



The Bear Facts

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Girls' Varsity Basketball Team Wins Region Championship; Boys' Team Region Runner-up

Congratulations to the girls' varsity basketball team for winning the Region Championship this weekend by defeating St. Andrews-Sewanee 58-41. The boys' varsity basketball team was Region Runner-up and defeated the number one team in the region to get to the finals.

Both teams will host the Substate Finals this weekend. The girls' team will play Bishop-Byrne at 7:00 p.m. Friday night, February 22nd. We are asking that all Davidson supporters wear Davidson cardinal for the girls' game. The boys' team will play Saturday night, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. vs. FACS. All Davidson fans need to wear black for this game. Since this is a TSSAA tournament, everyone must pay the admission price of \$6.00. The winners of both of these games will play in the Division II State Tournament next week at David Lipscomb University. Please come and support both teams and help us "Pack the Gym!" this weekend.



Girls' Basketball team accepts the Region Championship plaque. Photo courtesy of Betsy Beazley.

2nd Graders Present Patriotic Play

The Davidson Academy second grade students will present their annual patriotic play, "Symbols of Freedom," on Thursday, **February 28**, at 9:15 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., in the Odom Gymnasium. The play was written by our own fifth grade teacher Cathy Chason and former teacher Nancy Callies. The play includes the history of the Liberty Bell, the American Flag, and the Statue of Liberty among other symbols. Even Uncle Sam will make an appearance. Come and support them and learn what freedom is all about.

Bear Band Pops Concert

February 29th at 5:30 p.m. and March 1st at 5:30 p.m. Admission price includes a complimentary dessert/coffee buffet. This is a casual social event. Come hang out while eating sweet treats and hearing popular tunes. Admission price is \$6 for singles and \$10 for couples and will be in the Upper School dining room. Proceeds will be used to repair instruments.

Reminder:

Morning Drop-off Instructions

Please do not park along the curb or in the middle of the driveway if you need to come into the building and/or if you need to spend more than two minutes discussing something with your child. Many of our parents need to get to work, so please be respectful of their time. You may park along the median or in one of the parking spaces. Thank you for your help.

Davidson Academy's
Performing Arts Department
Presents
Cats
Music By
Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber
Based on "Old Possum's Book of
Practical Cats" By T.S. Eliot

March 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15
All Shows at 7 p.m.
March 15th Shows at 2 p.m. & 7 p.m.
Tickets: \$8 at the Door
Huggins Gymnasium

CATS

Bear Pride Fund Fast Facts

We all enjoy stories about heroes and royalty! Did you know that part of Davidson Academy's history involves a World War II hero and his beautiful "queen"? The World War II hero was **Warner "Tud" Ralls** and the "queen" was his beautiful wife, **Jane**.

Jane and Tud both grew up in Nashville, but attended different high schools. Jane was from Litton, where she was voted Carnival Queen, Homecoming Queen, and "Most Popular". Tud was a popular and well-respected student athlete at East High School. Although Jane had seen Tud compete in a variety of sports, since Litton and East were rival schools, the couple didn't meet until years later. In the interim, Tud served as a B24 bomber pilot in World War II and was shot down over Romania on his 51st mission – one flight more than regulations said he should have been assigned. He was held as a POW for a lengthy time, but was fortunately one of the first POW's to be released. When Tud returned to Nashville, he and Jane were introduced through friends. They shared their first date at the old Candyland restaurant on Church Street.

The Ralls enjoyed a happy marriage. With no children of their own, they often brought children home for Christmas from the Tennessee Baptist orphanage. Because Davidson trustees **Leonard Arnold and Sam Young** knew how Tud loved children, they introduced him to Davidson Academy and asked him to consider serving as a trustee. Tud agreed and served for a number of years – as did Jane after his death. He was an entrepreneur who had been successful in a variety of business ventures, including a company that produced molded plastic equipment for the hospital industry. He made a large gift of stock to Davidson Academy through that company, and later Jane made a major gift through the sale of a building.

Davidson Academy named **Ralls Athletics Complex** in honor of Jane and Tud in appreciation of their service and generosity. Jane continues to be a cherished friend of the school and she was proud to provide support as a major sponsor of our Silver Anniversary Gala. Jane and Tud Ralls are a shining example of American values, ingenuity, and courage. They cared deeply about providing for the students of Davidson Academy as though they were their own. Join us in celebrating a great American couple – "giants" of Davidson Academy's past – Jane and Warner "Tud" Ralls.



Sterban in Production, *Seussical the Musical*

Davidson Academy's 6th grader, **Tori Sterban**, is in the Steeple Players production of *Seussical the Musical*. The show opened Friday, February 15. Additional shows will be February 22 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. and February 23, 24, March 1, and March 2 at 2:00

and 7:30 p.m. The show is being performed in the Steeple Players Theater in the City Square Shopping Center in Hendersonville.

This is a fast moving, fun musical, that young and old will enjoy. Come see Horton and his friends and join their adventure in the world of Dr. Seuss. For ticket information, go to www.steepleplayers.org.

Tori got involved in theater after attending many, many, rehearsals and shows with her older sister. She was bitten by the bug. This is Tori's third Steeple Players production. She is the daughter of Richard and Donna Sterban.

Discover the World! TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2009:



- Spring Break Student Europe Trip—
"England, Ireland, & Wales"
Informational Meeting:
Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m., Keyes Library
- Summer ADULT Italy Trip—July 4-15, 2009
"Venice, Florence, & Rome"
<http://www.davidsonacademy.com/comingevents/italy/index.htm>

For more information, contact:
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Help DA Alumni at Union University

There are 12 students from Davidson Academy enrolled at Union University. DA would like to help them by taking up donations to purchase gift cards to replace items lost in the tornado. Donations will be taken up during lunch in the upper school and in Mr. Johnson's office in the lower school on Wednesday, February 20 through Friday, February 22. If you would like more information contact Mr. Decker at 860-5329 or Vivian Penuel at 384-8077.

2008-2009 Calendar Announced

August 6	High School Registration Open House, 2:30-4:30 p.m.
August 7	1st Day of Classes High School Retreat
August 8	High School Retreat
August 9	High School Retreat
August 14	Upper School Open House
September 1	Labor Day Holiday
September 4	Open House for Grades 4-6
October 8	End of 1st Quarter
October 9-10	Fall Break
October 13	Columbus Day Holiday
October 14	2nd Quarter Begins
October 21	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
November 9-10	TAIS Conference
November 10	School Holiday
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holidays
December 15	11:00 a.m. Dismissal for Lower School
December 15-18	Exams
December 18	End of 2nd Quarter
December 19-Jan. 2	Christmas Holidays
January 5	School Resumes 3rd Quarter Begins
January 19	MLK Holiday
February 16	Presidents Day Holiday
March 6	End of 3rd Quarter
March 9	4th Quarter Begins
March 17	Parent-Teacher Conferences, 11:00 a.m. Dismissal
March 23-27	Spring Break
April 3	Generation Celebration
April 10	Good Friday Easter Holiday
April 13	Easter Holiday
May 17	Baccalaureate
May 18	11:00 a.m. Dismissal for Lower School
May 18-21	Final Exams
May 21	Last Day of Classes
May 23	Commencement

Next Week

Week of February 25-March 1, 2008

<u>Monday:</u>	Hunter Education Class Begins
<u>Tuesday:</u>	5th Grade to Adventure Science Center, 8:45 a.m. Junior College Planning Night
<u>Thursday:</u>	2nd Grade Patriotic Play, 9:15 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Varsity Basketball DII State Tournament Begins
<u>Friday:</u>	Bear Band Pops Concert, 5:30 p.m.
<u>Saturday:</u>	Varsity Softball Beech Play-day at Drakes Creek Bear Band Pops Concert, 5:30 p.m.

Lower School Menus - Week of February 25-29

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Scrambled Eggs Country Sausage Baked Hashbrowns Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Coffee Cake	Loaded Potato Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Soft Tacos Refried Beans Rice Cinnamon Apples Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Cinnamon Crisp	Taco Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Chicken Noodle Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit Cocktail Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Holy Cow Cake	Garden Vegetable Soup <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Pulled Pork Macaroni & Cheese White Beans Cornbread Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Peach Cobbler	White Chili <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> Grilled Hamburger French Fries Baked Beans Tossed Salad <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Ice Cream

Upper School Menus - Week of February 25-29

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> JD's Grill <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Scrambled Eggs Country Sausage Baked Hashbrowns <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Loaded Potato Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> JD's Grill <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Soft Tacos Refried Beans/Rice Cinnamon Apples <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Taco Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> JD's Grill <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Chicken Pot Pie Sweet Corn Braised Cabbage <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies	Garden Vegetable Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> JD's Grill <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Chicken Tenders Western Fries Broccoli Florets & Dip <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Holy Cow Cake	Soup <i>The Salad Works</i> <i>Classic Cuts Deli</i> JD's Grill <i>Mangia! Mangia!</i> Pulled Pork Macaroni & Cheese White Beans/Cornbread <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> Fresh Baked Cookies