Hello Parents,

I am pleased to announce that the musical that St. Lawrence will be putting on this school year will be Rodgers and Hammerstein’s *Cinderella*. This enchanted musical was brought to life in 1957 and has been performed in countless ways time after time since then. We will be performing a version from the Rodgers and Hammerstein “Getting to Know Series”. This is an adaptation that has been modified and condensed to better suit younger performers and I am very excited to bring it to the St. Lawrence community.

Prior to auditioning, please make sure that your child is available on Wednesdays and Fridays from the date of the first audition through February of 2019. Rehearsals are very important in preparing for any sort of performance and accommodations cannot be made for any student that is unable to attend regular rehearsals. As the show nears, there will likely be rehearsals, dress rehearsals, etc. throughout the entire week.

All third through eighth graders will be able to audition. It is required that they prepare a 45 second to one-minute piece to sing. Please do not exceed these time requirements nor go below the minimum of 45 seconds. The piece that a student chooses should be theatrical or classical in nature; it does not have to be from this specific musical. An accompanist will not be provided. Students will audition either acapella or to a pre-recorded track. If a student wishes to audition with a recording, it must be emailed to me 24 hours prior to the audition date (email provided below) in the version of an mp3 or a link to a YouTube video. All mp3 recordings should be cut to the portion that the student will need, and all links should include a start time. The recording, if they choose to use one, must be an instrumental or karaoke version of the piece that they will be performing. All students who wish to audition for a primarily dancing role must still come prepared to audition with all of these requirements. Please be sure that your child knows your email address on this day. It will need to be written on the audition sheet in order for you to be added to the email list.

The first audition will be held on Friday, September 28th in the St. Lawrence cafeteria. Auditions will begin at 4:30 pm, however students should report to the cafeteria immediately after school. During this time, they will be able to have a snack, do homework, or rehearse on their own as they please. There will also be an audition sheet for them to fill out at this time. Callbacks will be held the following week on October 5th. Please understand that students that are not called back are not necessarily going to be cut from the musical; this is a casting process. ALL students who attended the first audition will be required to attend from 4:30 until 5:30 on this day. Students whom we specifically call back will need to stay until 7:30 pm. They will know if this applies to them no later than October 1st. Preparation requirements for call backs will be given out at the first audition.

I am very enthusiastic about this musical and I know that it will come together beautifully. Never hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. I hope to see your child there!

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