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by Jayne Greenberg

PTSA Executive Vice President—Communications

Back to School Night - Thursday, September 6

The Tam High Jazz band welcomes back all parents at 6:30 pm in Gus Gym. Presentations begin at 7 pm and classroom visits start at 7:30 pm. Wear comfortable shoes and remember to bring your student's schedule and a flashlight!

First PTSA Meeting of the Year

Monday, September 10 in the Hawk's Nest adjacent to the Student Center 8:45 am. meet our new Assistant Principal Tom Drescher. Get the latest information about modernization from Principal Chris Holleran. All are welcome.

Homecoming at Tam

September 21 kicks off a week of Centennial Homecoming festivities! There will be themed days during Spirit Week – yes – your students will need to find just the right costume. Friday evening, September 28, as part of the Centennial Homecoming celebration, there will be a Sock Hop in Gus Gym put on by the Tam Alumni Association. On Saturday, September 29, is the annual Homecoming Parade, followed by the big game against San Marin. That night is the Homecoming Dance so be sure your student buys a ticket in advance.

Tam Welcomes New Assistant Principal

A warm welcome to our new assistant principal, Tom Drescher. Tom was the director of guidance at El Dorado High School in Placerville. He has experience teaching special education, and a masters degree in counseling. He received his administration credential from UC Riverside.

College and Career Center Services

We have a wonderful College and Career Center that can help you and your student research colleges and post-high school programs, financial aid, scholarships, college admissions tests, summer programs and volunteer opportunities. For the most up to date information about testing, college visits, and more be sure to check the Tam High website at www.tamhigh.org. You may also sign up for grade-specific emails to remind you and your student of special events, college visits, scholarship opportunities and last-minute scheduling changes. Contact Susan Gertman at sgertman@tamdistrict.org.



Freshmen and their Link Crew advisors listen to a presentation at freshman orientation.

Parents Help With Back To School Preparations

School had not yet started when parents arrived on campus to help students prepare for their year at Tam. This dedicated group cut their summer schedules short and came to school to help students cope with the maze of paperwork that is required at the beginning of the year. These wonderful volunteers barbecued for the freshman class, helped all students with their registration packets and handed out class schedules.

A great big thank you to Paul Chapman (co BBQ chair) and barbecue volunteers: Jim Budish, Mark Will, Martin Sacks, Mitch Stein, Steve Goldstein, Jim Hirabayashi, Gayle Canton, Julia Howard, Naomi Lee, Gladys Blose, Suzan Sweet, and Linda Wegmann. Thanks also to registration volunteers: Heather Schleuter, Jackie Hamilton, Cheryl Brandon, Elizabeth Suzuki, Gerald Bourguignon, Nanette Zavala, Brett Powell, Margaret Billings, Loryn Sweet Winer, Shirley Hasley, Daria Painter-Chapman, Leslie Wachtel, Helen Caletti, Cindy McCauley, Sandy Haevernick, Cheryl Bronstein, Penni Goldstone, Lisa Yee, Shirley Ehrlich, Laura Epstein-Norris, Janet Buder, Jill Templeton, Syvie Silverstein, Susan Garratt, Diane Barber, Rusty Hendley, Tina Jennings, Jill Raj, Nancy Dunbar, Beth Alcedo, Wendy Crowe, Wendy Speas, Leslie Flax Abel, Mark Will, Jennie Lloyd, Maria Gabby Black, and Lisa Scarsella.

If we left anyone off the list, please accept our apologies. We certainly appreciate your volunteering to make this event happen. ♦

Big Season Ahead for CTE

Tam's student run theater production company will be performing some incredible works this year. Performances during the first semester alone are: True Fiction Magazine Benefit Performance, Long Form Improv; The Diary of Anne Frank; Alice in Wonderland; and Dead Man Walking. The full CTE season schedule is available online at ctetam.org. You'll find more CTE news on page 11.

Tam High Foundation Annual Fund Drive Begins

The Tam High Foundation has set a goal of \$350,000 this year, or \$350 per student. The Foundation exists to provide financial support for public education at Tam High School. Funding priorities this year are: Technology and Tools, Specialized Expertise, Building the Tam Community, and Teacher Grants. Please read the article on pg. 9 to find out how you can help us realize our goal for this school year.

Principles from the Principal

By Chris Holleran

CST Results

Congratulations to our students for their outstanding performance on last spring's STAR exams. Tam students improved in nearly every category at all grade levels. We appreciate the support of parents who encouraged their student(s) to give their best effort on the tests.

New Assistant Principal

I am pleased to introduce our new assistant principal, Tom Drescher. He comes to us from Ponderosa High School in El Dorado County. Tom is replacing John Berry, who is now principal at Davidson Middle School in San Rafael. Please join me in welcoming Tom to Tam.

Where to Park (or Not) on Campus

Parking on campus is limited for visitors and students. The front lot (off Miller Ave.) is reserved for staff and visitors only. Staff are assigned numbered spots, and visitors may park in spots marked "visitor." Student drivers may park in the back lot off Almonte Ave. on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as an approved 2007-08 permit is displayed in the vehicle. Carpool spots will be reserved for vehicles carrying three or more passengers, but are also limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional parking is available in the football field lot and off campus. Tam High is not responsible for parking tickets issued to those who park illegally, and Tam is not required or equipped to provide parking for all student drivers.

To obtain a student parking permit/decal: Fill out a parking permit/decal request form (available in Room 105 or on-line at [tamhigh.org/SiteMap/parking & transportation](http://tamhigh.org/SiteMap/parking%20&%20transportation)) and return the completed form to the assistant principals' Office, Room 105, Wood Hall.

Workshop Available for High School Exit Exam

Juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the California Exit Exam will be tested on October 2 and 3. Students who need help preparing for the exam are highly encouraged to attend a District workshop on September 24, a staff development day. The English Language Arts workshop is from 9-11 am, and the Math workshop is from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm. The workshops will be held in the Carlisle Building, which is on the west side of the main entrance to Redwood High School. To sign up for a workshop or for any questions regarding the Exit Exam, please call Carol Eber at 945-3727.

Site Council Has Opening for Parent Representative

There is an opening for a parent representative to the Tam site council. The site council represents parents, students, and staff. It monitors the school improvement plan and categorical budgets. Meetings are once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. Any parent interested in serving a two-year term on the site council should notify Principal Chris Holleran via e-mail cholleran@tamdistrict.org by Wednesday, September 5. There will be a ballot at Back to School Night on September 6 for parents to vote for the parent representative.



Construction Begins on New Keyser Hall

After a great deal of planning and preparation, construction for the new Keyser Hall is now underway. The site has been fenced off and earthwork has started. This phase is expected to last for a couple of months and will involve some construction noise as excavation equipment and trucks are used to prepare the site for construction. In addition, some materials delivery will happen during this phase of work.

Contractors on site will be in direct contact with the Van Pelt Construction Services team on a daily basis and will coordinate their activities to minimize disruptions to campus. Contractors will be required to wear identification badges while on site and will be directed to make safety for staff and students a top priority in their work. We have identified dates for STARS testing and final exams, and will coordinate the construction activity to minimize noise on these days.

Paths of Travel Altered to Accommodate Construction

New fences are in place for the Keyser Hall construction site resulting in alterations to pedestrian routes on campus. One path along the front lawn, access to 2nd the floor of Palmer Hall, and routes near Woodruff and the Science Portable will not be accessible during construction. The map below indicates pedestrian routes. A copy is also available on the Tam website: go to tamhigh.org and follow the links About Tam/Location/Modernization.

Pool Construction Schedule Adjustment Yields Benefits

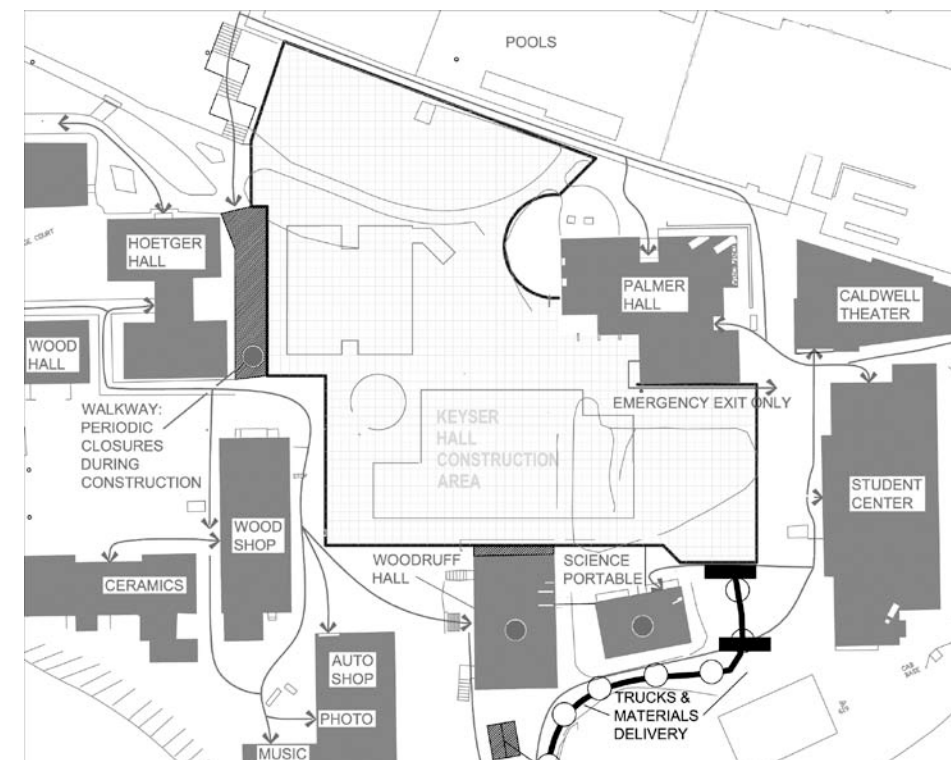
As more of the pieces fall into place for modernization projects here at Tam, adjustments must be made to optimize project schedules. Thus the decision has been made to delay the start of construction of the new pools until June 2008, just as Keyser Hall construction

becomes more concentrated on interior finishing. This decision will bring several benefits. First, the overlap between Keyser construction and the pool construction will occur during the summer, rather than during the busy school year. In addition, we will be able to use the existing pools for fall, winter and spring aquatic programs, rather than attempting to locate temporary facilities for these programs—a challenging task as district demand exceeds the available facilities. Keeping our pools in service this year will benefit the entire district.

Adjusting the pool construction start date to June 2008 has several benefits. The overlap of work and congestion of construction materials will occur during the summer of 2008. We will be able to use the existing pools for fall, winter, and spring aquatic programs. Locating temporary facilities for these programs was challenging as district-wide demand is in excess of facilities available in the area. Having at least one district pool functioning at all times would allow sharing between sites.

Another benefit is that the start of construction will occur during a better season of the year. Scheduling a summer start will place the earthwork phase during the dry season. It is likely that the duration of the pool construction will be shorter as fewer weather related problems will be encountered. Current projections indicate that starting construction in June 2008 will yield a completion date only three months later than the original date.

By rescheduling pool construction, the portables can remain until Keyser Hall's completion, and relocation costs will be reduced. Additionally, allowing the portables to remain where they are will provide as much parking as possible during construction.



On balance, incurring a slight delay in pool project completion will greatly reduce overall disruption to the campus, provide pool facilities over the next year, improve parking and pedestrian paths during construction, and give us an opportunity to observe the construction of Redwood High School's pool in similar bay mud conditions. ♦

KEYSER HALL PEDESTRIAN ROUTES FALL 2007

TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM
P.O. Box 605

Larkspur, CA 94977
Sarah Lynn Schoening
Senior Director of Facilities and Modernization

August 10, 2007
Dear Tam High Parent:

Tam High parents are important partners in education, and we feel it is important to provide you with information regarding the upcoming construction projects at Tamalpais High School.

In June, 2006, the voters passed a school facility bond in order to expand and modernize the schools in our community. A new theater building and extensive modernization throughout the campus have been completed under previous bond work. In August, the first of the 2006 Measure A projects will begin.

- The New Keyser Hall – this project will begin in August, 2007 and we anticipate completion in November, 2008.
- Construction will take place in accordance with County of Marin and City of Mill Valley regulations.
- Construction workers are prohibited from smoking, drinking, or swearing while on school property.

We know that construction of any nature is disruptive; we have been careful to include in the contracting documents, requirements that will help minimize the disruption. These measures include dust and noise control as well as on site monitoring of operating times and cleanup. In addition to the construction manager and the contractor, we will have a District representative, Wayne Van Loon, on site on a daily basis to monitor the progress of the work.

We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to enhance the learning environment for our students. A map of pedestrian routes may be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

Should you have any questions, comments or concerns during construction, please do not hesitate to call Wayne at (415) 720-0663 or Sarah at (415) 945-3710.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lynn Schoening
Senior Director of Facilities and Modernization

2007-08 Tam PTSA
Executive Board Roster

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Tam PTSA Agenda—
September 10, 2007 8:45 am

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Principals Report and Presentation
4. Approve Minutes – May
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Approval of checks
6. Campus Beautification
7. PTSA event dates
8. Membership Committee Report
9. THF
10. THUMB
11. Boosters
12. School Board Report



Tam parents help install the new garden behind the Student Center.



A beautiful native garden emerges from hard-working students and parents.

Diggin’ in the Dirt
by Gail Mason

Not only is this a new year at Tam but it is also an old year ... the Centennial Year at Tam. We’ve been trying to spruce up the campus gardens for the year’s celebrations and will continue, with your help, to do that this year.

Last spring 25 Tam students and their parents put in a great native garden on the south side of the Student Center. We’re slowly taking unfinished small areas around campus and trying to “beautify” them this year...either planting them, painting them, weeding them...whatever works.

Jill Templeton and I have a number of work parties planned for the year and the first one should be really fun as well. Back to Tam Day is sponsored by the Tam Alum Association and it is the perfect opportunity for new Tam students and their families (kids get Community Service Hours), Tam Alums, staff and all Tam students to come together, work on the campus, mingle and have a great barbecue (with music) in Freshman Court. It will be Saturday, September 8, 8am-1 pm for the work and 1-2 pm for the barbecue. We will be weeding, painting, planting and staining benches around campus so wear old clothes, bring work gloves and meet in front of campus by the marquee.

This is a particularly fun beginning-of-the-year time to come together but we will be offering later opportunities to help beautify the Tam campus so send in your donations and put your name on the list of Tam families who want to help. For more information, email or call Gail Mason, agmbean@comcast.net or 389-6636. Welcome to a new greener year on campus! ♦

PTSA Meeting Dates for 2007-08

(Time & Place: 8:45 am in the Hawk’s Nest unless other wise noted)

September 10
October 1
November 5 - 7 pm evening (teen panel)
December 3
February 4
March 3
April 21 - evening (parent ed)
May 5

Save the Date for the First Parent
Ed Evening of the Year

Put it on your calendar! Monday, November 5, 7-9 pm is the great Tam High Teen Panel For Parents where parents get to ask all their questions about high school today ... always an eye-opener. Check for more information in the October Whole Tam Family but mark your calendars now. This is an evening not to be missed!

Burritos Anyone?

It’s a Tradition – The Tam PTSA Taqueria
WHERE: Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival – Old Mill Park
WHEN: Saturday, September 15 and Sunday, September 16

The taqueria is Tam PTSA’s biggest fundraiser of the year. Be sure to volunteer to help in the booth. Volunteer with your student or a friend. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

And while you’re at the Festival, be sure to stop by the booth for something to eat and recommend the Tam food booth to friends.

Thank you to all parents and students who have already volunteered. We will be contacting you soon.

To volunteer or to get information, call or email Bonnie Freiberg at 388-4785 or bkfreiberg1@mac.com or e-mail Jeffrey Freiberg at jlfinv@mac.com

FIRST MEETING OF THE TAM PTSA

Monday, September 10
Hawk’s Nest adjacent to the Student Center 8:45 am

Please join us for the first meeting of the year. Come, meet and welcome our new Vice Principal, Tom Dresher. Hear about the construction schedule from Principal Chris Holleran.

Important Traffic Safety Reminders for Tam

With more students than ever at Tam, and another year of heavy construction, PTSA leaders asked the Traffic & Safety Committee to suggest some things parents and students can do to improve traffic and safety and help avoid serious accidents. While we all agreed that completing Keyser and creating a safe drop off and pick up zone on campus were the two items most needed at Tam High, we met with staff and public safety officials before school started and walked and drove the campus. Here are their ideas:

- 1. Encourage your student(s) to walk, bike, carpool or take the bus to school. Walking is a great exercise, there are lots of bike racks here at Tam (don't forget your lock), there's probably a good carpool already in your neighborhood, and students can take the bus anywhere in the County for only \$1 per ride. For local bus schedules, call MCTD: 499-6099 (www.marintransit.org)
- 2. Try out a new meeting location away from the school if you have to drive, where you can pick up or drop off your student(s) safely and he/she/they can walk, bike or take the bus the rest of the way. Set a specific time and place to meet each day, (cell phones get lost, confiscated or turned off) and a backup plan just in case.
- 3. Avoid the traffic crunch before and after school, for about 15-30 minutes before and after the final bell. Students who arrive earlier, or leave later, can visit the library, do homework, meet with teachers or peers, par-

- 4. Be prepared before you arrive so that you can drop off or pick up your student speedily and without incident. This is NOT the time or the place to switch drivers, fumble for lunch money, have a long and involved conversation with your teenager about curfews, or search for lost articles in the trunk or back seat. If you need more time, have a lot of stuff, or have to get out of your car, pull into a legal parking spot or one of the school parking lots.
 - 5. Pull forward and leave room for other cars in front and behind you, if you must use the congested yellow zone in front of the school to drop off or pick up students. This is a loading zone only, do NOT park here, or leave your vehicle unattended. When leaving, signal and merge back into traffic carefully, watching out for pedestrians, bikes and skateboards. (Check your manual: the signal indicator is to the left of the steering wheel.)
 - 6. If you drop off safely in the yellow zone, keep driving past the school to the staff parking lot or further past the sports fields to Almonte. If you're coming west on Camino Alto, MVPD recommends taking wide, slow turn from the RIGHT HAND lane so you can see if there's an empty space and pull in to the marked yellow zone safely without blocking the intersection or impeding southbound traffic. If the back parking lot entrance is blocked (the gateway is nar-
- elevator, new pool, aquatic center, weight room, tennis court replacement, plan for improved traffic flow and the completion of Keyser classrooms. This is the time when you can be directly involved with the process for completing Tam's modernization projects.
- The Tamalpais Union High School Board's meetings are set for the second and fourth

- row), drop off your student at the sports lot instead.
 - 7. Slow down and obey posted signs near the school or when using the front or back school parking lots. Unless you or your student is disabled (and you have a blue tag on your car), don't try to drop off anyone, ever, in the tiny lot off Gomez or at the maintenance driveway near Meade Theatre. And remember: there is a NO left turn sign out of the staff parking lot onto Miller.
 - 8. Don't park in private lots, spaces or driveways. Despite what your student may have heard, you may not park or leave your car in numbered spots in the staff lot, in any area labeled "no parking" or "handicapped only", or in the Safeway parking lot on Miller Avenue. If you park on the street, you need to find a legal parking spot which leaves driveways, hydrants, pedestrian paths and crosswalks clear. If you're not sure, check with a police officer, campus supervisor or the front office.
 - 9. Model good and safe driving behavior. It sets a good example for our students and will save you money and/or time in traffic school. Mill Valley Police and the Marin County Sheriff will ticket for speeding, stopping or parking violations, illegal turns, and impeding traffic. People who jaywalk across Miller or cross against the light will be fined. Those who disobey laws, flip off other drivers or shout epithets that can't be published in the Whole Tam Family, will be warned and reported. ♦
- Tuesdays of each month at 7pm in the Kreps Conference Center on the east side of the Redwood High School campus in Larkspur. An agenda is posted on the district website prior to each meeting: www.tamdistrict.org/board/agenda The September meetings will be on the 11th and the 25th. Check the website for the agenda and topics for discussion. ♦

TUHSD BOARD UPDATE

The Tam District School Board has been meeting throughout the summer. Many of the issues that have come before the Board have had to do specifically with Tam High. The major issue continues to be modernization. Many changes are occurring on campus and many more are planned for the future. In upcoming Board meetings there will be discussions concerning the new ADA access

YOU ARE THE TAM PTSA! Join and Volunteer!

Connect with other Tam Families and get to know the Tam staff. Just a few hours of your time sprinkled here and there can provide much needed service and support for our school. Many of the volunteer opportunities take very little time, but are fun and help build a strong community.

Parent/Guardian Name (1)_____ (2)_____

e-mail is the best way to receive updates on important school information!

e-mail (1) _____ e-mail (2) _____
phone (1) _____ phone (2) _____
address (1) _____ address (2) _____

student _____ grade____ student _____ grade____

- Please put a check mark next to your areas of interest:
- __ Campus Beautification – *watering, planting, weeding – your efforts can make a big difference even as construction continues.*
 - __ Tam High Taqueria – *at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival (Sept. 15 & 16). Help plan and staff the PTSA's ONLY major fundraiser*
 - __ BBQs
 - __ TAM High Centennial Celebration-*help staff and plan events (throughout year and Memorial Day Weekend)*
 - __ Baking for a school event *including Staff Coffees, Open House, Senior Awards Night, Graduation Reception*
 - __ Event Participation in conjunction with Leadership Class
 - __ Graduation Reception *(families of juniors)*
 - __ Safe and Sober Grad Night Planning *(families of seniors)*
 - __ Library Volunteers
 - __ Exam Proctors *(parents of AP students, especially)*
 - __ Tam Holiday Tree Lot –assist leadership handing out preordered trees *(Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st)*
 - __ Staff Appreciation Luncheon *(March)*
 - __ School Office Assistance – *a great way to get to know the staff*
 - __ Parent Tours & Shadowing
 - __ Traffic Safety Committee
 - __ WHOLE TAM FAMILY –*newsletter mailing-a few hours once a month*

Please join and contribute

__ Annual PTSA Dues \$25. _____

__ Web Master – help fund this position *(maintenance, new features, programming)* \$25. \$50. \$100. _____
(goal \$5,000)

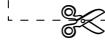
__ Campus Beautification *(With your help, we can improve the Tam environment over the short and long term (cleanup, temporary irrigation, plantings)* \$25. \$50. \$100. _____

__ General Fund *(merit and community service scholarships for seniors; newsletter, event hospitality and more. Any amount appreciated.)* \$25. \$50. \$100. \$200. _____

TOTAL : Please make your check payable to Tam High PTSA \$ _____

Questions or Comments? Contact Us
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Jayne Greenberg PTSA VP - Communication jaynegreenberg@hotmail.com

Mail to: Tam High PTSA, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941



PTSA to Sponsor Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Friday, September 7, is the first Staff Appreciation Coffee of the 2007-08 school year. The breakfast will be in the Hawk's Nest staff lounge adjacent to the Student Center. Please sign up to contribute a morning treat to welcome the staff to Tam for the new year. We will need egg dishes, quiches, yogurts, fresh fruits, coffee cakes, bagels and cream cheese, juice, etc. Whatever you would like to prepare for a morning treat will be great.

Deliver your contribution to the Hawk's Nest. You may drive directly up to the location or stop in the theatre parking lot while you deliver your food. Guests are likely to arrive anytime around 7:15-7:30 am, so we will need the food as close to that time as possible.

Thank you in advance for participating. Please respond with what you will be dropping off and whether you will be able to help.

Helene Siegel-Fotos
bash5@sbcbglobal.net
389-8598

Tam Library Hours

The library is open all day from 7:30 am to 7 pm Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 am to 4 pm on Friday. Fifty-five computers including 40 wireless laptops are available for student use. There are 65 magazine titles and free daily copies of the Marin IJ and San Francisco Chronicle newspapers, as well as lots of new books. Come by and check it out.

Bloomathon Fall Planting

Earn Community Service Hours!
Saturday, October 20, 2007
9 am
Mill Valley Community Center
Please bring gloves and a trowel
Any questions, phone:
Mary Lou Ibershaoff: 383-5107

Tamalpais High School
Emergency Phone Team 2007-2008

What is it?

The Reverse Phone Tree is to be used by parents should a significant emergency occur which affects the school operation. In a major emergency it is conceivable that the phone system will be unable to respond to the hundreds of incoming phone calls from parents and loved ones seeking accurate information on the status of Tam High students and staff. When and how will it be used?

The Reverse Phone Tree system will be implemented should the school face an emergency which would preclude the school’s ability to receive incoming calls. The parents listed on the phone tree will receive a call from a site administrator who will provide a status report on the school along with other important information. As a parent it is your job to call the appropriate person on the phone tree who will pass along information provided by the administration on the status of the school, staff, and students.

IF YOU LIVE IN: BOLINAS/STINSON BEACH	PRIMARY Jayne Greenberg (h) 383-7364 © 640-0259	BACK-UP Cindy McCauley (h) 381-5730 © 531-5731
MARIN CITY	Patty Trick (h) 381-4353 © 850-7328	Leslie Wachtel (h) 388-7766 © 990-1415
SAUSALITO	Helene Siegel-Fotos (h) 389-8598 © 717-7189	Maggie Floum (h) 383-6173 ©250-2567
MILL VALLEY AREAS DOWNTOWN & BLITHEDALE/CASCADE CANYON	Deb McNeil (h)388-0655 © 328-1299	Janet Buder (h) 388-3154 © 317-1646
HOMESTEAD	Susan Garratt (h) 383-7364 © 269-7364	Illana Friedman (h) 389-0202 © 518-0860
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What is Your Child Worth?

by Cynthia Chiarappa

Imagine a mind lit up – excited about learning, easily grasping new concepts, and as a result highly self confident. Your investment of \$1.15 per day has the power to illuminate your child’s mind – as well as the minds of 1,150 Tam High students.

The Tam High Foundation exists to provide financial support for public education at Tam High School. Sadly, public education does not fund some essential classroom tools to help our already exceptional teachers maximize students’ total learning potential.

Collectively we can generate enough power to make a difference. Funds raised this year will be spent this year.

This year, funding priorities include, among others:

☞ Technology and Tools: Replace language laboratory, sliding white boards for all math classrooms, science laptop lab, AIM, Automotive Technology, Tam Library laptops and collection

☞ Specialized Expertise: Drama Technical Guest Artist, Library Aide (for extended

hours), Tam website coordinator, Literacy tutors/readers, Poets in the Schools, Shakespeare experts

☞ Building the Tam Community: Camp Everytown (diversity education), LINK Crew (Freshmen transition), Whole Tam Family newsletter and Safe and Sober Grad Night

☞ Teacher Innovation Grants: Specialized equipment, stipends and other program support for English, Social Studies, Science, PE, Applied Technology, Fine Arts, Math, Special Education and World Languages and the Counseling and Career Centers.

Our goal for this fall is \$350,000: \$350 per student (or \$1.15 per day per student) will get us there.

Helping is easy:

☞ Support the Parent Fund: When you receive our brochure in the mail by September 15, please donate generously. There are many ways to give – select the one that works best in your budget. You can also give online at www.tamhighfoundation.org.

☞ Sign up for e-Scrip: Add Tam High Foundation to your account (www.escrip.com using ID # 137140398). If you have younger children in Mill Valley, choose Mill Valley Kids K-12, using ID # 1425010100, so ALL your children benefit.

☞ Shop and Give: Mill Valley Market’s Shop and Give program donates 3 percent of purchases directly to Tam High when you mention it while checking out. Albertson’s and Bell Market have their own programs – please enroll their preferred shopping cards through the Tam High Foundation.

☞ Volunteer: Even a couple of hours of your time can make a difference. Call Jackie Hamilton at 380-3565.

☞ Be a Business Partner: Contact the Tam High Foundation office at 380-3565 for more information.

Together, we have the power to light our children’s minds – to make learning a more interactive, tangible, fun and rewarding experience. ♦

Visit us at www.tamhighfoundation.org

High Notes

from the Music Department

On behalf of our teacher and music director, Spiro Tsingaris, and the board and members of Tam High United Music Boosters (THUMB), we want to extend a warm welcome to all new and returning music students and their families.

THUMB is the parent organization that provides financial and volunteer support for all of Tam High’s music programs. Every music student benefits from our efforts and parents can help by joining THUMB with a tax-deductible membership contribution of \$40.

Enrollment continues to increase in the music department and we need volunteers to help with all the functions connected with our performances and fundraising. Our first THUMB meeting is Thursday, September 20, at 7 pm in the Band Box. This would be a wonderful

opportunity to become acquainted with the veteran THUMB members who need new blood to help with all the planning and fun work associated with music functions. Come join the fun!

Every year THUMB provides music scholarships to talented students. Last year the winners were Hannah Fishman, Levi Gillis, Jonah Hopton, Andie Liao, Max Perrey, Arthur Richardson, Mayumi Tsuchida, and Alex Winter. Congratulations!

Look for the Jazz Band performing at Back to School Night and the Advanced Band and Jazz Band Horns playing at all home football games.

News from Parent to Parent Connection

By Sandra Tanner Mack and Janet Miller, p2p Coordinators

Does your student have learning challenges? Do you have questions about his or her IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or 504 plan, or do you need to know more about such plans and how to make them more effective? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” you can find help at Parent-to-Parent Connection (p2p), a Tam District support group for parents of high school students with learning challenges. Our parent meetings offer information from dynamic speakers on a wide variety of topics, and we open each meeting an hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

As co-coordinators of p2p, we meet monthly with TUHSD administrators Karen Mates, Director of Special Education, and Carol Eber, Director of Student and Instructional Services, in order to plan p2p programs and also to voice your questions and concerns. If you would like to receive e-mail notices of meetings or have comments or questions, please contact p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us. To find out more about p2p, visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

We repeat some of our more popular programs from year to year, such as Jane McClure’s January presentation on college options for kids “not on the Harvard track.” Please take note of a new, one-time, student/parent workshop on Saturday, February 9, 2008, from 10 am – 12:30 pm presented by Bound 4 College. Space is limited; register at p2p@tamdistrict.org.

Please join us for our first meeting on September 19, at 7 p.m. This will afford you the chance to meet us and other like-minded parents AND get off to a good start for the 2007-08 academic year. Our meeting agenda follows:

p2p 2007-08 meeting schedule
(2nd Wednesday every month, 6:30-9pm, Kreps, RWHS; Program at 7 pm, Informal parent meeting from 6:30 -7pm.)

SEPTEMBER 19—A Cooperative Model for Advocating for Your Special Needs Student. Planning for High School Success. [Diane Provo] Handouts on assessments, IEP’s, and 504 plans.

OCTOBER 10— Social and Emotional Challenges and Solutions for Students with Learning Disabilities: Getting along with peers and teachers, self advocacy, getting plugged into high school. [Dr. Virginia Bassi; role-playing workshop]

NOVEMBER 14 —You do have choice for high school: Which High School Best Suits the Needs of My Student? Student and parent panels on TUHSD high school options. Handout information on Intra-district transfer policy and procedures.

[No December meeting]

JANUARY 16—What’s Next? Four-year colleges for students with learning Issues: which ones to pick, how to get in; everything you wanted to know about four year colleges but were afraid to ask. [Jane McClure]

FEBRUARY 9—Bound4College, Parent/Student Saturday Workshop, 10 am – 12:30 pm; space limited; register at p2p@tamdistrict.org.

FEBRUARY 13—Four Year College Isn’t the Only Way: Other Options, Including Two-year College. Robert Flynn from COM & Barbara McCune, Drake College & Career Counselor.

MARCH 12—Broadening High School Experience: Some New and Nontraditional Options (TEAM, Internships, ROP, Drake’s Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, Peer Counseling, Pilot Program: Teen Emergency Response Team, Construction Technology class).

APRIL 16—Get me Outta Here! Meeting Graduation Outcome and High School Exit Exam Requirements/issues for LD kids.

MAY 14—Help! My kid forgets everything and is disorganized! Executive Functioning Problems and How to Solve Them [Dr. Barbara Easterlin] Getting ready for a Successful High School Experience: How to develop a four year plan, tips for making the transition easier, the summer transition workshop.

Welcome back to school and we look forward to seeing you at our meetings! ♦

A Challenging Season Ahead for CTE in 2007—08



Advanced Drama actors in action.

Tam’s award-winning drama program, Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE), will be full of provocative plays this season that will be sure to move as well as entertain our audiences. A mixture of classic works dealing with contemporary issues plus new, developmental works aim to offer our audiences a variety of experiences.

A very special treat is in store for our audiences this year. We open this season with a special benefit for the CTE program performed by True Fiction Magazine, a professional improvisation group based in San Francisco that is internationally renown for their work. Founded by CTE guest artist Regina Saisi, this group specializes in “long-form” improvisation weaving plots, characters and genres from only a handful of suggestions from the audience. The skill and close ensemble work of these performers is absolutely amazing to watch and highly entertaining. Mark your calendars for September 12 to see this group in action.

In the first semester, “The Diary of Anne Frank,” directed by CTE Co-Artistic Director Susan Brashear, will open the official season in the new Daniel Caldwell Theatre. This thought-provoking drama will be followed

by a new adaptation of the classic “Alice In Wonderland,” directed and developed by guest artist Sheila Lopez. Next up will be the controversial play “Dead Man Walking,” co-directed by guest artists John Warren and Julia Mueller. In spring get ready for the magic of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” directed by guest artist Julianna Rees, sponsored by the Tam High Foundation. The Mother Lode Festival play is yet to be announced but will be directed by CTE Founder, Daniel Caldwell. And the last main-stage play will be a new, developmental work based on memories and inscriptions from the perennial yearbooks just in time to celebrate 100 years of Tam’s history, directed by Wendell Willat, a Tam/CTE grad.

Student One Act Festivals present short plays directed and produced by advanced students that are acted by first and second year CTE students. These popular festivals (both Winter and Spring) contain everything from classic one acts by noteworthy playwrights to new works written by CTE students. Frequently playing to sold-out audiences, these festivals showcase student work and peer directing, the cornerstone of the CTE program.

Fundraising enterprises such as the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival Face Painting and the annual Dance A Thon raise money to support the CTE program, bringing in a dozen professional guest artists every year to work with students in a variety of theater training. Other events planned are the annual Drama Banquet and a trip to London in the spring to see theatre and experience the best of theatre history over the spring break.

Parents and community members are welcome to join the CTE membership drive currently underway if you would like to support the efforts of this largely self-supporting program. There are about 280 students in the four-year, sequential program, now over 30 years old. Visit CTE’s website: www.ctetam.org to learn more about the program, the guest artists and the history. This is also the place to view our calendar with updated information, including dates and times of performances. We look forward to seeing you at the shows! ♦

Susan Brashear and Ben Cleaveland (Co-Program Directors)
Heather Basarab (Production Manager and Technical Director)

In Loving Memory of Joshua Matthews: CTE Student 2001-2005

CTE mourns the loss of our recent graduate, Joshua Matthews; generous friend and mentor to many, and a bright spot in all our lives. We miss you and keep you in our hearts.

Josh's family has requested that donations in Josh's memory can be made to help continue the program he loved so well and to which he gave so much of himself. Please go to www.ctetam.org for more information.



A scene from CTE production of "The Cherry Orchard" with Josh as Gayev and Gina Levy as Anya.

School to Career News

Nancy Westreich is the new School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School. She is available to see students on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the College and Career Center. Nancy assists students in exploring potential career opportunities by providing internships, job shadows and career-related field trips. Fall internships are available in health care, art, business, technology, automotive repair, the environment and more. Fall internships will begin October 1. Applications are due on September 14 and are available in the College and Career office. Please come and see Nancy for more information. She can also be reached at 415-380-3558 or email nwestreich@tamdistrict.org.

Leadership News

by Peter Berkhout, Activities Director, pberkhout@tamdistrict.org



Senior Cory Hamilton, sophomore Tess Rockers, seniors René Rico and Katie Schlueter enjoy lunch together in the Stanford dining hall at CASC 2007.

Hello and welcome back!

The year started off early for 15 Leadership students who attended the summer leadership camp August 9-12 at Stanford University run by the California Association of Student Councils. This is one of the best leadership training organizations around, and it's all student-led: everyone on staff except the camp director is either a high school or college student. This year our own ASB President Chelsea Heaney served as a counselor at the camp. Applause! This year we will also send student delegates to the statewide Student Advisory Board on Education, sponsored by CASC. The SABE is the only student group to meet annually with the State Board of Education and Superintendent Jack O'Connell to make policy recommendations on behalf of the students of California. For more information, see www.casc.net.

Coming up during the month of September are class meetings during tutorial period (dates TBA). For the seniors, juniors, and sophomores, we will be introducing the as-of-now undecided homecoming theme, presenting financial reports, and generally soliciting input and ideas from the student body at large. For freshmen, will be electing class officers as well.

Look for Tam Leadership students to help you find your way around our ever-changing campus on Back-to-School Night, September 6.

September 21 brings the Homecoming Rally during tutorial period to kick off a week of

Centennial Homecoming festivities! Homecoming Dance tickets also go on sale at lunch that same day. The following week brings us Spirit Week, so try to help your students find that just-right costume to fit each themed day.

Friday evening, September 28, as part of the Centennial Homecoming celebration, there will be a Sock Hop in Gus Gym put on by the Tam Alumni Association. It's American Graffiti all over again! Bring the whole family to this event and learn to dance if you don't know how. I believe they're also putting on a costume contest for a number of different age groups. Dig out that poodle skirt and slap the pomade on your hair!

On Saturday, September 29, come out at noon to downtown or along Miller Avenue on the way to Tam to see the Homecoming Parade go by ... and follow it to the Homecoming game at Tam to see us take on San Marin. That night, the Homecoming Dance will follow the game in Gus Gym from 8 to 11pm. There will be no ticket sales at the door, so make sure your student purchases a ticket either the week prior to the game at school, or at the game before the fourth quarter.

On Sunday, September 30, the Leadership class will breathe a huge sigh of relief! Remember, being involved in any of these events is as easy as visiting me in room 154. *Until next time.* ♦

On the Shelf

by Donna Brown

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We at the Mill Valley Public Library would like to introduce students and parents to some excellent tools for homework help. Many resources are available through our website www.millvalleylibrary.org; of particular interest however, are two services: AskNow and Live Homework Help.

AskNow, is a free 24-hour, 7 day-a-week reference service where questions are answered in real-time, by reference librarians. This service is great anytime, day or night, when you have specific questions or need web resources. Live Homework Help is a real-time tutoring service, available everyday from 1-10 pm, where students

can get help in specific subject areas. Students work with trained tutors, and instantly identify with the chat technology used by this service. Both services are compatible with Mac as well as PC computers. On Thursday, September 13, from 7-8 pm, we will demonstrate the Live Homework Help service in our Creekside Room. Students and parents are welcome.

For more information about programs and services for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library, contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org ♦

Reel News

News from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

By Chloe Erskine, AIM Student Writer

AIM Films Sweep the Festivals; Students Prepare for a New Year

As another school year begins, Tam's AIM program welcomes a large class of new juniors into the fold. This year the total number of students in the program is at seventy-five and counting. With a class this big, the seniors will have to step up to the plate in order to guide a junior class that is significantly larger than their own.

AIM also is thrilled to announce that judges at the BestFest International Film Festival, based in San Diego, awarded students Kaija Cummings, Aishlin Harrison, Charlotte Palmer and Avery Ramin with first place in the Documentary Category for their film "Mother Knows Best." Their film examines the evolution of feminism in America, the challenges today's young women face and whether the old "sisterhood is powerful" model still holds true.

In addition, three AIM films have been chosen as Official Selections for the 30th annual Mill Valley Film Festival. "In Superheroes We Trust," by KK Cressman, Ashley Dawson, Jimmy Macho, Will Vara and Ryan Gallagher reveals how comic books and superheroes have mirrored watershed events and cherished American values throughout history. "iGeneration," by Emily Buder, Elizabeth Raney, Chris Rivest and Alex Vara, focuses on whether the current generation is too self-absorbed and debates whether they will make a lasting im-

pact like their parents' generation of the 60's. "Cheating the Dream," by David Crawford, Kelly Emrich, Mackenzie Engel and Taylor Schwartz asks the question: has cheating become the standard manner of reaching the top? These three AIM documentaries were chosen out of 114 films submitted from all over the world and will be shown on October 13 at 11am at the Rafael Theater in San Rafael.

The senior class is looking forward to working together with the new juniors to create films that will have as strong an impact as these selected for these prestigious festivals. ♦



College and Career News

By Sandra Tanner Mack and Janet Miller, p2p Coordinators

College and Career Center Services
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The College and Career Center can help you and your student research colleges and post-high school programs, financial aid, scholarships, college admissions tests, summer programs and volunteer opportunities. Students may check out college catalogs, CDs and test prep materials. There is also a job board for part-time jobs. For the most current information about college and career events, check the Tam High website at www.tamhigh.org.

Keep Current with Email

The College and Career Center sends occasional grade-specific emails to remind students and parents of special events, college visits, scholarship opportunities and last-minute scheduling changes. We do not share email addresses with anyone outside of Tam. All families, particularly junior and senior parents, are encouraged to sign up.

This year the Career Center will use PrepHQ, the district’s new student organizer, to send emails. If your student has already registered with PrepHQ, make sure he or she included your email addresses. The emails will be sent directly to your email account. If your student has not registered, here are instructions to get started: Log on to tamhigh.org, click on academics, then click on counseling and PrepHQ. Once on PrepHQ, click on “click here to register” and follow the directions. Students will need their student number to register and each student must register separately. Information about Career Center events will still appear in the Whole Tam Family and Daily Bulletin, which may be accessed through tamhigh.org.

Senior College Seminar September 19

Tam will sponsor a seminar for college-bound seniors and their parents on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:30 pm in Tam’s student center. This event will provide need-to-know information from the counseling department and an overview of the admissions process from a college admissions officer. Several ’07 Tam grads will also give their best advice to the class of ’08. College-bound seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.

PSAT

Juniors and Sophomores: The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given Saturday, October 20, 8 am to noon, in Gus Gym. Taking the PSAT gives students an opportunity to become familiar with the SAT and may help to improve future scores. Juniors who took the test last year are strongly encouraged to take it again this fall.

Students may sign up September 10 through October 12 in the counseling office during breaks, lunch and after school. The \$30 fee is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Tamalpais High School. Additional information will be mailed home this month.

Please clip this chart and keep for future reference.

SAT & ACT REGISTRATION DATES			
SAT 2007-2008			
Test	Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
	October 6	September 10	September 14
	November 3	October 2	October 11
	December 1	October 30	November 8
	January 26	December 26	January 4
	March 1	January 29	February 7
	May 3	April 1	April 10
	June 7	May 6	May 15
SAT Reasoning Test only			
ACT 2007-2008			
Test	Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
	September 21	October 5	October 27
	December 8	November 2	November 15
	February 9	January 4	January 18
	April 12	March 7	March 21
	June 14	May 9	May 23

Students are encouraged to register online for the ACT at www.act.org and SAT at www.collegeboard.com. Register early for a convenient test site.

Students applying to the University of California must complete all testing by the December test date. Certain impacted California State University campuses, including San Diego, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Sonoma, require student to complete testing by November. For more information on the admissions requirements of the California State University and the University of California, go to: csumentor.edu and universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions.

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Fee waivers are available for eligible juniors and seniors who cannot afford SAT or ACT fees. Students who receive SAT or ACT fee waivers may also be able to waive some college application fees. Talk with your counselor if you think you may be eligible.

Learning disabled students should contact their creative learning teacher for details on SAT and ACT procedures for students with learning disabilities.

College Representatives at Tam and in the Bay Area

Many college admissions representatives visit Tam in the fall to meet with students. Seniors and juniors are urged to take advantage of these opportunities. The visit list, available in the Career Center, on tamhigh.org and on PrepHQ, is updated regularly. Announcements of visits also appear in the Daily Bulletin. Among the first schools to schedule visits to Tam this year are: Bryant, Evergreen, George Washington, Humboldt State, Ithaca, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, Northeastern, Ohio Wesleyan, Puget Sound, Scripps, Seattle U, Skidmore, U Denver, Vanderbilt and Whittier.

Work Permits

Work permits expire in September. Students under 18 need to get a new work permit from Chris Lasus in the counseling office whether they are starting a new job or continuing a summer one. All jobs except babysitting and yard work require work permits.

Job Board

Do you have a job at home or at work suitable for a Tam student? Call the College and Career Center at 380-3582 to have it posted on the job board. Thanks for helping Tam students earn work experience and extra money.

Conservatory Theatre Ensemble/Tam High Drama 2007-2008 Season at the New Caldwell Theatre

SEPT 12	TRUE FICTION MAGAZINE BENEFIT LONG FORM COMEDY IMPROV
SEPT 15-16	MILL VALLEY FALL ARTS FESTIVAL CTE FACE PAINTING BOOTH
OCT 2-6	THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK DIRECTED BY SUSAN BRASHEAR
NOV 6-10	ALICE IN WONDERLAND ADAPTED/DIRECTED BY SHEILA LOPEZ
NOV 30-DEC 3	DEAD MAN WALKING PROJECT DIRECTED BY JOHN WARREN & JULIA MUELLER ENGLISH AND SOCIAL STUDIES COLLABORATION
JAN 11,12,15-19 AND 22-26	WINTER ONE ACT FESTIVAL STUDENT DIRECTED
MARCH 11-15	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM DIRECTED BY JULIANNA REES CLASSIC THEATRE SPONSORED BY TAM HIGH FOUNDATION
APRIL 2-12	GLOBAL STUDIES TRIP: LONDON THEATRE
APRIL 15-17	MOTHERLODE FESTIVAL: ONE ACT PLAY \$ SHOWCASE DIRECTED BY CTE FOUNDER DAN CALDWELL
MAY 7-10	TAM YEARBOOK PROJECT/DRAMATIZED SIGNATURES DIRECTED BY WENDELL WILLAT TAM HISTORY IN THEIR WORDS
MAY 16,17,20-22 AND 27-31	SPRING ONE ACT FESTIVAL STUDENT DIRECTED AND WRITTEN

All plays begin promptly at 7 pm with no late seating. Tickets available at the door 30 minutes before showtime.

Caldwell Performing Arts Center
At Tamalpais High School
700 Miller Avenue
Mill Valley, California

Program Directors: Susan Brashear

and Ben Cleaveland

www.ctetam.org

Box Office Info: 415-380-3535

New School Year Brings Coaching Changes

Tam’s football team began practice in mid-August and welcomed new varsity coach Tony Keefer. A former quarterback at Cardinal Newman High School and Santa Rosa Junior College, Keefer was injured after receiving a full scholarship to Northern Arizona University. With his playing days behind him, Keefer began coaching at Maria Carrillo High School in Santa Rosa and most recently worked as offensive coordinator at College of Marin. Assisting him will be Jordan Borowicz, a former player at Kansas State.

As of our August 20 editorial deadline, only 30 kids had tried out for football. Unless several more boys try out, Tam will be unlikely be able to field a frosh/soph team for the younger and less experienced players. That would be unfortunate because it would stymie the improvement of the varsity program in future years.

Tam will begin the pre-season with a scrimmage at Washington High of San Francisco August 31 and a September 8 home game against Northgate High of Santa Rosa. The Hawks can use your support at the games. Last year, the varsity team won only one regular season game, a thriller at home against Terra Linda.

The new girls’ volleyball coach is Beth Maseuli, a former college player in Idaho. Joe Kellogg will coach the junior varsity program. Following last year’s third place finish, the Hawks made it to the playoffs. But this year will likely be a development season as several of the team’s best players graduated.

The boys’ soccer team also has a new coach, Dustin Nygaard, who was last year’s girls’ golf coach. Shane Kennedy will coach the junior varsity soccer team.

Will Karnofsky will replace Nygaard as girls’ golf coach. Karnofsky, who also coaches boys’ golf, will be assisted by Peacock Gap pro Ray Leach.

Bill Washauer will continue to coach the girls’ tennis team, which should be a playoff contender this season. Sylvia Goodman and Bob Friedlander will continue in their respective positions as coach and assistant coach of Hawks boys’ and girls’ cross country teams, which have had amazing success under their leadership. And Bob Kustel will continue to coach boy’s water polo while Neal Rayner remains coach of the girls’ team, which made the North Coast Section playoffs last year.

For a complete roster of coaches and schedules for all Hawks sports, please check the school web site at www.tamhigh.org.

Tam Boosters’ September meeting, originally scheduled for September 5, has been changed to Wednesday, September 12, at 7 pm in the library. Come meet the fall coaches and learn about the Boosters’ plans for Tam’s Centennial Year! ♦

A N D M O R E

Tam Valley Transportation Survey Underway

Marin Transit staff is researching travel patterns in Tam Valley and investigating the potential for transportation alternatives. Options such as shuttle services, school bus service, vanpools and on-demand taxi jitneys can be successful in Tam Valley if they meet needs and citizens make the commitment to use them. The goal for any new transit service will be to reduce the number of motor vehicle trips in Tam Valley.

You are requested to take this opportunity to respond to transportation alternative suggestions. Please go online to www.marintransit.org and fill out the TAM VALLEY TRANSPORTATION SURVEY.

The survey period will conclude on September 30, 2007. At that time, five households will be randomly selected to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card and a Marin Transit insulated coffee mug. Only one survey per household. Winners must include their contact information to receive a prize.



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Calendar of Events September 2007		
DATE	TIME/EVENT	LOCATION
3	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	
6	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:30 PM – JAZZ BAND 7 PM – PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME	GUS GYM
7	7:30 – 9:10 PM – CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS 7:15 - 11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE	HAWK'S NEST (STAFF LOUNGE)
7	MINIMUM DAY – 12:35 PM DISMISSAL	
8	8 AM-1 PM – BACK TO TAM WORK DAY & BBQ	FRONT OF CAMPUS
10	8:45 AM PTSA MEETING	HAWK'S NEST
11	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
12	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "TRUE FICTION MAGAZINE"	CALDWELL THEATRE
12	7 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
15-16	MILL VALLEY FALL ARTS FESTIVAL CTE FACEPAINTING VISUAL ARTS DEPT. EXHIBIT BOOTH TAM HIGH TAQUERIA FOOD BOOTH	OLD MILL PARK
19	6:30 PM – COLLEGE SEMINAR FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS	STUDENT CENTER
19	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
20	7 PM – THUMB MEETING	BAND BOX
21	9:45-10:45 AM – HOMECOMING RALLY	GUS GYM
24	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL	
25	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
29	HOMECOMING NOON – PARADE 1 PM – VARSITY FOOTBALL V. SAN MARIN 8-11 PM – DANCE	BEGINS @ OLD MILL SCHOOL BRUCE GRANT FIELD GUS GYM
OCTOBER 2007		
1	8:45 AM PTSA MEETING	HAWK'S NEST
2-6	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "DIARY OF ANNE FRANK"	CALDWELL THEATRE
3	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
10	MINIMUM DAY – 12:35 PM DISMISSAL	