

8<sup>th</sup> grade SS classes will be sponsoring an after-school showing of “The Butler” on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> in the auditorium. The film tells the story of how Cecil Gaines, an African-American, becomes a butler at the White House and witnesses many historic events from the civil rights movement. The film is rated PG-13 for violence, language, sexual content, and alcohol/smoking. The film is 132 minutes long, so students will be ready for pickup at approximately 5:15 on Campbell St, in front of the building. Students will receive 10 extra credit points in their Social Studies classes for attending.

Below is the review of the film from Common Sense Media’s website:

*“Parents need to know that Lee Daniels’ The Butler is a sweeping look at the history of African-American life in the United States, as witnessed by a black butler (Forest Whitaker) who spent three decades working in the White House. Since the movie chronicles the history of the civil rights movement, there are many scenes that portray hate crimes -- like two lynched men hanging from a tree and a black sharecropper being shot for saying one word to his white boss. White Southerners are also shown raping, killing, shooting, burning, intimidating, and otherwise terrorizing black protesters. Adults smoke cigarettes and drink; one character is an alcoholic who has a drink in most of her scenes. There’s also some language (one “f--k,” plus “s--t” and many racial epithets) and kissing, as well as the suggestion of an affair. Audiences will get an overview of how various presidents felt about race relations, as well as the methods and ideologies of the civil rights movement.”*

Because of the PG-13 rating, a parent signature is required for students to view the film. Please sign below acknowledging you understand the rating of the film and that you give your permission for your child to attend.

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Student Name

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Teacher

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Parent Signature

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Date