

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

On _____, students may choose to watch the movie, *Voces Inocentes* in class. This movie is rated R due to war-related violence, and thus, parental permission has been requested. This movie was selected because it accurately portrays the atrocities of war, as seen through the eyes of the children of El Salvador. *Voces Inocentes* is based on the true story of a young boy growing up in war-torn El Salvador. Here is a brief synopsis of this film:

Voces Inocentes (Innocent Voices) tells a very personal story wrapped within a larger political context. Based on the memoirs of co-writer, Oscar Orlando Torres, the film takes the audience back to the 1980's during the brutal civil war that devastated El Salvador. Much like in many Central and South American battles, the struggle involved an authoritarian regime fighting against communist guerillas. Atrocities were documented on both sides, and the war lasted for a dozen years, ending in 1992 when both sides signed a U.N.-sponsored peace treaty. For *Voces Inocentes*, however, politics represents background. This is the story of one brave child's harrowing ordeal surviving a war while trying to protect all of the people he loved. Among others, *Voces Inocentes* has won the Audience Choice Award for Dramatic Feature at the 2005 Heartland Film Festival, as well the Stanley Kramer Award of the Producers Guild of America.

_____ I give my permission for my child to watch the movie described above. I understand that this movie is being shown for educational purposes. I also understand that this movie includes mature content as described above.

Student name _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____