

August 23, 2021

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this letter because, as of this date, your child has signed up for a class called Film Literature I. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little bit about the class. I will include some portions of the syllabus so that you can understand my goals for the class. The objectives are as follows:

- Learn how to apply the principles of literary criticism to film.
- Watch and analyze films from a variety of genres and time periods.
- Write essays in response to the films and questions concerning theme and other aspects of each film.
- Develop creative and research projects for presentation to the class.
- Read material related to the films we study.

In the syllabus I also included the following statement to students regarding my goal for each of them:

My goal for this class is to help you become more educated film watchers. It's just possible that even in the silliest films you watch on your own time, there is something to be learned, about life, the human experience, etc. My hope is that you learn to find that meaning through the methods we'll study in this class. Please take it seriously and consider making your goal the same as mine. Since I learned to apply these principles to film watching, my experience has been richly enhanced. I wish the same for you.

I chose each film for this class because I believe in its quality. Unfortunately, a few of them include material that is not appropriate for viewing at school - or anywhere, really. However, I have found a company that edits films for family viewing. They take out bad language, sexual content and references, and excessive gore and violence. Any of the films which began with a rating above PG I have replaced with edited copies to show in class.

I hope the information provided helps you understand the purpose of the class and the steps I've taken to ensure that the material is appropriate. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email if you have further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Whidden

Please sign and return this letter to me.

Parent/Guardian Name _____