

# NFL Quarterback Drew Brees Promotes Our Founders Approach to Education



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Every October 3rd, students in schools all across America celebrate what is called “Bring Your Bible to School Day” This year legendary NFL quarterback Drew Brees made [a video affirming Christian students](#): “I want to encourage you to live out your faith on Bring Your Bible to School Day, and share God’s love with friends. You’re not alone.”

This is a tender, amiable message from a professional athlete that we should all value considering how often we see the adverse and negative behavior of so many high paid sports icons.

Tragically, encouraging ethical and loving behavior is sometimes met with antagonism. Many critics opposed Brees for making this video stating the New Orleans Saints quarterback was somehow “anti-gay.”

Despite the criticism, Brees reaffirmed his encouraging video that the Bible and love should permeate the life of students despite the occasional societal pessimism against Christian beliefs.

Noah Webster, author of the dictionary that bears his name, is also known as the “Father of American Scholarship and

Education.” In Webster’s definition of the word education, he wrote:

“To give children a good education in manners, arts and science is important; to give them a religious education is indispensable; and an immense responsibility rests on parents and guardians who neglect these duties.”

During the years of 1776-1835 in America, various educational choices were established that brought about a 70-100% literacy rate in the colonies, much higher than what existed in Europe, which had many more universities. During the founding era, churches became involved and established charity schools for the poor in the community who could not afford to pay teachers. These were known as “Free Schools”.

With the Bible at the heart of schooling, early Americans understood the paramount role of God and the Scriptures in their lives, gaining knowledge about creation, learning what was needed for a productive life, and learning to live right by God.



Tragically, the deluded Supreme Court of 1963 believed the Bible and prayer should be banned from schools indefinitely. What fruit has this netted? Academically, America is near the bottom of science and math scores in developed countries. Even worse, crime and violence have increased dramatically on school campuses in addition to our neighborhoods.

You may ask yourself then, how will liberty survive in America?

By teaching the safeguards of Liberty, as Founding Father Samuel Adams explained:

“The right to freedom is the gift of God Almighty....The rights

of the Colonists as Christians may be best understood by reading, and carefully studying the institutes of the great Lawgiver and head of the Christian Church: which are to be found clearly written and promulgated in the New Testament.”

So my hat's off and my support is to Drew Brees and the Saints that he leads in America.

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