## **Letter to Parents**

## **Entering the World of Sound and Light**

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Filmmaking and Video Production is an exciting hands-on class where the students will learn to write, direct and produce their own short films. The students will be exposed to classic and popular works of cinema to understand the craft of filmmaking. The students will also learn the fundamentals of lighting, sound design, production design and editing. This class is a unique opportunity for the students to get exposure to the professional world of filmmaking and the ins and outs of video production.

I am excited and delighted to assist the students in realizing their visions on screen and guiding them through the arduous process of turning their ideas into images on screen. I expect the students to have difficulty in bringing their projects to fruition but that is where the best learning occurs. I will be there to support and encourage the students but your students will also need your understanding and patience because what they are trying to accomplish is formidable. I can't wait to experience the struggles and triumphs that your students are bound to experience in my class. I hope you assist, support and bear with them in their journey.

This class requires expensive equipment and constant maintenance. In order to maintain the health of our program, we need continual financial support. A modest **donation of \$47** is requested from all parents of students in the video program. We would be delighted if you'd like to give more than that or even better let me know if you would be willing to donate your time and/or expertise (especially if you work in the industry).

The key to success for your child's education is the partnership that the teachers and the parents form; I want to be available to build that relationship. I invite you to be as involved as your will and time allows. Your participation is essential and enormously appreciated. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Luke Golden - Video Program Instructor

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We need parent help and par what you are prepared to dor	rticipation throughout the school year. Please indicate nate:
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Student Name:	Parent Signature:
Email address:	Phone number:

Print, Sign (both student and parent) and Hand In to instructor