



TAM'S ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Thursday, September 16
Gustafson Gym

6 pm

Tam's jazz band will perform. Parents can pick up schedules in the gym and meet Tam and district administrators, along with representatives from PTSA, Boosters, Tam High Foundation, ASB and more.

6:40-8:50 pm

Classroom visits for parents.



You're invited!

It's not too late to become a member of PATH, for a \$50 tax-deductible contribution or whatever you can afford. Our goal is 100% membership for all families that have students in the visual arts programs. We also need volunteers. If you would like to join us, please fill in the form below or contact Bev Butler at Beverly.Butler@wellsfargo.com.

PATH meetings are scheduled at 5:30 pm in the Phoenix Room 400 as follows:

Wednesday, September 22

Wednesday, October 27

Thursday, November 18

Thursday December 16

Wednesday, January 26

Wednesday, February 16

Wednesday, March 23

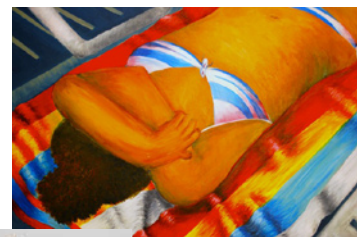
Wednesday, April 27

Wednesday, May 25

New for 2010: PATH Supports Tam's Studio Artists

Tam's newest parent support group, Patrons of the Arts at Tam High (PATH), is off to a great start! Many thanks to the more than 75 families who donated to our membership drive and volunteered to help during the first week of school. Our mission is to promote, support, and enhance Tam's studio arts program to ensure that students benefit from a real world arts education that connects them to the community and provides meaningful learning experiences.

Did you know that Tam offers four-year sequential programs, including honors and AP classes in drawing & painting, photography and ceramics? Our goal is to make the program even better by upgrading our facilities and equipment, bringing professional guest artists into our studios and getting students out into the community to engage in activities that open their eyes to new possibilities.



Top Photo: Acrylic painting by Tam senior Evelyn Buzbee.

Join us at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival September 25 and 26!

Artwork by two of Tam's award-winning students will be on display at the Tam High visual arts booth at the festival. Kevin Templeton received the MVFAF 2010 Emerging Artist Scholarship at last year's senior awards night. Kevin will put his scholarship to good use at Alfred University, one of America's foremost schools for the study of all aspects of clay and glass. It is no stretch of the imagination to say that we may one day say "we knew him when." Tam senior Evelyn Buzbee received the MVFAF Emerging Artist award to be used for AP studio costs, art materials or classes. Evelyn will be awarded her prize Saturday night at this year's Fall Arts Festival. Both students' work will be on display along with current work by AP studio art, draw/paint, ceramics, photography and art exploration students.



Bottom Photo: Ceramic work by 2010 Tam grad Kevin Templeton.

Members of PATH will also help staff the Tru Gourmet organic dim sum food booth at the festival. A portion of the sale proceeds will be donated to PATH, so be sure to come by and nourish your soul with great food, good friends, and fabulous art.

Join us! We need resources and volunteers to make our dreams a reality.

Please complete this form and send it to:

PATH c/o Tam High School, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Name _____ Student(s) _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

I will make a tax-deductible contribution. Enclosed is my check made payable to PATH

_____ \$50 PATH Membership

_____ I would like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.

I am interested in helping with:

_____ Fundraising _____ Field Trip Coordination _____ Exhibitions / Supplies

_____ Public Relations/Marketing _____ Facilities Planning _____ Other _____

Principal's Message

by Tom Drescher

Focus on Tam: What is CORE?

To support our goal of providing an outstanding educational experience for all students, this semester we have established the CORE program for 9th graders. This program is named CORE to reflect our belief that it will be central to learning and will help us close the achievement gap and challenge all students at an advanced level. Our current design for 9th and 10th grade English and social studies has been modified with the intention of enhancing engagement, connection and academic progress for all students. We have established teaching teams for English and social studies that will remain together and teach the same group of students for two years, until those students complete 10th grade.



Tam's 2010-2011 Administrative Team: (L-R) Assistant Principal Kim Stiffler, Principal Tom Drescher and Assistant Principal Chad Stuart.

Studies have shown that this type of interdisciplinary/cross-curricular teaching increases students' motivation for learning and their level of engagement. In addition, it provides our teachers with extensive opportunities to collaborate around curriculum and student needs. Rather than having to learn each new student and his or her learning needs at the beginning of the 10th grade, teachers will already have one year's experience with each of them, allowing a smooth transition and preserving essential learning time in the process. CORE is an essential next step in building collaborative communities and enhancing the student learning experience at Tam.



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Join and Volunteer

Please join the PTSA and volunteer your time. In addition to joining the Tam High PTSA, we would appreciate your contributions for several PTSA projects (listed below) which require additional funding.

Annual PTSA Dues	\$25.00 per family			_____
Parent Education and Every 15 Minutes	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	_____
<i>Help us to fund our Parent Ed Conference on November 20th. This conference is in conjunction with MVMS and will be held at Tam High. We are also sponsoring Every 15 Minutes on March 22nd and March 23rd</i>				
Academic, Community Service Scholarships And Principal's Scholarship Fund	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	_____
General Fund	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	_____
<i>Tam Family Newsletter, event hospitality and much more. Any amount appreciated.</i>				
Campus Beautification	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	_____
<i>With your help, we can improve the Tam campus environment over the short and long term (clean up, plantings and irrigation)</i>				
Total				_____

**Please make your check payable to Tam High PTSA and mail to
700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941**



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From the PTSA President

by Leslie Wachtel

Welcome back to school to all of our students, parents and staff. On behalf of myself and the PTSA Executive Board for 2010/2011, we welcome and encourage each family to join the PTSA, get involved at Tam and help us make this another great year at Tam High.

In this issue of the Tam Family you will find a schedule for our PTSA meetings for the coming nine months. We will have speakers and topics that are relevant for parents of high school students at each of our meetings. Please look for emails and further information in subsequent issues of this newsletter to find out what topics we will be covering.


Our first meeting of the year will be on Wednesday, September 1, in the Student Center. Please come and meet our administrative team and welcome Chad Stuart as our new assistant principal. At this first meeting we will also have sign up sheets for anyone interested in finding out about volunteer opportunities throughout the year. This is a great time to come and ask questions, meet fellow parents and learn about your student's high school.

Please consider joining the Tam High PTSA if you have not already done so. We have included a form in this newsletter that you can mail to the

school (700 Miller Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941) or bring to our first PTSA meeting on September 1. The PTSA works throughout the year to help make Tam an exceptional learning community for our students and staff. Please join and find out all the ways we make a difference at Tam High.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came in this summer to assemble summer packets in July and to all those wonderful volunteers who worked at the freshman orientation barbecue on August 13. A special thanks to Deborah Dilley and Bonnie Freiberg who chaired the barbecue. Many thanks to all the fantastic volunteers who came forward to help with registration and schedule pick up on August 13, 17 and 18. We had an overwhelming response to our emails asking for volunteers for all these events and we could not have done it with our parent volunteers.

The first day of school coffee was well attended and a nice way to start to school year off. Thanks to everyone who came to set up and thanks to those who baked delicious treats which the parents and the staff enjoyed throughout the day.

Please feel free to contact me with any question, concerns or comments at any time throughout the year either by email at mvleslieann@yahoo.com or by phone at 415-990-1415. 

Tam High PTSA Event Dates for 2010-2011 School Year

PTSA Meeting Dates

PTSA MEETINGS

Wednesday, September 1

7 pm, Tam High Student Center
Meet our Administrative Team

Wednesday, October 6

7 pm, Tam High Student Center

Wednesday, November 3

7 pm, Tam High Student Center

Tuesday, November 30

7 pm, Mill Valley Golf Clubhouse
State of the School and Fireside Chat

Wednesday, January 5

8:30 am, Hawk's Nest adjacent to
Student Center

Wednesday, February 2

7 pm, Tam High Student Center
Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll!
Peer Resource Class panel discussion

Wednesday March 2

7 pm, Tam High Student Center

Wednesday April 6

7 pm, Tam High Student Center

Wednesday, May 4

8:30 am, Hawk's Nest adjacent to
Student Center

Wednesday May 25

7 pm, Tam High Student Center

PTSA STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE/ BREAKFASTS

Friday, September 3: Welcome Back

Friday, October 29: Happy Halloween

Friday, December 17: Happy Holidays

Friday, February 11: Happy Valentine's Day

Friday, May 13: Thank You

PTSA PARENT EDUCATION

Saturday, November 20

Parent Ed Conference in conjunction with
Mill Valley Middle School

PTSA FUNDRAISERS

Early December

PTSA Holiday Greens Sale

Early June

PTSA Senior Congratulatory Balloon Bouquets

PTSA STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

March date to be determined

STAR TEST BBQ

April date to be determined

SENIOR AWARDS EVENING

June date to be determined

Tam High Foundation, Working with You to Support Educational Excellence at Tam

By Deborah Miller

Tam High Foundation Communications Chair

If you passed by Tamalpais High School on August 18, you saw the spirit displayed by the 2011 seniors as they celebrated the first day of their senior year and welcomed all Tam students back to school! The overall enthusiasm was heightened by the backdrop of the fully renovated and genuinely beautiful Tam campus.

The promise and potential for Tam High this year can be seen everywhere: in the students, in the teachers, administrators and coaches, and in the academic and sports facilities. It is up to all of us in the Tam community to make certain the potential of Tam, and of every student, is realized by maintaining and enhancing the quality of education for all.

It is for this reason that the Tam High Foundation (THF) exists. Our job at the Tam High Foundation is to work with you, our Tam community parents, to help make this happen.

In many ways, the future has never been brighter. However, the bond funds that made our campus renovation possible are separate and distinct from the operating funds needed for school programs. Because of state budget cuts and decreases in local funding sources, the Tam community faces new challenges as departments across the campus cope with severe budget cuts

Throughout the year you will hear from the Tam High Foundation as we help respond to these challenges. You will recognize us by our fresh look this year – our new logo showcases the landmark of our school: the Tam High Clock Tower. We also have a newly renovated website at tamhighfoundation.org.

We are off and running with our all important Annual Campaign and other activities and we ask you to get involved. **We need your help and can promise your participation will be meaningful. Please:**

- Donate to our Tam High Foundation Annual Parent Campaign! Your donations are more critically important than ever. We have calculated the needs and an investment of just \$60 per month during the school year will help your student every day. We ask for a total annual donation of \$600 per student, or whatever you can give in order to achieve our goal of 100% participation.
- If you have a business, become a Business Partner! Your ad will be listed in the Tam High Foundation Directory given to the families of our 1200 students;
- Participate in the local shopping program by registering or renewing your registration for e-Scrip;
- Volunteer your time – contact the Tam High Foundation Office at the e-mail address below and let us know you would like to volunteer.

Tam's students will greatly appreciate your support—thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at Tam! 



**MAKING THE
DIFFERENCE**

For more information about the Tam High Foundation or to donate, please contact us:

To donate online:

Visit our website at
tamhighfoundation.org

To mail your donation, send to:

Tam High Foundation
700 Miller Avenue
Mill Valley, CA 94941

To volunteer or if you have questions, contact us:

By e-mail:

info@tamhighfoundation.org

By phone:

(415) 380-3565

THUMB News

by Maureen Parton, THUMB Parent Volunteer

Repeat after me, I am not a helicopter parent ...

Q: How do you become involved in your student's life in a good way?

A: Join THUMB -- Tam High United Music Boosters!



The symphonic orchestra at last year's holiday concert.

The news is replete with stories about "helicopter parents" of today's youth who, while well-meaning, intrude – often in "over the top" ways – in the developmentally crucial and necessary process of their sons' and daughters' separation and differentiation.

How then, you ask, do parents of high schoolers stay involved and connected in meaningful ways with their daughters and sons all the while respecting their growing autonomy and need for space yet still being present in a demonstrable way?

One very important and appropriate way to do that is to support their interests! You can do that by joining THUMB (Tam High United Music Boosters) and be a part of their lives, right here and now!

If your student at Tam is interested in music, THUMB provides just such a meaningful opportunity to be there, stay connected and watch them grow! At the same time, you help serve the Tam High community by giving of your time to make a good music program even better!

Now is the time to be there to support their positive growth towards becoming strong, self-sufficient adults. Your being here tells them that they are important.

For your student, music education provides the opportunity to learn the skills so necessary for a happy and successful transition to adulthood: to show up on time and ready to play, be part of a group, grow music skills, learn cooperatively from one another, set, aim for and achieve goals and above all be a part of an enriching performance arts experience and have fun!

THUMB is a parent-run organization whose mission is to encourage, promote and assist instrumental and choral music activity at Tamalpais High School. THUMB is dedicated to providing financial assistance to the instrumental and choral music programs at Tam. Every family with a student in the music program is invited to join THUMB and help make the program the best it can be.

THUMB raises funds through an annual phone-a-thon, Valentine's dinner, membership dues, and concert concession sales. THUMB uses funds raised for the benefit of all music students by paying for instrument repair and replacement, concert venue rentals and concerts, administrative support for the music director and scholarships for students whose excellence and potential merit further music instruction.

THUMB meetings take place one Thursday a month at 7 pm in the Greenwood Music Room, aka the Band Box. Everyone is welcome! If you think your music student is cool, just wait until you meet the other Tam High parents. Catch the Tam High Music spirit and join THUMB! Questions: contact Doug Thompson, THUMB President at doug@thompsonstudio.com.

The next THUMB meeting is Thursday, September 23, at 7 pm at the Greenwood Music Room.



Jazz band performs at the Tam High Reopening Celebration last May.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Tam Music and THUMB Welcome Back Reception –

For parents and students!

Date: Thursday, September 2

Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Greenwood Music Room
(aka the Band Box)

Join us for refreshments, musical entertainment and meet Director Spiro Tsingaridis and our guest artists/musicians who will be working with your music student.

Tam High's Back To School Night

Date: Thursday, September 16

Time: – 6 pm, Jazz Band
(musicians call: 5:30 pm)

Location: Gus Gym

Come early and listen to the jazz band!

THUMB - Tam High United Music Boosters Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 23

Time: 7–8:30 pm

Location: Greenwood Music Room
(aka The Band Box)

All welcome for planning for another amazing year of Tam Music!

Get With Tam Music Scene Here!

Tam Music Web Site: Go to tamhigh.org, click on "Teacher Websites" and then choose "Tsingaridis, Spiro – Music"

Become a fan of Tam Music.

Join the Facebook group
"Tam High Music" @ [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/tamhighmusic).

News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist
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College and Career Center Services

The College and Career Center has information on colleges, post-high school programs, financial aid, scholarships, college admissions tests, volunteer opportunities, summer programs and part-time jobs. For the most current information about college and career events, check the daily bulletin at tamhigh.org and PrepHQ.

Keep Current with Email

The College and Career Center sends occasional grade-specific emails to remind students and parents about special events, college visits, scholarship opportunities and last-minute scheduling changes. We do not share email addresses with anyone outside of Tam.

PrepHQ is our communications vehicle. If your student has already registered with PrepHQ, make sure your email addresses are current. If your student has not registered, this is how to get started: Log on to tamhigh.org, click on "Academics" and then "PrepHQ." Once on the homepage, go to "click here to register" and follow the instructions. Information about Career Center events will also appear in the Tam Family and Daily Bulletin.

Senior College Seminar September 23

Tam will sponsor a seminar for college-bound seniors and their parents on Thursday, September 23, at 6:30 pm in Ruby Scott Gym. Tam counselors will provide such need-to-know information as how to obtain letters of recommendation and how to send transcripts. A college admissions officer will discuss how colleges read applications and view the admissions process. College-bound seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.

During the fall semester the College and Career Center sponsors a number of special events for seniors including workshops on the early decision/early action process, writing the personal statement and completing the University of California and California State University applications. Make sure you are on the PrepHQ email list, so that you will receive updates and reminders of these events.

PSAT

Juniors and Sophomores: The Preliminary SAT, or PSAT, will be given at Tam on Saturday morning, October 16. The PSAT is designed to help students become familiar with the SAT and may help to improve future scores. Juniors who took the test last year are strongly encouraged to repeat it this fall.

Students may sign up September 7 through October 8 in the Counseling Office during breaks, lunch and after school. The \$30 fee is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Tamalpais High School. Complete information will be mailed home this month.

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News from Leadership

by Chelsea Springer, Leadership Advisor

The Leadership class gathered for an all-class retreat on Saturday, August 14, and participated in a ropes course at Ft. Miley in San Francisco on Sunday, August 15.

The ropes course led by the San Francisco State-based Pacific



Leadership Institute included both high and low elements to teach students teamwork and foster a sense of trust and camaraderie amongst the group.

At freshman orientation and fall registration, class members were busy distributing Spirit Pack merchandise to new and returning students, including a new grey sweatshirt, new navy sweats, and a new Tam spirit tee.

The Welcome Back Rally is right around the corner and will take place on Friday, September 3. Get ready to show your Tam pride as we celebrate the beginning of another school year. The Fall Blood Drive will take place in the Student Center on Monday, September 13, and Club Day will



be in Centennial Square (outside Lower Keyser) on Wednesday, September 22.

Additionally, the class is working on selecting a Homecoming theme. This year's Homecoming game is Saturday, October 9, versus Novato. Unlike past years, the Homecoming Rally will take place the day before the Homecoming game on Friday, October 8.

All in all this promises to be a fun and exciting year for Tam and the Leadership class looks forward to providing opportunities for all students to get involved.



News from the College and Career Center Continued from page 6

SAT & ACT REGISTRATION DATES

Please clip this schedule and keep it for future reference.

SAT and Subject Testing Dates for 2010-2011		
Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
October 9	September 10	September 24
• November 6	October 8	October 22
December 4	November 5	November 19
January 22	December 23	January 7
•• March 12	February 11	February 25
May 7	April 8	April 22
June 4	May 6	May 20
• The Language Tests with Listening are offered only in November		
•• SAT Reasoning Test only		
ACT Testing Dates for 2010-2011		
Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
October 23	September 17	October 1
December 11	November 5	November 19
February 12	January 7	January 21
April 9	March 4	March 18
June 11	May 6	May 20

Students may sign up online for the ACT at actstudent.org and SAT at collegeboard.com. Students cannot take the SAT and the subject tests on the same day. Register early for a convenient test site. Tam is not a test site.

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

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

Learning disabled students: Student with IEPs who wish to take the SAT or ACT should contact their academic workshop teacher or case manager for the necessary paperwork. Students with a 504 or regular education accommodations need to see their counselor for the paperwork. All paperwork requesting the SAT or ACT to approve an accommodation takes six to eight weeks to process. Parents of juniors and seniors are strongly urged to take care of this immediately.

College Representatives at Tam


Many college admissions representatives visit Tam in the fall to meet with students. Seniors and juniors are urged to take advantage of these opportunities. The visit list, available in the Career Center and on PrepHQ, is updated regularly. Announcements of visits also appear in the Daily Bulletin. Students need a pass from the Career Center and permission from their teacher to attend a college meeting during class time.

These schools have already made appointments to visit Tam this fall: American, Bates, Colgate, Colorado College, Connecticut College, Denison, Evergreen, Fairleigh Dickinson, Hamilton, Hofstra, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, Northeastern, Pacific, Pitzer, Tulane, Scripps, Seattle, Skidmore, Stonehill, St. Lawrence, Union, U of Alabama, U of British Columbia, U of Chicago, U of Denver, U of Hawaii, U of Oregon, U of Puget Sound, Vassar, Western New England College and Whitman.

Work Permits

Work permits expire in September. Students under 18 need to get a new work permit from Susan Gertman in the College and Career Center whether they are starting a new job or continuing a summer one. All jobs except babysitting and yard work require work permits.

Job Board

Do you have a job at home or at work suitable for a Tam student? Call the College and Career Center at 380-3582 and we'll post it on the job board. You will be helping Tam students earn work experience and extra money. 

Contemporary Works and Favorite Classics for CTE in 2010-11!

by Susan Brashear, CTE Co-Program Director and Drama Instructor

Excitement is brewing at CTE this fall. The student theater company at Tam, Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE), will serve up a generous helping of classic plays as well as modern fare in the upcoming season. The all student-run theater company will be busy with annual performances and fundraising events that help provide guest artist instruction and provide opportunities for design and production for all the shows. The plays offer something for everyone.

Additionally, the company produces two one-act festivals that are student-directed and feature the first and second year students in short plays that are an outgrowth and culminating experience for each semester. These one-act festivals are widely popular, producing many sold out performances.

The season opens with the classic Thornton Wilder play, *Our Town*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in 1938. The story follows the lives of people within a small town called Grover's Corners as it illustrates and illuminates the cycle of life for its residents. The play masterfully portrays the universality of our human joys and frailty, casting its spell for generations of audiences who respond to its timeless message and memorable characters.

This CTE production will be directed by guest artist Joe Lucas and features a large cast of junior and senior advanced drama students, with some sophomores rounding out the characters of Grover's Corners. Student designers are busy working to bring the simple elements of Wilder's play to life. The production staff will complete the elements for a polished show.

Performances begin on September 28 and play through October 2 at the Caldwell Theatre located at the back of Tam's campus. Tickets for student and senior citizens are \$5 and adults are \$12. The box office opens at 6 pm. Doors open at 6:30 to claim your seats on a first-come, first-served basis. There are no advance ticket sales. Performances begin at 7 pm. Not to be missed!!

CTE 2010-2011 SEASON

Our Town

by Thornton Wilder
Directed by Joe Lucas

Sept. 28 - Oct. 2

Twelfth Night

by William Shakespeare
Directed by Julianna Rees

Oct. 19-23

Dance-A-Thon

A CTE fundraising event for all CTE students

TBA Oct. or Nov.

The Wind in the Willows

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

Nov. 17-21

The Winter One Act Festival

Classic & Contemporary Short Plays
Produced/Directed by Advanced Students

Jan. 11-15, 18-21, 25-28

TBA

Directed by Susan Brashear

Mar. 3-7

Word for Word

Directed by Word For Word Guest Artist

Mar. 29- Apr. 2

London Trip

Apr. 3-16

Play Roulette: 22 Plays in 45 Minutes

Short Plays by CTE students and alumni
Directed by Robert Ernst

Apr. 26-30

Spring One-Act Festival

New Works
Produced/Directed by Advanced Students


May 10-13, 17-21, 24-26

Drama Banquet

TBA May/June

All Performances at the Daniel Caldwell Theatre @ 7 pm
Visit ctetam.org for updates

Other events planned for September include the facepainting booth at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival operated by CTE student volunteers as an early fundraiser for the company. Children attending the festival can come to the area near the playground in Old Mill Park to get their faces painted. The festival runs September 25 and 26. Stop by and say "hello" at this very fun festival that features the best of local artists.

This will be our biggest year yet with the largest number of students enrolled; a banner year for students and teachers is ahead of us. Keep an eye on our Tam Family articles to learn more about upcoming shows, CTE students, guest artists and alumni news in the months to come. Check out our website: ctetam.org for more details and information. 

FALL 2010 TAM SPORTS



Varsity and JV football players run through plays during pre-season practice.

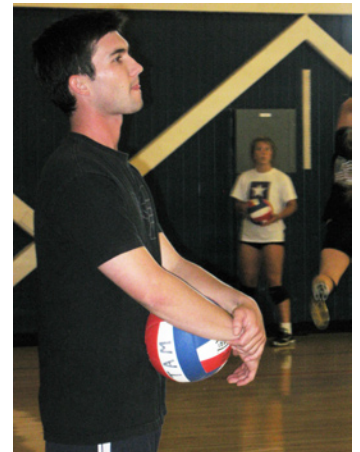
FOOTBALL

The Tam Football coaches are extremely excited about this upcoming varsity season. We have some very hardworking student athletes and fantastic leadership. We had a productive summer in the great new weight room. Also, Tam fared well in two passing tournaments at College of San Mateo and Menlo College. We will be a young team, but the coaches feel the future is bright. Thanks for the hard work and the dedication to one another! Please come out and enjoy the season. COACHES: Varsity Head Coach Kevin Goyer, Varsity Assistant Coaches Dean Maioriello and Patrick McBrien, JV Head Coach Eddie Savino and JV Assistant Coach Michael Deeb.

The 2010 Freshman football team has had approximately 25 athletes attend practices over the summer. We are looking forward to a great season and have a number of veteran players along with large number of first year players. COACHES: Freshman Head Coach Jon Black and Freshman Assistant Coach Rip Ridley.

GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

The Girls' Varsity Volleyball team returns this year with a solid core of returning players that includes junior setter Aubrey McKinney and senior outside hitter Karleen Schuldt. Many of the girls on this year's varsity team played on competitive club volleyball teams during the high school off-season and are eager to carry the success they had in their club season to the high school season. COACHES: Varsity Head Coach Casey Mondragon, JV Head Coach Elana Casalnuovo and Freshman Head Coach Brian Rodas.



Varsity girls' volleyball coach Casey Mondragon watches the team during practice.

GIRLS' GOLF

The Tam Girls' Golf team is looking forward to another fun and exciting fall season. This year the schedule has been increased from eight matches to twelve, which will give our team more chances to compete and improve. Six golfers are returning and the team hopes to have at least ten members. Any incoming freshman girl golfers who are interested in joining the team should contact the coach. COACHES: Head Coach John Haight, Assistant Coach Christopher Ford.

BOYS' SOCCER

The Boys' Varsity Soccer program has been on the rise for the last couple of years. The team made it to the MCAL semi-finals and the NCS quarter-finals last season. It looks to be another promising year as a large portion of the team is returning and a new group of talented young players is also being added to the program. COACHES: Varsity Head Coach Dustin Nygaard, Varsity Assistant Coach Shane Kennedy and JV Head Coach Chris Hutchison.

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BOYS' WATER POLO

The Tam Boys' Water Polo team looks to continue its streak of nine straight years in the MCAL playoffs. The Hawks (14-10, 4-4 in 2010) will return four starters from last year's fourth place team. The boys will be led by All-MCAL First Team player Max Sieck, who looks to repeat as the team's leading scorer. Also returning will be junior Brennan Latimer, a second team all-MCAL'er last season, and seniors Robert Scott and Devon Miller-Gowan. Moving up from last year's 9-6 JV squad will be co-MVP's Dylan Glave and Tyler Parkerson. Juniors Trevor Williams, Riley Sykes, Reese Butler, and Andrew Frost are expected to make major contributions as well. The JV Boys Water Polo team will be led by Sophomores Austin Wimberley, Elliott Ordway, Alec Barton and Leo Thomas. New freshmen include Alec Williams and Max Gamboa. COACHES: Varsity Head Coach Bob Kustel and JV Head Coach David Beutel.



Girls' water polo at the start of a practice.

GIRLS' WATER POLO

TAM Girls' Water Polo team is looking forward to another successful season this fall. Everyone is incredibly excited to finally have our gorgeous home pool open and ready for business! After finishing second in MCALs and qualifying for the NCS tournament last year, a good number of our Tam girls were motivated to train through the off-season, which bodes well for this fall. This year comes with larger numbers on both the varsity and JV teams, and all the girls have been training exceptionally hard. Returning starters Ali Coopersmith, Sami Harvey and Jenna Wallace will be looked to as leaders on the varsity team this season. Senior Team Captains Emma Ellison and Kristen Sato have also stepped up, and will be looked to as role models for both JV and varsity players. A large JV squad is also returning for the fall season, and with more experience under their belts this year is looking to secure some solid success in the pool as well. COACHES: Varsity Head Coach Brandon Williams, Assistant Coach Katie Schlueter.

CROSS COUNTRY

On the Tam Cross Country team, all the boys from last year's team (that was third in NCS and went on to state competition) have returned, including Dan Milechman who placed first in state. They have trained hard during the off-season and look to be strong this year. The girls only graduated one runner and are excited to welcome new talent in the freshman group. They are looking forward to showing their speed and strength this season! COACHES: Coaches Sylvia Goodman and Duncan Brown.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Tam Girls' Tennis is looking forward to the new season, following a near miss during the 2009 campaign. The team returns three of its top four starters (Chelsea Hayashi, Liza Brusman and Hillary Fazekas), along with senior captains Zoe Arthur, Alex Goldstein, Tai Hirabayashi and Olivia Leary, and is welcoming a strong group of incoming freshman. This will be the first time in eight seasons that the girls' team has played its home matches at Tam. COACHES: Head Coach Bill Washauer and Assistant Coach Lisa Schuller.

TAM ATHLETICS

2010-2011 FALL SPORTS

GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Wed	09/15	Home	San Marin	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Fri	09/17	Away	Justin Siena		6:30PM
Wed	09/22	Away	Drake		5:30PM
Fri	09/24	Home	San Rafael	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Wed	09/29	Home	Branson School	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Fri	10/01	Away	Terra Linda		5:30PM
Wed	10/06	Away	Redwood		6:00PM
Fri	10/08	Home	Novato	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Wed	10/13	Home	Marin Catholic	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Fri	10/15	Away	San Marin		5:30PM
Wed	10/20	Home	Justin Siena	Gus Gym	6:30PM
Fri	10/22	Home	Drake	Gus Gym	5:30PM
Tue	10/26	Away	San Rafael		5:30PM
Thu	10/28	Away	Branson School		5:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Tue	09/07	Away	Branson School		4:00PM
Wed	09/08	Home	Marin Catholic	Tennis Courts	4:00PM
Tue	09/14	Home	San Marin	Tennis Courts	4:00PM
Thu	09/16	Away	Novato		4:00PM
Tue	09/21	Away	San Rafael		4:00PM
Thu	09/23	Home	Redwood	Tennis Courts	4:00PM
Tue	09/28	Home	Drake	Tennis Courts	4:00PM
Thu	09/30	Away	Terra Linda		4:00PM
Tue	10/05	Away	Justin Siena		3:30PM
Thu	10/07	Home	Branson School	Tennis Courts	3:30PM
Tue	10/12	Away	Marin Catholic		3:30PM
Thu	10/14	Away	San Marin		3:30PM
Tue	10/19	Home	Novato	Tennis Courts	3:30PM
Thu	10/21	Home	San Rafael	Tennis Courts	3:30PM

GIRLS VARSITY WATER POLO

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Tue	08/31	Home	Terra Linda	Tam Pool	6:00PM
Thu	09/02	Home	San Rafael	Tam Pool	5:00PM
Wed	09/08	Home	Justin Siena		6:00PM
Thu	09/09	Home	Justin Siena	Tam Pool	6:30PM
Tue	09/14	Home	San Marin	Tam Pool	5:00PM
Tue	09/21	Home	Redwood	Tam Pool	6:00PM
Thu	10/07	Away	Novato	Tam Pool	4:00PM
Thu	10/14	Home	Marin Catholic		4:00PM
Fri	10/15	Away	Western States Girls		TBA
Sat	10/16	Away	Western States Girls		TBA
Thu	10/21	Away	Drake		4:00PM
Mon	10/25	Away	MCAL Play-offs		TBA
Wed	11/03	Away	NCS Tourney		TBA

GIRLS VARSITY GOLF

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Thu	09/02	Away	Justin Siena	Chardonay GC	3:30PM
Tue	09/07	Home	Marin Catholic	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:30PM
Tue	09/07	Home	San Marin	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:30PM
Mon	09/13	Away	Marin Catholic	Meadow Club	3:30PM
Thu	09/16	Away	San Marin	Indian Valley College	3:30PM
Mon	09/20	Home	Drake	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:30PM
Mon	09/20	Home	Justin Siena	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:30PM
Thu	09/23	Away	Drake	San Geronimo Course	3:30PM
Mon	09/27	Away	Redwood	Meadow Club	3:30PM
Thu	09/30	Away	Branson School	Peacock Gap	3:30PM
Mon	10/04	Away	Terra Linda	Stonetree GC	3:00PM
Thu	10/07	Home	Redwood	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:00PM
Thu	10/07	Home	Terra Linda	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:00PM
Mon	10/11	Home	Branson School	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:00PM
Mon	10/11	Home	Novato	Mill Valley Golf Course	3:00PM
Thu	10/14	Away	Novato	Stonetree GC	3:00PM

BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Sat	09/04	Home	Drake	Football Field	2:00PM
Sat	09/11	Home	Lincoln (San Francisco)	Football Field	2:00PM
Fri	09/17	Away	Sonoma Valley		7:30PM
Sat	09/25	Away	Marin Catholic		2:00PM
Sat	10/02	Away	Redwood		2:00PM
Sat	10/09	Home	Novato (*Homecoming)	Football Field	2:00PM
Fri	10/15	Away	San Rafael		7:00PM
Sat	10/30	Away	Terra Linda		2:00PM
Sat	11/06	Home	Justin Siena	Football Field	2:00PM
Sat	11/13	Home	San Marin	Football Field	2:00PM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Wed	09/08	Home	Drake	Soccer Field - Grass	4:30PM
Fri	09/10	Away	San Marin		4:30PM
Wed	09/15	Home	Redwood	Soccer Field - Grass	4:30PM
Fri	09/17	Away	San Rafael		4:30PM
Wed	09/22	Home	Marin Catholic	Soccer Field - Grass	4:30PM
Fri	09/24	Home	Justin Siena	Soccer Field - Grass	4:30PM
Wed	09/29	Away	Branson School	College of Marin	4:30PM
Fri	10/01	Away	Terra Linda		4:00PM
Wed	10/06	Home	Novato	Soccer Field - Grass	4:00PM
Fri	10/08	Away	Drake		4:00PM
Wed	10/13	Home	San Marin	Soccer Field - Grass	4:00PM
Fri	10/15	Away	Redwood		4:00PM
Tue	10/19	Home	San Rafael	Soccer Field - Grass	4:00PM
Thu	10/21	Away	Marin Catholic		4:00PM

BOYS VARSITY WATER POLO

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Wed	09/08	Home	Justin Siena	Tam Pool	4:00PM
Tue	09/14	Home	San Marin	Tam Pool	4:00PM
Tue	09/21	Home	Redwood -Larkspur	Tam Pool	4:00PM
Thu	10/07	Away	Novato		6:00PM
Thu	10/14	Home	Marin Catholic	Tam Pool	6:00PM
Thu	10/21	Away	Drake		7:00PM

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Day	Date	Place	Opponent	Facility	Time
Thu	09/23	Home	San Marin/ Terra Linda/Marin Catholic	Camino Alto Open Space	4:15PM
Thu	09/30	Away	San Rafael		4:15PM
Thu	10/07	Away	Redwood @ Tenn Valley		4:15PM
Thu	10/21	Away	Justin-Siena/Novato	Indian Valley College	4:15PM
Thu	10/28	Away	Branson/Drake @ MMWD		4:15PM
Wed	11/10	Away	MCAL Tourney	Indian Valley College	4:00PM
Sat	11/20	Away	NCS Tourney		TBA
Sat	11/27	Home	CIF Tourney		TBA

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SEPTEMBER 2010		
Date	Time/Event	Location
1	7 PM – PTSA MEETING Meet the Administrative Team	STUDENT CENTER
2	6-8 PM – THUMB WELCOME PARTY	GREENWOOD MUSIC BLDG
3	7:30 AM – WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST FOR FACULTY AND STAFF	HAWK'S NEST
3	10 AM – STUDENT WELCOME BACK RALLY	MEAD THEATRE
6	NO SCHOOL – LABOR DAY	
8	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING (Teacher Lounge next to Student Center)	HAWK'S NEST
11	ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BACK TO TAM DAY 9 AM-NOON – Campus Beautification NOON – Free Picnic Barbecue	FRONT OF CAMPUS
13	8 AM-2:15 PM – ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE	STUDENT CENTER
14	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER Redwood High School
16	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6 PM – Jazz Band & Social Gathering 6:40-8:50 PM – Classroom Visits	GUS GYM
17	12:35 PM DISMISSAL – MINIMUM DAY	
25-26	MILL VALLEY FALL ARTS FESTIVAL CTE Facepainting Fundraiser & Tam Student Art Show	OLD MILL PARK
23	6:30 PM – SCOLLEGE SEMINAR FOR SENIORS & PARENTS	RUBY SCOTT GYM
23	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	GREENWOOD MUSIC BLDG
24	END OF GRADING REPORT PERIOD 1	
28-OCT 2	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS: <i>OUR TOWN</i>	CALDWELL THEATRE
28	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING Redwood High School	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER
OCTOBER 2010		
6	12:35 PM DISMISSAL – MINIMUM DAY	
6	7 PM – PTSA MEETING Guest Speakers: Superintendent Laurie Kimbrel and TUHSD Trustee Susan Schmidt	STUDENT CENTER
9	HOME COMING	
For details and updates, check the calendar on the Tam High website: tamhigh.org		