



BETHEL PARK TO STAGE 'WRONG MOUNTAIN' NOVEMBER 19, 21 and 22

The Bethel Park High School Drama Department will stage "Wrong Mountain" as its Fall Play Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, November 19, 21 and 22 at 7:30 PM in the Bethel Park High School auditorium (309 Church Road).

All tickets are \$5 and can be purchased daily between 9:30 and 11:30 AM and 12:30 and 1:30 PM in the Building 4 Activities Office. Tickets will also be available at the door on performance evenings.

The originally scheduled Friday, November 20 performance was rescheduled to Sunday, November 22 at 7:30 PM because of the BPHS Football Playoff Game on Friday night.

"Wrong Mountain" is a comic drama written by David Hirson. The plot revolves around the embittered, arrogant poet Henry Denet, who, despite being afflicted with a 40-pound intestinal worm, is challenged on a bet to write a "successful" first play, which he accepts. Hirson uses the challenge to tackle the ambiguities of character and theme while ultimately questioning the ultimate value of art, "Does it exist to entertain or challenge?"

"Mountain" reflects Hirson's fascination with the age-old division between high and low art, and poet Henry Denet struggles with the place of his craft between the two extremes. In stooping to a lesser art form, Denet finds the success he was never able to achieve as a poet and asks all of us if "it is possible to devote a life to passions misspent, climbing as it were, the wrong mountain?"

The play is directed by Bethel Park High School English Teacher Christopher Nagel.