



The Bear Facts

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PSAT Testing

All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT test on Wednesday, October 17. The PSAT is a "one-shot, one day test!" October 17 is a national test date which may not be changed, and there is no opportunity for making up the test if a student is absent or tardy to school. If at all possible, students should be on time and in attendance on the day of testing.

The PSAT (preliminary SAT) is one of two tests designed to help students prepare for college entrance testing. It is also the test used to determine qualification of juniors for the National Merit Scholarship Program. It is excellent practice for freshmen and sophomores. One would not even consider playing a sport or performing on stage or in a musical recital without practicing. Why take something as important as a college entrance test without practice?

Prior to testing, each student will be given a booklet that contains information about the test as well as practice items. Teachers will be using these booklets to help students prepare in the days prior to October 17.

The cost of the test is \$13 per student. This will be billed to your account.

AP Scholar Awards

Fourteen students at Davidson Academy have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college level Advanced Placement Program Exams. Only about 18 percent of the more than 1.4 million high school students in more than 16,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2007 after completing challenging college-level courses at Davidson Academy. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP Exams.

Three students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 (5 is the highest possible score on a single exam) on all AP exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Emily Eaton** ('07), **Justin Herrell** ('07), and **Tori Lawrence** ('07).

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning average grade of 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are **Erica Bingham** ('07), **Lauren Goldberg** ('07), **Caroline Milam** ('08), and **Hayley Penuel** ('07).

Seven students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Olivia Brown** ('07), **Emily Davis** ('07), **Brittany Fraser** ('07), **Hillary Goodall** ('07), **Alanna Kinsolving** ('07), **Ellen Larson** ('07), and **Rachel Swann** ('07).

Congratulations to these students and their parents.

Welcome, Mr. Jack Martin!



Due to the illness of her husband, Jimmy, Mrs. Beverly Moore will be taking a leave of absence for the remainder of this semester. She plans to return for the second semester in January. Our prayers are with Mrs. Moore, her husband, and their family.

Mr. Jack Martin will be taking Mrs. Moore's classes while she is on leave. Mr. Martin is a graduate of Davidson Academy and was valedictorian of his class. He graduated in May from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration. While at Vanderbilt, Mr. Martin was recognized as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. He has been commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and will be leaving in January for pilot training at Columbus Air Force Base in Mississippi. Mr. Martin attends the Harpeth Hills Church of Christ.

Mr. Martin was a student of Mrs. Moore in his 7th grade year at Davidson Academy. We are excited about having Mr. Martin as a teacher at our school.

PDA Ad Deadline - October 19

The deadline to purchase a yearbook PDA ad is fast approaching. Don't miss the opportunity to express your pride and affection for your student. The deadline is October 19. No ads will be accepted after this date. If you would like to purchase an ad, please fill out the form and send it in with your payment to Mrs. Elliott at the Upper School. The form is available at <http://www.davidsonacademy.com/forms/YearbookPDAadform.pdf>.

Extended Care Registration

Tuesday, October 23, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal for Parent-Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 2 for Teacher In-Service

Davidson Academy students will be dismissed at **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 23** for parent-teacher conferences. School will be **closed on Friday, November 2** for teacher in-service. Extended Care is available for students on both days. Lunch and snack will be provided. There is a **\$20.00 fee for Tuesday, October 23. The fee for Friday, November 2 is \$25.00.** Fees will be assessed for those registered days regardless of attendance. **There is a \$10.00 late fee for those registering after Thursday, October 18.** To register, stop by the Extended Programs office or call 860-5310.

Bear Pride Fund Fast Facts

What do our alumni value most about their experiences as Davidson Academy students? By far, the most common replies to that question include "passionate and skilled teachers" and "individualized attention". Chances are, those are the same qualities your own children benefit from the most in their Davidson Academy education. Quality, caring teachers are without a doubt our finest resource. It may surprise you to realize that salaries comprise 70% of our annual operating budget. That's one of the most important reasons we can think of to support Bear Pride Fund. You can know that your gift is having an immediate impact on Davidson Academy's ability to compensate its tremendously talented and treasured faculty!



Golf Teams Win Region Tournament

Congratulations to the girls' and boys' golf teams who both won the region golf tournament in Chattanooga. For the girls, **Lacey Oeser** finished 5th, **Stephanie Smith** finished 3rd, and **Whitney Phillips** won the tournament. For the boys, **Shane Means** finished 4th, **Kamron Kimbro** finished 2nd, losing a two-hole playoff to **Ben Price**.



Miller to Compete in the Miss Tennessee Teen USA Pageant This Week

Senior Kelsey Miller (Miss Bellevue Teen USA) will participate in the Miss Tennessee Teen USA pageant October 4-6, 2007 in Clarksville, Tennessee. The winner of the Miss Tennessee Teen USA title will advance to the MISS TEEN USA Pageant. Good luck, Kelsey!



Girls' Golf Team includes Whitney Phillips, Lacey Oeser, and Stephanie Smith

Band News

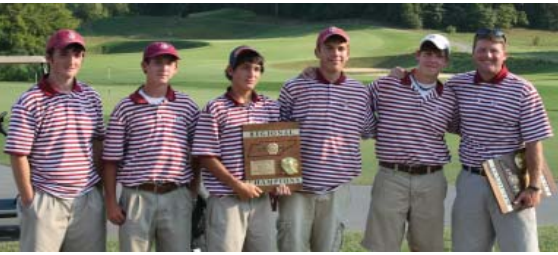
The Bear Pride Marching Band won 1st place in their division this weekend at the Traveller's Rest marching band competition. They also won Best Visual, Best Auxiliary, and got to go on to perform in Finals. Congratulations Band! Ms. Fuller would like to thank all the students for their hard work and the parents who helped to make the weekend a success.

Band Geek of the Week

Lower School: **Ryan Russell** always comes to fifth grade band ready to work hard, is respectful in class, and knows his music.

Upper School: **Elizabeth Harris** has shown incredible improvement in marching and playing skills because she is always working to go to the next level. She continues to improve upon some aspect each practice and rehearsal.

Boys' Golf Team pictured is Ben Price, Reed Cimala, Shane Means,



Matt Hogan, Kamron Kimbro, and Coach Jim Carter

Reminder:

BBQ Supper is coming Friday, October 12 in the Lower School Gym from 4:00 to 6:30.

Tickets were mailed last week so please start sending in your money and/or unsold tickets. Deadline for turning in tickets is Thursday, October 11 in order to be eligible for the prizes.



ACT Prep Course

Davidson Academy will be offering an ACT Prep Course in preparation for the October 27th ACT. The cost is \$80 for first time course takers. There is no charge for repeat course takers. Every student interested in taking the course must register in the Upper School Guidance Office. All sessions will be from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dates and subject areas will be as follows: Monday, Oct. 15 – English, Tuesday, Oct. 16 – Reading, Tuesday, Oct. 23 – Math, and Thursday – Oct. 25 - Science.

Holiday Market Vendor Application deadline has been extended to October 16th.

Next Week

Week of October 8-13, 2007

- Monday: **Columbus Day Holiday/Fall Break**
- Tuesday: Cross Country Vaughns Gap Mid-Week, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls' Soccer at University School, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Volleyball Regional Tournament
- Wednesday: Anatomy/Physiology Classes to TBI, 8:30 a.m.
Varsity/JV Volleyball Regional Tournament
- Thursday: Varsity Girls' Soccer vs. DCA, 4:30 p.m.
7/8 Football at DCA, 6:00 p.m.
Varsity/JV Volleyball Regional Tournament
- Friday: **End of First Quarter**
4th Grade to Tennessee History Festival, 8:30 a.m.
Barbecue Supper/Book Fair
Varsity Football vs. Rossville Christian
Varsity/JV Volleyball Regional Tournament
- Saturday: Band Contest

Lower School Menus - Week of October 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fall Break	Maple & Brown Sugar Oatmeal Classic Cuts Deli Sausage Scrambled Eggs Baked Hashbrowns Tossed Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Coffee Cake	Chicken Noodle Soup Classic Cuts Deli Soft Tacos Shoeppeg Corn Beans & Rice Tossed Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Cinnamon Crisp	Taco Soup Classic Cuts Deli Cheesy Lasagna Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Tossed Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Confetti Cake	Beef Stew Classic Cuts Deli Hot Ham & Cheese Baked Chips Fruit Cocktail Tossed Salad Assorted Fresh Fruit Ice Cream

Upper School Menus - Week of October 8-12

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fall Break	Maple & Brown Sugar Oatmeal The Salad Works Classic Cuts Deli JD's Grill Mangia! Mangia! Sausage Scrambled Eggs Baked Hashbrowns Assorted Fresh Fruit Fresh Baked Cookies	Chicken Noodle Soup The Salad Works Classic Cuts Deli JD's Grill Mangia! Mangia! Soft Tacos Shoeppeg Corn Beans & Rice Assorted Fresh Fruit Fresh Baked Cookies	Tomato Soup The Salad Works Classic Cuts Deli JD's Grill Mangia! Mangia! DA Chicken Fillet Sandwich Grilled Chicken Sandwich Curly Fries Veggie Sticks Assorted Fresh Fruit S'more Cookie Bars	Taco Soup The Salad Works Classic Cuts Deli JD's Grill Mangia! Mangia! Cheesy Lasagna Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Assorted Fresh Fruit Fresh Baked Cookies