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Series Review

Title: Sports Stars of Tomorrow

Episode reviewed: 639

Program length: 30 minutes

Sports Stars of Tomorrow features student athletes and their dedication to succeed in their sport while excelling in their academics and maintaining their personal lives.

This show illustrates the importance of the many outstanding extracurricular activities students participate in, showing how each is a vital element to the entire student body. The band, cheerleader, drill team, as well as both girls and boys athletic programs are highlighted on Sports Stars of Tomorrow creating a balanced picture of the extracurricular activities available for the high school student.

Education extends beyond the classroom. Extracurricular activities provide important challenges and lessons that mold students. Sports Stars of Tomorrow displays the hard work and dedication that it takes to be a true sports star. It chronicles the trials and tribulations of the young athletes as they strive to become a "top level" performer in the sports arena. The program helps students realize that their full potential in both life and the playing field are attainable with lots of hard work and determination. It reinforces the importance of key values like dedication, discipline, commitment and community involvement.

Sports Stars of Tomorrow also provides in-depth, human-interest stories that reveal the important challenges and lessons that mold young athletes. In Sports Stars of Tomorrow, athletes that have learned life lessons along the way while battling varying obstacles are featured. These stories inspire and teach youth that while many desire greatness on the grand stage of competition, much can be learned through the journey that can make a significant difference throughout a person's life.

During the episode with the once homeless student, Jeremiah Tshimanga, students can relate in some way to overcoming incredible hurdles to not only survive in this world, but succeed in it. Much like Michael Oher in *The Blind Side*, Jeremiah taught us one of the most important lessons in life. No matter what your situation in life is, there's no substitute for perseverance.

Jeremiah said in his episode, "My father abandoned us when I was young so I grew up at a women's shelter. I didn't have a birthday party until I was 17, but I never gave up and hung in there until things worked out." Students like this teach our students to persevere in their academics, get involved, and never give up.

Sincerely,

Neile Richardson

Trinity High School Teacher and Student Council Sponsor

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My name is Neile Richardson, and I have been teaching English at Trinity High School for 15 years, 14 of those I have also volunteered as the Student Council Sponsor. I attended Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas where I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in both English and Psychology in December of 1997. I began student teaching in the fall of 1997 at Trinity High School (my alma mater!) and was hired as a full time teacher in the winter of the same year. My tenure at Trinity has brought me many opportunities to reach and, hopefully, positively impact our youth. I have taught at all three grade levels (10, 11 & 12), but found my niche at the junior level and have been teaching 11th grade for the past 10 years. Because of my familiarity with the junior level curriculum, I have been instrumental in the change from TAKS to STAAR testing. I have taken on the tremendous responsibility of writing higher level tests and curriculum for junior English. This task is made all the more difficult because of the rigor that the new STAAR test requires.