

## Exceptional Season for Spring Sports Teams

### Boys' Golf

The 2011 Tam boys' golf team made it to the North Coast Section (NCS) qualifier tournament for the fourth straight year! Tam came in fourth at the MCAL (Marin County Athletic League) tournament at Stonetree on Monday, May 2, and qualified for NCS. Ari Rieger won the MCAL individual title with the overall lowest score of 77 for the tournament.

*Top photo: No. 1 doubles players Theo Gough (R, foreground) and Gabe Sandrolini (L) on their way to winning the deciding match.*

*Bottom photo: The girls' varsity soccer team celebrates its MCAL championship.*



### Boys' Tennis

In a season of great wins, the boys' tennis team's 5-4 win against archrival Redwood High School was definitely sweetest. After Redwood had handed them their only loss in league play the team was ready for the sort of show-down that has typified their matches for decades.

Depth and teamwork have been the team's keys to success all season and the final was no exception. The boys swept all three doubles matches including a 6-1, 6-0 drubbing given by number one doubles team Theo Gough and Gabe Sandrolini. Noah Jaffe and Lukas Edman at number two doubles won 2-6, 6-2, 10-7 and Henry Stephens and Henrick Neuirth also picked up the win at number three doubles.

The day didn't start well for the team. The Redwood campus setting was hostile, the crowd was rowdy, and Tam was down a set in most of the matches before storming back to win the five matches necessary to clinch the title. The two singles wins were Marco Barretto at number three and Ben Taska at number five.

This was a great way for the team's seniors, Gabe, Ben and team captain Zak Bohegian to cap their tennis careers at Tam High.

### Girls' Varsity Soccer

The Tam girls' varsity soccer team capped a magical run, with a 3-0 victory over Drake in the MCAL championship game on May 13. The title was Tam's second in four years and first since 2008: the Hawks have advanced to the championship game four consecutive years.

The title was somewhat unexpected, given that the Hawks had dropped their first two games of league play. Even Coach Shane Kennedy and Assistant Coach Mike Carbone wouldn't have predicted the team would ultimately put together such a memorable season.




## Principal's Message

by Tom Drescher



I look upon the Class of 2011 with special affection as we had the same first day of school at Tam in August 2007, when they became freshmen and I was hired as assistant principal. I feel I have learned a lot from this class and our shared experiences as members of the Tam community. They are an outstanding group of students and people who I believe will go on to do great things. My heartiest congratulations to them for a job well done and best wishes for their future.

A great school year doesn't just happen. It requires the combined efforts of many: students, teachers, staff and parent volunteers. Tam can be proud of its excellent learning community and I thank all of its members for their dedication and passion towards helping our kids succeed in and out of the classroom. I also want to acknowledge two parent volunteers who are transitioning from their leadership posts: PTSA President Leslie Wachtel and Tam High Foundation Board President Joyce Porter. They have worked very hard to support our school and its students and I have really appreciated their insights and guidance.

Enjoy the summer! I look forward to welcoming our students back on August 17 for the start of another great school year. 

## Tam Union High School District Votes on Parcel Tax Measure

by Julie Kertzman

On Tuesday, May 10, the Tamalpais Union High School District Board voted to put a renewal of the existing parcel tax on the November 8, 2011 ballot. This parcel tax was first passed in 1989 with successful renewals in 1997 and 2004. The measure calls for a tax of \$245.94 beginning in July 2012. The measure designates a 3 percent rise annually for 10 years.

This is a critical measure for the Tam community. You'll start to see campaign materials in late summer but we need your help now. An active volunteer committee is in place and Tam families received a fundraising letter in late April. Every donation helps – we need to reach 77,000 voters in the district to ensure the two-thirds majority vote required to pass the measure. Visit or make a donation at [citizens4tamdistrict.org](http://citizens4tamdistrict.org).

### What is the difference between a bond and a parcel tax?

Revenue from a parcel tax is used to support the instructional program for students. Parcel taxes are assessed at a fixed amount per parcel, regardless of the value of the parcel. Senior citizens are eligible for an exemption.

On the other hand, revenue from bond measures may be used to support modernization of school facilities, infrastructure repairs, seismic upgrades, classroom construction and other capital improvements. Revenue from a bond may NOT be used for operational or instructional purposes. For a bond measure, the amount paid by the individual taxpayer is determined by the value of the homeowner's property. There are no senior exemptions for bond measures.

### What programs are supported by the Tam District parcel tax?

The funds generated by the parcel tax are used to support all aspects of the District's exceptional educational programs. These include science and technology, advanced placement and honors courses, a seven-period day for students, alternative education programs, student counseling services, fine arts programs, up-to-date instructional materials and equipment, and recruitment and retention of high quality teachers.

## Tamalpais High School Final Exam Schedule June 3-9, 2011

### Friday, June 3

7th Period (Final)	8:00-10:00
Break	10:00-10:10
Tutorial	10:15-10:45*
Break	10:45-10:50
5th Period	10:55-12:25
Lunch	12:25-1:10
6th Period	1:15-2:45

\*Tutorial is only 30 minutes

### Monday, June 6

1st Period	8:00-10:00
Break	10:00-10:15
2nd Period	10:25-12:25*

### Tuesday, June 7

3rd Period	8:00-10:00
Break	10:00-10:15
4th Period	10:25-12:25*

### Wednesday, June 8

5th Period	8:00-10:00
Break	10:00-10:15
6th Period	10:25-12:25*

### Thursday, June 9

Teacher Work Day  
Non-Student Day

\*Bulletin read



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## Senior Week Schedule - 2011

### Friday, June 3

#### Senior Trip - Great America (optional)

Meet in the front drop off at 9 am to board buses. Don't forget your signed permission slip! We will leave Great America at 4 pm and return to Tam at approximately 6 pm. Tickets are \$45 and must be purchased in advance in the budget office by May 25.

### Monday, June 6

#### Senior Check-Out Day

Check out between 9:30 and 11:30 am in Ruby Scott Gym according to your assigned Counselor. Bring your Senior Check-Out form with teacher signatures.

- Alex Hunt – Check out between 9:30 and 10 am. Arrive at 9:30 am sharp.
- Grace Aviles – Check out between 10 and 10:30 am. Arrive at 10 am sharp.
- Sarah Gordon – Check out between 10:30 and 11 am. Arrive at 10:30 am sharp.
- Evelyn Dorsett – Check out between 11 and 11:30 am. Arrive at 11 am sharp.

**Graduation Practice:** 12:30 pm sharp at Mead Theater

### Tuesday, June 7

#### Games on the Field and Barbecue

Arrive at Chapman Football Field at 9:30 am for games followed by a barbecue at 11:30 am.

**Graduation Practice:** 12:30 pm sharp at Mead Theater

### Wednesday, June 8

#### Senior Breakfast and Awards

Arrive at the Student Center at 9:30 am for breakfast. Each senior will receive eight tickets to graduation at this event.

**Graduation Practice:** 12:30 pm sharp at Mead Theater

**Graduation:** Seniors line up on the road outside Orange Court at 5 pm for gown check. Graduation starts promptly at 6 pm!

#### REMINDERS:

- **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY AT ALL EVENTS with the exception of Great America. Students who choose not to attend Great America MUST come to school.**
- **NON-PARTICIPATION IN EVENTS LEADS TO EXCLUSION FROM THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**
- **Handicapped seating must be arranged in advance by calling 380-3512.**
- **Return books and clear bills before June 2 to prevent problems on Check-Out Day.**

**Congratulations Class of 2011!**


## Access to the Graduation Ceremony on June 8 in Mead Theater

Do you have a senior who will graduate this year? The Tam tradition is to start the ceremony promptly at 6 pm in Mead Theater, the amphitheater at the back of the campus. Everyone needs a ticket to attend, and tickets will be given out only to seniors at the breakfast on June 8. This year, each senior will receive eight tickets.

Please be aware that the entrance to all seating, except for guests in wheelchairs and their attendants, is from the top of Mead Theater. Allow enough time to park and walk into Mead Theater from the area behind the ceramics building, or have a driver drop off guests at the top of Mead on the Homestead Avenue entrance.

*Guests in wheelchairs:* ONLY those in a wheelchair and their attendants may enter from the bottom of Mead. There is space at the edge of the stage for eight guests with wheelchairs, and one attendant may sit directly behind each person in a wheelchair. A reservation is required for a wheelchair space.

*For guests who have difficulty walking:* There is a section at the top of Mead Theater that is reserved for those with limited mobility. These guests may be dropped off at the top of Mead Theater via the Homestead Avenue entrance just past Benefield Hall. Please note that there are a few steps from the road to this section.

To reserve a space in either the wheelchair or limited mobility section, please call the Assistant Principals' Office at 380-3512 before June 1. 

## Checklist for Seniors and Their Parents

Congratulations! The countdown to graduation has begun. Please make sure to read the information below for important details regarding your final week's activities. (This list is also posted on the tamhigh.org website under Activities>Senior Class Information.)

- ✓ Gowns will be distributed during tutorial at the farewell rally on May 27. If you haven't ordered a gown yet, call Josten's at 650-350-1132 or bring \$55 cash on May 27 to purchase one from the Josten's representative.
- ✓ Gowns will be inspected before the graduation ceremony. If you decorate your gown inappropriately, you will not be allowed to walk. Please see the gown decoration guidelines on the back of the Senior Checkout sheet (distributed on May 25).
- ✓ The senior trip to Great America on June 3 is optional. Tickets must be purchased by May 25. Your signed permission form is required to board the bus. Forms are available in Room 120 when you purchase your senior trip ticket. Seniors not attending the senior trip must attend school.
- ✓ Senior Clearance forms will be distributed in tutorial classes on May 25. Seniors must have all teachers sign off prior to Senior Check-out day, June 6, in Ruby Scott Gym. The process has changed from last year. Please refer to the Senior Week Schedule article on page 3 to determine your check-out time on June 6. You must complete the senior check-out in order to walk in graduation.
- ✓ Graduation practice is mandatory on June 6, 7, and 8 in Mead Theater at 12:30 pm. Please be prepared for hot, cold, rainy or windy weather.
- ✓ No, we do not give out extra graduation tickets. Each graduate receives eight tickets after the senior breakfast on June 8. Every guest needs a ticket for entrance to the grad ceremony. No one will be admitted to Mead Theater before 5 pm.
- ✓ The graduation ceremony starts promptly at 6 pm on June 8 in Mead Theater. Please see the article on page 3 for information on access to the ceremony. A reception follows in the Student Center and will wrap up by 8 pm. The safe and sober grad party starts at 11 pm and a permission slip is required. Pick one up in the main office if you haven't returned yours yet.
- ✓ Final transcript requests for college must be submitted to the Counseling Office by June 6. Address a 9 1/2" x 4" envelope to your college and attach a 44 cent postage stamp. Put your name in the lower left hand corner of the envelope. Failure to submit this accurately could jeopardize your college acceptance. Transcripts will be sent by June 30 in the envelope you provided.
- ✓ Make sure you do the Senior Survey. See Ms. Gertman in the College/Career Center.
- ✓ If you do not plan to walk in the graduation ceremony, please call the Administrative Assistant at 380-3510.

## Thanks for the Hospitality

I'd like to thank all of the hard-working volunteers on the hospitality committee. It was an extraordinarily busy school year for you and you rallied to the challenge. A special thank you to those of you who helped get our breakfasts going in the morning, set up for various events, and cleaned up afterward. You are a fabulous group of generous individuals and it has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you. I will chair this committee again next year and I hope that you will all consider joining me again! We are going to tweak the commitment slightly for next year, so look for the change on the PTSA volunteer form in your summer packet. Have a wonderful summer!

—Helene Siegel-Fotos

## Volunteers Needed this Summer

We are looking for volunteers to help us in July and August as we get ready for school to begin. We need volunteers on the following days and times to help with the assembly of the students' registration packets, the freshman barbecue and registration, as well as registration and schedule pick up for the rest of the grades:

Thursday, July 21, from 9 am - 2 pm  
**Assembly of Summer Packets**

Friday, August 12, from 10:30 am - 1 pm  
**Freshman Orientation Barbecue**

Friday, August 12, from noon - 2:30 pm  
**Freshman Schedule Pick Up**

Tuesday, August 16, from 8 - 10:30 am  
**Sophomore Schedule Pick Up**

Tuesday, August 16, from 10 am - 12:30 pm  
**Junior Schedule Pick Up**

Tuesday, August 16, from noon - 2:30 pm  
**Senior Schedule Pick Up**

Wednesday, August 17, from 7:15 - 8:30 am  
**Late Schedule Pick Up**

Please look over the above time slots and email me at mvleslieann@yahoo.com with the days and times you are able to help. The assembly of the summer packets will be held in the staff room in Wood Hall. The freshman barbecue will take place on the infield of the baseball field. All other volunteers should come directly to Ruby Scott Gym.

The PTSA will once again host a First Day of School Coffee (no volunteer sign ups, just socializing!) in Ruby Scott Gym beginning at 8 am on Wednesday, August 17. If you are able to bring either a fruit plate or some breakfast treats, please email Helene Siegel-Fotos at bash5@sbcglobal.net. We hope to see you all there.

Look forward to seeing everyone in August and enjoy the rest of the summer.

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## From the PTSA President

by Leslie Wachtel

I hope many of you will agree that this has been a wonderful year at Tam High!

We sponsored an amazing two-day Every 15 Minutes program in March, we co-sponsored the parent education conference on happiness in November, we hosted ten PTSA meetings (where we not only conducted our PTSA business, but presented amazing speakers, topics and student panels), we provided five staff appreciation breakfasts and our annual staff appreciation lunch in March, we offered our students and staff morning snacks during Star Testing week in April, we hosted the final day of Star Testing barbecue in April, and the freshman orientation barbecue in August. We have awarded \$3,000 in scholarships to six of our accomplished seniors and we have spent several Saturdays gardening and cleaning all around our beautiful campus! On top of all that we have provided hospitality for the first day of school coffee, Back to School Night, Open House, all ten PTSA meetings and senior awards night. We have produced eight printed Tam Family newsletters, two digital newsletters and provided email communication for all groups and events throughout the year. We are in the midst of preparing for a wonderful graduation reception for our graduates and their families on June 8 in the Student Center, as well as working hard on providing an amazing and fun-filled Safe and Sober Grad Night later that evening.

This is my last newsletter as PTSA president and I am both a little sad and very excited. I have enjoyed working these last three years with our amazing administration, the staff, our faculty, my PTSA executive board and all the parents and students at Tam High. I have made great friends within the Tam community and will continue to work on both the PTSA board and the Tam High Foundation Board for my remaining two years at Tam High.

I have loved being involved in each and every school that my four children have attended and have gotten so much joy and satisfaction from being part of these school communities. I encourage all of you to get involved in some small way at Tam High. I know that for many families time and resources are extremely limited but just being able to attend one meeting, a sporting event or a barbecue can bring you closer to your student's extended Tam Family!

For those of you who know me well, you know that I will not miss writing this newsletter article every month! This has been the bane of my three-year term as president! One of the difficulties of writing my article has been that there are so many folks to thank and invariably someone of great significance is forgotten. As this is my last newsletter please forgive the lengthy number of thank you's that I must include and I apologize in advance for inadvertently leaving anyone out!

### Here goes:

I want to thank my entire executive board for all their hard work, time and dedication on behalf of our parents, staff and students. A special thank

you to Gwen Hubbard who as my Executive Vice President was always available to help me with the many projects and events that the PTSA sponsors throughout the school year. Gwen has accepted the job of PTSA President for next year and I am looking forward to working with her as she transitions into the job.

Thanks to our outgoing treasurer Teresa Larson who for three years has been a delight to work with and always available by phone or email to provide information, support and financial expertise. Tori Herzog will be the PTSA treasurer for next year. Welcome Tori!

Thank you to Annette Gamboa, our secretary who will be staying for another term. I appreciate Annette's willingness to help out anytime she is asked and also her great sense of humor and fun.

Thank you to Kelly Guyton, our VP of Senior Events. Kelly has worked very hard for the last two years to insure that all the events that happen for our seniors in May and June are successful and a fitting send off for our students as they graduate Tam. Kelly will be going off our Executive Board this year and will become the Vice Chair of the Tam High Foundation next year. We will miss her. I will take over her position as the VP of Senior Events as I get ready to phase out of Tam High when my son graduates in 2013!

Thank you to Helene Siegel-Fotos, our VP of Hospitality. We are grateful that Helene will continue her role on the board for another year. This year the role of VP of Hospitality was huge! Between Every 15 Minutes in March and an increased number of events where the PTSA was asked to provide food and drinks, this job has become increasingly more demanding. In order to help Helene we will add a second hospitality parent. We have not found anyone yet to fill this role, so if you are interested in finding out more about the position, please contact either Helene at bash5@sbcglobal.net or Gwen Hubbard at gwenhubbard@comcast.net.

Thank you to Ruth Rosenfield, our VP of Communications. Ruth is a true community treasure and will happily be staying on the board for another year. Ruth is responsible for sending all PTSA and other parent support group email communication to our families. She is also an integral part of getting our Tam Family newsletter published each month.

Thank you to Deborah dal Fovo, our VP of Special Events who will also continue in this position next year. Deborah worked very hard this year to assist with our parent education publicity and outreach. Deborah has agreed to become even more involved in parent education for next year.

Thank you to Lisa Kirsten, our parliamentarian, who attended every meeting and who helped me with many of my PTSA tasks throughout the school year. Lisa was always there ahead of time to help me schlep everything in to the events, and more importantly, always stayed to help me clean up!

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Thank you to Marilyn Morada, our auditor, who works behind the scenes to audit our books and keeps us on track financially. Marilyn has agreed once more to be our PTSA auditor.

The PTSA has tried throughout the year to offer excellent parent education programs as well as offering opportunities to open our meetings up to discuss issues, concerns and ideas that affect our Tam High Community. Thanks to Linda Brauner and Joyce Feeney, our parent education chairs, for organizing our November conference and for helping with our PTSA meetings.

Thank you to Deborah Dilley and Bonnie Freiberg for organizing the freshman orientation barbecue in August and the Star Testing barbecue in April. Both barbecues were enjoyed by all the students and staff and I want to recognize the many hours of organization, volunteer coordination and hard work necessary for these barbecues to happen.

The PTSA sponsors several events for our graduates and their families and I want to acknowledge the folks who have been preparing and organizing these events for the last several months. Thank you to Julie Howard and Becky Houha who are co-chairing our Senior Awards Night hospitality and to Ruth Chavez for chairing the Graduation Reception on June 6 in the Student Center. Thank you to Karen Betzner and Kit Murphy for co-chairing this year's Safe and Sober Grad Night at the Mill Valley Community Center.

This year we sponsored Every 15 Minutes in March. I want to thank Stephanie Dorfman who came forward last spring when I was looking for a co-chair to assist me with this huge endeavor. She was wonderful to work with throughout the seven months of meetings, phone calls and emails. I want to thank our steering committee: Assistant Principals Kim Stiffler and Chad Stuart, Chris Rardin (CHP), Ryan Smith (MVPD), Dean Riddle (MVFD), Stephanie Dorfman, Julie Kertzman, Audrey Shapiro and Barbara Hazen. There are indeed too many individuals to mention properly but please know we appreciate each and every one of your contributions to this important and powerful endeavor.

The Tam Family newsletter is perhaps the most important job we have as a PTSA. Our dedicated newsletter team works each month to collect articles and publish an informative and vital communications link for the Tam High parent community. Our newsletter team is comprised of co-editors Ruth Rosenfield and Mary Washburn, our graphic design and layout maven Peg Baumert (who we all welcome as incoming PTSA Executive VPI), our proofreader Kathleen Piraino, and Ingrid Sato, who has been in charge of getting the newsletter in the mail each month.

We must say goodbye and thank you to several parent volunteers who sadly will be leaving Tam High School when their students graduate on June 6. Our Tam Family Newsletter has been especially impacted by this year's graduating families!

Thank you to Mary Washburn who has edited the Tam Family Newsletter for several years. She does an incredible job and we all appreciate her professionalism, attention to detail and gentle reminders when our articles are late! She has transformed our newsletter into a more informative, interesting and well-read communication source for our parents. We must also say goodbye and thank you to Kathleen Piraino, our Tam Family newsletter proofreader and to Ingrid Sato, our Tam Family newsletter distribution volunteer. They have both worked very hard behind the scenes each month to get this publication out to you!

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR EACH AND EVERY EVENT AND PROGRAM AT TAM HIGH THIS YEAR! THERE ARE TRULY NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO EVERYONE!**

## Tam High Foundation Awards Major Grants Totaling \$225K

The Tam High Foundation (THF) has just completed its decision making process in the second THF giving cycle of the 2010-11 school year. Mini-grants of \$10,000 and below were awarded last fall after a thorough evaluation process (see related article in the November 2010 Tam Family). Now, in the spring, it is time for the THF major grant awards.

The priority item of business at the May 9 THF board meeting was the approval of this spring's major grant awards. The THF Grants Co-Chairs, Robin Moses and Karen Betzner, presented the recommendations of their major grants subcommittee. For each major grant request, the board discussed the subcommittee recommendation and then voted.

The number of major grant requests and the total dollars requested were at their highest level ever this year. The THF Board reviewed 14 grant requests for a total of \$440,000 in funds requested. The Foundation had a maximum of \$230,000 to award.

The recommendations of the chairs and subcommittee were based on extensive due diligence. For example, there were a number of requests for funding for various types of computers. The subcommittee created a computer map of the entire school to be certain of the location, the maximum area of usage and the age of each computer currently in the school, so the best decisions could be made when approving new computers.

Key questions considered during the review process for each request included: Should the entire monetary award be granted at this time and/or what is the appropriate timing for the funding? Is the Foundation the correct entity to fund the request? Does the request make a good case that any funds awarded will be utilized effectively? Is the request one that will require multiple years of funding and does the THF Board feel this is reasonable and possible to continue?

Following are the major grants approved for funding by the Tam High Foundation on May 9. All Tam High students will benefit from these major grants beginning with the 2011-12 school year and for years to come.

## List of Major Grants Awarded on May 9, 2011

Major Grant Awarded	Department	Amount Approved
1) Comprehensive English Department Program Support including: Shakespeare in the Classroom; Poets in the Classroom, 10th and 12th; Marin Theatre Company; release time for teacher collaboration; support for 20 computers plus laptop cart	English	\$40,000
2) Readers for English Collaborative - 9th - 12th	English	\$20,000
3) Guest Artists for Music Department	Music	\$25,000
4) Classic Car Restoration- Supplies. Final payment on car project.	Auto	\$12,339.17
5) Comprehensive Visual Arts at Tam: \$10,000 for guest artists and instructional support materials; remainder for photo equipment: dryer, condenser enlarger, enlarging easel, micro-sight grain focusers. Research being done for classroom lighting issue.	Fine Arts	\$15,000
6) 3 Sets of "Clickers" for innovative classroom pilot project	Social Studies	\$7,776.00
7) 15 iPads; 1 cart	Social Studies	\$16,191
8) 30 iPads	Science	\$33,814
9) Library Laptop Replacement: 25 Dell laptops and supplies	Library	\$40,000
10) CORE grant to Administration	Administration	\$15,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$225,120.17</b>

## Parcel Tax Campaign Support

In addition to the major grant awards, the THF also voted to provide \$4,000 to support the Tamalpais Unified High School District parcel tax campaign. The TUHSD Board of Trustees is placing a parcel tax renewal measure on the November 8, 2011, election ballot. Passage of this parcel tax measure is critical for future funding of many programs across the Tam High campus. THF is using proceeds from the Supper Club event to fund this \$4,000 award.

## Teacher Thank You's for Approved Major Grant Awards

Following are some of the teacher comments when they learned the news that their major grant requests were approved. The teachers are thanking Foundation and also all the parents and community members who make these grants possible through their donations to the THF.

*WOOHOO! Thanks so much for your generous support. I can hardly wait to share the news with my students tomorrow! - Lisa Miller, Auto Shop*

*Thank you very much for your continued support of the Fine Arts Department. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! - Lynne Klein, Fine Arts*

*I cannot thank you enough for your generous gift to my classroom. I am so excited about implementing flip teaching and the use of the iPads. I will be spending a great deal of my summer preparing. My future students and I thank you! - April Tucker, Science Department*

*On behalf of my department, thanks to you and the THF Board for these grants and for the on-going support of the work we do at Tam. I'm excited about what we've been able to do with your support and funding. - Augusto Andres, Social Studies Department*

*Thank you very much for all you give... and for your support of our English students and teachers. - Mike Levinson, English Department*

*Thank you very much for your continued support of the Music Department. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! - Spiro Tsingarlis, Music Department*



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## Tam Supper Club an Inspiring Success

The Tam Supper Club was held on May 1 at the Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club. Throughout the festive and celebratory event, Tam's artists were showcased: musicians played, art was displayed and actors performed. Parents, community members and other friends of Tam enjoyed delicious food, the opportunity to spend time with the Tam extended community and enjoy the artistic endeavors of Tam's students.

The Supper Club is the Tam High Foundation's primary annual fundraising event. Again this year, the event was wonderfully successful and netted over \$30,000 for the Tam High Foundation.



*Clockwise from top left:* Art produced by Tam High students on display at the annual Tam Supper Club Fundraiser hosted by the Tam High Foundation.

*The Tam High String Quartet (L-R): Ian Johnston, Michael Ma, Elaine Johnston and Eleanor Coleman.*

*Joyce Porter (center), chair of the Tam High Foundation, is joined by event co-chairs Susan Schumway (L) and Lisa Barger.*

*The Tam High Jazz Band (Dillon Schow, keyboard; Travis Yee, guitar; Miles Lundgren, drums; Paul Myrner, sax) performs at the fundraiser.*

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## New Plays and Senior Farewells End the CTE Year

by Susan Brashear and Ben Cleaveland, CTE Co-Program Directors

### NEW PLAYS

CTE/Tam Drama planted the seeds of new plays early in the year and the spring crop bloomed lots of new works in both *Play Roulette* and the recent Spring One-Act Festival. New works are always an exciting prospect because they inspire students to write in the future. These plays offered a unique perspective from the current generation concerning contemporary issues, ideas and dilemmas for our students.

*Play Roulette* was an experimental format that CTE had never tried before. The audiences enjoyed the interaction with the players and the chance selection of plays for the evening as the actors dashed from one piece to another, trying to beat the clock. The selections fell into various categories: "Love and Romance," "Existential," "Global" and "Day To Day." This variety gave the audience an opportunity to ponder, question, reflect and often laugh at situations and characters encountered. CTE playwrights included Sophie Becker, Lara Zegart, Caleb Dorfman, Chloe Villanueva, Nora Korhonen, Conner Crockett, Mason Fernandez, Sam Raffa, Mark Hill, Charlie Eddy, Sam Gates, Katie Gillespie, Iman Bengana, Glyn Peterson, Jackson Strike, Conner Caproni and Audrey Stanton.

Alumni plays were also a part of *Play Roulette*. Several recent and not-so-recent playwrights included their work in the selections roster. David Phillips, Robbie Bruens, Ryan Villanueva, Micah Levin, Ansel Burk, Tara Costello, Sean Lynch and Arian Saleh all sent in their plays. Other alumni playwrights whose pieces were too long for *Play Roulette* were included in the Spring One-Act Festival.

Alumna Lila Scott's play, *Number 5*, is a clever play about the number five negotiating with Pythagoras for a better position. This piece was included with a couple of short plays by Harold Pinter that also were set in interview situations. The combined whole was billed as *Pinter Plus* and directed by senior Elijah Goldberg with Devon Barone as co-director. This is just one example of the body of short plays that CTE has collected over 30 plus years for inclusion in the Spring One-Act Festivals where new works are featured.

Current CTE students with new plays in the festival included Gita Isola-Kirby, Abby Kirn, Joe Weber, Sam Raffa, Conner Crockett and Chloe Villanueva. Other alumni plays were by Jackie Green, Jenny Moe, Alana Adler and David G. Smith.

Guest artist Robert Ernst, who is well known in the Bay Area for his original works, leads the playwright program for CTE as he shepherds writers through first drafts, revisions and re-writes. The seeds for these plays often arise from his classroom work where he encourages students to find their own voice and express it. Mr. Ernst directed *Play Roulette* in its semi-chaotic style, one that he's very familiar with from his work with the early Blake Street Hawkeyes to his street theater performances with the San Francisco Mime Troupe.

As we look forward to the coming school year, CTE continues to look for ways to develop new works. Many of our past students have won prestigious awards in California or nationally for their new works in youth playwright festivals. Some of our alumni have continued to write plays, screenplays, comedy skits and works in other creative literary forms such as short fiction, poetry or for publications. This aspect of theater continues to be a strong value at CTE and will continue through the money raised by students for their guest artists' seminars.

Next year, in addition to Robert Ernst, there may be other opportunities for writers that we will try to facilitate. "The Playwright's Lab" at 142 Throckmorton Theatre has offered CTE students the opportunity to participate in its Saturday afternoon workshops in the fall. Local playwrights such as Lynne Kaufman, Dyke Garrison and Bernard Weiner will facilitate these meetings with the goal of producing a short festival of these original plays at the Throckmorton at some point. The focus will

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## Reel News: News from the Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM)

### AIM Alumni Pursuing Film; Annual Film Festival June 3

With AIM entering its ninth year, a number of our alumni are pursuing film-related majors in college or are already working in the film industry. Emily Buder, AIM '08, is working for HBO Documentary Films this summer while continuing to study film at NYU. Nina Hirten, AIM '06, has worked for several film companies and has already helped produce films. Currently she is a full-time film editor. Aaron Wasserman and Kayvon Beykpour, AIM '06, sold their company, Terribly Clever, and are vice-presidents for Blackboard Mobile. AIM is happy to welcome back Lucas Guilkey, AIM '06, as a guest artist to work with current AIM students on their final projects. Lucas recently graduated from Wesleyan with a degree in Cultural Anthropology, a major many documentarians pursue.

Sean Simerly, an AIM grad from last year, entered a documentary film competition through the USC Shoah Foundation Institute. He was given access to 52,000 archival testimonies and was asked to create a documentary that addressed genocide and the importance of eyewitness testimony. On April 7, The Shoah Foundation had a screening of the top films. Present was Branko Lustig, the producer of *Schindler's List* and *Gladiator*, and Michael Renov, Associate Dean of The School of Cinematic Arts. Sean's film, *A Chance for Hope* was selected as the winner for best narrative. He received \$1,000 and will have his film shown at the Zagreb Jewish Film Festival in Croatia.

Finally, a reminder that AIM will hold its annual film festival on Friday, June 3, at Caldwell Theatre. Doors will open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Buy your tickets in advance as the festival will only be one night and every year it sells out. Come see Emmy-award winning student films and support young filmmakers!

## Leadership Wrap-Up

As the year draws to an end the Leadership class is wrapping up its last few projects and preparing for next year. On April 27 Associated Student Body (ASB) elections for the 2011-2012 school year were held during tutorial. Congratulations to our newly elected ASB officers: President Sara Maroofi, Vice President Gita Isola-Henry and Secretary McCall Hoyt.

Class elections were held on May 5 and 6. Congratulations to our newly elected class officers: Class of 2012 – President Lily Rosenzweig, Vice President Robin Weisselberg, Treasurer Ivy Ryan and Secretary Clara Butler; Class of 2013 – President Elizabeth Milosky, Vice President Alexa Swartz, Treasurer Izzy Dahlke and Secretary Jackson Strike; and Class of 2014 – President Saam Maroofi, Vice President Annie Reynolds, Treasurer Trevor Guyton, and Secretary Meg Weisselberg.

Tam's first Junior/Senior Prom took place on May 7 at the Regency Ballroom in San Francisco. DJ Intensify played for the majority of the night with a live performance from Zion I to end the evening. The Leadership class put on the Welcome to the Tam Fam Rally (formerly known as the Eighth Grade Invasion) for all incoming freshmen, which took place on May 18. Link Crew helped to facilitate the event and the PTSA provided snacks for the incoming freshmen. Thank you to all those who helped make this event a success!

On the last Friday of May, the Senior Farewell Rally took place. In keeping with tradition, doves were released as the seniors left their seats in Mead Theater, signifying their departure from Tam. Each grade followed by moving up to the next section in the theater designated for their class. Speeches, performances and games entertained the students who said good-bye to the Class of 2011.

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be on ten-minute plays. As we have done before with the Playground Theatre in San Francisco, we will extend this opportunity to those students most interested in writing.

Additionally, we hope to be able to have CTE alumnus Ben Snyder, who has become a professional playwright, come in and work with students. As he has done in the past, Ben will help students develop their ideas and structure them into short plays, just as he did when he was a student at CTE.

Thanks to all the parents, Tam High Foundation, and community members who have become members of CTE or otherwise have contributed to our ongoing fundraising. Your support has made this garden of work grow and is a tangible legacy as the body of new plays continues to plant the seeds for young writers. Hopefully, CTE will continue to benefit with an even larger library of works for new generations of student directors and student actors to explore every spring at Tam.

### SENIORS

The ending of every school year at CTE is marked with significant rituals for the seniors, just as they go through these moments as a class. Their legacy is celebrated (and also parodied) in the annual Drama Banquet, produced by the juniors, and watched by an audience of seniors, sophomores and freshman that they have been directing over the course of the year.

May 15 was a fine day for it. The clouds and rain parted long enough for the seniors to arrive in their "Anti-Theme" garb with gusto. Then there were hot dogs, refreshments and all were ushered into the theater to watch the skits prepared by the juniors to honor and poke fun at the seniors they have worked with and watched all year. Finally, awards were presented (decorated pillow cases with "goodies" of mostly useful stuff) and each student was honored for his or her unique contributions. Lots of laughs and a few tears later, it was over as another CTE class takes off into their new lives after Tam. Their leadership has made this a banner year for CTE.

The juniors were left to sweep up the mess and reflect on a job well done!

### NEXT YEAR

CTE already has big plans in place for next year. See below for a preliminary calendar of plays and events for 2011-12. Until then, visit our website for updates: [ctetam.org](http://ctetam.org). Have a great summer and we'll see you next year!

### CTE 2011-12 Season

October 1-5	<i>The Government Inspector</i>	Director: Joe Lucas
October 24-28	<i>The Odyssey</i>	Director: Julianna Rees
November 5	Danceathon Fundraiser	noon-10 pm in Ruby Scott Gym
November 17-21	<i>The Improv Show</i>	Director: Regina Saisi
January 5-7, 10-14, 17-21	Winter One Act Festival	
March 5-9	<i>Pride And Prejudice</i>	Director: Susan Brashear
March 23-25	<i>The Ash Girl</i> (Modern Cinderella)	Director: Julianna Rees (4 nights plus Sunday matinee)
April 24-28	<i>Rhinoceros</i>	Director: Robert Ernst
May 8-11, 15-19, 22-24	Spring One Act Festival	



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## Suffering in Secret: The Causes and Effects of Eating Disorders at Tam

by Camille Kaufman, News Editor

Julie's Mom had made pasta for dinner that night. After excusing herself, Julie walked nervously upstairs, harsh thoughts racing through her head. At the end of the hallway, she turned into her room and looked in the mirror. She couldn't stand to see the image that was reflected back at her.

"I remember being so disgusted with what I saw that everything inside me was screaming for me to do something about it," said Julie, who requested her real name not be published. "I went to the bathroom and tried to purge."

Throughout the years, Tam has managed to earn itself a pretty "chill" reputation.

"I think that Tam has a much more accepting vibe of people, but I think that there is still a significant amount of pressure on students to feel and look a certain way every day," said senior Emily Banks. Many students claim that Tam is a very open, non-judgmental school where everyone is accepted.

"[Eating disorders] are not so much a problem at Tam, but it's probably overall a serious problem," said senior Sarah Washburn.

However, a recent Tam News study of nearly 100 girls reported that 63 percent think that eating disorders have been forgotten at Tam.

"Eating disorders are definitely overlooked at Tam," said Tam's Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) counselor Emily Peairs. "I assume that many students at Tam struggle with them."

A study performed by "The Archives of General Psychiatry" found that 0.3 percent of teens in America struggle from anorexia, 0.9 percent are bulimic, and 1.6 percent binge eat.

However, what may be more shocking are the even higher rates at Tam. According to the Tam News survey, 29 percent of girls have or have suffered from an eating disorder. Although boys also suffer from these issues, the problem is much more common in females.

"To some degree or another, I think that 90 percent of female students at Tam have an eating disorder," said Julie.

Although nobody can know for sure what has caused the higher rates in eating disorders, many believe that the pressures from the media, family, and friends have had a large influence.

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## Link Crew News

As we finish up our academic school year, excitement is in the air. With sophomore year just around the corner, freshmen cannot wait for the end of their first year of high school. In our second-to-last advisory, freshmen wrote letters to themselves to be delivered back to them when they are seniors. For the completion of our tutorial advisories, freshmen gathered in the gym and wrote what they commit to do in the next three years in high school on separate note cards. Commitments included getting into a good college and keeping up good grades. On the first day of school in 2014, these note cards will be made into a mural for everyone to see. We hope that this new addition to the Link Crew program will be something that all will look forward to when they are seniors.

In addition to our final advisory, Link Crew and Tam High freshmen celebrated the end of the year together in a water balloon fight and, on another day, enjoyed free snowcones! Link Leaders and freshmen alike enjoyed snacks and a competitive balloon battle, and most participants ended up soaking wet.

With the end of the year and finals fast approaching, remember that Link Crew will host Cookies and Cram on Tuesday, May 31, from 3:45-5:45 pm and on Wednesday, June 1, from 3-5 pm. Come study up for those tough tests and eat some yummy snacks as well. We're all looking forward to the summer, and we hope that everyone had a great year. Good luck next year!



**Top photo:** Tania Hernandez Duarte (L) and Halia Dawkins enjoy snowcones.



**Bottom photo:** (L-R) Bella Levaggi, Jessica Whiteley and Emma Talkoff celebrate the end of the school year with snowcones and a water balloon fight.

## Suffering in Secret: The Causes and Effects of Eating Disorders at Tam

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"I started [becoming anorexic] my freshman year because my mom was really harsh on me about my weight," said junior Laura, who also requested anonymity. "[She said] that I was too fat and that I needed to lose weight. I believe that there is a lot of social pressure in general to be the girl that looks like the skinny Victoria's Secret models, with a tiny waist and big breasts."

"There's an idea [about the perfect girl] that people have based off of what the media portrays, but it's not really what people like," said junior Riley Sykes.

One reason that these serious disorders may go unnoticed is because of the secrecy of those who suffer from them. According to Peairs, who works for the BACR to promote the healthy development of individuals, families, and communities, students with eating disorders will try to hide them because they feel guilty, shameful, or because they are too scared to give up their disorder before they are ready. These are people who have come to rely upon binge eating, bulimia, or anorexia as methods of coping with their anxiety.

"Eventually, I learned tricks to hide my disorder, like playing loud music to make sure no one heard me while I purged," said Julie. "I was so good at keeping my disorder a secret that it eventually became easy to hide it from myself, to the point that I refused to believe anything was wrong with me. I felt like I had this secret power that was just mine to control, and the bigger the secret, the stronger I was."

Eating disorders tend to go hand in hand with control issues. According to something-fishy.com, a website on eating disorders, sufferers often feel they cannot control some aspect of their lives, so they find comfort in controlling the amount of food they consume.

These actions may cause very harmful results, in addition to the more obvious ones such as quick weight gain or weight loss, the diseases can lead to serious anxiety and difficulty focusing. According to Tam psychologist Karen Kubitschek, these disorders also often go along with stress, depression, and substance abuse.

"[Eating disorders] can really interfere with one's concentration because a lot of your energy is being zapped; not only by being starved or by the effort it takes to rid one's self of unwanted weight, but also by the preoccupation of the disorder," said Kubitschek. "[People with these diseases] think a lot about their disorder. They think a lot about food, or not eating food."

"I used to look forward to going to bed every night," said sophomore Amelia, who used to struggle with anorexia and asked for her name to be withheld. "That way I could stop thinking about how to avoid eating food all the time."

There is a large amount of emotional pain associated with eating disorders, which can seriously harm the afflicted. This is caused by the constant stress of having to monitor food intakes, how to not eat food, or planning binges.

"For a long time my disorder didn't feel like something I did, but who I was. I would plan my evenings and days around purging, putting off homework and distancing myself from family, everything. If I was unsuccessful [in an attempt to purge] the shame and the guilt was so consuming, I literally couldn't do anything," said Julie. "My happiness depended on the success of a purge, and for so long it was the main source of happiness in my life."

Of the students surveyed, 50 percent know of between two and four students with an eating disorder, and 6 percent know of more than four.

However, many of the surveyed students exhibited some symptoms of eating disorders themselves. The survey also showed that many students are prone to eating issues instead of eating disorders, such as thinking they are overweight, feeling guilty after eating, or skipping meals.

"A lot of girls have eating issues more so than eating disorders," said Washburn. "One of my friends obsessively counts calories, but I don't think that's uncommon." Even students who don't show any signs of eating issues know people who have some symptoms.

"I don't [know anyone with an eating disorder]," said freshman Maddy Hill. "But I know people who do crash diets."


The Tam News survey found that 65 percent of students count their daily caloric intake. Although counting calories or skipping meals may seem harmless at first, these actions can eventually lead to an actual eating disorder.

"[If a friend has an eating disorder], be available to listen and refrain from giving advice – especially about food, dieting, weight, etc," said Peairs. "Encourage your friend to seek help from parents, counselors, or other trusted adults."

Both Laura and Amelia received help for their disorders after concerned friends and family members intervened.

"One of my guy friends ultimately said I needed to go to a doctor," said Laura. "I think that friends should step in, and if [the person with the problem] just blows them off, then the friends should maybe suggest their name in either the Peer Resource or the counseling box just to get them the help that they may need."

Although Julie has not received any professional help, and although she has made improvements, she continues to struggle with her eating disorder.

Although confronting a friend with something as serious as an eating disorder may be challenging, diseases such as anorexia, binge eating, and bulimia should not go unnoticed. If you or one of your friends suffer from one of these disorders, please contact the counseling office or speak with a Tam or BACR counselor about your concerns. 

## News from the Art Department

### Tam Visual Artists Win Awards

Tam's art students were well represented at the 20th annual Marin County High School Art Show sponsored by the Marin Society of Artists. Riley Sykes won "Best in Show" in drawing/printmaking, Reese Butler took second place in photography, Olivia Trombadore won a merit award in ceramics and Rowan Walton won honorable mention for painting. Also representing Tam at the show were ceramic artists Gina Maekawa, Kristin Sato and Mariel Chapman; Jason Rasmussen, Emily Schwenk in drawing and Josie Jeter and Trevor Perelson in photography. The works were on exhibit at the Marin Art and Garden Center in Ross during the month of May.

### Ceramics Department Update

Ceramics students are wrapping up the year with activities that will bring them new experiences, teach them new skills, and beautify the Tam campus.

Students in advanced classes have been working with a number of guest artists, generously provided by the Tam High Foundation. Currently Tam High grad Kate Barnett is working with us to create life-sized self-portrait busts in ceramics. This is a big challenge and a major leap for many students due to the size and complexity of the human form, not to mention doing justice to their good looks and style!

Next week we take our annual trip to Berkeley to the studio of Andree Thompson for a day-long raku workshop. Students will fire their own pieces and pull them, red-hot, from the kiln. They will then place them in a "nest" of combustible materials, which will ignite from the hot clay. A quick cover with a metal lid quenches the flame and creates the smoke that will leave the pots with a rainbow of beautiful metallic colors. The interactive aspects, as well as the instant gratification of bringing their pieces to completion before their eyes are real highlights of our year together.

Our outdoor mosaic chair is nearing completion and looking better every day. Undaunted by the unseasonal weather, we nonetheless are determined to unveil it by the end of the year.

Ceramics 1 students are collaborating in groups to create totems, stacked sculptures that will enhance our sculpture garden in Freshman Court. Themes include the life cycle of a butterfly, under the sea, music, and others. Look for them on the slope in front of the studio.



*Above, top:* Riley Sykes won Best in Show in the Drawing/Print-making category of the Marin County High School Art Show for this work, *Primary Colorage* (mixed media).

*Above bottom:* Reese Butler's photograph won second place at the art show.

*Photos below (L-R):* Kristin Sato's giraffes were exhibited at the Marin Art & Garden Center.

*Olivia Trombadore's merit award winning ceramics piece.*

*A teapot by ceramics student Olivia Leary.*





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But fueled by the play of seniors Storie Ledger and Kalia Rothlind and the impressive development of freshman goalie Liz Archer, the Hawks put together a stunning push and never lost another game, clinching the regular season title on the final day of the season.

In an exciting MCAL semifinal game, the Hawks defeated Branson 1-0 in overtime on penalty kicks, when Archer made the winning save after sophomore Kaitlin Gillespie converted the seventh penalty kick of the game.

In the title game against Drake, Ledger scored in the ninth minute to give Tam an early lead. The Hawks also converted two penalty kicks, one by Ledger and another by senior Essie Winer, who was fouled after receiving a pass from senior Danielle Torme.

Tam's defensive effort – led by the backline of juniors Kaitlin Firmage and Lena Geupel in the middle and freshman Olivia Heitz and junior Nicole Henderson on the wings – shut down the Pirates attack. The Hawks received an emotional lift when senior Phebe Miller entered the game midway through the first half. Miller, recovering from a torn ACL, hadn't played all season until she took a penalty kick against Branson. Against Drake she played 24 minutes.

The Hawks received solid play from senior Allie Knauer and juniors Jane Lee and Megan Monroe, as well as from Nicole Amyx, Jenna Lea, Quinlan Cacic and Highland Barry. Junior Jessie Baker-Levine, who was injured late in the season, provided critical emotional support from the bench.

The effort earned Tam a second seed in the NCS playoffs and a first round bye. The Hawks – looking to repeat the title trifecta they won in 2008 - won their first NCS game against Marin Academy on May 20.

*Sam Raffa on the mound.*



### Baseball

Tam Varsity Baseball had an exciting regular season, finishing with a 9-9 record in the MCAL, which landed them in a tie for the last playoff berth. In a very dramatic "play-in" game held on Friday the 13th, Tam handily beat Justin Sienna (5-0) to claim the spot! They begin post-season play against Drake. This will be the first post-season appearance for Tam Baseball since 2005, and reflects the positive direction in which Coach Mike Terry has taken the program.

### Girls' Swimming & Diving

The Tam girls' swim team enjoyed a very successful season. The girls completed the dual meet season tied for first place with one very close loss to Marin Catholic. The season highlight was a victory over the deep and talented Redwood squad in which the entire team's dedication and talent were on full display. The team finished the season feeling confident it

had a strong chance to bring home an MCAL first place pennant from the league's swimming and diving championship meet.

As the week of the championships loomed, it became clear how close Tam, Redwood, and Marin Catholic were going to finish relative to each other. The final results were going to depend upon which team had the best combination of athletes exceeding their seeded position during Saturday's

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*Senior Kyla Neugebauer won a gold medal at the MCAL championships.*



finals, team depth in key events and contribution from each diving squad. There was no clear favorite, making for a very exciting three days of competition.

As finals on Saturday progressed and the cumulative scores were announced after events, it became clear the Redwood girls' possessed the deepest and broadest talent as they won the meet by about 30 points, a relatively small margin. The Tam girls were able to hold off Marin Catholic for second place, the best finish for the Hawks in a number of years. Many great performances by the swimmers and divers were necessary to accomplish this feat, highlighted by double event winners Melissa Fineman and Kim Baca. The second place finish displayed to the league the potent combination of talent and depth that will keep the Tam girls' swimming and diving team in competition for a pennant for years to come.

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### Tam Rowers

Four Tam High girls rowed on Marin Rowing's varsity 8+ that won the Southwest Regional Championships at Lake Natoma in Gold Hill, California on May 7, beating runner-up Oakland Strokes by nine seconds. The impressive victory means that Logan Harris, Elizabeth Littman, Charlotte Passot and Maddie Wolf are all headed to U.S. Rowing's Youth National Championships on June 10-12 on Melton Hill Lake in Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

The Marin girls' varsity boat is one of the nation's fastest. These same four Tam girls rowed in the Varsity 8+ that took second at last October's famed Head of the Charles international regatta



*Tam students participating in Marin Rowing include: Elizabeth Littman (2nd from left), Maddie Wolf (4th from left), Charlotte Passot (5th from left) and Logan Harris (end on right).*

in Cambridge, Massachusetts, out of a field of over 70 boats. At the Southwest Championships, senior Maddie Wolf won two more gold medals in the pairs and fours, and juniors Charlotte Passot and Logan Harris each took an additional silver and gold in the pairs and fours. Tam has more rowers in Marin's nationally ranked Varsity 8+ boat than any other high school.

For more information about Marin Rowing's summer camps and programs call: 461-1431 or visit the team website at [marinrowing.org/junior-programs/](http://marinrowing.org/junior-programs/)

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*Tam's girls' junior varsity soccer team was undefeated in the league.*

### JV Girls' Soccer

The success of the Tam High varsity girls' soccer team is no secret. The Red-Tailed Hawks have the best record in MCAL, the league's top scorer and its strongest goalie. But while the varsity squad has garnered the requisite attention, it might surprise you to learn that, statistically speaking, they're not even the best team at Tam.

That distinction belongs to the junior varsity girls, who can boast the only undefeated record in the MCAL regular season. In 14 games, the JV girls notched 13 wins and one tie, booking 12 shutouts along the way to winning the league. In addition, they lay claim to having the top scorer in the league, with twice as many goals as her varsity counterpart, and a freshman goalie who held down a stifling .285 average goals allowed per game.

Led by Coach Zack Stanton, the girls began the season with five sophomores and 17 freshmen, and a lot of shuffling in the line-up. Some pre-season jitters stabilized as Coach Stanton

solidified his position players, and the JV girls squeaked by with a 1-0 victory against Marin Catholic in the season opener. Their play improved in the next game against Drake, but some untimely free kicks deep in their defensive third saw them needing a last-minute goal to secure a 2-2 tie. From there they found their groove, and it was full steam ahead.

So, as we celebrate the MCAL title won by our varsity girls, let's take a moment to applaud their junior sisters. An undefeated season is something worth honoring in any sport, at any level. These girls may not have played in any MCAL championship matches, but they end the season on top, and look to the future of girls' soccer at Tam. Congratulations JV Lady Hawks! We can't wait to see you on the pitch next year.

2011 Junior Varsity Tam Women's Soccer Roster: Coach: Zack Johnson. Sophomores: Taylor Bontz, Izzy Dahlke, Daniella Hunt, Claire Schulze, Amy Yoger. Freshmen: Amanda Barriscale, Sarah Berman, Emily Billings, Zara Blackstone, Emma Boczek, Esme Bowden, Emma Boyle, Catie Byrne, Rachel Ferm, Rachel Ferroni, Annie Ganz, Kat Hanzen, Malia Lam, Bella Levaggi, Lyndsey Romjue, Gaby Salas and Ceren Turgut.

### Boys' Swimming & Diving

The Tam High boys' swimming and diving team – for the third year in a row – claimed victory at the MCAL championships due to remarkable team depth and the coaching strategy of Head Coach Dave Beutel and Assistant Coach Bob Kustel. Divers Kai Brewer and Kirk Wong took first place and second place, respectively, to earn the Tam swim and dive team 37 points before the swim events even began.

Miguel Mattox, the sole Tam High swim champion, handily won the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 4:45.75, finishing more than eight seconds over the second place swimmer and breaking his own team record. The Tam 200 free relay team of Tanner Nagy, Brennan Latimer, Joe Weber and Jake Weber placed third and the 400 free relay team of Jake Weber, Miguel Mattox, Luke Sohn and

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*Senior Kai Brewer placed first in the MCAL diving championships.*

Joe Weber also placed third. All these relay swimmers advanced to finals in their individual events. Other swimmers advancing to the finals were Riley Sykes, Max Sieck, Andrew Frost, Sean Haechler, Devon Miller-Gowan, Elliot Ordway, Luke Shepherd and Jeremy Tysporin.

Advancing to NCS are swimmers Miguel Mattox, Jake Weber, Luke Sohn, Joe Weber, Riley Sykes, Brennan Latimer, Tanner Nagy and Max Sieck.

Special congratulations to Sean Haechler, the 2011 Rookie of the Year, to Luke Sohn, who received the 2011 Coach's Award, to Jeremy Tysporin, who received the award for "Exceptional Dedication to Tam Swimming and Academics" and to Jake Weber, the 2011 Most Valuable Swimmer.

The team thanks Tam High Aquatics seniors Kai Brewer, Gio Graziose, Dante Graziose, Quinn Lima, Devon Miller-Gowan, Tanner Nagy, Max Sieck, Zach Sohn and Jake Weber for their many contributions to the program.

### Diving

Tam's diving program had a breakout season in 2011 under new Head Coach Ken Light. This year's squad featured the county's

top individual divers, significant depth and a group of new freshmen who literally learned their first dives when the season began. Thanks to a disciplined practice regimen that included 7 am sessions twice a week, the team made steady progress throughout the year. The boys' team featured seniors Kai Brewer and Kurt Wong who wrapped up a strong 2011 campaign by finishing first and second respectively in the MCAL championships. As a result of Kai's winning MCAL score of 265 he qualified for the NCS meet. The girls' team was led by senior Kyla Neugebauer who beat an exceptionally strong field of divers to win the gold medal at MCAL. Also scoring points at MCAL was Jamie Eddy with a fourth place finish. Both Kyla and Jamie qualified for the NSC meet. Other divers who contributed to the team's depth were Katherine Takeshita, Skyler McCormack, Mae Puckett & Whitney Nelson.

*Varsity boys' lacrosse team walks off the field after a victory.*



### Boys' Lacrosse

The Tam boys' lacrosse team finished out the season (8-9) under Coach Jon Porter, in its first ever NCS playoff game at Piedmont High School. Tam (seeded 10th) played with heart but came up short against Piedmont (seeded 7th) in the first round of playoffs amid many injuries sustained throughout the season. The Tam lacrosse team boasts the highest scoring MCAL player in Brian Scott who made 96 points for Tam this year (61 goals and 35 assists), as well as defender Travis Parker, both of whom made last year's MCAL first team. Tam loses four seniors this year, Scott, Parker, Sam Suzuki and Robert Scott, who were all big contributors to the team. Still, Tam's lacrosse future looks bright

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as the majority of this year's varsity team will return next year. In addition, Tam's JV team, coached by David Howland, in only its second year fielded 38 players who have been honing their skills in preparation for varsity play.



*Seated: Seniors Madeline Ball (L) and Harli Grant. Kneeling (L-R): Anna Lipman, Arianna Wadleigh, Emily Schwank, Cate Pacula, Tatana Urbina, Georgie Kinn, Maddy Kwasny, Lauren Young and Rachel Roberts. Standing (L-R): Asst. Coach Tim Wadleigh, Haley Jensen, Crista Swanson, Casey Fritz, Jane Tull, Nicole Wilson, Amanda Moe, Bridget Lowry, Heather Rose, Emma Savino, Baylin Vreeland, Amanda Catherine, Charlotte Kaufman and Head Coach Natalie Butler.*

### Girls' Lacrosse

The girls' varsity lacrosse team had one of the best player turnouts in its history with a roster of 23 players, the majority of whom were first time players, filled with great energy and enthusiasm for the sport. Head Coach Natalie Butler (former assistant coach and Tam lacrosse graduate) helped the girls on the team to grow into well-developed lacrosse players with her inspirational coaching tactics. Assisted by Tim Wadleigh, the team's ability grew exponentially from catching and throwing to team strategy including several behind the back shots by high point scorer Cate Pacula. The Coach's Award went to sophomore Casey Fritz, the Most Improved Player Award went to first-time player Charlotte Kaufman, and the Most Inspirational Player Award went to goalie Baylin Vreeland. Tam seniors and fourth year players Maddy Ball (attack) and Harli Grant (defense) had great seasons,

including Harli's first goal. While the team will miss their presence, next year promises to be an exciting year with a field of returning players and team-elected Co-Captains Cate Pacula and Baylin Vreeland. Keep your eyes on the Tam girls' lacrosse team next season!

### Track & Field

Like cream rising to the top, the Tam track and field team peaked at the right time. With over 100 athletes on the roster, mostly freshmen and sophomores, the team goal was to develop over the course of the entire season, trying to ensure that each athlete would keep improving without getting injured, and could gravitate toward the events best suited to their abilities. During the regular season, the girls' team ended up fourth in the league, and the boys' sixth, while doing very well at invitational meets that emphasized frosh/soph events.

At the MCAL championships, the patience paid off, as both the boys' and girls' teams finished second, with multiple winners. The girls were led by juniors Lilla McMillan, who won the 100 and 200 meters, anchored the winning 4X100 relay team and took second in the long jump; Hallie Brauner, who won the 100 hurdles, 300 hurdles and anchored the 4th place 4X400 relay team; and sophomore Jessica Rasmussen, who won the long jump, took 3rds in the 100 and 200 meters, and ran a leg on the winning 4X100 relay. Senior Katie Lee also tied the school record in the pole vault at 10 feet, while taking third in that event. There were eight finalists in the 300 meter hurdle race, and four of them were from Tam.

The boys were led by senior Dan Milechman, who won the 1600 and 3200 races, junior Dana Mills, who took second in the 100 and 200 meter sprints, sophomore Haynes Stephens, who took third in the 400 meter dash, sophomore Zach Knight, who took second in the triple jump and placed in two other individual events, the 100 meter high hurdles and the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. Freshmen August Kiles and Lucas Janetos also took second in the pole vault and third in the long jump, respectively.

In all, 21 athletes qualified for the Redwood Empire Championships, competing against the best track and field athletes from the 45 high schools stretching from near the Golden Gate to the Oregon border. Once again, Tam continued to improve, with the girls taking third overall, far ahead

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of any other MCAL team. Tam was led again by Lilla McMillan, taking first in the 100 meters, second in the 200 meters and anchoring the third place 4X100 relay; Hallie Brauner, taking first in the 100 hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles; Dan Milechman, taking first in the 1600; and Katie Lee, setting a new school record in the pole vault at 10' 4". The NCS Meet of Champions, the last qualifying meet for the state championships, took place over Memorial Day weekend with ten Tam athletes qualified to compete: Lilla McMillan in the 100, 200 and 4X100 relay, Jessica Rasmussen in long jump, 200 and 4X100 relay, Hallie Brauner in the 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles, Dan Milechman in the 1600, Monica Bi in the 300 hurdles and 4X100 relay, Katie Lee and August Kiles in the pole vault, Zach Knight in the 110 hurdles, Dana Mills in the 100 and Samantha Henson in the 4X100 relay. Results were not available at presstime.

### Softball

The Tam Softball team ended the regular season in second place in MCAL, with an overall record of 16-6 (13-5 in MCAL). As it has the last two years, Tam faced Redwood in the MCAL final at Albert Park, only to fall once again, by a score of 4-1. The team will play its first NCS game on Friday, May 27, at home. Tam finished the MCAL season with a team batting average of exactly .300, with 26 doubles, four triples and three home runs (one each by Stephanie Lee, Liv Trombadore and Aria Pogni). Stephanie took the batting title, at .409, with Kim Scarsella close behind at .400. Aria led the team with 20 RBI's, with Stephanie recording 15. Kim and Liv proved to be a formidable pitching duo, combining for an opposing batting average of .154. Kim recorded 137 strikeouts in 13 starts, with a 0.49 ERA. Liv's ERA is a mere 1.08. The team will sorely miss the three graduating seniors – Liv, Steph, and Emily Banks, whose stellar play as a utility infielder strengthened the defense as she moved wherever she was needed. Good Luck to the team in NCS!

### Mountain Bike Club

On the Tam Mountain Bike Club Team, Skylar Taylor competed in the junior race. The field broke apart fairly quickly and dwindled down to a lead group of three riders, with Skylar included. In the last lap, and just a few hundred meters within the finish, he crashed just after a quick rise, getting boxed out while passing both a rider from a different division/race and the rider ahead of him in his race along with a few others. He ended up running the bike through the finish with a very painful wrist injury. With his valiant run he secured the third spot on the JV State Championship podium.

Dillon Charleton rode in the sophomore race against tough competition and a large field. He and another rider, the SoCal series leader, formed a two-man break that lasted for half of the race. Then he was all alone. He simply rode away from everyone, finishing comfortably with both arms raised and coasting across the finish line. With that win he secured the sophomore state championship.

All of our riders performed spectacularly with personal bests in each of their respective races. On the van ride back they were all talking of road and cyclocross racing this year!

This could turn out to be a very historic event as it represents the league's first state championship. Norcal and SoCal have been around for a few years and other states such as Washington, Colorado and Minnesota are adding to NICA's (National Interscholastic Cycling Association) state count with others coming on this year. Who knows...this could very well grow to all 50 states and turn mountain biking into a much bigger, better sporting event for everyone.

All state championship results can be found here: <http://nationalmtb.org/results/socalmtb/2011/RiderResultsStateChamps.html>.

In addition to the state championship race we had a number of very impressive results for the season, including three podiums in the sophomore category and one podium in the varsity category. Dillon Charleton won the NorCal season jersey.

Those results can be found here: <http://www.nationalmtb.org/results/norcalmtb/2011/OverallRider4.html>.

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JUNE 2011		Time/Event	Location
Date			
1	7 PM	TAM MUSIC SPRING CONCERT	RUBY SCOTT AUDITORIUM
3		SENIOR TRIP (Optional)	
3		FINALS BEGIN (grades 9-11)	
6-8		FINALS CONTINUE (grades 9-11) – <b>12:25 PM DISMISSAL</b> (See page 2 for schedule)	
6-8		SENIOR ACTIVITIES (See page 3 for details)	
7, 21	7 PM	TUHSD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER Redwood High School
8	6 PM	GRADUATION (Tickets Required) RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING	MEAD THEATER Student Center
9		TEACHER WORK DAY	TBA
15		FIRST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL	REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
<b>JULY 2011</b>			
15		LAST DAY OF SUMMER SCHOOL	REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
21	9 AM - 2 PM	PTSA VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLE FIRST DAY PACKETS	STAFF ROOM Wood Hall
<b>AUGUST 2011</b>			
12	8 AM - 2 PM	FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AND BARBECUE	
15-16		STAFF DEVELOPMENT/TEACHER WORK DAYS	
16		SCHEDULE PICK-UP FOR 10 <sup>TH</sup> , 11 <sup>TH</sup> & 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE (See summer mailing for specific time)	RUBY SCOTT GYM
17	8 AM	FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
17	8-9 AM	PTSA BACK-TO-SCHOOL COFFEE	RUBY SCOTT GYM
<p><b>For details and updates, check the calendar  on the Tam High website: <a href="http://tamhigh.org">tamhigh.org</a></b></p>			