

# Beauty and the Beast at FMS



Feinstein student Hannah Lanoue (foreground), who plays Belle, gets into character at a dress rehearsal Wednesday for the production of "Beauty and the Beast" that will be staged at the school this weekend.

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## Feinstein stages classic tale this weekend

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COVENTRY — The beloved musical "Beauty and the Beast," is coming to the stage tonight and tomorrow at the Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School.

"The students have been rehearsing since October and everything looks amazing," said one of the production's organizers, Lori LeBrun.

Along with LeBrun, choir directors Kristin

St. Sauveur and Lisa LaChance, Annie Printer and Abby Paon and set and costume designer Justine Lavigne have all worked tirelessly to guide all 150 students involved in the first-time production.

"We had 120 kids audition then created extra parts so everyone could be included so we have 50 in costume, at least 25 who have worked with the props and drawing and 15 kids on stage crew," LeBrun said.

Rehearsals have been held twice a week to

prepare for the three shows and LeBrun said the time and effort put into the show has been great.

"This is our second show in our second year," she said. "We did 'Annie' last year but this is a much more demanding show."

"I'm very excited," said Hanna Lanoue, who plays Belle and played Mrs. Hannigan in last year's show.

Lauren Kennelly, who plays one of the "silly

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Students hit their marks on stage during Wednesday's rehearsal.

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girls," said this is her first time in a play and she has spent so much time with the cast members, that she's glad to be a part of it and make more friends.

"I'm way more excited than nervous and we've all gotten really close," she said. "The 'silly girls' are a group of girls who are always trying to get Gaston's attention but he only wants to marry Belle."

As dress rehearsal was going on, Lavigne was in the hallway cutting rolls of paper to transform the entrance of the auditorium into huge, tall bookshelves.

"I've been volunteering at the schools my three daughters have been in for 15 years doing sets and costumes and I love it," she said. "It's fun. I love working with everyone because we're all a family and the kids are amazing."

Show times are Friday at 6:30 p.m. and Saturday at 1 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.