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## "Education is not received. It is $A_{\text {chieved." }}$




Wyatt Thomas is a sixth grader at The Anthony School, which he has attended for over eight years. He is the son of Audra and Tony Thomas, and has a sister, Georgia, who is a freshman at Central High School. Wyatt's family is immensely important to him, as they are the origin of his success.

Wyatt is extremely athletic, in and out of school, and takes pleasure in playing sports. He plays soccer, basketball, and also does track. His favorite sport to play and watch is basketball. Wyatt's favorite basketball moment was his first year of playing in third grade; Wyatt passed the ball to his friend, and his friend made it into the goal. It's Wyatt's favorite experience because even though they didn't win, it was his friend's first goal that he had made, and all of Wyatt's teammates worked together. Wyatt loves basketball, but soccer is the main sport he plays.

Wyatt began playing soccer when he was merely four years old after his dad got him his first soccer ball, and he's loved the sport ever since. Wyatt plays soccer constantly at home with his dad; his dad pushes him the most in soccer and Wyatt's dad even plays goalie when they play together. Besides all of the practice he puts in at home, he plays at AR United and practices three days a week.

Teammates are a vital part of a sports team; you can't function without them. During the interview, when he was asked what he liked most about his fellow teammates he responded, "They are fun to be with, aren't crazy - only wild, and push me to my best."

When asked what he likes most about soccer, Wyatt replied that he likes winning the tournaments. His favorite win was when his team beat their rivals in Tennessee at the Germantown International Tournament. He looks back at this moment with bliss because his teammates were playing their best and won their first large tournament that day.

Wyatt's favorite soccer team is Barcelona because, "They have the best player ever, Lionel Messi!" Wyatt looks up to Messi because he has played since he was young, still plays, and hasn't given up. Wyatt says he hopes to play like Lionel someday.

Although Wyatt has role models, he doesn't want to be them, he wants to be a trailblazer and forge his own path. He is determined, high-spirited, and doesn't give up, which will without a doubt help him succeed in whatever he chooses to do in the future. Before Wyatt plays a game, his family tells him to, "play hard and to the best of his abilities." His family's advice is tremendously important to him. Wyatt then asks himself how he can help the team the best; the most imperative thing to Wyatt during a game is helping his teammates. He tells himself it's by, "playing the best he can, working his hardest, and never giving up." to do is ask your parents to email re.smith@n2pub.com and answer some questions in order to be featured in the next available issue.

