

Dear Parents and Guardians,

My name is Robert Matheson, and I am the History 12 teacher at OKM. It is my privilege to walk your student through some of the most important developments of the 20th Century.

Next class, we will be beginning our study of the Holocaust. As part of this inquiry, we will be watching a documentary prepared by the US War Department called "Nazi Concentration Camps." This production was prepared for the allied leadership to capture the reality of concentrations camps in Nazi occupied Western Europe.

Due to the nature of this subject, this video will include footage that may be emotionally and psychologically challenging for some students.

It is important that History 12 remains devoted to historical truth, and therefore we cannot shy away from challenging topics. As a senior course at OKM, it is my assumption that our students have the maturity to deal responsibly and empathetically with difficult topics. All that said, students will have the opportunity to excuse themselves if they feel uncomfortable. If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Robert Matheson

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