

May 18, 2004

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our tenth grade World History class will be finishing our unit on the Holocaust within the next week. Before we transition into human rights and the creation of the UN, we will be watching the film *Schindler's List*, our only feature film this year.

*Schindler's List* is rated 'R' because of Holocaust themes, some nudity and violence. I have chosen this movie above others because it places the Holocaust within the confines of a true, personal and heroic story with a hopeful ending. Other films do not have the same scope, and documentaries are often far too gruesome. *Schindler's List* also works very well at bringing to life the Holocaust events we've been studying in class, including; ghettos, labor camps, war profiteering and slave labor, the final solution, children's experiences, and liberation. This is an excellently acted and produced film, but more importantly, it demonstrates clearly that there was choice in Nazi Germany - even someone as unsavory as a womanizing war profiteer could make the morally right decision when it mattered most. We will be supporting the film with short writing assignments and study guide activities as well as discussion.

If it is okay that your student watches this film, please sign below. If you have any questions, please send your student in with a note for me to call you (my voicemail isn't set up correctly), and I'll be glad to talk with you.

Sincerely,

Jessica Bylo Chacon  
World History, Room 903

**"My student \_\_\_\_\_ has permission to watch the rated 'R' film *Schindler's List* in Mrs. Bylo's World History class."**

**Please print name here:\_\_\_\_\_**

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**Permission Slip Due on Monday, May 24, 2004**