

## Ty Kohl- SPORTSMANSHIP

For years, marching bands and football teams have been showing up in stadiums across the country on behalf of their schools. The same has been the case at Lee's Summit North High School since the opening of the facility. The team goes on the field and plays with heart and the band sits in the stands providing the spirit and support the team needs. There was nothing unique about this relationship until the evening of September 11, 2009.

This was the Homecoming game for North and because of the crowning of the king and queen, the band is asked to perform following the game instead of at half-time. On this particular evening, following the game the new head coach Ty Kohl asked his team to go to the end zone and take a knee to watch the performance of the band. In the history of the school, this had never happened and the team had never been given the chance to watch the group that watches them every home game. It was a gesture of pure sportsmanship, proving that no matter the reason for being on the field, we are all teammates.

Through this simple gesture, Coach Kohl has provided an example to students and parents alike that we are all a support system of some kind and just taking a knee can be the highest form of respect we can show to our peers. Coach Kohl is to be commended for his leadership and sportsmanship both on and off of the field.

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