

Press Release

On Thursday, October 15th, Chatham High School had one of the most powerful motivational speakers visit their school. His name was Bob Holmes. Bob is a one man volleyball team who single handedly takes on other teams. “Ripley’s Believe it or Not” just finished a second story on Bob because of having played more games than any athlete in the history of the world in any sport. Bob reports having 16,400 wins and only 365 losses. He has beaten many sports teams like the Minnesota Vikings, the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Miami Dolphins, the Washington Redskins, the Toronto Blue Jays, the Buffalo Bills and the Baltimore Orioles with Cal Ripkin. Bob has appeared in over 5500 gymnasiums and in front of over 3 and a half million people. He has been featured on CNN News, CBS This Morning, and in the USA Today.

Bob played 4 teams. The first team he played was the girl’s volleyball team. The girls did well, but Bob beat them. Next he took on a bunch of loud mouth boys from the audience, mainly football players. They put up a good fight but he defeated them also. However, when the time came for him to play members of the Boy’s Volleyball team, Bob met his match. They beat him in a very close game bringing his number of losses to 366. Lastly Bob took on the faculty. Even though he was exhausted by this time from the previous three games, he managed to pull off another win.

At the end of the assembly Bob gathered all the students close together where his message turned from one of humor and fun to a more serious one. He began talking about teen suicide, the effects of poor decision making and the media’s glamorous portrayal of alcohol. The gym was silent. Students listened intently. Bob talked to the kids about making positive decisions and not putting yourself into compromising positions. Bob emphasized the result of poor decision making with real stories and illustrations. His message was powerful and hit home with the students. Throughout the day, Chatham High School was filled with positive comments about his presentation.



