Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Your child has enrolled in the English elective Film Study. The course is intended to provide students with an introduction to the study of film, as well as sharpen students’ critical reading, film literacy and writing skills. Throughout the course, we will view films which carry an R rating, so I am asking that you review the course outline and read the film descriptions listed below before deciding whether to grant permission for your student to view the films in class. If you have any special concerns or questions regarding any of the material covered, please feel free to contact me at any time.

We may be viewing all or part of the following films:

**Frank Darabont's *The Shawshank Redemption*** - Rated R for language and prison violence

**Alfred Hitchcock’s *Psycho***– Rated R for some strong violence and brief gore

**Rob Reiner’s *Stand By Me*** - Rated R for language and for some sexual content

**Danny Boyle’s *Slumdog Millionaire*** - Rated R for some violence, disturbing images and language

**Christopher Nolan's *Memento*** – Rated R for violence, language and some drug content

**Oliver Stone's *Platoon*** – Rated R for Strong Graphic War Violence including Disturbing Images, Drug Use, Pervasive Language, and some Sexual Content

**Ethan & Joel Coen’s *No Country for Old Men*** - Rated R for strong graphic violence and some language

*Other films may be added if time permits and will not exceed the graphic nature of any of the above mentioned films.*

My student and I have read and understand the syllabus and the list of films that will make up this course. Other films may also be added at the teacher’s discretion. We understand that all of these films will be approached in an analytical and academic frame of mind. By signing, I approve of my son/daughter watching R rated films.

Student (please print): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Again, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child’s progress or the course content. ([bpowers@pelhamschools.org](mailto:bpowers@pelhamschools.org))

Sincerely,

Brian Powers

PMHS English Teacher