is a Preschool Teacher here at Blackhawk and is in her 14th year of teaching, she can't imagine a more rewarding job. Deanna got involved in the theater program when her son Tanner (now a senior and playing the Beast - eeeek) was cast in *Jane Eyre* his freshman year and neither one of them has looked back from the theater. Deanna loves every moment of getting to be a part of the productions BCT puts on, you'll often find her weeping over any and all heartfelt scenes at rehearsals. She is amazed at how hard these kids have worked on this musical and is thankful to call most of them her friends.

CREW WHO'S WHO



Cory Benson *Graphic Design/Marketing*

Theatre holds a special place in Cory's heart. Over the years he has acted in several plays and has been the director of Untold Ministries drama team for 15 years. He is proud to see both of his sons (Will-Cogsworth, Luke-Flatware Villager, and Gaston's Crony) in *Beauty and the Beast*. Cory is a professional graphic designer and has really enjoyed being able to help with the all of the marketing and design for BCT.



Bekah Guntle *Show Photographer*

Bekah Guntle has been dabbling in photography for about 7 years now! What started as a hobby grew to be more of a passionate side job, and has been taking clients for the last 2 years. She has experience in individual portraits, family shoots, couple sessions, and theater promos, performances and events. Reach her on Instagram at [@bekahjoy.photography](https://www.instagram.com/bekahjoy.photography) for your photo needs!



Pam Thompson *Rehearsal Photographer*

Pam Thompson is a stay at home mom that helps with their family's business. She grew up in PA and was involved in theater both in high school and college. She gets to be at BCS regularly as a sub and is known by many students as the "camera lady". She loves capturing moments and memories and putting them in to the elementary yearbook! It has been so fun and such a joy getting to watch these kids do what they love!



Jedidiah Sian *Backstage Crew*

Jedidiah Sian is a senior at Blackhawk Christian. He is excited to be doing his first production with BCT. He joined as stage crew and is currently planning to help with *Secret Garden*. He enjoys music and art.



Kaitlynn VanNatta *Backstage Crew*

Kaitlynn VanNatta is a senior at BCS. She has been a part of Connecticut Yankee, Jane Eyer, Anastasia, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, and Oliver! Kaitlynn has loved every second of her time with BCT and loves the family that theater has become for her.

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Austin Adair *Backstage Crew*

Austin Adair was first on the backstage crew for Oliver and he enjoyed it a lot! He is excited for another opportunity to help with BCT



Corbin Jones *Tower Operator*

Corbin Jones is an eighth grader at BCS. This is his third show in BCT and he is planning on continuing. He was backstage in both The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe. He enjoys the vibe of the whole thing and is excited to continue in the future.



Zak Thompson *Tower Operator*

Zak started at BCS in kindergarten and is now in 8th grade. This is Zak's first show with BCT. He is excited to be a part of the backstage team! Zak enjoys being outdoors, playing video games, sports and spending time with his family.



Bre Halliburton *Mic Assistant*

Bre halliburton, Senior year! I've been in Trap, Live in Living Color, Connecticut Yankee, Jane Eyre, The Diary of Anne Frank, Anastasia, The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe, Oliver! and a few youth theatre shows. I lead worship and do photography on the side. Shoutout to Noah, Caroline, Fin and Holland, the best second family in the world!



Isaac Tilma *Mic Assistant / Backstage Crew*

Isaac is in his second year at Blackhawk and is in eighth grade this year. This is his first time helping with a production and has enjoyed it. Outside of theatre he plays soccer and hangs out with friends.

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Miles Miller Prop Crew

Miles is a 6th grader at BCS. He had his first encounter with theatre this past summer when he attended camp. He loved it! He loves this community and is enjoying learning about all the work that goes into a production. When he is not helping here, Miles enjoys soccer, video games, chess, art, and hanging out with his siblings.



Cameron Ross Dungeon Crew

Cameron is a polite funny and talented kid who goes to Blackhawk Christian School. He likes to do sports, hang out with his family and friends, and go on vacations. His favorite thing to do in his free time is too hang out with friends.



Elleigh Sheldon Dungeon Crew

Elleigh is making her debut this year as a seventh grader. She enjoys listening to music, reading, volleyball, tennis hanging out with her loved ones, and drawing. She is very grateful for her family and friends supporting her. Beauty and the Beast is Elleigh's favorite musical. So she can not wait to be on stage with everyone.

"Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."



Maddi Taylor Dungeon Crew

Maddi is an 8th grader at BCS. This is Maddi's second year helping with dungeon crew. She was a part of Last year's show Oliver and loved it. She is excited to help with beauty and the beast this year too. Maddi also is involved in golf, cheer-leading, playing the flute, and hanging out with friends

"I am so excited that I get to be a part of the Beauty and the Beast production! I hope you all enjoy the show!"



Joslynn Strong Dungeon Crew

Joslynn strong is 17 years old, and in the Senior class. She has helped with past shows such as A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court, Jane Eyre, Anastasia, and The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. She enjoys helping others and doing what she can to please the Lord. Her hobbies include art and writing.

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Anna Wurst *Dungeon Crew*

This Anna's third show in the dungeon. She enjoys drawing, reading, and obviously theater! She looks forward to doing more shows in the future!



Cordelia Tomell *Dungeon Crew*

Cordelia debuted on stage as a wood nymph in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and *Dungeon Crew* for *Oliver!* She is a 8th grader and attends Oak Park Church. She also likes to spend her time crocheting, playing the cello, piccolo, flute, and playing with her brother and sister at home. She would like to thank Anna, and Lilli for helping her navigate backstage. Danke Vati, Oma, und Opa für alles, was ihr gemacht habt.



Lucy Duncan *Dungeon Crew*

My name is Lucy Duncan and I am in the seventh grade. I was a part of the dungeon crew for *Oliver!* in the spring and I am doing dungeon and stage manager apprentice for this show. My favorite hobbies are theatre, drawing, talking to people/getting to know people, and listening to music.

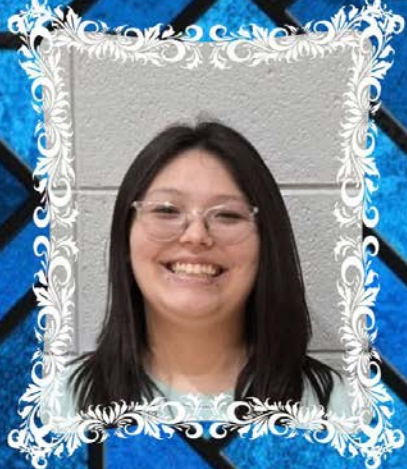


Kiden Mayer *Dungeon Crew*

Kiden Mayer is a seventh grader this year and she is excited to be in the musical for her first year. She loves drawing, writing, reading, playing soccer, roller blading, and hanging out with friends and family. She is grateful for her family and friends.

"If you act brave, you can seem brave. And if you do it enough, you can talk yourself into believing you're brave," Lelli O'hara

***We are so proud of the
hardwork put in by the amazing crew.
Especially the Seniors!***





Addie,

Watching you grow into such a beautiful and talented young woman has been such a pleasure. We are so very proud of you and we can't wait to see you take the stage.
Love you always,

Gandma Jennifer & Grandpa Mark

Kayla,
You exude JOY in all that you do!
We are excited to see what God has planned for you.

We are so PROUD of you!

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Romans 15:13
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We are so proud of you, and all that you have accomplished. We love you very much, and can't wait to see where theatre takes you.

Break a leg Bear!

Momma, Grammy & Uncle Steve



Collin,
Break a leg, Collin! We are so proud of you. Have fun up there!

Love Mom, Dad, Kenna and Rocco

Micah,
We love watching you create fun and laughter on stage, bringing joy to us and everyone who knows you. Have fun!

Love, Mom & Dad

Ellia,
We are so proud of you for facing your fears and trying something new this year! You've got this. Can't wait to see you shine!

Love, Mom and Dad

Mattie-girl,
We are so proud of you! We love watching you perform. Enjoy every minute!

Love Mom, Dad, Kenna and Rocco

Elaina Wahli

You are beautiful, smart, funny, kind, sweet, caring, strong & determined. We are so happy to have you in our lives. We love you so much & we are so very proud of you!

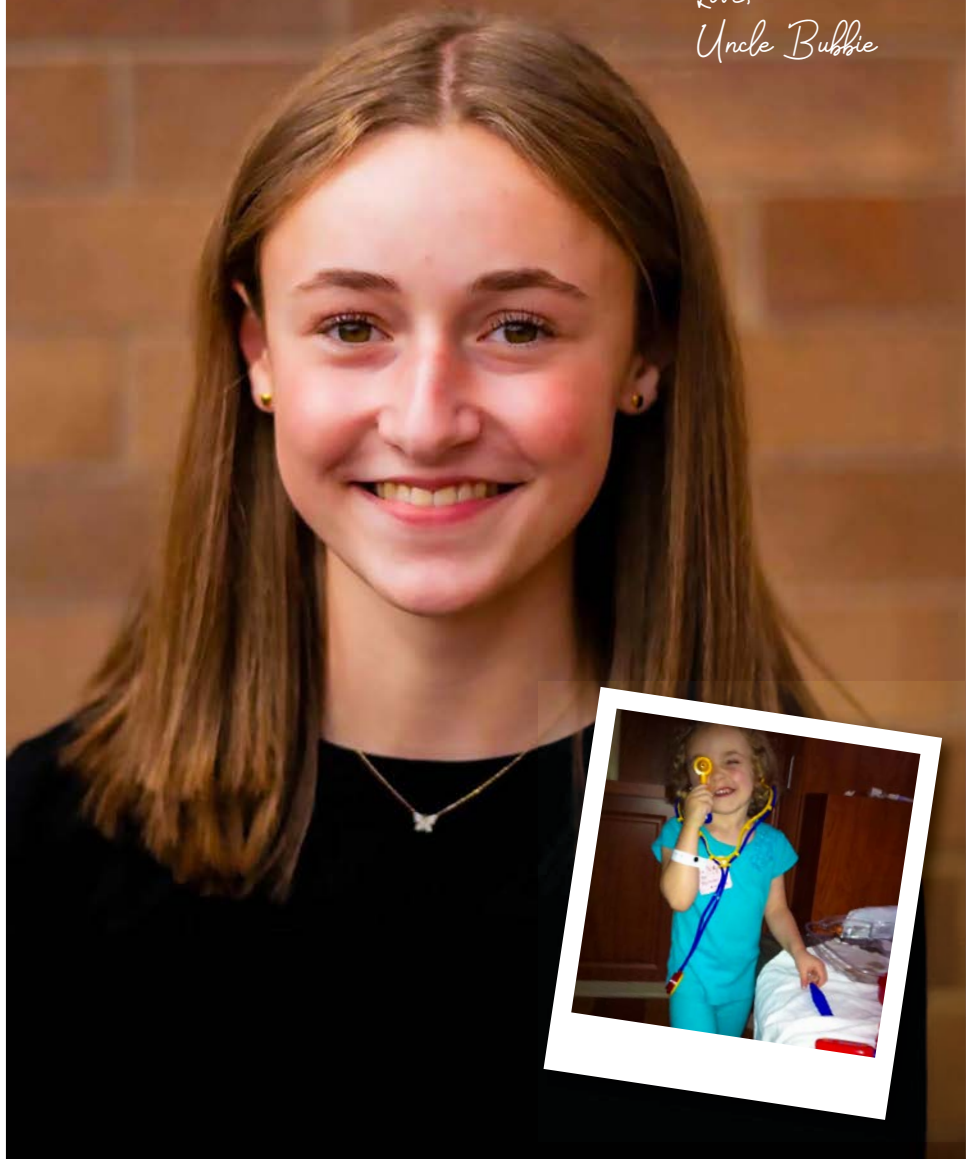
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Owen



Elaina,

You are a talented person, who is driven and smart. You have enjoyed performing, even as a little girl! Great job and good luck on all of your future endeavors. I know you will go far.

*Love,
Uncle Bubbie*



Dylan,
We are so proud of all your hard work
and care for this show and theater
program. Congratulations!

Love You! Mom & Dad

Best wishes for a great production!
To our real life Belle; Shiloh Grace,
lover of books.

Love, Grandma and Grandpa Stoller

“We love you Elaina!”

Grma and Grpa Stroh

Good luck, Cooper and Emme!
We are so proud of you both and excited
to see you shine on the stage!

Love you, Dad and Mom

Haddie,

We're so proud of you for your
debut in theatre! We love you
so much!

Mom and Dad



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Bravo, Mattie and Collin! I enjoy seeing
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Love, Grammy

Addie,
We are so proud of you in your first
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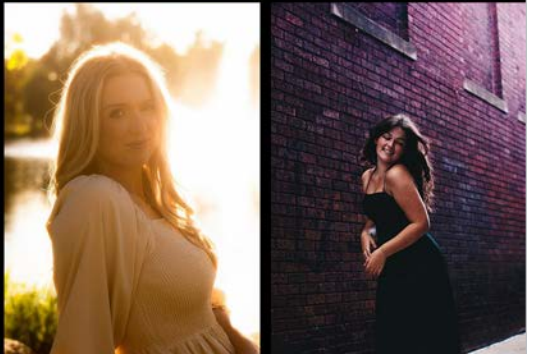
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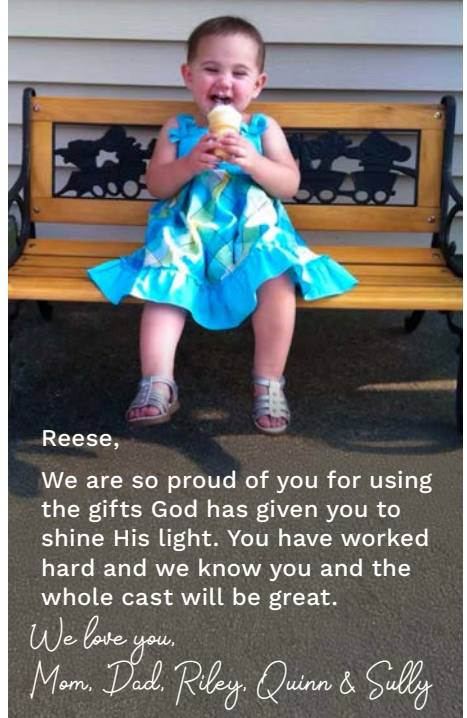
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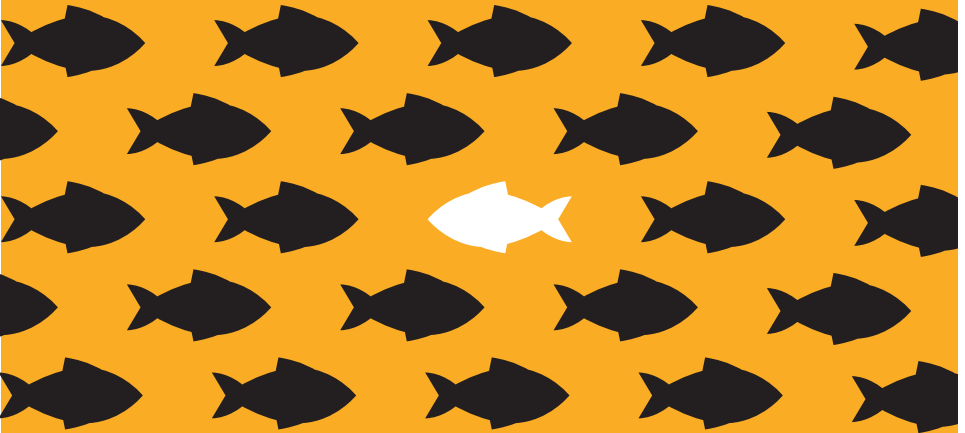
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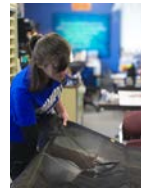
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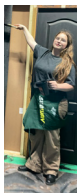
Art Club

The BCS High School Art Club has been assisting the theatre with scenic art in every play and musical since it's formation in 2014. Shows that the art club have participated in include Nicholas Nickleby, The Wiz, Fools, Tarzan, Our Town, Suessical, John... His Story, The King and I, Leaving Iowa, The Little Mermaid, The Greatest Showman, Mousetrap, Fiddler on the Roof, Live in Living Color, Connecticut Yankee, Jane Eyre, The Diary of Anne Frank, Anastasia, and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. The Art Club serves BCT, the school, various churches, community and business requests. It has been a privilege to use our God given gifts to serve where needed.

Mrs. Smith



*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.
Colossians 3:32*





The Arts at BCS

Blackhawk Christian School has a history of providing a diverse and robust experience in all of fine and performing arts. Beginning in the early childhood education and primary grades students are given opportunities to explore music and art with arts professionals on a weekly basis. These opportunities continue through the intermediate grades along with the addition of a beginning band in 6th grade. The secondary school offers three instrumental classes (7th Grade, Middle School and High School). The high school band students also perform as a Pep Band at most of our home games through the basketball season. Vocally we offer three choir classes: a Middle School Choir, and Concert (high school) Choir and an Honors (auditioned) Choir. Music students perform in four public concerts per year, one during each quarter grading period. Music students also have the opportunity to compete in the ISSMA solo and ensemble competition held each winter.

In the realm of the visual arts BCS offers instruction in 2D and 3D art at both the middle school and secondary level. We also combine an art and history course: Art and Architecture, which is co-taught from our history and art departments. A non-performing, non-hands on course in the humanities is available as part of our dual credit offerings: Creative Arts & Culture, under the umbrella of Grace College.

The dramatic arts and public presentation instruction are represented through Theatre Arts classes, beginning and advanced, and Public Speaking in Society, another of our dual credit offerings. Blackhawk Christian Theatre presents two full-scale productions each year, a straight play in the fall and a musical in the spring. We also host an active troupe of the International Thespian Society (ITS) with inductions held each April.

The legacy of the arts at BCS is a rich heritage that continues to grow through the years. We boast a number of alumni who have gone on to enjoy successful careers in the arts and entertainment fields following their time with us here.

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