

TYLER LEE BASKETBALL

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Mark Your Calendars

- **Christmas Break**
Dec. 20th-26th
- **Practice**
Dec. 27
- **Lufkin Tournament**
Dec. 29-31

**Check our web-site
for an updated
schedule. Start mak-
ing plans to attend a
game today!**

RAIDERS PUTTING IN OVERTIME

So far this year the Red Raiders have played in three double overtime and one overtime thriller. Fortunately, the Raiders have pulled away with a win in each of these games.

This year's team is no stranger to close games. Their first seven games have been decided by five or less points. The average margin of victory for the Raiders is 5.4 points in their 9 wins to date. They have experienced wins where they have been forced to hold off fierce opponents. They have showed fortitude in

coming from behind in the closing minutes to win. Character has been displayed in the losses accrued along the way.

It has been an exciting season thus far heading into the break. Heading

into the break, the Raiders are hoping build on their successes and learn from the defeats of the fledgling season in order to continue to improve well into the new year.



.The Red Raiders preparing for an opponent at practice.

CALDWELL TOT'S PERFORM; MOORE CHEERSQUAD SLATED FOR FRIDAY

The Caldwell "Teams Of Tomorrow" performed during halftime of REL's home game against Lufkin recently. The TOT's displayed their ball handling skills in a choreographed basketball skills display. The show was very entertaining and well organized. Director Diane Kemp has been stressing fundamentals to her young developmental group. The advanced TOTs will be performing later in the season.

The Moore Competition Cheer Squad will perform their routine at Friday's game against Lindale. The squad is comprised of 20 members that will be cheering the Raiders along. Their director, Lana Cain , guarantees a high octane show.

Come out and support not only our basketball team on the floor, but our youth involved in various activities in the community as well.

A MESSAGE FROM COACH J.

During basketball season we stop games and workouts twice to celebrate two other seasons. One we celebrated a few weeks ago, giving thanks for all that we have and continue to be blessed with. The next is coming very soon. While children around the world prepare for the arrival of Santa, we should all stop and realize the magnitude of the gift given to us all on Christmas. What is our real reason for celebrating Christmas? Sure we enjoy our families, our friends, the look in our children's eyes on that special morning. But the one thing none of us will ever equal in gifts will be the one given to us all and the real reason we celebrate CHRISTmas.

The coaches on my staff realize the gift we have in working with your sons. We thank you for this opportunity and look forward to returning to the court for the second half of our season. So far the boys have won 10 out of 13 games. They continue to improve daily and work hard at what is asked of them. Our wish is that you and your families have a wonderful holiday and the happiest of all new years. We thank you for your support of the Raiders and look forward to having you at an upcoming game.

- Coach Johnston

"Some things have to be believed to be seen."

RED RAIDER SPOTLIGHT: DEVIN WHEELER

What elementary school did you attend?

Crockett Elementary

What is your most memorable moment from Junior High?

When I graduated!

Who is your favorite teacher at Lee and why?

My favorite teacher is Mr. Baily because he is a cool guy. He makes class fun.

Of all the opportunities Lee HS to offer, why did you choose basketball?

Basketball is something I

love to do.

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman?

The harder you work, the better you will get.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I would like to be a coach and be able to do something I love to do.

What has playing basketball taught you?

Respect., how to respect my peers more. It also taught me how to become a better player.



Devin Wheeler

What are you looking forward to this season?

I am looking forward on improving our season from last year.

Devin is a two year letter winner for Lee. He began playing for the first time ever as a Sophomore.

MEET OUR FACULTY: LAURIE BARNES

BY: CAMDEN WILLIAMS

Mrs. Barnes is one of my favorite teachers on campus because of her ability to come to class every single day with a smile on her face and always keeping us laughing. I think that one of her best qualities as a teacher is when I have a problem or am having trouble with something, I feel I can come to her with it. Her class is always enjoyable!

Mrs. Barnes is an English teacher at Robert. F Lee. She has been at Lee since 2004. She also serves as a cheerleader sponsor. Here are a few things you might not know about her:

Q: Who was your biggest influence?

A: My father.

Q: What made you want to be a teacher?

A: I like working with kids and wanted to make a positive influence.

Q: Who was your hero?

A: Pollyanna, she created the game Glad.

Q: If you were not a teacher, what would you want to be?

A: An FBI agent.

**Q :
Growth-
i n g
u p ,
what
made
y o u
t h e
happy
person
t h a t
you are today?**



Laurie Barnes

A: Mom and Dad always told me it was easier to be happy than to be sad. I had an idealistic childhood.



REL Jr. Camden Williams

Thank you
Ms. Barnes!!!

“ Great minds have purposes, others have wishes. ”

-Washington Irving

1 Passion.....1 Purpose

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HEAD FAKES

Some of you may have heard of Randy Pausch. Among other things he was a world renowned Computer Science professor. He may be better known for his speech given at Carnegie Mellon University titled "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams." He gave this lecture after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and given only months to live. His speech rapidly spread across the internet and labeled, "The Last Lecture."

In his book, "The Last Lecture," Randy speaks about his dreams as a child. Many, amazingly enough, he was able to achieve in some form or fashion. One however he was not. It was to play in the NFL. He described himself as "naturally wimpy, with no skills or conditioning." This is far from what it takes to be a grid iron standout.

Pausch goes on to discuss how, unlike his other dreams, he

believes he actually learned more from pursuing this particular goal than achieving it. One thing in particular he notes is the head fake.

There are two types of head fakes that he describes. One is a literal head fake. This is where a player moves his head in one way and goes in another. This is what many people think of when "head fakes" are discussed. However, Pausch also describes a second type of head fake. The second type he describes is the most important according to him. It is the one that teaches people things they don't realize they are learning until well into the process, or possibly until it is over even.

There are many things in life that we are able to look back on and realize they were learning experiences. For, Pausch it was football. While pursuing a dream he had virtually of no chance of living, he redeemed more than ever thought imaginable.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vs.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>9th</u>
	Whitehouse/Hallsville				
Nov. 11	(scrimmage)	Home	0-0	0-0	
Nov. 14	Lufkin (scrimmage)	Lufkin	0-0	0-0	
Nov. 18	Pine Tree	Longview	L 47-52	W	
Nov. 20-22	Wells Tourn.	Wells		W,W,L	
Nov. 22	Corsicana	Home	W 46-43		
Nov. 28	Mt. Pleasant (BK Classic)	UTT	W 50-47		
Nov. 29	Dallas Skyline (BK Classic)	UTT	W 46-45		
Dec. 1	Nacogdoches	Home	W 75-70		
Dec. 4-5-6	Hoop Heaven Tourn.	Lindale	w,w,wL		
Dec. 4-5-6	Henderson Tourn.	Henderson			
Dec. 9	Lufkin	Home	W 63-55		
Dec. 12	Pampa	Garland	L 50-61		
		South Gar-			
Dec. 13	Lake Highlands	land	W 79-76		
		Nacogdo-			
Dec. 16	Nacogdoches	ches	7:30	6:00	4:30
Dec. 19	Lindale	Home	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Dec. 29-31	Holiday Tournament	Lufkin	TBA		
Jan. 3	Jacksonville	Home	3:00	1:30	12:00
Jan. 6	Coppell	Home	6:30	5:00	5:00/6:30
Jan. 9	Lindale	Lindale	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Jan. 16	*Mesquite	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 20	*Mesquite Horn	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 23	*John Tyler	TJC	7:30		
Jan. 24	*John Tyler	John Tyler		7:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 27	*North Mesquite	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 30	*Desoto	Desoto	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 3	*Mesquite	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 6	*Mesquite Horn	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 9	*John Tyler	Home		7:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 10	*John Tyler	TJC	7:30		
Feb. 13	*North Mesquite	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 17	*Desoto	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30

