

# Permission Please?

Hello, SCHS families! Welcome to Spanish class at Salem Community High School! I hope that you, and your language learner, have an amazing year as we study the people and the cultures of the Spanish speaking world.

Our class is active on Twitter using both the #salemwildcatpride hashtag and our own #wildcatSpanish hashtag. I try to share something from students at each level weekly! Keep an eye out!

Our Spanish class is in the news! In 2014, I was one of 5 finalists for the National Language Teacher of the Year award! It has been a whirlwind and has brought a lot of attention to our classroom both from other teachers and leaders in World Languages! This means is that I am frequently asked to talk to other teachers about the exciting things we are doing at SCHS. During class, I often record videos, take pictures, and collect work samples of students who have parent permission to represent SCHS nationwide in workshops and via my professional blog [somerheretoshare.com](http://somerheretoshare.com). Your student's name will NEVER be attached to any picture shared in these presentations.

In our classroom, the focus is on the culture of those who speak Spanish. We read novels, articles, blogs, tweets, and cartoons then compare them with television programs, movies, commercials, and music. We really learn the language through using it! Our movies are often rated PG, PG-13, and in Spanish 3 and 4 some are rated R. All questionable scenes are censored so that the cultural focus of the movie is what the students are seeing, not the romance! In order to avoid a frequent stream of forgotten permission slips, I like to do one blanket slip at the beginning of each year granting students permission to participate in these cultural studies through film.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I am so excited to show the world what amazing students we have in Salem! Please consider allowing your child to represent our school as I share our many successes in the Spanish classroom!

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**Check boxes to give permission for the following:**

- Use photos of my child in presentations and blog posts about the Salem Community High School Spanish program (no names are given)
- Use video of my child's class in presentations and blog posts about the CHS Spanish program (no names are given) *(students without permission will have an alternate assignment on recording days)*
- Show my child films and television programs that are not rated G (all films and programs are culturally appropriate and are part of a unit of study) *(students who are unable to view the films will have a research project that allows them to study the same cultural topic as the movie)*

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

**Parent or Guardian Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred method of communication: (circle one)**

**Phone**

**Email**