

TYLER LEE BASKETBALL

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Mark Your Calendars

- **Nov. 7** Homecoming Concessions
- **Oct. 29** First day of practice
- **Nov. 1** First Sat. practice

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

RED RAIDER'S REPORT BACK TO SCHOOL

The boy's have returned back to school and there is much anticipation for the upcoming year. With ? returning players with varsity experience, the Raiders are entering the year with a veteran approach. With all the players returning back on August 25th, workouts began promptly on the 26th.

After spending the first week of school in the weight room testing for progress over the summer, the labor day weekend allowed an extra day of soreness to go away and excitement to build. The beginning of the year has been dedicated to self improvement and team cohesiveness.

Tyler ISD has

adopted the slogan "One Passion...One Purpose" for the upcoming school year. Our basketball team has taken it another step and picked up the slogan for the program as well. We feel our work ethic this year has been a testament to this slogan thus far. Our passion is for each other and the game of basket-

ball. Our purpose it to produce the best product of ourselves through



Coach Johnston talks to REL summer basketball campers.

our industriousness and attitude! The team is looking forward to an exciting year of sharing a purpose through our passion!

REL SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMPS A SUCCESS

Another year of summer youth basketball camps have come and gone. This summer's camps reached new grounds with record setting attendance. The first session included 6th-9th graders. For the first time ever we were forced to use

two gyms to accommodate our campers!

The camps offer players an opportunity to learn how to develop their basketball skills and provide insight to the REL basketball program. It also provides the opportunity for the REL staff

to get to know our community's youth and catch a peak at potential future Raiders.

We hope our camps can continue to grow in participation and provide a benefit to the youth of the Tyler area.

A MESSAGE FROM COACH J.

As the '08 – '09 season approaches we find ourselves extremely excited about the possibilities for the Red Raiders basketball team. The young men have each had an outstanding summer training on their own in preparation for the season. Last spring when we closed school out we challenged the boys to play as much as possible, workout when able and bring back a mentality of hard work; and after the first month of camp it seems as though they all listened to our request. We have changed some of our expectations for this team with academic accountability that I truly believe will end our grading problems and make "no pass/no play" an afterthought. Coach Russell has moved into the top assistants spot and continues to do a tremendous job. Antwon Lounds has joined the coaching staff bringing a dynamic personality and knowledge base that will only solidify each of

the teams. Our seniors are being asked to lead our program to a level of competitiveness that will springboard them back into state way acclaim. There is no doubt their hard work will pay off for them over the course of the season. I am thankful to have the opportunity to work with your sons, grandsons, students, brothers and friends. Come and enjoy a game or two throughout the season, but if you are unable to do so please do me a favor and pat these boys on the back and tell them how much you appreciate them for representing the community on the hardwood courts across the state.

Sincerely,
Coach Alan Johnston

"You can have self discipline now, or you can have self regret later."

-Brian McCormick

ALUMNI UPDATE

Last year the program graduated three seniors. Here is an update on what they are up to now. Also included is a few former Red Raiders who are making noise in the college ranks:

Brian Trilli- Brian is enrolled at Texas State University in San Marcos and is currently taking 16 hrs.

Dralon St. Paul- Dralon arrived this fall at Wiley College in Marshall, TX. He signed a scholarship last Spring to play basketball.

Jake Hoeffner- Jake is getting comfortable in Austin, TX after starting classes at UT.

Brent Taylor and Roger "Sox" Simms- Both of these former REL stand-outs are attending UT-Tyler and considering trying out for the basketball teams.

Ifeanyi Koggu- Ifeanyi is going into his senior year at Arkansas State University after coming off a promising junior year.

Jacob Kirkpatrick- Jake playing football for TCU as a redshirt sophomore.

If you have news about one of our former alumni that you think others would like to know about, e-mail us at danny.russell@tylerisd.org



Ifeanyi Koggu



Jake Kirkpatrick

RED RAIDER SPOTLIGHT: ELLIOT DAVIS

What elementary school did you attend?

Rice and Andy Woods

keeps me dedicated to my goals. She kept me on track last year!

What is your most memorable moment from Junior High?

The last day of 7th grade and winning the War Ball tournament in PE .

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

Basketball is the sport I love to play and it is a good environment.



Elliot Davis

Who is your favorite teacher at Lee and why?

My favorite teacher is Mrs. Arrant because she is really good at teacher/student communication an

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman?

Always put your heart in everything you do.

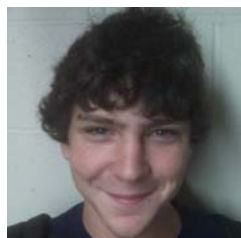
Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

I plan to graduate from the University of North Texas and accept a position in coaching somewhere.

MEET OUR FACULTY: MR. NORRIS— HISTORY BY CLAY HAAS

My favorite teacher at Robert E. Lee is Mr. Norris who taught me AP U.S. History my junior year. He not only taught us about U.S. history, but made it fun to be in that class. He made what is usually a dry and dull subject, into an interesting study. He kept the class alive with stories of his youth as he was busy teaching us about the Constitution and the Civil War. He inspired me to look at things from different perspectives and to treasure our national history. Throughout my four years at REL, I have had many good teachers, but Mr. Norris would have to be my favorite.

THANKS MR. MORRIS!



REL Senior Clayton Haas

“Have a wonderful Red Raider day.....the choice is yours!”

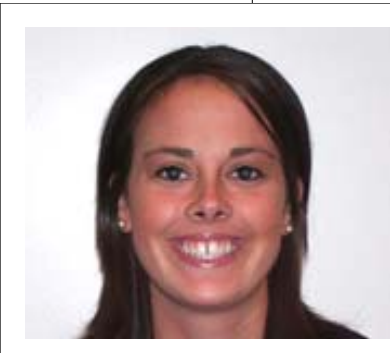
-John Craddock

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Katie York

Ohio. She is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati

The basketball staff has added two new members to its staff. Two positions came available last Spring after the departure of Jaime Damcock, and Jody Sory.

Coach Damcock completed her two year graduate assistantship last Spring and is headed back

to her native Florida. She grew into a valuable asset for our program and we wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

She is being replaced by Katie York. Coach York comes to us from Cincinnati,

with a degree in Health Promotion and Education. Katie is currently working towards a M.Ed. in Kinesiology. Her hobbies include traveling, shopping, and watching baseball. We are pleased to bring her in our program and look forward to getting to know her better.

The departure of Coach Sory to Henderson High School allowed the hiring of Antwon Lounds. Coach Sory has shortened his daily commute from his hometown of Henderson and will be serving as Assistant Basketball Coach to Mark Alexander and also serve as the 7th grade Head Football Coach.

Coach Lounds may be a not too unfamiliar new face to the bench. That is because he has volunteered the past two seasons with

the basketball program. He will serve as the Junior Varsity Coach and assist with the day to day operations of the freshman and varsity teams. He will also serve as a varsity assistant. Coach Lounds will also oversee our discipline program and serve as a Math tutor during our study hall sessions.



Antwon Lounds

We are truly excited to have these outstanding additions to our staff!

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NEW FACES JOIN REL STAFF