

Coach Cothron Inspires Me

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Knox Doss at Drakes Creek is very lucky because we have a staff that tries to inspire and truly cares about their students. The 8th grade science teacher, Coach Cothron, has made a huge impact on my life and inspires me every day. Coach Cothron is full of good character, he is one of the most caring people I know, and is extremely encouraging.

We always begin his class with “Character Counts”. “Character Counts” are different character traits that are important to have in our lives. After we write them, he explains their importance and normally has a story or example to go with them. For example, one day our “Character Counts” was on cheating. He used the example if he were to have an affair on his wife, he would have to look his kids in the eye and tell them what happened, then ask for their forgiveness. It’s amazing to hear what he has to say because it always gets me thinking about how I could apply it to my own life.

Coach Cothron always cares! Students can talk to him about anything, and he never judges them and always gives them great advice. One of the things that amaze me about him is how he cares for his basketball team. There are students on his basketball team that don’t have the greatest home life, and he has taken them under his wing and molded them into wonderful Godly young men. He continually encourages them to try their best, and celebrates with them when they do.

The thing that inspires me the most about Coach Cothron is how encouraging he is. He is in charge of FCA, the Christian club that meets at my school on Friday mornings. This year I was honored that he chose me as an FCA officer. At first, I was uncertain of my leadership qualities but Coach Cothron never doubted me. He always told me I could do it and never let negative words come out of his mouth. Because of that, my leadership skills have grown stronger this year. I am no longer afraid to take charge of a situation or speak in front of people. I get excited when I get to share my thoughts and ideas with him.

Coach Cothron has been a huge inspiration in my life! No matter how old I get or how far I go, I will always remember him. It is truly astonishing how many lives he’s impacted. Having him in my life has been a true blessing!