

TYLER LEE BASKETBALL

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Mark Your Calendars

- **Oct. 28** First day of practice
- **Oct. 31** First Sat. practice
- **Nov. 7** Homecoming Concessions
- **Nov. 10** Whitehouse Scr..
- **Nov. 14** REL scrimmage

OOOPS!!!

There have been changes to the first two scrimmages. Check the web-site for updated times and locations.

RED RAIDERS WRAPPING UP PRE-SEASON.

The Raiders have finished their fall league schedule and are in the process of wrapping up the pre-season. The raiders went 4-2 at the TJC Fall League losing to Sabine and the TJC Redshirt team at the buzzer. The players were able to experiment with different defensive and offensive strategies they have been learning during the pre-season.

In addition to learning new plays, offensive rules and multiple defenses, the Raiders have also been hard at work in the weight room. Visited three times a

week by the team, the weight room proves to be a physical and mental challenge taken on by the team. On any given day, a visitor to a weight workout will see groups of three sharing struggles and lifting each other up in literal and metaphorical manners. The sound of weights banging and boy's yelling fill the air as they push their teammates to work harder and go farther.

With the after school season on the horizon, the raiders are eager to sharpen their skills and begin putting together the



REL Senior Willie Wayne harmon

pieces that were built in the pre-season. In a matter of weeks it will be their time to receive the pay-off for their off and pre-season efforts.

RAIDERS HELP HOST SUB-VARSITY SHOOT-OUT

The Robert E. Lee sub-varsity players assisted in hosting and running a shoot-out held exclusively for area sub-varsity teams at the REL gymnasium. Teams from Bullard, Whitehouse, Chapel Hill and Lindale participated.

The shoot-out allowed these teams to play

three officiated games with minimal costs thanks to the Tyler Officiating Chapter and REL players. The players assisted in running the clock, managing game books and selling concessions. Without their efforts, the shoot-out would not have been possible. In addition to working the

shoot-out, all of the players played three games. The day was a complete success. Not only did the players receive playing experience, but they also were able to receive the ever important experience of ownership. Thanks to all who helped make this event a success.

A MESSAGE FROM COACH J.

The weather is cooling off, leaves are falling, people are putting on long sleeves, football playoffs are the talk, Halloween and Thanksgiving are around the corner, pumpkins are being sold on every corner.....all indicators that it's time for basketball season. This is an exciting time of the year as we prep for the upcoming campaign. Our pre-season workouts have gone great, the guys have been focused and this year's team unity is as good as it has been in years. Such hard work ethics, coupled with great leadership from Coach Russell and Coach Lounds equals success. We have already faced a few hurdles with injuries to two main pieces of our pie, Camden Williams is recovering rapidly from emergency spleen surgery and Todd Reid is improving daily from a severe case of patella tendinitis. Leadership continues to come

from other seniors such as Sam Jameson, Willie Harmon, Taylor Haas and John Phillips. Nathan Smith quietly is displaying signs that he could be a senior with a purpose this season. No matter what happens in the 2009 - 2010 season we know these seniors are working for more than they got in their junior season. The underclassmen are solid young men and athletes who are driven to improve daily. This team will surely be one that all of Tyler will be proud of. I look forward to unveiling this year's Runnin Red Raider basketball team to all of you in the very near future and invite each of you to stop in on a workout or especially the season opening game on November 17th.

- Alan Johnston

"The man who wakes up and finds himself a success hasn't been asleep."

RED RAIDER SPOTLIGHT: CAMDEN WILLIAMS

What elementary school did you attend?

Clarkston Elementary

What is your most memorable moment from Junior High?

Winning the City Championship in all three sports for Moore.

Who is your favorite teacher at Lee and why?

Mrs. Barnes, because she showed me lots of attention in her class.

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

I chose basketball because I felt like the program would help me grow as a person.

What advice would you give to an incoming freshman?

Work hard and be coachable. Doing these things will put you further ahead and give you more of a chance to reach your goals.

Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

In five years I will be in medical school pursuing a career in surgery.



REL Senior Camden Williams

What are you looking forward to this season?

I look forward to playing 30+ games with the teammates I have been with for four years. We want to improve from last year's season and make the play-offs.

MEET OUR FACULTY: GLADYS SIRLES

BY: DEVONTE COLEMAN

I chose Mrs. Sirles, as my favorite teacher, because she is a very nice person. I felt like she really cared about what we did, and our success as students and a person. She also got me to like something that I could have cared less about before I was in her class. I think Mrs. Sirles really cares about every student. She is an old school teacher and really cares about our success in life.

Q: Why did you become a teacher?

A: I became a teacher because I wanted to help and train the future leaders of our society. To be able to have an invested interest in our future leaders intrigued me.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 21 years here at Robert E. Lee

Q: What kind of music do you like?

A: I like all kinds of music, except hard rock and vulgar rap music.

Q: What is your favorite TV

show?

A: My favorite TV show is any movie on Lifetime Movie Channel and any comedy show

Q: Do you watch sports? What is your favorite?

A: Football is my favorite sport to watch, but I only watch the play-off games.

Thanks Mrs. Sirles!



REL Soph. Devonte Coleman

“There is a big difference between wanting to and willing to”

1 Passion.....1 Purpose

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ELEVATORS

In a recent article composed by John Celestland, former LA Laker, the statement is made "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." He then poses the questions; "How many of us are taking the elevator to work everyday?" and "How many of us are looking for an elevator in life?"

It is no hidden fact that people want to be good at something. However, rarely are we willing to do what it takes to be good. What it takes usually means time and ef-

fort. In the statement made by Celestland, he makes the inference that those who experience success have done so the "hard" way, without looking for an easy route to the destination. Many times we waste more time waiting for the easy way to present itself rather than just get the job done. This can be exemplified by the person waiting in line for an elevator to arrive, when all they had to do was jump a couple of stairs and be there already! Why would a person choose to wait in line to take an elevator, rather than take the stairs when

both routes lead to the same place? The answer is work.

Our job in dealing with youth is to make them thinkers, provide them knowledge, develop their skills. All of these are attributes of success. However without work, these skills become limitations. Living everyday as an example to youth, are we modeling work? If not, are we encouraging success?

Success is defined by the individual, but one important question remains; When you go to work tomorrow, will you be taking the stairs?

Robert E. Lee Basketball

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vs.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>9th</u>
Nov. 10	Whitehouse/Hallsville SCR	Whitehouse	TBA	TBA	
Nov. 14	Lufkin SCR	away	TBA	TBA	
Nov. 17	Pine Tree	HOME	7:00	5:30	
Nov. 19-21	Wells Tournament			TBA	
Nov. 20	Corsicana	away	7:00		
Nov. 27	BK Classic- Lindale	Lee HS	7:00		
Nov. 28	BK Classic- Sulphur Springs	Lee HS	8:30		
Dec. 3-5	Optimist Tournament	Henderson		TBA	TBA
Dec. 3-5	Hoop Heaven	Lindale	TBA		
Dec. 8	Lufkin	away	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Dec. 10-12	Longview Tournament	Longview	TBA		
Dec. 15	Nacogdoches	HOME	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Dec. 18	Mt. Pleasant	away	6:00	4:30	4:30/5:30
Dec. 22	Longview	HOME	3:30	2:00	1:00/2:00
Dec. 28-30	Wagstaff Tournament	TJC	TBA		
Jan. 2	Jacksonville	away	2:30	1:15	12:00
Jan. 5	Coppell	away	6:30	5:00	5:00/6:30
Jan. 9	Lindale	HOME	1:30	12:15	11:00
Jan. 15	Mesquite	HOME	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Jan. 19	Mesquite Horn	away	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Jan. 22	John Tyler	TJC	7:30		
Jan. 23	John Tyler	HOME		12:30	10:00/11:15
Jan. 26	North Mesquite	HOME	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Jan. 29	Desoto	HOME	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Feb. 2	Mesquite	away	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Feb. 5	Mesquite Horn	HOME	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Feb. 8	John Tyler	away	7:30		
Feb. 9	John Tyler	TJC		6:00	
Feb. 12	North Mesquite	away	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15
Feb. 16	Desoto	away	7:30	6:00	5:00/ 6:15



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