Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Film Studies at John A. Ferguson Senior High School. I hope that through your child’s participation in this class he or she will gain a deeper appreciation for the art of filmmaking. For your convenience, the class syllabus, other relevant documents, and assignments with due dates are available in the class website located at: http://fergusonfilm.weebly.com. Please bookmark the website wherever relevant so that you and your child may have quick and easy access to this valuable resource.

The students will screen a variety of notable films from different eras and genres by distinguished filmmakers. The mature nature of some of the films on the list found in the class website requires that you give consent for your child to view them in school. Some of the films have adult themes and others have strong language and violence. To edit these films to a lesser rating would, in most cases, damage the artistic content and the ultimate impact of the film. I plan to show the film unedited in most occasions with one exception: sexually explicit content will be blocked. Since the “R” rating allows the viewing of these movies by a child under the age of 17 if accompanied by a responsible adult or guardian, your consent will allow me to act in that capacity while students attend class. Movies will be shown in a responsible, respectful context. We will discuss any and all aspects of the film that students find controversial. I may add and/or subtract from this list depending on the relevance of topics being studied.

If at any time you would prefer your child NOT to view a specific film(s) and/or genre, please list these on the slip below. An alternate assignment will be provided. I must have the section below signed indicating your consent and returned to me before a student can watch any films during class. Please return it promptly. If you foresee a problem or have a concern, please e-mail me at: juanmoreno@dadeschools.net. I welcome your questions and comments and I look forward to a successful and productive school year!

Sincerely,

Juan Moreno
Film Studies Teacher

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Student’s name: _________________ Grade: ________

Student’s ID: _______________ Academy: ________

Student’s signature: _________________________________

Parent’s printed name: ______________________________

Parent’s signature: _________________________________

Date: _______ Parent Phone: _______________________

Parent’s email: _________________________________