

Bryant Middle School  
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November 6, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in the 8th grade will be studying the Civil War and the Underground Railroad later in the year. ELA will also read about Harriet Tubman in card marking 2. All eighth grade US History classes will be going to:

- Emagine Canton Theater-**MONDAY, November 18th** 2019 to watch the movie "**Harriet**" **PG-13**
- We will depart Bryant around 9:00 AM and return by 1 PM
- Students need to follow the Bryant school dress code as normal
- The cost of the field trip is \$20.00- includes the bus ride, movie, popcorn/soda, and lunch
- We will be eating lunch immediately after we return to school.

The cafeteria **WILL BE CLOSED** at this time, so we will be providing pizza for lunch. Students who do not want pizza may bring their own bagged lunch because they will not be able to purchase anything from the cafeteria. As this lunch time will be two hours later than normal, please make sure your child eats a good breakfast. No snacks will be allowed on the bus or outside snacks at the theater.

In order for your child to attend the class trip, he/she needs:

- To return this permission slip and money (**CASH ONLY**) to their US History teacher
- No later than Wednesday, November 13th, 2019

Thank you,  
Mrs. Charara and Mr. Blake

----- please detach and return this portion with money -----

\_\_\_\_\_YES my child will attend- I have enclosed \$20.00 for the theater ticket and bus.

My child \_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to attend the field trip Friday, November 18th, 2019. I understand that my student will be leaving Bryant Middle School at 9:00 am, traveling by bus, and returning to school at approximately 1:00 pm. I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard my child while on the field trip as is taken in all other school activities and I will not hold the Dearborn Board of Education or any of its employees responsible for any accident or loss which might be sustained.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Movie Facts: <https://www.common sense media.org/movie-reviews/harriet>

**Drama, History**, 125 minutes long

**PG-13:** Contains mature thematic elements throughout, violence and coarse language, including racial epithets.

### **WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW**

Parents need to know that *Harriet* is award-winning director Kasi Lemmons' historical drama about Harriet Tubman's evolution from being a young, married slave in Maryland, to her escape to Philadelphia, to her courage to become the "Moses" of the Underground Railroad.

Starring Academy Award nominee Cynthia Erivo as Harriet, the film is intense: **Expect frequent use of the "N" word, as well as one use of "f" and a few other terms.** Violence is often upsetting and almost all aimed at Black characters, both free and enslaved. White slave owners/catchers pursue, beat, and even shoot Black men and women. A few characters die both from brutal beatings and gun violence; some scenes show the violence close-up. Families are separated when slaves are sold, and slaves tell stories of the horrible things they've experienced. Viewers will learn how Harriet interpreted her visions and seizures as prescient visions from God and how she ultimately took 19 trips into the South and escorted more than 300 slaves to freedom, demonstrating courage and integrity.

### **TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT...**

- Families can talk about the historical aspects of *Harriet*. How much did you already know about Harriet Tubman? What new facts did you learn? Did anything make you want to do more research?
- What are the character strengths that make Harriet Tubman a role model? Why is she an important inspiration to Americans?
- Discuss the violence and racial language in the movie. Is it necessary to the story? Why is it important for viewers to understand the violent nature of slavery?
- How is this movie different from, or similar to, others that explore the subject of racism and the history of slavery in the United States? How does the stain of slavery continue to impact our nation? What are some other films that shed light on the far-reaching impact of slavery?

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