

Ted Manning



Hired in 1982, this person spent over 25 years as a PE and History teacher, Athletic Director and dozens more as a coach for Schoolcraft Schools. In his time, the teams he coached won hundreds of games - so many, that he was inducted in the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame from the role of Assistant Coach! For years, he played "Good Cop" to Mr. Ledlow's "Bad Cop" - teaching kids to see issues not by how the world was acting on them, but how they were acting on the world.

This man understands that education is about the relationships we build and the influence we have over the students we serve.

The term that best describes his is "role model". From his impact as a teacher and coach, his skill as an athletic director, to his conversations to his teams - asking "what kind of man do you want to be", Mr. Manning was as positive and influential a role model as has ever graced our school. Mr. Manning started the Schoolcraft chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes over 30 years ago. Today, our chapter is as strong as ever, and Mr. Manning is still at the helm. He has been a significant role model for our students on how to live life and how to live a life of service and faith.

As a cancer survivor, he has modeled courage in the face of adversity; taking in and supporting a student who lost his family, he has modeled sacrifice and compassion; building the FCA, he has modeled community service through faith; reaching people where they are, and not being overbearing, he has modeled temperament and tolerance.

A model husband, model father, model teacher and coach; model spiritual leader and an outstanding developer on quality men and women, we thank and honor today Mr. Ted Manning with the Soaring Eagle Award.

