



Budget Cuts Hit Home – Five Staff Positions Eliminated

by Kit Murphy for the Tam Family



Allison Krivoruchko, Tam's front desk receptionist for the past 10 years.

In an effort to close a \$2.7 million budget shortfall, the Board of Directors of the Tamalpais Unified High School District has handed pink slips to a number of clerical support personnel, including five staff members at Tam. These unprecedented cuts will eliminate the following five positions at Tam: front desk receptionist, registrar, counseling/budget clerk, school nurse and copy center clerk.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of these women for all they have done for our school and to wish them well. They are all examples of the many people who have contributed to the health and well-being—as well as the academic achievement—of our students.

Allison Krivoruchko has been the face of Tam for over 10 years. As the front desk receptionist, she has directed lost students, brought them their forgotten lunches dropped off by parents, answered the phones, and generally done whatever needed to be done that didn't quite fit into any neat category or job description. (In fact, during our phone interview she had to put me on hold several times to deal with calls and questions.) Her cheerful attitude and calm demeanor have given visitors a pleasant welcome to Tam.

"I'm sad to go, and I'll miss the parents and the students," she said.

Most families' first point of contact with the school has been Joanie Ross, who was the person who took care of the registration process. She was thorough, responsive and extremely helpful in dealing with all aspects of registration and transcript issues. Ms. Ross, who had been at Tam Valley Elementary for seven years before coming to Tam as a secretary in the Assistant Principals' office, was upbeat but wistful about leaving. The families, especially the ones she's known since her days at Tam Valley, "mean a lot to me" she said. "They've been with me a long time. I've always treated every kid like my own."

If you had a college-bound senior pass through Tam in the last three years, you have been the beneficiary of Suzanne Ledbetter's work in the counseling office. She has been in charge of making

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Tam High Celebration Fun Run

Runners stretch out and relax following the fun run at the Tam High Celebration on May 22. (That's Dipsea legend Russ Kieman in the headband on the right!) Tam teachers, parents, students and staff all competed in the run that lived up to its name. Student volunteers from leadership manned a water station in the middle of the course.



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sure that all 325 college applications that your student sent in went to the right place with the teacher recommendations and transcripts included.

"When I took the job," she said, "I never expected to have such a positive experience. Getting to know the kids, even the difficult ones, was a pleasure."

Cheri Sandberg has been our school nurse for two years, but her work goes way beyond just dispensing band-aids. She sees, on average, 36 kids a day (and 51 on Thursdays) for everything from accidents, seizures, diabetes and fainting to stress and hunger-induced headaches and stomachaches. She always had a stash of PB and crackers on hand, along with other necessities, for those in need. Ms. Sandberg also has been working with teaching assistants Naomi Hayashi, John Rowan and Madeline Manfredi to enter hearing test data and immunization records into the school database.

"I love working with the kids," she said. "I will miss them badly."

Ever wonder how all of those teacher test packets were created? Or who binds together all the sophomore portfolios? They are just some of the tasks carried out by Barbara Rousseau. In addition to helping make and collate copies for the teachers so that they could focus on teaching, Ms. Rousseau has also been responsible for putting together the daily bulletin, both in hard copy and on the website. She also inventoried and bar coded textbooks for distribution to the classrooms, after which she assisted the teachers in checking the books out to the students. All of this adds up to a job that helped to make the system run a little more smoothly for everyone.

We will miss each and every one of these special women, and are sorry that they have to leave our community. Please let them know that you will miss them, and join us at Tam Family in thanking them for their service to our school and our students.

Out of the Office

It is unclear at this point who will cover the workload of the eliminated positions. Here is a look at the tasks left behind.

Eliminated Position	Responsibilities
Receptionist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer the phones • Help students, parents, and the public navigate Tam • Sort & deliver the mail (USPS & district) • Accept deliveries • Sign in and assist visitors • Oversee the shadowing program • Back up the nurse • Back up the attendance office
Registrar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process registration paperwork for new students • Handle all transcript requests, including senior requests for college • Process all grade changes for teachers • Oversee photo IDs • Import international transcripts • Handle clearance forms and exit information for students transferring out
Counseling/Budgeting Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Process all college application requests from seniors • Insure proper recommendations and transcripts get sent to the correct colleges • Provide budget office support
Health Specialist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counsel students on health issues • Provide medical assistance
Service Center Clerk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy, collate and distribute all materials for teachers • Create daily bulletin in both print and web form • Process, inventory, track and distribute textbooks • Assist with copying and binding sophomore portfolios • Run reports tracking copy use charges

Summer Volunteer Opportunities!

We are already getting ready for the next school year and looking for volunteers to assemble the Tam High summer mailing on Thursday, July 22, beginning at 8:30 am. We will work until around 3 pm and would appreciate even a couple of hours of your volunteer time!

We are also beginning to look for volunteers to help with freshman registration on Friday, August 13, beginning at around 11:30 am. Volunteers are also needed to help with photos, registration and schedule pick up for the sophomores, juniors and seniors on Tuesday, August 17, beginning at 7:30 am.

Please email me, Leslie Wachtel, if you can help at Leslieann@yahoo.com.

Have a great summer.



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From The PTSA President

by Leslie Wachtel

The school year is about to end and we must say goodbye to the class of 2010 and to the families of senior students who are leaving our school for the last time. In this class of parent volunteers we have some of the most hardworking, energetic and committed Tam High parents the school has ever seen. Here is a list of people we must all thank for all they have done for Tam. Please forgive me if I have inadvertently forgotten anyone!

Thanks to Patty Wrench, Patti Bertenthal, Cheryl Bronstein, Jayne Greenberg and Sylvie Silverstein who have all served on the PTSA Executive Board.

Thanks to Jill Templeton, the PTSA campus beautification committee chair. Our campus looks more beautiful than ever thanks to you and your team of hard working volunteers.

Thanks to Kelli Tonnesen who has worked on the boards of both the PTSA, as the senior awards night committee chair, and the Tam High Foundation, as secretary.

Thanks to Shirley Ehrlich who has worked on the Tam High directory for the last several years. That is indeed a labor of love!

Thanks to Cindy King, Cynthia Chiarappa, Myra Chow, Kate Gruen and Erin Geiszler who have all served on the Tam High Foundation Board and helped make Tam High the exceptional school it is today.

There are a few parent volunteers and leaders that we must acknowledge and to whom we want to say a few additional words of thanks.

We must say goodbye to Karen Jernstedt (the mother of Matthew Barkovich '05, Krister Barkovich '07 and Emil Barkovich '10). Karen came in to Tam High and immediately began to get involved with the Tam High Foundation. Having served on the Kiddo! board of directors for 10 years, Karen brought with her a vast array of knowledge and experience regarding school foundations, how to best work with our parents, teachers and staff, and how to better fundraise for our school.

Karen served as the chair of the Tam High Foundation for two years and worked to reshape the Tam High Foundation into the amazing organization it is today. Following her role as chair, she continued to sit on the Foundation board as the parent campaign chair and finally as historian. Karen's passion for our school and its programs and people will never be forgotten by those of us who have had the pleasure of working with her over the last 15 years.

We must also say goodbye to Patti Bertenthal (the mother of Casey '05 and Kelly '10). Patti is currently the vice president of senior events on the PTSA board and is the co-chair for this year's Safe and Sober Grad Night. She has also been on the Tam High Foundation board for almost nine years and chaired several of the Foundation's major fundraising events over the last seven years. She also co-chaired the Tam High Centennial Gala in the spring of '08. She was instrumental in developing these events not only as fundraisers for our school but as ways to bring our community together as parents, faculty and staff. On a personal note Patti has been one of my best friends for almost 20 years and someone I can always rely upon to give me her honest opinion, to be there for me throughout the year whenever I need someone to help with a project, carry equipment,

or just calm me down! I will miss her tremendously and will hold her to her promise to come back and help me next year!

Lastly we must say goodbye to Jayne Greenberg (the mother of Rachael '07 and Robert '10). Jayne has also worn many volunteer hats since her children began at Tam High. Jayne started her volunteering at Tam in Rachael's freshman year by agreeing to come in as the PTSA president! She is currently the vice president of communications on the PTSA executive board and has been the person responsible for every email communication sent out from Tam High for the last several years! As publisher of the Tam Family these past seven

years, she has been responsible for the overall content and production of the newsletter. It is Jayne's job each and every month to remind, cajole, hassle and badger many of us to get our articles to her in a somewhat timely fashion. I, for one, am eternally grateful for her always being at the other end of her Blackberry when something needs to be sent out ASAP!

Jayne is also the co-chair of the grants committee on the Tam High Foundation board. She has worked tirelessly on all of the Foundation fundraisers in the last seven years and is responsible for initiating the "8th Grade Invasion" which happens every May when Tam High invites the middle school 8th grade students from MVMS, Stinson/Bolinas, Marin City, Sausalito and numerous private middle schools to come to Tam to learn about our athletics, our activities and the great academic and extracurricular programs offered at Tam and to get into the Tam spirit with games, cheers and chocolate chip cookies.

We will miss each and every one of our graduating families and students and wish them all a wonderful summer and good luck in the future. 🐦



THUMB News

by Maureen Parton, THUMB parent

With Tam Music as a Foundation, Three Tam High Jazz Students Step Out with the Jazzschool Studio Bands of Berkeley and WIN BIG at the Monterey Jazz Next Generation Festival!

On yet another forgettably blustery, rain-filled weekend of April 10-11, while the rest of us were battenning down, three Tamalpais High School jazz music students, juniors Chris Jefferies and Nate Parton and senior Arthur Richardson, were laying down award-winning performances at the prestigious Monterey Jazz Next Generation Jazz Festival. A cliff-hanger right up to the awards announcement, the result was about musicians staying focused and delivering strong, centered performances in a high-stakes competition.

To be invited to the Next Generation Festival, jazz bands from all over the United States send in recordings to audition for the privilege of performing at this competition finale. The top bands at the Next Generation Festival are then invited to play at the renowned Monterey Jazz Festival in September.

Bands from all different categories are invited, including high school big bands, high school combos, high school vocal ensembles, middle school big bands, college big bands, college vocal ensembles, open combos and conglomerate big bands. Monterey was a beehive of activity with people rushing from stage to stage to hear music seaside at windy Fisherman's Wharf, a tented corner of Cannery Row and all throughout the chandeliered ballrooms at the Monterey Conference Center at the Portola Hotel.

Jazz bands receive the clunky designation "conglomerate big band category" because they draw students from various high schools. The Jazzschool in Berkeley has two conglomerate bands led by Keith Johnson, called the Monday Night and Thursday Night Studio Bands. Chris Jefferies is in the Monday Night band and Arthur Richardson and Nate Parton are in the Thursday group.

Both bands were among the six high school bands selected to compete in the category. Other bands competing included the Tucson Jazz Institute's Duke Ellington Band, which had just won first place over 96 other bands in the "Superbowl" of high school competition at the Community Jazz Band Festival and first place at the Fullerton College Jazz Festival's Advanced Division, the highly skilled, award-winning SF Jazz All Stars and the American Music Program from Portland, Oregon.

It all came down to an early 9 o'clock start on Sunday morning. Each band was packed with top-notch talent and played with passion and joy. The stakes were high and the Jazzschool competitors from both the Monday and Thursday night bands played nuanced and challenging selections from contemporary jazz composers.

Here is what our Tam High Jazzschool musicians were thinking and feeling that morning:

"Going on first is nerve wracking because the band that goes on first becomes the standard by which the judges evaluate and compare

the other bands," said Arthur Richardson, trombone player. "It felt good going on first because we played with a lot of energy in rehearsals, and energy is really important in a show."

Guitarist Nate Parton explained, "Being first puts on a little more pressure to set the bar high, but Keith Johnson [the band director] always keeps the atmosphere light, which helps with nerves."

After all bands played with a short break for tallying by the judges, the festival director announced the winners. Nate, Chris and Arthur took their seats in the

audience with Director Keith Johnson and the rest of the Monday and Thursday night Jazzschool band members – about 30 strong – sat at the edges of their chairs, holding their collective breath.

Third place was announced first: the Thursday night Jazz School Studio Band directed by Keith Johnson! Up flew a wildly cheering bevy of black-suited, white-tied musicians who had been sitting like blackbirds on a guy wire. They swarmed their director and escorted him to the stage to receive a trophy. Next up, the second place award was announced and awarded to the American Music Program from Portland, Oregon.

The room crackled with suspense and time stood still as the festival director began to announce the first place winner. The Monday night Jazz School Studio band's name was called as first place winner! For the second time that morning those "blackbirds" erupted with whoops, hollers, high fives and cheers! Keith Johnson gathered himself, smiled humbly and thanked the Monterey Jazz Festival organization, the judges, the other bands and his musicians for amazing performances and an unforgettably sweet set of wins.



(L-R) Chris Jefferies, Nate Parton and Arthur Richardson.

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Tam High Foundation Awards \$200,000 in Major Grants

by Julie Kertzman

At the May 10 Tam High Foundation Board meeting, the Board approved \$200,000 for nine major (greater than \$10,000) grant proposals. The submissions for grants were the largest in the history of the Foundation. The budget cuts are challenging for all departments and thanks to the generosity and commitment of the Tam community, the Foundation was able to provide essential financial support in this time of great need.

The major grant process follows the same steps as the mini-grant process in the fall. Committee Chairs Karen Betzner and Jayne Greenberg solicit grant proposals in February and teachers prepare written proposals for approval from the department chair and principal. The teachers then present their proposals to the grants committee made up of Foundation board members, students and parent volunteers. The committee meets with the district technology team and Principal Tom Drescher. Finally, the entire Foundation board reviews the proposals and votes on each proposal.

The Foundation is proud of the collaborative process we follow to distribute yearly donations. As the requests for funding grow in number and exceed the resources available, it is critical that we work with teachers, administration, students and the parent community to prioritize the grant awards.

Highlights of the nine approved proposals include:

English – Comprehensive support for the English department, which includes Shakespeare in the classroom, poets in the classroom, Marin Theatre Company dramatic literature curriculum and readers for the English Collaborative for all grade levels.

Science – Biotechnology instructional equipment offering exciting new DNA lab work for all students. Classroom copies of Integrated Science textbooks.

Fine Arts and Music – Guest artists including musicians (four instrumentalists and one singer), painters, photographers, ceramics and drawing artists.


Auto Technology – Classic car restoration project. Ms. Miller and her students will begin a three-year project to procure and restore a classic automobile

Social Studies – Classroom 2020 teaching tools for Mr. Andres

CORE Humanities Program – Support for the new integrated 9th and 10th grade English/Social Studies program that includes laptop computers, video cameras, supplementary curricular materials and presentations and intern support for the freshman summer transition program.

Thank you for your support of the Tam High Foundation through the parent campaign, the business campaign, Escrip and the wonderful Tam High Supper Club event. The bleak headlines about public education funding are discouraging, but our community has shown strong support through these difficult times and we are confident that Tam will maintain the excellence and innovation required to prepare our students for life.

For those of you who have not yet donated to the Tam High Foundation, it's easy to do it online! Visit our website, tamhighfoundation.org and click on "Donate Now!"

Thank you! 



A scene from this year's CTE production of The Three Musketeers, made possible by the Tam High Foundation's family theater grant.

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PATH: Patrons of the Arts at Tam High

Taking Studio Arts in New Directions

We've got THUMB. We've got CTE. Now we have PATH. On May 12, the visual arts department teachers at Tam High called a meeting of parents interested in creating a parent support organization to provide financial resources and volunteer help for Tam High's visual arts department. A group of enthusiastic and talented parents showed up to launch PATH (Patrons of the Arts at Tam High), the working name for this new arts initiative.


The time has come for such a booster club to exist and promote the essential value of visual art in the education of our high school students. As they mature into the working world, our students will encounter an increasingly visual and fast-paced environment that demands more than academic skills. It will demand a creative ability that can only be developed through the continued exposure to a world beyond words, a world of imagery and vision.

The working draft of PATH's mission is as follows: Patrons of the Arts at Tam High is a parent-run, nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote, support and enhance the visual arts department to ensure that each student benefits from a real world education that connects him or her to the community and provides meaningful learning experiences.

The next step for PATH is to develop a structure that works within the Tam High Foundation organization. We need to:

1. Elect officers to two-year terms. Nominations are open; so far the following have offered their services: RoseAnn Frank, president (liaison to Tam High Foundation) and Diane Swartz, vice president.
2. Discuss/approve our mission statement
3. Develop vision and values
4. Determine monthly meeting schedule
5. Develop committee list and determine areas of interest
6. Develop a budget for 2010/11
7. Develop organizational procedures and guidelines

PATH
Taking Studio Arts in New Directions

We are very excited about this new direction for Tam High visual arts. If you are too, please look for announcements about PATH in your Back to School packet in August. To volunteer your talents (we especially need a treasurer who knows Quickbooks), contact Diane Swartz at dianeswartz@hotmail.com. Please include your student's name, class, phone number and whether you are interested in helping with fundraising, field trip/guest artist coordination, public relations, exhibitions/supplies, facilities planning or accounting. Hope to see you on the PATH! 

P2P Says Farewell

by Janet Miller & Sarah Kass, P2P Co-Chairs

After much difficult deliberation, Parent to Parent Connection (P2P) has decided to discontinue its monthly parent meetings. Our decision was based on diminishing attendance and parent involvement. Several of our parent reps have graduating seniors, and we were unable to fill their positions as school representatives. Without that support, it is impossible to organize, promote and present our monthly meetings.

We have also become increasingly aware that support groups such as Pen, Matrix, CHADD, as well as the PTSA, often have meetings and programs that reproduce what we try to do. That's one reason we believe attendance to our meetings has dropped. We feel confident that much of what we offered will still be available within the community. We hope to be able to maintain our P2P page on the district website as a resource for families.


Thank you all for your support and interest over the years.

Have a great summer!

THUMB News

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Driving home in the driving rain in near white out conditions at times, it seemed like the pulse of the planet grooved to a jazz beat. The Monterey Jazz festival this year will feature Keith Johnson and the Monday Night Jazzschool Studio Band. Get your tickets (no need for an arena seat; even the less expensive festival seating ticket will do) and hear jazz as it was meant to be played!

It is time to give extra special thanks to some heavy hitter Tam High United Music Booster (THUMB) parents of graduating Seniors who put in many hours supporting Music Director Spiro Tsingarlis and our music program at Tam High: outgoing THUMB President Sacha Bunge, Treasurer Carol Stern, Phone-A-Thon chair Shirley Berman and Valentine fundraiser co-chairs Dee Bell-Becker and Judith Staples. 



College Acceptances

Tam's class of 2010 has been accepted at a very impressive and wide-ranging list of colleges throughout the country. Tam students did extremely well in a very difficult year.

Community Colleges

California: Butte, Cabrillo, San Francisco, Marin, Cuesta, Sacramento, San Diego Mesa, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa, Sierra. Outside California: Central Oregon Community College.

California State University

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, California Poly Pomona, Channel Islands, Chico, Dominguez Hills, Fresno, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, Humboldt, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose State, Sonoma

University of California

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

California Private Colleges

CalArts, California Lutheran, Chapman, Dominican, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, LaVerne, Loyola Marymount, Mills, Occidental, Otis, Pitzer, Redlands, San Francisco Art Institute, San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Santa Clara, Southern California Institute of Architecture, Scripps, St. Mary's, Stanford, U of San Diego, U of San Francisco, USC, U of the Pacific, Whittier

Other Western States

Boise State, Brigham Young, Chaminade of Honolulu, Colorado College, Colorado State, Evergreen, Gonzaga, Lewis and Clark, Linfield, Mesa State, Oregon State, Pacific Lutheran, Seattle, Southern Oregon, U of Colorado-Boulder, U of Denver, U of Hawaii-Manoa, U of Oregon, U of Portland, U of Puget Sound, U of Washington, Washington State, Western Washington, Whitman, Willamette

Northeast

Alfred, Bard, Bates, Boston Architectural Center, Boston College, Boston University, Bowdoin, Brandeis, Bucknell, Carnegie Mellon, Colby, Colgate, Columbia, Connecticut College, Cooper Union, Cornell, Dickinson, Drexel, Emerson, Eugene Lang, Fordham, Hofstra, Ithaca, Johnson and Wales, Marist, Massachusetts College of the Arts, Mt. Holyoke, New England Conservatory of Music, NYU, Northeastern, Parsons, Penn. State, Pratt, Rensselaer, Rhode Island College, Rhode Island School of Design, Roger Williams, Sarah Lawrence, School of Visual Arts, Skidmore, Suffolk, Syracuse, Tufts, U of Connecticut, U of Maryland-College Park, U of Massachusetts-Amherst, U of Rhode Island, U of Rochester, U of Vermont, US Military Academy (West Point), Vassar, Wesleyan

Midwest

Calvin, Carleton, Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Columbia College-Chicago, Denison, DePaul, Grinnell, Hope, Indiana U-Bloomington, Kenyon, Lawrence, Macalester, Miami, Northwestern, Oberlin, Ohio State, Ohio Wesleyan, Purdue, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, U of Chicago, U of Evansville, U of Kansas, U of Michigan-Ann Arbor, U of Montana, U of Wisconsin-Madison, Washington University, St. Louis

Southeast

American, Catholic, Clark Atlanta, College of Charleston, Eckerd, George Washington, Georgetown, Marshall, New College of Florida, North Carolina School of the Arts, Oglethorpe, Rhodes, Savannah College of Art and Design, Tulane, Tuskegee, U of Arkansas, U of Delaware, U of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, U of North Florida, U of South Florida, U of Virginia, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech, Xavier

Southwest

Arizona State, Northern Arizona, Prescott, Texas Christian, U of Arizona, U of Texas-Austin

International

John Cabot (Rome), Quest (Canada), Richmond (London), Trent (Canada)

Vocational

SEA Institute, Barber School

Tam Students Winners at State Science Fair



Tam students at the California State Science Fair in Los Angeles. (L-R) Oliver Ramin, Casey Thompson, Jackson Ludgren, Julia Daniels, Zach Sohn and Lilly Goldman. (Not pictured: Brook Wenig and Melissa Fineman.)

This year seven Tam High students had science projects selected for the California State Science Fair held May 17 and 18 in Los Angeles. They were sophomores Casey Thompson, Julia Daniels, Lilly Goldman, Brook Wenig, Oliver Ramin, Jackson Lundgren and Melissa Fineman, and junior Zach Sohn.

There were 13 categories of experiments ranging from physics to zoology. Three students brought home awards. Lily Goldman won an honorable mention in Behavioral & Social Sciences for her project, "The Effect of Chewing Gum on Concentration and Short Term Memory Ability." Oliver Ramin won fourth place in Applied Mechanics & Structures for his project, "Refractory: The Ideal Proportion." Casey Thompson won second place in Mammalian Biology for her project, "The Effect of the Height of a Jump on the Trajectory of a Jumping Horse; A Study of Equine Biomechanics." Science teacher Jerry Childers was the advisor for the sophomore contestants and teacher Dr. Leslie Hart was Zach Sohn's advisor.

The competition was held in the California Science Center in Exposition Park in Los Angeles. The California Science Fair, which is the third step in the Science Fair process following county and regional competitions, had almost 1,000 student competitors from all over the state. The projects were set up on Monday, May 17, and interviews with the judges were Tuesday, May 18. Each participant went through rigorous interviews with at least five separate judges.

**Photos by AP Photography student
Ryan Warner**



Death Is Coming For Me

A face like a Venetian mask.
 Claws as sharp as death.
 guttural growl of anger
 Sounds through the house
 When someone gets too near.
 I enter the house
 And straight to my bed.
 Lights out,
 Time for sleep.
 My mind starts to fade into
 The darkness around
 But before the night can take me,
 The door slams open,
 A grumbling sound loud.
 A heavy weight flops onto my bed
 And sneakily crawls to my face.
 Death is coming for me.
 It reaches me and lays down.
 It lies its head on my cheek
 And
 Purrs.

By Kim Dargeou

I understand the smooth jazz

that slides through the passages
 of Mother's nightly prayer.

dark cellar filled with
 the light of church
 rafters relinquish the burden of a hung
 man's weighted heart, too heavy
 a burden to bear

saffron suitors whisper words
 just pressurized air

Ultimate Understanding
 plinking, plunking golden drops
 of love into my eyes.

By Hannah Bartee

*Inspired by
 "I've known Rivers"*

You broke my heart
 And I lost the pieces
 They washed away with the full moons tied
 They were thrown away with a young school
 boy's lunch
 They are scattered; everywhere
 Hiding in the back of a happy families closet
 Covered by the old cottages front door matt
 But slowly and carefully they are squirming up
 from the ground
 Appearing at random times in obscure places
 'm out surfing in the cold grey water
 The last piece drifts up and bumps my board
 I grab it as a swell sneaks up behind me
 It pushes me, carries me
 And I feel my life moving forward

By Ava Geupel

OCEAN BLUE

It's a shame to say
 But I fear the ocean
 And the many creatures its home to
 I almost drowned once
 Kidnapped by its fierce current
 Anytime I could take a breath
 It was rewarded with waves bite
 I swam as hard as I could
 Harder than I could
 But I did not move an inch
 And then finally I fell into its grasp
 And I let it pull me under
 I drifted into a slumber
 And awoke to the sound of
 Seagulls and crashing waves
 I had survived that cruel blue ocean
 But our relationship was never the same

I saw a shark once
 I stopped breathing
 Just the thought of it
 Makes the hair on the back of my neck turn into
 Razor blades
 The fear they instill in me
 Is almost indescribable
 And yet
 I fear something more
 I have nightmares of swimming
 Deep in the ocean's belly
 Only to look over and see it
 Its mass so unfathomably large
 I am but an ant in comparison to the big, blue whale
 It's a shame to fear something so beautiful
 But I'm convinced the ocean is trying to kill me

by Mikalia Wood


Math Department News – Spring 2010

by Eva Rieder, Math Department Chair

The math department has many great things to share as the year comes to a close. We would like to commend all students for working hard this year, with a special acknowledgement to some of our award winners for their extra efforts in the math field.

Dan Milechman is the recipient of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute award for his exceptional work in both math and science this year. Dan is currently taking AP statistics and will take AP calculus AB next year, having chosen to take math all four years of high school. Jack Toczyski is the winner of the Air Force Award for strong math skills and exemplary academic achievement, holding the highest combined math and science GPA at Tam High School. Riley McDonald is the recipient of the Rosenbluth Scholarship for math, a four-year merit-based scholarship for excellence in the classroom. Emil Barkovich is receiving the Bank of America Achievement Award Plaque for his extraordinary efforts, both in his classes and for his dedicated help to other calculus and academic workshop students. Dual Bank of America certificates will go to Christian Jordan and Zoe Kaufmann for their good work in mathematics. Finally, Erin Schlueter is the Frank Gold Award winner this year for her dedication to helping struggling math and science students in academic workshop and for her high achievement in mathematics. Congratulations students!

This year we would again like to thank several AP calculus AB students for their dedication and hard work. After completing their AP test, many students in the course participated in a peer tutoring program with the algebra P2 students. These students have demonstrated not only strong academics in a rigorous program, but a motivation to help others succeed in their classes. Nice work AP calc students!

We hope everyone has an enjoyable and restful summer to prepare for the 2010-2011 school year, the next step in your math journey! 

APUSH Students Win Big At County History Day

In its third year of competition, Tam's Advanced Placement United States History (APUSH) class has continued its emerging tradition of doing very well at county History Day. History Day is a science fair style competition where kids research a topic related to the theme and then present their findings in one of five categories (documentary, research paper, exhibit, website, or performance). The students in APUSH won every category in which they competed.

- Jade Jones-Hawk: 1st place individual exhibits
- Lisa Jenkins: 1st place individual documentaries
- Katie Wong and Travis Powell: 1st place group websites
- Nicole Woodworth: 1st place individual research papers
- Elijah Goldberg: 1st place individual websites
- Nate Parton: 1st place individual performance
- Stephanie Howard: 2nd place Individual performance
- Jack Budish: 2nd place individual documentaries
- Liam Burke and Kristina Willis: 2nd place group documentaries
- Kalia Rothlind: 2nd place individual exhibits
- Erin Foley: 3rd place individual documentaries
- Sophie Becker: 3rd place individual performances
- Jason Johnson: 3rd place individual exhibits

CTE 2010-11 Season

September 28-October 2

Our Town by Thornton Wilder
Directed by Joe Lucas

October 19-23

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare
Directed by Julianna Rees

TBA October or November

Dance-A-Thon

November 17-21

Wind in the Willows
By Kenneth Grahame/Adapted by Alan Bennett
Directed by Kathryn Zdan
Sponsored by Tam High Foundation Family Theater Grant

January 11-15, 18-21, 25-28

Winter One Act Festival
Classic & Contemporary Short Plays
Produced/Directed by Advanced Drama Students

March 3-7

TBA
Directed by Susan Brashear

March 29-April 2

Word for Word
Directed by Word for Word Guest Artist

April 3-16

London Trip

April 26-30

Play Roulette: 22 Plays in 45 Minutes
Short Plays by CTE students and alumni
Directed by Robert Ernst

May 10-14, 17-21, 24-26

Spring One Act Festival
New Works
Produced/Directed by Advanced Drama Students

TBA May/June

Drama Banquet

All Performances at the
Daniel Caldwell Theatre @ 7 pm

Visit ctetam.org for updates

CTE: Wrapping Up While Looking Towards 2010-11

by Susan Brashear and Ben Cleaveland

CTE Co-Program Directors and Drama Instructors

This has been quite a year for CTE. The variety of main-stage plays delighted audiences while providing significant growth for the casts and crews involved. Both one-act festivals bonded beginning and intermediate level students with advanced students in plays that ran the gamut of entertainment. The London trip was unforgettable for outstanding plays, new learning and a pesky volcano. CTE seniors applied to and were accepted at top programs all over the US; now they prepare to say goodbye as the juniors position themselves to lead the company next fall. The first three productions for the 2010-11 season are cast, and the design teams are in place as the current year draws to a close. It is the annual end of one era as another begins. And so it goes...

Everyone had a favorite play this year. A strong opening of three short advanced plays, *Three for Thought*, got the year off to a great start, with two absurdist plays paired with a short play set in Venice, all of which set a high bar for the year. These were quickly followed by the reflective play *Crow and Weasel* and an audience-pleaser, *The Three Musketeers*. Spring brought the postponement of an original play about Palestine/Israel which was replaced by the contemplative play *The Miracle*. In late March, CTE presented a timeless classic, *The Seagull*, and the season concluded with a freewheeling work, *In the Dark*. Each production was completely student-designed, exhibiting talents behind the scenes as well as on stage and inspired by the variety of styles and genres that offered so many opportunities for creativity.

The one-act play festivals played to enthusiastic audiences, finishing the year with many plays that were new to the repertoire and were written by current CTE students. Sophie Becker, Ansel Burk, Caleb Dorfman, Lorna McGinnis, Stewart Gruen, Sarah Schwartz and Tara Costello all had their plays produced this year. The spring festival was staged "in the round" with seating on all sides, greatly relieving the scramble for seats for this popular event. Eighteen plays by current students or CTE alumni were produced in the spring festival. Many of these plays will be sent to local and national youth playwright competitions. CTE students have done well at these in past years so we are hopeful these will also do well.

Upon return from our amazing trip to London, reality set in about planning the next year and laying the groundwork towards a successful fall for CTE. Auditions for both the current juniors and the advancing sophomores were quickly scheduled and completed. The first three plays were cast and the production teams were assembled. *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare and *The Wind in the Willows*, adapted from Kenneth Grahame by Alan Bennett (*The History Boys*) are set and ready to roll. *Our Town* will have a rehearsal or two before this school year ends so the actors may have the summer to work on their characters and study the play. Guest artist directors will be Joe Lucas, Julianna Rees and Kathryn Zdan.

In the spring of 2011, we are so excited to collaborate once again with the renowned Word for Word Performing Arts Company on a work as yet to be determined. Word for Word (zspace.org/wordforword.htm) is an award-winning Bay Area theater company that produces theatrical


interpretations of literary works, usually short stories, in a unique style that uses every word in the story as written instead of adaptations for the stage. The style utilizes terrific ensemble work and actors who play a wide range of characters, requiring bold choices physically and vocally. We have not collaborated with them in recent years but in the past we did several shows: *The Martian Chronicles*, *Wearing Dad's Head*, *Sideways Stories from Wayside School* and two works by Thomas Wolfe were all past collaborations with Word for Word. Their return to CTE is eagerly anticipated.

An original idea for a performance piece in the spring of 2011 will incorporate new short plays (or scenes) written by current students and alumni in a fast-paced evening with an element of audience participation. Here's the idea: plays or scenes of two minutes in length or less will be solicited from our current students and also from our alumni, including many who are now professional playwrights or screenwriters. By October 1, we will choose up to 30 plays from among the entries. We will assign a number to each skit. Guest artist Robert Ernst will then direct an ensemble of actors who will rehearse all the pieces to performance level. During the shows, there will be an element of surprise as the audience will determine which skits will be performed that night by selecting numbered skits by games of chance like Russian roulette or hidden numbers. Actors will then attempt to do 22 of the plays in 45 minutes, adding an aspect of time pressure to see whether this monumental task can be accomplished within the time frame. Effectively the shows will be different every night, treating audiences to an "improvisation" feel while honoring the many young writers who are going through CTE or are making their way as writers now. It should be great fun.

There will also be another main-stage play that is still being chosen for early March that Susan Brashear will direct. Susan is still in the process of searching for a play that will work for our cast numbers and the rest of the season. Playwrights she is considering include Beth Henley, Lisa Loomer, Woody Allen, Wendy Wasserstein, Landford Wilson and George Kaufman/Edna Ferber.

Finally, a hearty "Congratulations!" to our seniors who will be attending NYU, North Carolina School For The Arts, Boston University, University of Michigan, Columbia University, UCLA, UC Berkeley, UCSC, U of Washington and Carlton, to name a few. We are so proud of all of you!

It's still not too late to become a CTE member to support us as the year concludes and help us reach our goal of 100% parent participation. You will help us kick off next year with a bang! Thanks to all you CTE families and community members who generously give to the student company. Your support is vital to the guest artist instruction we provide for free within a public school that makes our program so unique. You really make the difference. Visit our website: ctetam.org for more information about the season and membership for this year or next.

"Farewell" for the summer and hope to see you all next year at the Caldwell Theatre for all our shows. 

Leadership News

by Chelsea Springer, Leadership Advisor

As the school year draws to an end, the month of May provided many bittersweet opportunities for seniors to say goodbye to Tam as they get ready to move on to bigger and better things. Prom took place on Sunday, May 16, aboard a yacht that sailed the San Francisco Bay. A group of over 330 seniors and their guests were in attendance. The Farewell Rally featured spirited fun, including lip synchs and games, as well as the traditional release of the doves to mark the final rally for the Class of 2010.

Voting for class officers took place April 23. The class of 2013 elected President Elizabeth Milosky, Vice President Colvin Kuhn, Secretary Jessie Kim and Treasurer Izzy Dahlke. The Class of 2012 elected President Clara Butler and Vice President Robin Weisselberg. The Class of 2011 elected President Olivia Trombadore and Vice President Emma Ellison. Congratulations to all the new class officers.

Tam Leadership students will attend a three-day summer conference at Stanford University. Sponsored by the California Association of Student Councils (CASC), the conference teaches student delegates meeting and facilitation skills and provides an opportunity for them to begin planning events for the upcoming school year. This year's attendees are Kristin Cerda-Womack, Clara Butler, Jessie Kim and Elizabeth Milosky.



Player of the Year goalie Nick Pacula with the save, assisted by #13 Brian Scott, #30 Maxx Hockenberry and #21 Travis Parker.



Tam Spring Sports Recap

by Tam High Athletic Boosters Club

BASEBALL

It was a roller coaster ride for Tam varsity baseball in 2010. In the playoff hunt right up to the last week of the season, the Hawks 8-10 conference record was unfortunately not good enough to earn them a spot. Although the team did not reach its post-season goal, there were bright spots, including impressive wins against Redwood and Marin Catholic. This was the first time that Tam has beaten Marin Catholic in baseball in over five years.

There will be four seniors moving on to play college ball next year. Left-handed pitcher Ben Herrick (3-3, 3.05 ERA, 41 innings, 40 K's, 5 BB), coming off a solid year, will pitch for the College of Marin next year. Hard throwing right-handed pitcher Alex Ritchie continues to get better as a pitcher and will pitch at one of the handful of Division 3 colleges currently fighting for his services. Carlos Dorenbaum, splitting time between the mound and second base (25 innings pitched, 1.11 ERA, 23 K's, 7 BB), will be walking on at Kenyan College in Ohio. Center fielder Jackson Palmer (BA .333, .411 OBP, 9 SB's) will perfect his baseball skills, along with his cooking skills, at Johnson & Wales University in Rhode Island.

Both the JV and freshmen teams enjoyed a solid season with both teams playing over .500 ball. The JV's were tied for first midway through the season until injuries slowed them down. The feedback on the new freshmen coach, Tom Frasier, was very positive and we look forward to having him back next year. With a freshman and sophomore already playing on this year's varsity team, the talent looks strong for the coming years.

BOYS' GOLF

13-7 Overall, 11-7 League

The Tam golf team played well this year, posting solid rounds throughout a challenging season. Anchored by the strong play of senior Jackson McDonald, the team consisted of seasoned and new players. Junior Ari Rieger continued a fine career at Tam and was joined by the stand-out freshmen Tucker Nichols and Chris Byrne. Senior Eddie Scarsella completed his four years as a varsity Tam golfer, and junior Zach Wexman, who prevailed in tough competition for the sixth spot, is looking forward to next year. Junior Simon Billings, sophomores Connor Caproni and Avee Arvind and freshmen Ted Feeney and Adam Sultan all contributed. McDonald and Nichols were both named to the MCAL (Marin County Athletic League) all-league second team, and many on the team are NCS (North Coast Section) Scholar Athletes.

The future is bright for Tam boys' golf, as the squad builds and more talent arrives at Tam.

BOYS' LACROSSE

Boys Varsity Lacrosse - Wins an MCAL Pennant for the 1st Time!

The boys' varsity lacrosse team went undefeated in league play until their final game against Marin Catholic which they lost by one goal in the last seconds to tie with MC for first place in league play. Seniors Gabe Bram, Josh Phelps and Jack Hogan and junior Brian Scott led the team in scoring. Nick Pacula had an outstanding season and was named Player of the Year for MCAL as one of the best goalies in the league, despite a back injury. Leading our defense were senior Max Nichols and juniors Travis Parker and Robert Scott. Taylor LaPlant and Bobby Burton were key players for Tam and will be missed, as will other seniors Kinzie Buckley, Tameem Birir and Evan Barrett.

Tam JV boys' lacrosse came a long way during their inaugural season to beat Marin Catholic in their last game. JV standouts were goalie Trent Miller, along with Ben Milstein, Forrest Benjamin and Erik Rothlind.

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Tam Spring Sports Recap *Continued from page 14*



Kneeling (L-R): Danielle Torme, Andrea Morrison, Catie DeBenedictis (captain), Tara Salisbury (captain), Becca Aviles, Emilie Abel, Monica Milstein. Standing (L-R): Christina Samala (Head Coach), Baylin Vreeland (goalie), Cate Pacula, Nicole Wilson, Courtney Dailley, Harli Grant, Amanda Weinberg, Maddy Ball and Natalie Butler (Asst. Coach and former Tam lacrosse player). Not Pictured: Charlotte Abel.

GIRLS' LACROSSE

Girls Varsity Lacrosse – MCAL 3rd Place Finish

The girls' varsity lacrosse team went 8-6 in the regular season and then went on to the MCAL championship playoffs, after missing the playoffs last year. Seniors Tara Salisbury and Monica Milstein led the offense in goals and assists, while senior Catie DeBenedictis led the defense. Because of injuries, the girls often played without subs, yet still accomplished a winning season, including a shutout by goalie Baylin Vreeland. The girls finished in third place in the league with six players nominated to the all-county MCAL team and they are already looking forward to next season.

MOUNTAIN BIKE TEAM

Tam High Mountain Bike Team Concludes Winning Season at State Championships

Situated at the base of Mt. Tamalpais and close to well-known trails such as the Railroad Grade, Hoo Koo Ee Koo, and Tenderfoot, Mill Valley is part of mountain biking's soul. Tamalpais High itself has mountain biking DNA in its roots-- several of the sport's famous "founding fathers" are Tam alumni, including Joe Breeze, Charlie Kelley and Steve Potts.

This year, Mill Valley's mountain biking profile has also been raised by Tam High's very successful mountain bike team. Technically a club sport, high school mountain biking in California is governed by its own 10-year old league with approximately 60 teams representing almost 1,000 athletes. At the California state championships held Sunday, May 16, in Grass Valley, the Red Tailed Hawks delivered some impressive results, closing out the season the same way they started it – by winning several races!

The team's overall result on the day was third place, and it placed fifth overall for the season. Red Tailed Hawks in fact won more races than any other team in the league, but the overall team scoring is heavily influenced by the results of female athletes. Adding more girls to the team is a big objective for the 2010-2011 season!



Spence Peterson (JV champ) cools off with teammates Dillon Charlton and Alex Howard (freshman champ) at Granite Bay race.

Tam High competes in Division II of the league (division is a measure of team size, not ability); however, many of the Red Tailed Hawks' winning times were faster than the winners in the Division I races on the same course! This is another example of Tam's potential as the Team grows next year.

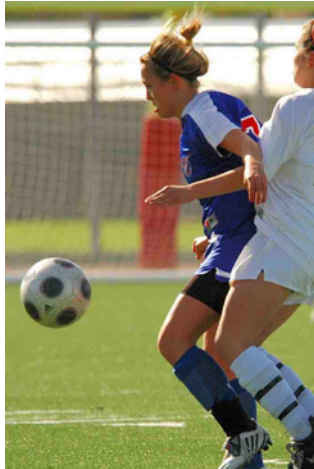
In the frosh race, Alex Howard won in Grass Valley, thereby cinching the overall league victory as well as earning the state champion's Bear Flag jersey. His teammate Skyler Taylor placed fourth on the day and scooped up second overall, thanks to his consistent performance all season.

Sophomore Bob Siegel took third in the sophomore race, which secured his second place overall for the season. Brooke Wenig returned from the disabled list to take seventh in the sophomore girls' race. She'll be a force to reckon with next season and will provide welcome company to Laine Kendall who braved many long road trips this season as Tam's only female competitor!

In the junior varsity competition Spence Peterson, a freshman who "raced up" and won all the regular season races, took second in Grass Valley and secured first overall for the league.

The team's strong results tell only part of the story, however. Across the roster of the dozen Red Tailed Hawks competing regularly, the spirit of determination, sportsmanship and personal achievement regardless of race result was evident. As JV athlete Travis Powell commented after three laps on the demanding Grass Valley race, "Some days your 'race' turns into a 'ride' but you have to give it your all and support your teammates."

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GIRLS' SOCCER

At the beginning of soccer season the varsity girls' soccer team wondered how well they would fare? The past two years saw lots of success with both MCAL and NCS pennants and perhaps created an unrealistic expectation for this year's talented yet unproven squad. However, expectations were fulfilled! The team, comprised of a healthy mix of seniors, juniors and sophomores, finished third in MCAL league play. Despite the last-minute loss in the MCAL championship game to rival Redwood, Tam was awarded a number four NCS seed. In their final game this season, Tam led their quarter-final NCS match against Drake until the last five minutes, when Drake scored two goals to win.

Left Photo: Storie Ledger on the attack.

Right Photo: Cat Pastuhov takes control.



BACK ROW: Assistant Coaches Jenna Joyner and Carson Hildreth, players: Emily Banks, Julia Dedona, Olivia Wells, Noe Erskine, Darcy Ritchie. Kim Scarsella, Jenna Szabo, Coach Mike Wills. **FRONT ROW:** Billie Mandelbaum, Katie Gough, Olivia Trombadore, Stephanie Lee

SOFTBALL

The Tam softball team finished the season with a record of 16-8, 13-5 in MCAL. Playoffs started on May 18, with number three Tam beating number six Marin Catholic at Tam, by a score of 10-2. Stephanie Lee went three-for-four with five RBIs and a run, while Emily Banks was four-for-four with 2 runs and 2 RBIs. Their next game will be a semi-final match at Albert Park on May 21, facing a tough San Marin team.

The Hawks are led by lone senior Olivia Wells, and three juniors: Emily Banks, Stephanie Lee and Olivia Trombadore. Emily has the batting title, at .405, while Stephanie is batting .347 and has the only home run for the Hawks this year. Strong pitching from Olivia and sophomore Kim Scarsella (who also wields a .377 batting average) has held opposing teams to an average of two runs per

game, including 206 strikeouts and only 41 walks. A season highlight was a come-from-behind win against perennial rival Redwood early in the season, to set the tone. With a full slate of sophomores and freshmen, the team is sure to continue their success in the next few years. Tam hopes to play in the NCS tournament again this year, which will start on May 26.



Tam girls Kristen Sato, Jeanne Shepard, Jenna Wallace and Ali Coopersmith went on to compete in the 200 freestyle relay at NCS championships.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' SWIMMING

Girls' Swimming

The Tam girls took second place at the MCAL championships on a day where the score for second through fifth place changed numerous times as the day progressed. Sophomore Melissa Fineman took first place in the 100 fly, bringing Tam girls their first MCAL individual first place finish in more than 10 years. With only one first place finish, the Tam girls relied on depth to stay competitive.

Jenna Wallace, Kristen Sato and Jeanne Sheppard started things off with top 16 finishes in the first half of the meet. Going into the second half in fourth place, Ali Coopersmith started the momentum shift with a strong finish and season best time in the 500 freestyle. Melissa Fineman, Erin Schlueter and Sami Harvey added with top 16 finishes in the 100 backstroke. Jo Jo Winkler, Mattie Winkler and Katherine Takeshita added top 16 finishes in the 100 breaststroke. In the final event, seeded sixth, the Tam girls took first place in the 400 freestyle relay, breaking the team record in the process and securing the second place finish.

The Tam girls rewrote the team record book this season. At the MCAL meet alone, all the team relay records were broken. In the individual events, Jo Jo Winkler started things off by breaking the 200 freestyle record. Next, Erin Schlueter broke the 200 IM record and Melissa Fineman then shattered the 100 fly record. The Tam girls' team promises to be a force for years to come thanks to a strong JV team coached by Ken Weber and only two girls graduating this year.



Tam girls Jo Jo Winkler, Mattie Winkler, Erin Schlueter, and Melissa Fineman took first place and broke the team record in the 400 free style relay at the MCAL championships.



Top Photo: Tam boys' 200 free relay took second at MCALs. (L-R) Coach Dave Beutel, Brennan Latimer, Tanner Nagy, Cody Nagy and Jake Weber.



Bottom Photo: Tam's boys' swimming team takes the MCAL championship for the second year in a row.

Looking ahead, the Tam girls' medley relay team is seeded fifth for NCS this week, the highest seed in Tam history. Relay members Erin Schlueter, Jo Jo Winkler, Melissa Fineman and Mattie Winkler went on to compete at NCS finals in Concord along with Kristin Sato, Jenna Wallace, Jeanne Shepherd and Ali Coopersmith.

Complete MCAL results can be found at mcalsports.org/Swim10/mcal2010Swimresults.pdf.

Late-breaking news from the NCS swimming finals: the Tam girls' relay team of Schlueter, Fineman, and the Winkler sisters took 10th place in the 200 yard medley and 14th in the 400 meter; Jamie Eddy placed 22nd in 1 meter diving; Melissa Fineman placed 13th in the girls' 100 yard butterfly; Erin Schlueter placed 15th in the girls' 100 yard backstroke. Congratulations to all.

Boys' Swimming

Tam boys are the MCAL champs for the second year in a row! After losing five strong swimmers to graduation, the boys had their work cut out for them this season. Coach Dave Beutel orchestrated an amazing MCAL win, confident in the hard work the team had put in all season, and calling on his depth to get the job done. Although the Tam boys did not win an event, they had multiple top 16 finishes. In an exciting MCAL final in which the Tam team score was behind Terra Linda's throughout the day, the Tam boys closed the gap with strong finishes in the 100 backstroke and 100 breaststroke events. Miguel Mattox broke the 500 freestyle record at MCALs and qualified for two individual events for NCS. All this and he is only a freshman!

As the boys entered the final relay, they knew they had to finish strong and swim a safe race with no disqualifications. They stepped up and finished with a team score of 418 points, just 26 points ahead of Terra Linda. When the final score was announced the crowd erupted with the TAM High chant, "T High, YOU KNOW!"

This win was truly a team win with every member of the Tam team contributing. Several swimmers represented Tam High at the NCS championships, including Jake Weber, Joe Weber, Cody Nagy, Tanner Nagy, Luke Sohn, Miguel Mattox, Brennan Latimer and Riley McDonald. Congratulations to all Tam boys for a championship season.

DIVING

All season long the Tam boys' and girls' swimming and diving teams benefited from a young but consistently strong diving team. Leading the way for the boys' team was Kai Brewer who finished third at MCAL. Also contributing to the boys' team were Kirk Wong and Colin Walton. The girls' team was led by sophomore Jamie Eddy who placed fourth at MCAL and qualified for the NCS meet in Concord where she finished 22nd out of 35 divers. Also contributing to the girls' success were Shoshanna Herzog who was fifth at MCAL, Katherine Takeshita and Skyler McCormick. All of these divers plan to return next season.



Jamie Eddy practices her perfect diving form.

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Top Photo: Sam Wexman (L) and Ben Taska (R), finalists in MCAL individuals; Henry Stephens and Gabe Sandrolini (middle L,R) – number two doubles champions in 2010 individuals.

Bottom Photo: Robert Greenberg and Adam Ellis – super doubles champions in the 2010 MCAL individuals.

BOYS' TENNIS

Boys' tennis concluded a very competitive year by reaching the semifinals of both the MCAL team championships and the NCS Division II team championships. The team dropped an extremely close contest to Justin Siena, 5-4, losing by the closest of margins in the decisive match. In NCS, the team fell to Marin Academy 5-2, another match that could have gone either way. This year's seniors (and there were a lot of them!) can be proud of their accomplishments this season – in particular the 9-0 victory over Redwood (the eventual MCAL champion) late in the season. That doesn't happen every day – in fact, it has never happened before.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD

The 2010 season was in many ways a building year, with just a few seniors and many freshmen and sophomores. Over 100 athletes came out for track and close to 80 stayed through the season. Despite the youth of the team, the girls finished fourth in the MCALs and the boys finished sixth.

On the girls' side, sophomore Lilla McMillan, by far the best sprinter in the county, has yet to lose a 100 or 200 race this year. Other girls placing in the MCAL championships include freshman Jessica Rasmussen in the 100 and long jump, senior Amy Hersh in the 400, junior Nicole Woodworth and sophomore Sami Emory in the 800, sophomore Hallie Brauner in both hurdle events and the 4x100 and 4x400 relays.

The boys' team was led by junior Dan Milechman, one of the best distance runners in the state, and the rest of the distance crew of sophomore James MacDonald, junior David Fuchs and senior Emil Barkovich. Other placers at the MCAL championships include junior jumper Joel Abrahams and senior pole vaulters David Funnell and Max Lester.

Go Hawks!



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Thank you to our "graduating" board members Wade Schlueter and Julia Abramson.

Boosters Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to the recipients of the \$1,000 Boosters 2010 Senior Scholarships, Emily Prescott and Ja'Van Hall. Emily played varsity tennis for four years (captain for two years), and was named to the MCAL first team all four years. Emily is heading off to Chaminade University in Hawaii. Ja'Van played both football and basketball for four years and was named MCAL lineman of the year for football, as well as receiving MCAL honorable mention for basketball. Ja'Van will attend San Jose State next year.

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Tam Team Awards

Boys' Cross Country, Varsity

Ned Byrnes – Coach's Award

David Fuchs – Most Amazing Race

James MacDonald – Most Inspirational

Daniel Milechman – MVP

Alex Olson – Most Improved

Boys' Cross Country, JV

Mac Parker – Most Inspirational

Girls' Cross Country, Varsity

Quinlan Cacic – Coach's Award

Katherine Lee – Most Inspirational

Monica Milstein – MVP

Megan Monroe – Most Improved

Brigitte Winkler – MVP

Girls' Cross Country, JV

Anna Davenport – Most Improved

Football, Freshman

Haynes Stephens – Game Breaker

Football, JV

Sean Eghtessadi – Outstanding Lineman

William Haight – Outstanding Lineman

Casey Hogan – Outstanding Back

Football, Varsity

Gabe Bram – Coach's Award

Bobby Burton – Outstanding Back

Ja'Van Hall – Outstanding Lineman

Sean Simerly – Most Improved

Girls' Golf

Perrin Albert – Most Courageous

Emily Behrs – Coach's Leadership Award

Trisha Chang – Most Consistent Season

Kate O'Brien – Coach's Future Leader

Vivienne von Welcke – Coach's Freshman Award

Kathryn Weidmann – Most Inspirational

Brooke Wenig – Coach's MVP

Boys' Soccer, JV

Theodore Gough – Most Inspirational Player

Justin Lee – Offensive Player of the Year

Andrew Shields – Defensive Player of the Year

Boys' Soccer, Varsity

Emil Barkovich – Captain's Award

Max Nichols – Captain's Award

Nick Pastuhov – Captain's Award

Girls' Tennis

Hillary Fazekas – Co-rookie of the Year

Olivia Flanagan – Coach's award

Chelsea Hayashi – Co-rookie of the Year

Emily Prescott – MVP

Girls' Volleyball, Freshman

Amy Yoger – Coach's Award

Girls' Volleyball, JV

Shelby Callaway – MVP

Darcy Ritchie – Most Improved

Girls' Volleyball, Varsity

Kristin Jensen, Coach's Award

Aubrey McKinney – MVP

Samantha Wynn – Most Inspirational

Boys' Water Polo, JV

Reese Butler – Coach's Award

Dylan Glave – Co-MVP

Tyler Parkerson – Co-MVP

Boys' Water Polo, Varsity

Sasha Leidman – Co-MVP

Max Sieck – Co-MVP

Joe Weber – Coach's Award

Girls' Water Polo, JV

Gabrielle Hauzy – Co-MVP

Pauline Hauzy – Co-MVP

Kristina Lee – Most Improved

Marisa McDonald – Coach's Award

Girls' Water Polo, Varsity

Erin Schlueter – MVP

Jenna Wallace – Most Improved

Mattie Winkler – Coach's Award

Girls' Basketball, Varsity

Ava Geupel, MVP

Malla Keefe – Ms. Hustle

Olivia Trombadore – Most Improved

Boys' Basketball, Freshman

Christopher Byrne – Coach's Award

Boys' Basketball, Varsity

Mitch Abramson – Captain Award

Ja'Van Hall – MVP

Willie Smith – Coach's Award

Girls' Basketball, Freshman

Kaitlin Gillespie – MVP

Girls' Basketball, JV

Noelle Erskine – MVP

Bobbie Hill – Team Spirit Award

Wrestling

Pablo Cortez – Most Valuable Wrestler

Oliver Duller – Most Inspirational

Jacoby Smith – Rookie of the Year

Colin Teahan – Most Improved

Baseball, Freshman

Jonathan Wachtel – MVP

Baseball, JV

Julian Conner – Mr. Hustle

Kit Larson – MVP

Baseball, Varsity

Ben Herrick – MVP

PJ Kunwar – Coach Schmidt Award

Jackson Palmer – MVP

Boys' Golf

Jackson McDonald – Lowest Scoring Average

Tucker Nichols – Coach's Award

Eddie Scarsella – Sportsmanship Award

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Tam Team Awards — continued

Boys' Lacrosse, JV

Trent Miller - MVP

Misha Padidar - Most Improved Player

Boys' Lacrosse, Varsity

Gabe Bram - Coach's Award

Nick Pacula - MVP

Travis Parker - Leadership Award

Brian Scott - Most Improved

Girls' Lacrosse

Rebecca Aviles - Spirit Award

Cate DeBenedictis - Leadership Award

Monica Milstein - Co-MVP

Tara Salisbury - Co-MVP

Girls' Soccer, JV

Mia Anderson - Coach's Award

Lena Geupel - Coach's Award

Jenna Lea - Coach's Award

Girls' Soccer, Varsity

McCall Hoyt - Defensive Player of the Year

Storie Ledger - Most Inspirational

Kalia Rothlind - Team MVP

Softball

Noelle Erskine - Most Improved

Stephanie Lee - Best Newcomer

Kim Scarsella - MVP

Boys' Swimming

Miguel Mattox - Rookie of the Year

Cody Nagy - Most Valuable Swimmer

Tanner Nagy - Most Improved

Jake Weber - Exceptional Dedication

Girls' Swimming, JV

Kristina Lee - Most Improved

Girls' Swimming, Varsity

Marisa McDonald - Most Inspirational

Kristin Sato - Coach's Choice

Erin Schlueter - Most Valuable Swimmer

Diving

Jamie Eddy - Most Valuable Diver

Kirk Wong - Most Improved

Boys' Tennis

Robert Greenberg - MVP

Alexander Morris - Coach's Award

Ben Taska - Commitment

Boys' Track, JV

Ryan Stolp - Field MVP

Chris Long - Team MVP

Haynes Stephens - Track MVP

Boys' Track, Varsity

Joel Abrahams - Field MVP

Daniel Milechman - Team MVP

Alan Becker - Track MVP

Girls' Track

Trisha Chang - Field MVP

Amy Hersh - Track MVP

Lilla McMillan - Team MVP

Boys' Volleyball

Ebrahim Azam - MVP Defense

Umar Ismail - Most Improved

Francois A. Lemaitre - Coach's Award

Alex Perelson - MVP

Carlo Tueros - Best Setter

Your Boosters Membership Dollars At Work!

With your help, this year Boosters has paid for:

- Team awards for every sport.
- Several sets of versatile "tip & roll" bleachers for use by tennis and other sports.
- Ice machines for field house and the grass field.
- Scholarship equipment as needed for athletes.
- Fencing for softball field.
- Team banners for every MCAL championship team!
- Baseball net barriers.
- Caps for both boys' and girls' water polo teams.
- "Coyotes" to deter geese from grass fields.
- Scoreboard upgrades at both baseball and turf field (to make them more readable).
- A portion of the cost of uniforms for boys' and girls' tennis, boys volleyball, football (including helmets), boys' and girls' soccer, basketball and cross country.
- Transportation to tournaments for boys' volleyball and boys' basketball.
- Tournament fees for cross country, wrestling, volleyball, basketball and water polo.
- Weight room supervisor.
- Hawk of the Week t-shirts.
- Equipment upgrades at football, baseball and basketball snack bars (all used by multiple sports).
- Snack bar for wrestling tournament.
- Miscellaneous equipment for tennis courts and swimming pool.
- Pilot program software for game film (potential to be used by multiple sports).
- Spirit bus to basketball games.
- Upgrades to and chairs for Tam team room (used by multiple sports).
- Tam Boosters senior scholarships: one each for a senior boy and girl.
- Coaches' Dinner - well-attended and very appreciated!
- Concussion management presentation.
- Weights for the weight room.
- First year of JV lacrosse program.
- Website maintenance.
- Terrific coverage in the Tam Family newsletter.

NCS SCHOLAR ATHLETES

The North Coast Section recognizes student athletes for maintaining high grades while participating in high school sports. In accordance with NCS regulations, a certificate is awarded to all student athletes with a grade point average of 3.5 or above (based on a 4-point scale with unweighted grades for honors/AP courses) for the R5 grading period.

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Football, Freshman

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Mike Urban

Football, JV

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Jeff Snow

Football, Varsity

Kevin Goyer, Head
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Chris Trusendi
Patrick McBrien

Boys' Golf

Mark Campagna, Head
Ben Kline

Girls' Golf

John Haight, Head
Christopher Ford

Boys' Soccer, Varsity

Dustin Dygaard, Head
Shane Kennedy

Boys' Soccer, JV

Chris Hutchison

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Bill Washauer, Head
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Girls Volleyball, Freshman

Brian Rodas, Head

Girls' Volleyball, JV

Casey Mondragon, Head

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Jon Feiler, Head
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Boys' Water Polo, JV

Dave Beutel

Girls' Water Polo, JV

Katie Schlueter

Boys' Water Polo, Varsity

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Boys' Lacrosse, JV

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Girls' Lacrosse, Varsity

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Skye Delano
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Girls' Soccer, JV

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Girls' Soccer, Varsity

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Boys' Swimming

Dave Beutel, Head
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Girls' Swimming

Peter Winkler, Head
Ken Weber

Boys' Tennis

Bill Washauer, Head
Scott Chun

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Randy Hixon
Bob McLennan
Brittany Tomasko
Bob Wagner
Erin Wagner

Boys' Volleyball, Varsity

David Wetzel, Head
John Ginsburg

Boys' Basketball, Freshman

Jon Black, Head

Boys' Basketball, JV

Ricardo Capretta, Head
Stephen Burke

Boys' Basketball, Varsity

Alex Pribble, Head
Aaron Pribble
Kyle Shaw

Girls' Basketball, Freshman

Amy Atkinson, Head

Girls' Basketball, JV

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22	8:30 AM - 3 PM – PTSA VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLE FIRST DAY PACKETS	STAFF ROOM Wood Hall
AUGUST 2010		
10	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER Redwood High School
13	8 AM - 2 PM – FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AND BARBECUE	RUBY SCOTT GYM
16-17	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY & TEACHER WORK DAY FOR STAFF & TEACHERS ONLY	
17	8 AM - 2 PM – SCHEDULE PICK-UP & PHOTO DAY FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS (SEE SUMMER MAILING FOR STUDENT'S SPECIFIC TIME)	RUBY SCOTT GYM
18	8 AM – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
18	8-9 AM – PTSA BACK TO SCHOOL DAY COFFEE	RUBY SCOTT GYM
24	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER Redwood High School
SEPTEMBER 2010		
6	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	
10	ALUMNI BACK TO TAM DAY	
14	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER Redwood High School
16	6:30 PM – BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	GUS GYM
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