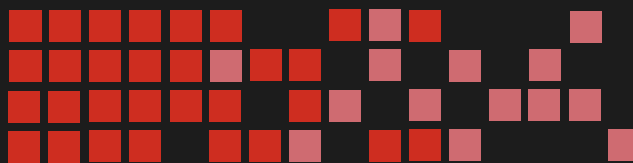


ROLE PLAYING



Bonjour! David Reisner and Julia Funck, both '21, perform on stage playing the main leads in the school's production of Beauty and the Beast Jr.



Far Left: Antonio Cayler and Mikayla VanWey, both '21, sport jovial smiles as they dance their hearts out on stage during the "Be Our Guest" number.

Top Right: Collin Snakenberg, '22, bends his knees slightly as he takes position to send an incoming tennis ball back across the court.

Bottom Right: Grace Coates, '21, signs to play soccer for Central College. She is one of the three talented girls soccer players that has the opportunity to continue their soccer careers after high school.

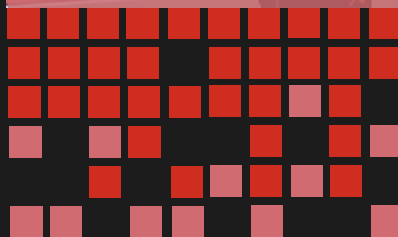
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Tanner Shindelar, '21, takes aim to whack a tennis ball.



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Luckily the school was still able to have a full production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." despite the ongoing year long COVID-19 pandemic. As with tradition, the eighth graders at Vernon Middle School were invited to watch the play during school hours as a sort of field trip that is both fun and exposes the middle schoolers to the high school atmosphere. The play was also obviously open to the public after the middle schoolers got their exclusive world-first viewing of the Marion Musical's interpretation of the classic Disney film.

The main villain Gaston was played by one David Reisner, '21, who did an exemplary job of getting into character and transforming himself into the antagonist. It's impressive to watch a high school musical production and still see students give it their all and really dedicate themselves to their roles.

For Reisner, his performance was inspired. "There's a big disconnect between me and Gaston (hopefully anyway)," Reisner said. "There was a senior I used to know, and I look back on his performances and how he used to 'go ham' and hold nothing back. I use that as inspiration when I'm being too conservative in my performances."

There's really nothing to lose by trying out and acting in a musical, the only real risk anyone runs by trying out is proving themselves wrong by being amazing at acting. Even if it doesn't lead to a career in Hollywood, there's still the potential to teach younger kids to try new activities, and that it's only okay to pretend to be someone they're not on stage, which is a crucial skill for the incoming freshman class.



Far Left: Ella Fortmann, '22, plays the part of Chip during the "Human Again" song.

Diamond: Ryan Sloan, '21, looks ferocious and imposing in his full Beast costume.

Left: Nathaniel Golay, '22, looking blocky in his massive clock costume.