

Summer 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Next week we will begin studying and reading about World War II. To gain an understanding and set the stage for the D-Day invasion and fighting in Europe, we will watch the film *Saving Private Ryan* (1998), by Steven Spielberg. There will be an analysis of the movie when it is over, and an extension activity for homework.

Here is the storyline from the International Movie Database (IMDB):

“After the invasion of fortress Europe on June 6th 1944, Tom Hanks leads his squad from the 2nd Ranger Battalion of the 29th Infantry Division, on a mission to find and bring home Private James Francis Ryan after the death of his brothers. The mission takes them through Nazi occupied territory to establish contact with Ryan's unit an element of the 101st Airborne Division.”

The scenes and information of this movie do a great job of bringing the reality of history’s costliest war to its viewers. It also demonstrates the reality of families being broken and lost during a time of war. The film has an “R” rating due to “war violence and language.” However, viewed in safe environment, the film can be very beneficial to the learning experience. However, if you do not want your child to see the movie, an alternate lesson plan will be made available.

Please sign and return the bottom portion of the page letting me know you read the above letter and agree/disagree to your son/daughter viewing *Saving Private Ryan*.

Thanks!

Robert Alvarado

---

I give my son/daughter permission to view the movie

I do not give my son/daughter permission to view the movie.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_