

## MHSAA SPORTSMANSHIP SUMMIT 2010 – ACTION PLAN ITEMS

*During the last session of each 2010 Sportsmanship Summit, each school's delegation worked together to come up with new ways to promote sportsmanship in their school and community. Each school submitted the following one-paragraph overviews of their ideas. These paragraphs were edited only to fix some basic grammatical errors, and to eliminate the name of the submitting school.*

We plan on going to the grade school to talk with the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders about sportsmanship. We could use some of the exercises we learned at the summit. We would also like to give away a spirit stick to a positive student section. Or we could do some type of thing like parents vs. students at the games for being positive and whichever one is more positive would get the spirit stick until the next home game. We would like to do something at half time of all the games with the younger kids to get more parents and children at the game. For basketball games we would be able to do 5 on 5 with 6<sup>th</sup> grade and younger. At the Football games we could start the games an hour earlier and have a Pass, Punt, Kick at pre-game. We would pick how many kids we will accept, as in first come, first serve. Our last thing we would do is to start a student- athletic advisory council and we would meet every so often like the MHSAA advisory council does.

As we look at the things we did at the MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit, we use the ideas given to us to try to find ways to encourage sportsmanship at our school. Here at Westwood, we thought that having a little public service announcement about sportsmanship said before each game by an athlete not in the sport in which the contest is being held. We have a "Meet the Patriots" that we would also like to speak to because almost all of the athletes, coaches, and parents are in attendance. We want each team to be respected no matter the popularity within the school or community. All of the things that we did at the summit will help us boost sportsmanship in our school, community, and even league.

We plan on having a sportsmanship award for each sports season. During every game, when you get a program, there will be a list of the player's names with boxes next to them. At the end of the game, the fans will get to choose which player had the best sportsmanship throughout the game. There would also be a spot on the bottom to write in the name of a fan that had sportsmanship during the game. At the end of the year, the winner of the sportsmanship awards will get a medal or trophy, and a savings bond for something like 100 dollars or something. This will encourage the athletes and students to have good sportsmanship during the games to get some money. We would need to talk to both the AD and the principle to help raise funds for the trophies and savings bonds and to get the extra page printed. We would only need a small budget to do this. We could possibly have some local business sponsor the sportsmanship award and have them announce it at the beginning of the game. Each of us will have equal rolls in this campaign. I think that we can put our plan into action in the near future. We have our big rivalry game this week, but next week we will try to talk to our principle to get the ball rolling.

After attending a day of the sportsmanship summit, we realized there is definitely room for improvement. We want to improve our image for our younger children in the community and for the visitors that come to our school. We plan to put up posters to encourage this sportsmanship not only for our own students but for anyone who visits our school. With the help of our athletic department, we can set a new trend for future generations to come. We need to approve our ideas by our athletic director Jamie Tuma, and then get our posters approved and stamped by our high school office before putting them up on display. Each of us will need to contribute ideas for our posters, and start by setting good examples and being leaders on the court, football field or even in the stands. We assume after

awhile, others will follow. We will need to meet after school a couple days after school BEFORE the start of basketball season.

DON'T HATE PARTICIPATE!! This is our slogan for good sportsmanship. Our target audience is fans, parents, athletes, coaches, and announcers. We would like to get other schools involved in our program. We would want it to be like the MTV show "if you really knew me". We would need to get approval from administration, student enthusiasm and support, a setting, and sponsors. We would need grants/ booster club money/ advertisement trade. This program would support sportsmanship. We would like to get it in effect before basketball season. We would like to hold a sportsmanship assembly, we then would talk about to start promoting announcements, pep rallies and combine sportsmanship into fish philosophy, and make t-shirts that say got sportsmanship?

We plan to create a slogan and hang posters around the gym to promote sportsmanship. We also have the idea to every time at a home game to let a student athlete say a little announcement about being good sports as fans and other athletes.

After the summit my group went to on Monday, we really want to encourage sportsmanship throughout our school because we have recently been told that our school is one of the hardest schools to ref. Not only that we have bad sportsmanship in our stands. So, we have formed a sportsmanship community. To encourage good behavior we want to make t shirts with a positive quote for our student section. We are also doing a presentation through our entire school. We are also going to write a letter to all the athletes parents about sportsmanship. Our community has also thought of a way to make our student sections better is by forming a sportsmanship cup. you win that by having the most supporters throughout the year.

Our plan for showing sportsmanship in our schools and area is to design a t-shirt. On one side we would have our league name and on the back "Sportsmanship = Championships". Then print the shirt in the schools color and its logo on the front of the shirt. We think that this will show parents, other students, and the community that our league's students are banding together wanting good sportsmanship on the court, in the stands, and off the field.

A list of things our league discussed: On the day before a contest go over the rules and how to compose yourself and display the proper attitude during the contest. Game day – use announcements as sportsmanship reminders, before, during and after the contests. Written Reminders: include reminders on programs for parents and fans. Verbally thank attendees for displaying good sportsmanship when the contest is over. Read the league belief statement before all contests. Positive Attitude: Always display and verbalize positively about any upcoming contest. Avoid negativity or anything that would be incendiary in nature in both word and action. Don't fuel unsportsmanlike feelings by staying positive. Play Clean – avoid dirty play and if you see one of your teammates doing something that's unsportsmanlike, talk with them. Assemblies: Especially at Homecoming, Coming Home and any special event prior to an athletic contest the message of positive sportsmanship should be on the forefront!

Some of our ideas: Student sections established. Sportsmanship banner. Pre-game announcement about sportsmanship. Visual keys and reminders on programs and banners. Sportsmanship grants to utilize Facebook, twitter and tweets. Student section security by select kids. Kid's policing kids. Student drawn posters promoting sportsmanship. Televised mini skits. Recruit school spirit leaders to lead student sections in positive cheers. Student athletes attend the parents meeting held by each coach and their team prior to the start of the season. Have the kids tell the parents about sportsmanship. Mini

assemblies conducted by the attendees of this seminar – have this message delivered to small groups from the schools each week. Take the message down to the MS and Elementary schools. The message is delivered kid to kid.

As a group we could make posters with a positive message about sportsmanship to help influence people as well as positive announcements before and after every athletic event. Get parents together and show video clips. If a student athlete doesn't show sportsmanship they will be punished by their head coach. Have the Cheer squad create a chat about sportsmanship that they can perform before the contest. Have the AD set up groups that would help promote good sportsmanship. Promote our Positive Behavior Statement PRO (Prepared, Respect, Ownership) and create one for athletic contests like we have for classrooms, hallways and cafeteria; since they also relate to sportsmanship.

We plan on following up on the sportsmanship clinic in three main ways: 1. Write up the list of our 5 main expectations and tips to sportsmanship in our Winter sports brochure. 2. Have the team captains for all future teams speak to all parents at our parent meeting to define the expectations of their children's sportsmanship, and most importantly their own. 3. Appoint several Student Fan Representatives for each basketball game. One student will be chosen for each game to be held accountable for the behavior on the student section. They must talk with the officials briefly on what the expectations of sportsmanship are in the gym. Fans cannot cheer unless a responsible Student Fan Representative is present and will hold fan section accountable. Most importantly, the group of students who attended the summit today will set the example of great sportsmanship on their individual teams as well as in the cheering section. We will be more supportive of our school teams and initiate the expectation of sportsmanlike behavior.

Our school just opened a brand new gym. For our winter sports in the gym, we will have the student section underneath the basketball hoop. The students will have their student section shirts on during events. On the back of the student shirts, there will be an acronym to support good sportsmanship. We chose the word "CREW" because we are the sailors, and they are the crew of the ship. The acronym will be as follows: **C**haracter + **R**espect + **E**nthusiasm = **W**in.

Our school is going to initiate an athletic sportsmanship statement. We plan to target parents and cheering sections to make them think about the role they play every day. We also plan to make a mission statement and advertise it, throughout the school. We are going to use the things we learned throughout the day such as advertising, marketing, and communication.

We have many ideas for showing sportsmanship at our school. One of main ideas was to do something with the parents at meet the team night. A group from our varsity club would do a skit or lead an activity from the summit and have the parents participate. Another idea that we had was to do a skit or song over the morning news at least once or twice a month. Another thing that we could do to get the school involved in is to put up posters or to put on a clinic for people in our community. These are just some ideas that we have for our school. We hope to accomplish as many of these activities as possible.

At our school we do not have a specific group to promote sportsmanship. Therefore the nine students who attended the MHSAA Sportsmanship Summit have decided to form a group to do so. We had a meeting and decided how we should approach this task. Our main goal is to watch over the sportsmanship of our student section at our varsity basketball games. We are going to do this by approving the signs and cheers that enter the student section before the games. Another goal of ours was that we wanted to increase the school spirit. We are going to come up with different ideas to

encourage the students of our school to come out and support our athletes. Right now, this group is totally new to our school, but hopefully over the years we can make a difference.

Things our school will do... Student Section t-shirts that highlight our 3 unique cheers that we do at games. Have a banner made to post in the gym with our slogan on it "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP-IT STARTS WITH YOU!" and have our mascot pointing to "you". We will have announcements at the end of the school day (on game days). We will encourage our student body and faculty to attend and have a blurb in there about sportsmanship and expected behavior. We will make a large poster and laminate and post outside the gym so everyone entering can see. It will have the 5 tips for showing great sportsmanship with our slogan on the bottom. Post laminated flyers in locker rooms with the tips and slogans as well as throughout the school in visible places (water fountains, lunch room, main office, etc). Continue to organize "Big Events" and work on collaborating with other schools. Continue to pray before and after games. Members of the FCA will read an excerpt from the Competitors Creed before all home games. When we have middle school nights we will invite the middle school kids to the student section and get them involved in helping cheer. Create sportsmanship credit cards. It will have our slogan and 10 shamrocks on the front and our 5 tips on the back. Students will get it hole punched when they participate in big events or are seen doing something positive. When all 10 shamrocks are punched they will get a small gift (dress down day or item from spirit store). If they are seen doing something negative their card will be taken. Their name will be on their card.

Players - acknowledge parents and student fans after shaking hands with opponents. Student cheer section - be respectful. Pre-sale tickets; signs, list of appropriate behaviors. Slogan: Don't control the impossible, control yourself! Cheer block T-Shirts.

Fun. Neon, black out, white out, penguin suits. More assemblies. Band play for the first, second and fourth quarters. School announcements, make posters and banners. Rotate, call all people. T-shirts for student section/parent and student athlete section. Advisory board. Themes. Half-time activities/include opposing team for half-time fun. Negative people need to leave. Blue Crew shirts and super fan shirts. Teams "Captain's Club". Girls games/JV/Varsity. Lower cost: for lower levels (Freshmen & JV). Younger girls and boys games. Players talk to younger students about sportsmanship

I think it would be a good idea for us to locally get conference/league shirts made for a committee so we can continue to encourage a positive message for students. We are hoping to start a 'good sports' section at athletic events also.

Meet with all the 8th graders. By using skits and talking with the students, they will then know how to act in high school while playing sports and being a spectator. Put our guidelines for good sportsmanship into the programs at events for parents and students to read. Give a reward to students who show good sportsmanship.

The group met today to just solidify the thoughts and ideas of progressing our sportsmanship. Some of the ideas including a "Caught Being a Good Sport" program that rewards people for their good sportsmanship. The parent spectators are going to be our focus for the remainder of the semester. Our school is going to start handing out fliers promoting sportsmanship, as well as posters before entering the gym. Our goal is to implement these ideas into the winter sports this year. Our school is also going to start announcements during the school day to bring to focus on sportsmanship before a game or event that night. Also, we might go to our elementary school to show them how important sportsmanship is. We want to start young so it will become natural to them.

Our student section controls the cheers we do with a white board which in turn is controlled by some senior leaders. Ensuring that these seniors encourage appropriate cheers and keep the student section cheering for our team, rather than degrading the other team will help our school's sportsmanship.

All athletes at our school are required to sign a champions of character contract before they can participate. That is however, the only thing many athletes do with it. Asking all coaches to take a couple minutes of a practice during the beginning of the season to review these sportsmanship tips would help athletes realize what is expected of them. This is also a way of connecting all of the sports teams and creating school unity.

Please help our school promote good sportsmanship in our athletic programs. Show your sportsmanship by maintaining a positive attitude in all circumstances. Be a leader in and out of the event. Have respect for the opponent and officials. Support us in our efforts to set an example. Good sports are winners!

Our school is in the process of creating posters for our gym with different quotes about sportsmanship. Quotes being used include "Compete with class" and "Good sports always win." We are also planning on showing the entire student body the Canadian commercials we watched in order to remind them about sportsmanship before the winter season of sports begins.

A few of the things that we plan on doing to keep our sportsmanship positive are: talking to the elementary students about being a good sport, upgrade our Super Fan shirts, hang posters around the school to advertise good sportsmanship, and we would also like to have half-time shows that will include the crowd and opposing Super Fans, and finally we are going to hold positive sportsmanship assemblies before big games.