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## **St. Charles East High School Presents** ***In The Heights***

***Musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda will be performed April 26-28***

April 11, 2019 - St. Charles, IL –Each member of the Washington Heights community has a story to tell, and members of the St. Charles East Drama Department are inviting the community to witness the stories on stage. From college students, to families, friendships, the story of *In The Heights* unravels in an award-winning musical written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, playwright of *Hamilton*.

*In The Heights* performances are being held on the Norris Cultural Arts Stage, 1040 Dunham Rd. on April 26 and 27 at 7:00 p.m., and April 28 at 2:00 p.m. A fifty-person cast will perform this award-winning production highlighted by large energetic dance numbers choreographed by Kari Batka, and a sixteen-piece band under the direction of Gil Wukitsch, playing a variety Latino, rap and hip-hop music.

*In The Heights*, written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, opened on Broadway in 2008 and won four Tony Awards, including the award for Best Musical and the award for Best Original Score. The play centers around a close-knit Dominican, Cuban, and Puerto Rican neighborhood in Washington Heights that is facing financial fallout from gentrification. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you and which ones you leave behind. Nina Rosario, "the one who made it out," returns home from her first year at Stanford University with questions about her future and place in the world. The universal themes of how we reconcile home and belonging, staying and leaving, where we come from and where we need to be are explored.

After seeing the results of the hurricane in Puerto Rico, the members of this production will collect donations, and donate one dollar from every ticket sold to the Maria fund. This organization is dedicated to helping those who are still homeless, or do not have the basic necessities of water and electricity throughout Puerto Rico.

Tickets are five dollars for students and seven dollars for adults. Tickets will be sold at the door or may be pre-ordered online at <https://www.pushcoin.com/>. For more information, call 331-228-5622.

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