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TIP(S) OF THE MONTH:

(From Toddette McGreevy, Pomeroy HS)

EMAIL: What do I do to try to keep on track? Ok, maybe it's what should I do to try to stay on track?

- Answer the most urgent messages first. Those might include those from my administrators and in-season coaches regarding immediate issues.
- Answer your fellow AD messages next. Everyone needs the help of a fellow AD from time-to-time, and keeping these contacts is invaluable.
- Calls from parents need to be dealt with, but through the chain of command as listed in your Athletic Handbook. Encourage other administrators to refer parents to the chain-of-command as appropriate.
- Make sure parents understand that the AD's position is not to address playing time issues or coaching strategies with parents. If parents have an issue of this type, they need to follow the chain of command to discuss the matter(s).
- Don't forget to get back to the messages you put on "hold" for another day! On Thursdays before I leave, I try to go back through my week's messages and look at those messages that I haven't handled yet, making a list of things to take care of on Friday before I leave for the weekend.

VIDEO(S) OF THE MONTH:

(From Toddette McGreevy, Pomeroy HS)

Basketball or Nothing

If you haven't streamed it, and your student-athletes haven't streamed it, and your coaches haven't streamed it, YOU ALL are missing out!

Basketball or Nothing is a "reality television" docu-drama that shows us what sports, in this case basketball, are all about. The vehicle is basketball; the lesson is priceless and endearing – a story of inspiration and motivation of boys and coaches from Chinle, Arizona, on the Navajo Indian Reservation, where they are proud of playing "rez ball." The episodes focus on the team as they seek a Championship for their community, and through the series, we gain understanding of the impacts of poverty and addiction the kids in Chinle face each day.

This is not unlike the issues our kids face – but most kids don't face the struggles the Chinle boys face – or do they?

There are 6 Netflix episodes, and in February 2021, while up against *The Last Dance* (the Michael Jordan release) and other "legend" documentaries, *Basketball or Nothing* was selected the winner for Best Sports Documentary.

Why is this documentary important to watch? Our students need to see the passion these kids show – through all kinds of challenges. I want my student-athletes to understand why dreams and desires are worth working to achieve, and I want them to see the struggles the Chinle boys face and how those boys deal with them.

I am going to recommend that all of my coaches watch the series this summer, as it will provide inspiration, motivation, and awareness that we all need. The trailer for the Netflix series is on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFneLEv2INk> and the 6-episode series is on Netflix.

FINISH STRONG!