



STANWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Our 10th grade World History and English classes will be studying the Holocaust in our upcoming unit. This unit is helping our students grow and demonstrate competency of learning several Washington State 9-12 Social Studies Essential Academic Learnings. To help supplement students' learning, the World History and English teachers have organized a viewing of ***Schindler's List***. *Schindler's List* was released in 1993 and provides a historical depiction of the Holocaust that took place in Nazi Germany during World War II. It is rated R for language, some sexuality and actuality violence. Steven Spielberg, the film's director, has said,

I made the film for this and future generations so that they would know and never forget that 6million Jews were murdered in the Holocaust, and that history could not be denied. I could not be honest to that history or to the memories of its victims without depictions of violence and suffering. So while every parent should make a judgment for their own family, I do not personally believe this is a film for the very young. My younger children for example of elementary school age have still not seen *Schindler's List*. If they were of high school age, I would want them to. When the film was released, there was overwhelming support that it should be seen by high schools and it was shown in theatres, free to nearly 2 million students through the cooperation of this nation's governors.

The film supports our curriculum by providing students another opportunity to develop the following skills and abilities from our state's social studies standards:

- Understand the causes and consequences of genocide.
- Understand the political causes and consequences of the reoccurrence of genocide in history.
- Understand the economic causes and consequences of the reoccurrence of genocide in history.

In order to provide the best viewing experience possible, we have reserved the **Performing Arts Center on the main campus of Stanwood High. We plan on showing the film on Monday, May 22nd, from 9:40-10:25 a.m. and Tuesday, May 23rd, from 7:50 a.m.-10:25 a.m.** (It is approx. 3 hours & 16 minutes.) Several staff will be in attendance to introduce the film and provide supervision.

Turn this from into your Advisory Teacher on the day of the film

In order for your student to attend, we need your signature on this form. **Students who have not submitted a signed permission form will not be allowed to view the film.** Signed parental permission forms will be turned into each student's instructor as admission to the movie.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 629-1300. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Coombs

Student Name (print) _____ Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

I **will allow** my student to attend the viewing of the film *Schindler's List* on May 22nd and 23rd, 2017.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____