

**To:** St. Augustin 8<sup>th</sup> Grade parents

**From:** Mr. Grimm, Social Studies teacher

The eighth grade students have been working on textbook Chapter 32 and a unit on global terrorism in social studies class thus far this year. In conjunction with the unit on terrorism, we also have class discussions about the tragic events of September 11, 2001. I have a video which aired on CBS six months after the attack. It is hosted by Robert DeNiro and involves two French filmmakers who were actually shooting a documentary about New York City firemen when the attack happened. The footage was taken from inside "ground zero" while the events were unfolding, so the video is quite intense, as you might expect.

The primary reason for this letter is to inform you that there is some language on the tape, although most has been carefully edited. I have shown this video every year to the students in my classes since I came to St. Augustin. My purpose for showing the video is to give the students some insight into what happened and give them an appreciation for the heroic deeds of the NYFD, NYPD, and Port Authority Police on that sad day.

Please give me a call at school or have your son/daughter come visit with me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Jeff Grimm*