

January 17, 2019

Dear students and parents,

Tomorrow the cast list will be emailed to you after school. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who auditioned. I was in awe of the talent we have at St. Rose School! Everyone came highly prepared. Clearly EVERYONE worked very hard to prepare for this audition!

Being a part of a musical is an amazing opportunity. EVERYONE involved is a crucial part of the show. I cannot stress enough the importance of that. EVERYONE is important. There is no such thing as a bad role. As I did last year, I will include performers in as many scenes as possible. This means that even as the cast list comes out, you may not see yourself in many scenes, but as the show is put together, we may need to add people to fill scenes. We may need additional singers on stage, or even off stage singing from the wings. Please be patient and allow the directors to let the show evolve and grow. This is especially important for ensemble roles. You will be on stage as much as possible!

Attached to this email is a sheet about BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS. Last year there were WAY too many instances where we had to stop rehearsals for cast members fooling around. While working on scenes we had too many disruptions. I understand that it is fun to be a part of the show. We do have fun, but we also work extremely hard. When we are working, we need everyone who is not currently working in a scene to be quiet and well behaved. Therefore, I put together a list of expectations that **MUST** be followed. **Students must initial each line and sign at the bottom, and parents must sign the sheet BEFORE rehearsals begin.** There will be no exceptions.

Lastly, parents, please take a few moments tonight to discuss this musical opportunity with your child. Please tell them how fortunate they are to go to a school that offers this program. Please talk to them about being understanding and flexible about the role they are assigned to. This is a program offered to TEACH your child about musical theatre. There are no professionals. Therefore, it's so important that you discuss with your child that not everyone can be the star. I believe I've cast the show based on everyone's display of talent at the audition. I do not have favorites. I'm a mother myself, and I understand there will be children disappointed. I know your child has worked hard for this, but also know that ALL the children worked hard for this. I've sat with this list and made changes for over a week. I've prayed on it. Tomorrow I will send it out knowing that children will be thrilled, and children will be disappointed. Trust me, my heart will break for those children disappointed. I ask for your support in this manner, as this has not been easy. Lastly, I ask for your prayers.

Regards,
Mrs. Salustri