

# Meet at the 7

**PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:** (1) to openly practice prayer and our commitment to prioritizing our faith, (2) to witness to people from the community and from other schools, (3) to demonstrate sportsmanship on another plane and foster respectful relationships between school communities, and (4) to demonstrate how we can praise God with our games and extracurricular activities

### PROGRAM SUMMARY

The construction of a new football and soccer field at Front Range Christian School inspired the Meet at the 7 program. Last summer, as the construction of the field was concluding, we buried a Bible under the 7 yard line. We chose that place as the site where

putting our opponents down, we come up with concise, sincere compliments for anyone from the visiting school—players, coaches, fans, and others. The coach typically compliments the opposing coach and then invites anyone in the crowd to share compliments. Our players typically take it from there and provide ample compliments about the other team. Invariably, players and parents from the other team begin to get comfortable and reciprocate by giving compliments. We also usually talk about the similarities between our schools. This protocol creates an environment of invitation. Ultimately, the coach invites all to a prayer that praises God for the day and asks blessings on the people at the event.

- National and local broadcasts of K-LOVE radio featured the program, making it known to other schools throughout the country.

### FUTURE DISTINCTIVES OF MEET AT THE 7

- We plan to expand the program to baseball events and to call that application of it Meet at the Mound.
- We plan to expand the program to junior high activities.
- We plan to share the program with other schools, suggesting they consider it an evangelism tool.

At Front Range Christian School, we wish to instill in our students' hearts that athletics can be a ministry. We should praise God with our words, actions, and deeds—sports are

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students, players, and families would meet for fellowship and prayer at the conclusion of games or activities.

Basically, we typically announce to our fans, the officials, and the opposing athletes and fans that we would like to meet them after a game for a time of "mutual respect and prayer." We make the invitation by broadcasting it and by speaking to administrators and coaches before the game. We tell secular schools that there will be a Christian prayer at the conclusion and that at a minimum they will enjoy the fellowship of two schools. At the conclusion of the athletic event, after the customary handshakes, we invite all to the field.

To create an icebreaker for the program, the coach of the activity gives a short explanation of the fact that we meet at the 7 yard line as a reminder that our foundation is in the Word of God. The coach then leads the crowd in a "put up" session. As opposed to

### CURRENT DISTINCTIVES OF MEET AT THE 7

- The program is unique in that it isn't simply a postgame prayer time that only some might attend. The program includes giving postgame compliments and sharing respect for the opposing team. These activities fundamentally provide the opportunity to share our faith.
- We call the program's expansion to basketball season the 5th Quarter.
- On the basis of the feedback we have received, we believe that people have found Christ through the program.
- The program demonstrates a human decency that invites the community to want to know more about Christianity.
- Because we use the program for competition with Christian and secular schools, the program affirms Christian community and encourages others to consider Christianity.

no exception. We want to use this program to reach hearts for Christ. The Meet at the 7 program reaffirms what is good and right about Christian sportsmanship.

### SCHOOL PROFILE

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