

The HOME Page

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Vice President –
Communication

Tam Celebrates...

In this last issue of the Tam Family, we are highlighting some of our students' accomplishments as well as special programs and classes from the 2008/2009 school year. Featured in the following pages are articles about:

- California State Science Fair competition
- Tam High Mock Trial Team's state championship and sixth place finish at Nationals
- A list of the various internships our students had during the school year thanks to School to Career
- Marin Poetry Council winners from Tam and some of their poems
- APUSH (AP US History) and the county and state History Day competition
- Two new courses from Tam's Social Studies Department: AP European history and Street Law
- Photo essays from the 9th grade English classes
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- List of college acceptances
- An example of AP photography portfolios
- Music scholarships for Tam Students
- CTE accomplishments and alumni news
- Brought to you by Tam Booster's, a comprehensive wrap-up of the 08/09 sports season

It has been another impressive year of accomplishments in the arts, athletics and academics. *We are so proud of our Tam students!*

My Trip to the California State Science Fair

by Alon Sacks

This year I made my science fair project with a single intent: to get an A on it. I had no plan to enter my project into the Marin County Science Fair, or any science fair for that matter. When I found out that my project, "The Effects of the Operation of Passenger Electronic Equipment on Aircraft Navigation," had won second place in the Marin County Science Fair and it, as well as the projects of a few of my peers, was to be entered into the Bay Area Science Fair the next month, I was extremely surprised. I was happier that I got to miss a day of school to go present my project in San Francisco than I actually was to have made it that far.

A month later March 18 rolled by and my peers and I took a field trip into the city. We arrived at the San Francisco County Fair Building at 9th and Lincoln in Golden Gate Park at around lunchtime. Inside the entrance doors was a whiteboard with many names written on it (mine being one of them). Next to the names was a boxed sentence that stated, "If you see your name you will be receiving an interview and an automatic first or second place in this year's science fair, congratulations." I ended up winning first place in the Bay Area Science Fair and was granted entry into the 2009 California State Science Fair held at the California Science Center in Los Angeles.

I was one out of about 350 high school students from all over California to have my project submitted into this year's fair. Students were given one month to elaborate on their projects, and elaborate I did. I remade my entire poster, adding all sorts of elements, almost doubling its size and having a 3D model plane flying out of the center. Once I had finished my poster, getting it to Los Angeles was the fun part. Since no airlines would take my 7-½ feet by 4-foot poster, I drove down instead.

After the long drive I finally reached the Science Center. I went through all of the boring registration and certification that they have every student do once they get there. Once that was over I set up my poster in the room designated for my project (Electronics and Electromagnetics). I was completely blown away by the other projects. There were people that made infrared touch systems and cargo transporting robots and all sorts of amazing things. The girl next to me, who actually ended up winning first place in the state science fair, made a fully functional chemical detecting robot that she was thinking of donating to the San Diego Bomb Squad.

After browsing around and observing everyone else's projects, I was free to leave. I spent the rest of the day researching who my judges were and what questions I should be prepared for during my interview. The next day I was back at the Science Center getting interviewed for four and a



Sophomore Alon Sacks stands in front of his exhibit at the California State Science Fair competition in Los Angeles.

Principal’s Message

by Tom Drescher

New Assistant Principal

We are pleased to announce that Kim Stiffler was selected as the new Assistant Principal at Tam. Ms. Stiffler joins us from Redwood High School where she taught science for eight years and served as the ASB co-director for the past five years. Ms. Stiffler will oversee grades 10 and 12 next school year as well as student activities. We are excited to have Ms. Stiffler as part of Tam Administration; her first day will be July 1.

Modernization

Tam High will continue undergoing significant modernization this summer. Most of the campus will be inaccessible to students, staff and the community until school reopens in August in order to accommodate construction of facilities, new landscaping and work on pedestrian pathways. Most projects are still on target for completion in late July or early August. The new field house, weight room, landscaping, and most pathways will be completed before students return for school. The pool and tennis courts are scheduled for completion toward the end of September, with the possibility that they may be completed toward the beginning of the month. I will include an update on modernization in my summer article to parents. ♦

A Message from Assistant Principal Elizabeth Laborde

I want to take a moment to extend a gracious, heartfelt thank you to Tam’s wonderful parent community. This year I have felt very welcomed by you in big and small ways. It has been a pleasure to serve your students and community all year – you are a talented, special group and I will miss you.

Also, I would like to extend a big thank you to the parents for the terrific breakfasts and lunches given to the staff this year. They were wonderful! Thank you for the grants to teachers and to the volunteers who do so much work for us all year. Personally, I cannot thank enough the parents who helped me with testing this year. Your work was tireless and unparalleled—kudos to you!

As I head on to the next step in my journey, I want to take this moment to recognize your hard work. Your support as volunteers is invaluable. Thank you, one and all. Have a great summer. ♦

New Course to be Offered: Street Law

Next fall, Social Studies teacher and Mock Trial coach Aaron Pribble will introduce a new course designed to make the law more relevant to students.

Street Law is a course designed to provide knowledge and problem-solving opportunities in practical law. It will cover areas in individual rights, and constitutional law, as well as business and consumer law. Student interest expressed in Social Studies classes, as well as student reaction to both on- and off-campus legal issues, has created the need for this course. We are confronted with issues that are raised daily, both in the classroom and through the media concerning rights and responsibilities of family members, rights and responsibilities of employers/employees in the workplace and rights of students at school.

This class will provide an introduction to understanding and thinking about these important and difficult issues. ♦

Site Council Election

Interested in becoming a parent representative on the Tam High Site Council? An election will be held for one open position for a parent member for the next two-year term. Ballots will be included in the first day packets sent out over the summer. Please e-mail Mary OLeary at moleary@tamdistrict.org if you are interested in serving on the Tam High Site Council. Your name will be included on the ballot if your email is received by June 30. ♦

Staircase Closure for Rest of School Year

During the summer, the entire front area of Tam High will be renovated including new staircases, landscaping, and paths of travel. In case of unforeseen summer weather and to make sure that at least one of the two main staircases will be open in August, the east staircase leading up the front hill adjacent to Gus Gym is closed for the remainder of this school year. The main staircase through the arches will be the only route up the hill. Students and parents should allow for a few additional minutes of travel time in the morning. ♦

Students Reflect on New AP European History Course

AP European History was a new course at Tam this year. The objective of the course is to increase students’ understanding and appreciation of European history while helping each student succeed on the AP European History Exam.

The class is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors who meet certain entrance criteria (requirements for sophomores are more stringent).

Students from this inaugural year were asked to write a testimonial for the class.

Here is a sampling of their reflections.

From Catherine Raney, grade 12

Take AP euro if you:

1. Care to learn about 500 years of European history in 8 months
2. Trust yourself to work independently
3. Would enjoy having a nice mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors in your class

While AP euro is a hard class, its workload is not overwhelming and the class atmosphere is relaxed. However, the tests are really challenging. (Since the questions on the tests are from previous AP tests, I have learned how “to study smarter not harder” which has included studying with a partner. In class, we tend to focus on shifts in thought as well as big ideas which means memorizing facts is mostly done at home. In that sense, this class feels more like a college course because you’re expected to do the work and be prepared without any nagging. So, if you’re motivated to learn about a large chunk of European history in a short amount of time and are willing to put the time in at home, this class is for you.

From Elijah Goldberg, grade 10

An Ode to AP Euro

Shall I compare thee to my other classes?

Thou are more strenuous and more demanding

Harsh tests do shake the egos of the masses

And oft we fail at reaching understanding

Sometime too long the periods do stretch

So that my mind from knowledge becomes dim

And every chapter more facts do etch

Into my brain already filled to the brim

But though the rigors may be weighty

No class more worthy have I ever had

For though I may grace the age of eighty

The knowledge I gain shall forever make me glad

So long as students shall learn, or teachers teach

Of this wonderful class I shall always preach!

(Which much appreciation for Mr. Shakespeare, who provided the inspiration.)

Tomer Sabo, grade 11

European History, like most classes, can be either a good or bad fit. The class heavily emphasizes critical thinking and group discussion, both as a whole class and in smaller groups. Small group research presentations are done every one or two weeks. There is a lot of reading from the textbook and supplementary texts (articles and excerpts from books, pamphlets, or other historical documents). It is left to you to pace yourself with the reading providing a great deal of freedom. Creativity and academic risks (for example making a presentation to the class a skit or rap song rather than an oral report) are encouraged and rewarded. Other than reading, presentations, and the occasional essay, there is little additional homework. If you don’t like history, dislike reading, and aren’t creative, than this class is not for you. Otherwise I would highly recommend taking it. ♦

PTSA News

by Leslie Wachtel, PTSA President

This has been an exciting year to be at Tam High. From the opening of the new Upper and Lower Keyser buildings to watching the portable classrooms being driven down Camino Alto, to the swine flu school closure, we have come together as a community. Next year we will have a new pool, weight room, field house, tennis courts and parking lot!

I want to say goodbye and good luck to the entire senior class and their parents and families. I hope all those who will be leaving Tam for the last time on June 11 will remember their time here at Tam with fondness and great memories.

Let me thank the PTSA executive board: Maggie Floum, executive vice president; Teresa Larson, treasurer; Cheryl Bronstein, secretary; Jayne Greenberg, vice president communications; Helene Siegel Fotos, vice president hospitality; Gayle Canton, vice president events, Patti Bertenthal, vice president special projects and Annette Gamboa, auditor. I appreciate all of you for serving on the board this year. You were always there when I needed you!

Thanks also to all the committee chairs for handling their responsibilities with such grace and commitment: Bonnie Freiberg and Gladys Blose for the delicious and well-run freshman barbecue; Jayne Greenberg and Gayle Canton for organizing the fun eighth grade visit to Tam (complete with cookies!); Kelli Tonneson for once again chairing the wonderful senior awards night; Patti Boston for being my co-chair for Safe and Sober Grad Night; Helene Siegel-Fotos for effortlessly organizing all the volunteers, decorations and food for the five staff appreciation breakfasts and the March luncheon; Jill Templeton for all her hard work purchasing and working all year on campus beautification; Linda Brauner who put together the fabulous parent education workshop last November featuring Denise Pope; Jayne Greenberg and Mary Washburn our diligent newsletter editors; Hilary Anderson and Linda Wegmann our creative newsletter layout team and Kathleen Goldberg who does just a flawless job proofreading the Tam Family.

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I want to personally thank Jayne Greenberg for the exceptional job she has done this year not only getting out each and every e-mail for Tamalpais High School but for being my personal nudge each month to finish my article for the Tam Family. I definitely could not have done this job without her!

I would like to extend special thank yous to several parents who will be leaving Tam this June and who have worked tirelessly for our school for many years. Joanne Yorio has done the mailing of the Tam Family newsletter for the last several years. (Thanks to Ingrid Sato for taking over in the fall!).

I also want to thank Gladys Blose for everything she has done for the last eight years, from helping with every PTSA barbecue I can remember, to sitting in for Allison at the front desk, to stuffing envelopes, helping with schedule pick-up and AP test proctoring, she is there whenever and wherever anyone needs help.

Thanks to Annette Gamboa who will be leaving Tam for one short year! Annette was the auditor on the PTSA board and I so appreciate her great attitude and ability to quietly and effortlessly get the job done. We will look forward to her return in fall of 2010.

Many thanks to our traffic safety coordinator for the last six years, Susan Cluff, who has continued to chair this committee despite the fact that she has not had a student at Tam for two years!

Patti Boston will be “graduating” from Tam this June as well. I have worked with Patti for the last 12 years! We served together on the Kiddo! Board, the Friends of The Redwoods Board and have decorated the Cascade Room at the Mill Valley Community Center for various events more times that I can count on all four of our combined hands! This year we are co-chairing Safe and Sober Grad Night and I am sad that this will be the last time we will have an opportunity to work together at Tam. Her talents and energy are limitless and on behalf of the PTSA Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We had some great PTSA meetings this year and although attendance fluctuated greatly depending on the topic for the evening, I am pleased to say that overall we increased our numbers and had positive feedback for our evening meeting schedule. Many thanks to our administrative team of Tom Drescher, Corbett Elsen and Elizabeth Laborde for attending so many of our meetings. A huge thank you to Beverly and Matt Robertson and Jen and Alan Nichols for hosting meetings at their homes last fall. Also thanks to all the presenters who came to our meetings throughout the year: Jen Dolan, Chris Erlin, Evelyn Dorsett, Karen Kubejet, TUHSD Superintendent Dr. Laurie Kimbrel, Yvonne Milham and her great panel of peer resource students, and Dr. Rick Levine.

We will have speakers at each of our meetings again next year, so if you have ideas for topics or speakers please contact me at Leslieann@ix.netcom.com.

It has been a pleasure to work with our administrative team this year. We are sad to say goodbye to Assistant Principal Elizabeth Laborde. We enjoyed getting to know her and wish her all the best in her next endeavor. I also want to thank all the administrative office and support staff. You are all incredible and a joy to work with.

This year many of you attended our November Parent Ed forum featuring Dr. Denise Pope who addressed the stress students now face throughout their school-age years. We are pleased to let everyone know that Dr. Pope will be returning to Tam in the fall and holding two workshops, one for the faculty and one for our students. In addition, please mark November 14, 2009, on your calendars for our next joint Parent Ed forum. More information will be included in the summer mailing that will arrive in early August.

Speaking of the summer mailing ...

We will be doing this on Wednesday, July 15, beginning at 8:30 am in the staff room in Wood Hall. We did this task last year in record time and hope to be just as speedy and efficient this year! Please e-mail me at Leslieann@ix.netcom.com if you can help. Even if you only have an hour or two we can use your help.

I am also looking for parents who would like to help with freshman orientation on Friday, August 14. We will need help with the freshman barbecue, schedule pick-up, form drop-off and laminating of school photos from approximately 8 am until 3 pm. We will also need this same assistance with the above tasks (minus the barbecue) for our returning students on Tuesday, August 18, from 8 am until 3 pm. If you are interested in helping out and signing up for a shift please contact me at Leslieann@ix.netcom.com. Please remember that school starts on Wednesday, August 19, for all students.

Finally, I wish each and every one of our students, teachers, staff and families a wonderful summer! ♦

High Notes from the Music Department

by Sacha Bunge, THUMB President



For years THUMB has funded a series of music scholarships for students who participate in the Tam High music program. This year we expanded our scholarship program to include more categories at each grade level. On May 18, 33 music students from all grade levels auditioned before three judges to be considered for scholarships and awards in the classical, jazz, and vocal categories. Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors could earn \$400 scholarships for demonstrating promise or potential in one of three categories (classical, jazz, vocal). Students from all grade levels were considered for the remaining awards and those winners were recognized with a \$500 award. In addition, THUMB is funding three awards (in the string, band, and vocal categories, for \$300 each) for eighth graders at the Mill Valley Middle School who will continue in the music program at Tam High next year. These will be awarded in June. We thank the judges Nora Thomas, Ram Dass, and Lee Hill for graciously volunteering their time and expertise. Congratulations to all who participated and all who were recognized.

This year’s winners at Tam High are:

Freshman Scholarships:	Rieko Tsuchida (Classical) Seth Gillis (Jazz) Serena Huguet-Holway (Vocal)
Sophomore Scholarships:	Luke Dreyer (Classical) Alvin Wong (Jazz) Pascaline Cuvelier (Vocal)
Junior Scholarships:	Jonah Hopton (Classical) Arthur Richardson (Jazz) Citrina Niles (Vocal)
Robert Greenwood Award:	Chris Jefferies (Excellence on Bass Clef Instrument)
Pittinger Award:	Mayumi Tsuchida (Excellence in Classical)
Omar Clay Award:	Nathan Bickart (Excellence in Jazz)
Excellence in Voice Award:	Carrie Brandon
Original Composition Award:	Theo Evans

Tam High Foundation Wraps Up Another Successful Year

by Julie Kertzman



If you check out the big bright sign in front of Tam, you can see that the Tam High Foundation is on the way to completing another successful fundraising campaign. Thanks to the support of the Tam community and local businesses, we are just shy of attaining our annual goal.

This was a challenging year for fundraising and we applaud the extra effort by families at Tam to make education a priority in their giving. The Tam High Foundation board just completed the major grant proposal process for 2009/2010 and there are exciting new programs ready to launch in the fall.

The new major project funding includes:

- English – Continued support of Shakespeare in the classroom, poets in the classroom, collaboration with the Marin Theatre Company and teacher collaboration time.
- Academic Workshop funding – Continuing the success of this ongoing program in English and adding additional resources to expand the program to science and math. Funding for expansion of the collaborative program from 9th, 10th and now to 11th grade.
- Laptops for the Library – 20 new laptops for use in the library
- Guest artists for the music department
- Ongoing major grants from previous years include:
- AIM program camera and peripheral upgrades
- CTE family theater and technical artist funding
- Library collection enhancement
- Link Crew funding
- Library aide funding

And mini grants for 13 more projects!

We congratulate Tam High for its recent recognition as a California Distinguished School. The evaluating committee focused on two specific programs, the Academic Workshop Collaborative and the CTE drama program. The Tam High Foundation is a major source of funding for both of these excellent programs. The Foundation funding makes a very good school an exceptional school!

Thank you all for your support this year. Have a wonderful summer and best wishes to our graduating seniors and their families. ♦

Math Department News

by Eva Rieder, Math Department Co-Chair

The Math Department has many exciting things to share as the semester comes to a close! First, we would like to congratulate the many math award recipients for their hard work and dedication in math. Zoe Kaufman received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute award for her exceptional work in math and science. Gabe Spellberg has been named our Frank Gold Award winner for his great work in AP Calculus, and also for his dedication as a peer tutor in an Algebra P1/P2 class. Alex Kaiser is the recipient of the Rosenbluth scholarship in math for his demonstration of the depth and breadth of his math abilities, as well as his role as a peer tutor. He is also receiving the Bank of America Award Certificate in math. In addition, Nathan Bickart and Danny Sacks are receiving the Bank of America Achievement Award Plaques for their efforts.

We are also pleased to announce some returning and enhanced course offerings in the fall. AP Statistics will return strong for its third year, and will be offered in alternating years beginning with the 2009-2010 school year. We are also excited to announce that there will be three sections of AP Calculus AB next year. Way to go math students!

This year we would like to thank several AP Calculus AB students for their dedication and hard work. After completing their AP test, many students in the program chose to participate in a peer tutoring program with Algebra P2 and Algebra P4 students. These students are to be congratulated for their motivation to share their experience and to help others learn.

In the fall of 2009 we will be proud to welcome back Peter Foster from India, where he taught for a semester through the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program. We look forward to all the interesting things Mr. Foster will have to share from his experience. We would also like to extend a thank you to Aparna Naidu for her warm and diverse cultural contribution to our department last semester. Finally, we would like to wish Peter Berkhout well on his journeys next year, as he will be taking a leave-of-absence for the 2009-2010 school year.

We hope everyone has a restful summer and returns refreshed and inspired for another year of great math work! ♦

Tam High Mock Trial Team Wins 6th Place in National Championship

By Julie Kertzman

Congratulations to our Tam High Mock Trial team for placing sixth in the nation at the National High School Mock Trial Championship in Atlanta, Georgia, on May 6-10. The competition represents the best of more than 2,000 mock trial teams nationwide with state championship teams from 40 states and delegations from Korea and Guam.

After winning the California State Championship on March 22, the Tam squad had six weeks to learn the case, *The State of Georgia v. Ashley Dougherty*. Along with mastering the case, the team also had to launch a fundraising campaign to send 24 team members and six coaches to the competition. With help from parents and incredible support from the legal community of Marin and the broader community of the Bay Area, the fundraising was complete in four weeks allowing every member to participate.

Volunteer attorney coach David Vogelstein and teacher coach Aaron Pribble devoted untold hours prepping the team, managing the logistics, and working through little obstacles along the way – like the swine flu pandemic! There was a serious possibility that the team would not be allowed to travel to Atlanta, but thanks to the sheer determination and creativity of our Marin County School Superintendent Mary Jane Burke, our Tamalpais Union High School District Superintendent Laurie Kimbrel, our principal, Tom Drescher, and the team’s very good

friend and supporter, The Honorable Judge Paul Haakenson of the Marin County Superior Court (and a reversal by the CDC on the school closing policy), the team left town as scheduled to practice for two days prior to the competition.

Once in Atlanta, it was all about murder and betrayal as the trials began. The competition was intense and the Tam team started strong from the first trial. After three trials, only Tam was undefeated by all scorers. Tam faced the team from Indiana for the fourth round and everyone knew the winner of that contest would be in the final round. The Indiana team employed a very dramatic approach and edged out Tam in the final scoring. Indiana went on to win the championship and Tam brought home a sixth place finish. Last year the team from California finished 27th; two years ago the California squad came in 11th place. Tam High has now earned the reputation as one of the top mock trial programs in the nation.

Thank you everyone in the Tam community who supported this effort! The team already has big plans for next year. Congratulations to all. ♦

Students from AP US History Class Compete at County History Day

In its second year of participation, Tam’s APUSH class has continued its new tradition of doing very well at the Marin County History Day competition. In this science fair style competition, students researched a topic related to the theme of “The Individual in History” and then presented their findings in one of five categories (documentary, research paper, exhibit, website or performance).

Fourteen of the 15 APUSH students competing from Tam placed at the county level, winning first place in every category. One student, Max Perrey, was selected as a finalist at the state-level History Day competition in May with his project on William Kent, the man who donated the land for Muir Woods.

You can see county winner’s entry at youtube.com/watch?v=bLZWXC9e1YY.

Next year looks even better as the ‘09-’10 APUSH class will build on the success of this year’s class. ♦



Photographs from student AP Photography portfolios. Top row: Alyssa Miller; middle row: Dane Holt; bottom row: Moises Valencia.

Students Attend Intensive Academic Immersion Program in Mexico

By Dr. Fernando Cruz

A group of 28 Tam students traveled to Mexico during spring break with Dr. Fernando Cruz and three chaperones to participate in an intensive academic Spanish language program. They attended two weeks of formal classes in Spanish grammar and conversation at the Universidad Internacional and enjoyed varied excursions to nearby silver mines and shops of Taxco, the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan, plus three days, two nights at an exclusive beach-front hotel in Acapulco.

The students lived with families in Cuernavaca, the capital of the State of Morelos, in the country of Mexico. Cuernavaca is located about one hour south of Mexico City. It is a small city of about 400,000 inhabitants with the many advantages of a large city. Because of its mild climate year-round, it is known as “The City of Eternal Spring.” Cuernavaca’s proximity to Mexico City afforded our students the opportunity to take advantage of the capital to the fullest. In addition to Cuernavaca’s proximity to Mexico City, it is only about three and half hours by bus to Acapulco (one of Mexico’s most popular beach resorts).

Students attended La Universidad Internacional, located in a quiet and safe residential area of Cuernavaca. Universidad Internacional, founded in 1980, is affiliated with more than 100 universities, colleges and institutions in the United States, Canada, Japan and Europe and with the Universidad Autonoma Del Estado de Morelos. Universidad Internacional is accredited by the Universidad Autónoma de Morelos. In addition, all of its programs have been formally recognized by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1996.

During our trip, the Universidad Internacional focused its program to meet our student’s individual interest, needs and Spanish proficiency level. Not only was vocabulary emphasized, but also conversation, lectures on different Hispano-American themes, and activities appropriate to our high school students interests and proficiency level.

The typical daily schedule for our program:

- School day began at 8 am Monday through Friday
- Three hours of Spanish classes with no more than five students per class.
- One hour of Spanish idioms.



Students in the 2009 Mexico intensive academic Spanish program at the “Open Chapel” in the cathedral area of Cuernavaca, Mexico.

- Two hours of conversation classes. Topics included education, politics, sociology, health, economy, Mexican songs, social life in Mexico and conversational games.
- Classes ended at 2 pm daily.

Native, experienced, well-qualified instructors staff Universidad Internacional. All have several years’ of teaching experience with teaching certificates and university degrees.

Staff at Universidad Internacional provided administrative assistance to Dr. Cruz, the program director, insuring that the student’s classes and housing were appropriate to their needs and levels. Also, the staff joined the faculty to help develop confidence in students’ ability to speak Spanish and increase their language skills.

During the week and on weekends, students had the opportunity to participate in educational field trips and excursions. These included trips to archaeological and colonial sites, resorts, museums, and libraries.

As integral part our intensive academic Spanish program is living with a Mexican host family to provide further opportunity to speak Spanish and experience first-hand the Mexican culture. Families provided daily transportation to and from the university as well as three meals a day. Families spoke in Spanish to our students to aid their language learning. They also integrate them into the family in order to make each student feel “at home” far from Mill Valley.

Universidad Internacional is equipped with a language laboratory, computer center, free internet, a library, a bookstore, money exchange office, copy center, fax, telephones, academic advising and counseling office. The campus has 63 bright and appealing classrooms, 10 conference rooms, common areas which consist of a cafeteria, patios, terraces, and recreational area with pools and gardens; and easy access to the gym and laundromat.

Free medical services were also available onsite by a resident doctor and a nurse.

The very positive feedback from the participants corroborates the fact that this was yet another very successful school trip abroad. ♦

Student Poems Honored

by Harrison Hobart

Poetry happened in room 914 this year. My students wrote and wrote, and I am proud of them all. It takes courage and skill and something else elusive to write a good poem.

What an honor to have ten students from my four sections of English 4 (yes, sophomores) recognized in this year’s Marin Poetry Center’s High School Poetry Awards Contest. Of 930 poems submitted from public and private schools, just 35 were recognized and included in the anthology.

Thanks go to Tam and the Tam High Foundation for putting poets – Claire Blotter and the other talents from Poets in the Schools as well as soldier poet and veteran of the Iraq war Brian Turner – into my classroom this year.

Honorable Mention:

Why is Today?

by Nate Parton

His eyes spin in space,
Two trashed hubcaps, rolling along the freeway
His mind is free to wander,
To wonder perilously,
Why is today?
He strives to ignore the tags on the wall,
The drunk vagrant in the bathroom stall
A plastic bag crosses his path,
The sag in the sky yearns to say,
Why is today?

As he walks up the overpass,
All the “Hi, how are you”’s seam so crass
No one will wait up for him, with respect to pay,
Which begs the question
Why live today?

A Poem That Scares Me

by Sophie Becker

How strange it is, one can’t help but fret,
The cold hard fingers of regret,
A sole smile can mask toil and sweat,
Dreams unfulfilled leave sorry debts.

A gloomy picture haunts my mind,
Of idle hours; long, unkind,
A self-made cage which proved to bind
A creature who dared not shine.

And from the ash, I’ll rise again,
Like the Phoenix from the flame,
I do not ask for fortune or fame,
Just a place to write my name.

And what to do if my soul dares
To breech the bridges of despair?
Yet as I grow, I learn to see,
Fear is the only enemy.

To Be Scared? Silly.

by Erin Foley

Papers crinkle.
Nerves, static, crackle through the charged classroom
Tangible, just grab it out of the air
It will shock you
Like the zap of fingers against a chair
An invisible private pain to endure in solitude
The air is thick.

Applause.
Heartbeats.
Breath.
Breath.
Stand up, approach the shiny whiteboard
As your stomach slowly turns itself inside out
And you feel your vacuumed lungs
With no air to breathe
To think
To do anything
But tremble
As you pivot in movie-worthy slow motion
Towards the blank faces
That pierce every bone in your body
They are the enemy and you are alone in your struggle.

Really.
What does it matter?
You ask yourself
(A calming mechanism designed to lessen the pain.)
Everything.
You hear that little speck in your brain call back
Everything. Everything. Everything.
It echoes off the suddenly empty walls of your skull.
Right now,
In this moment,
You simply breathe.

Breath.
Breath
Look arou
nd, palms sweaty,
Stomach plunges,
And you
Begin.

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Included in the Anthology:
Do You Remember...?

by *Hershey Cohen*

Do you remember swollen moons,
Hopscotch twilights, and jasmine balloons?
Onion rings melting in your mind
Drops of oil leak on the spoons.

Do you remember tractor trips,
Driftwood fortresses, and sunburnt lips?
Hazy horizons that catalyze
Tiny hands and narrow hips.

Do you remember surprise snows,
Sunlight looms, and sea foam blows?
Cruising, circling, colliding pelicans
As their ascent quickly grows.

Do you remember canyon drops,
Wheelbarrow wars and pepper tops?
Packaged grape fruit sloshing
The unrelenting sugar stops.

Do you remember nighttime meals
And “Just a little longer?” deals?
Nostalgia for childhood allows
Withold their stand in you, strong as steel.

Sonnet-Rap

by *Demetrius Jetton*
(Teacher/Poet: *Prartho Sereno*)

I’m super confident, really cocky
Jesus can walk on water, but I can swim
through land
Catch me in the ring fighting like Rocky
I’m a one –man band with one leg and one
hand
The Incredible Hulk turns into me when he
gets mad
I sleep with the light on not cause I’m afraid
of the dark; it’s afraid of me
It’s kinda sad that girl lied to you, I’m your
baby’s real dad
I am an indestructible force you can’t see
I don’t wear a watch because I decide the
time
When I do push ups, I don’t push myself up,
I push the world down
I can kill this sonnet with one line and one
rhyme
When I speak the world hears the sound
This is just the stuff everyone knows
I’m like a green light – I do.

The Photographer

by *Alizeh Iqbal*

And then the prismatic glass smiled
Beamed
At the wrinkle eyed chuckle
Of the face upon the shoulders
Shoulders hoisted on torso
Torso enfolded by one leg
One leg of hobbling laughs
Of the new Napalm girl.

And the prismatic glass smiles because
Its eyes sweep back in redolence
Of the plastic pearl earring
Lodged in persimmon flesh
The plastic pearl earring-ed girl
With wrinkle eyed creases
Gravid with bitter water
Salt water
Human water
Of human times and wrinkled times
Of salted hands clenching the wrinkled edges
At the nape of her father’s neck.

Because the prismatic glass smiles
Tangled and dangled on begrimed nylon
From the nape of the weathered man’s neck
Hammock-ed down with the Napalm girl
The plastic pearl earring-ed girl
In film boxes of glassy Cheshire cats.
The prismatic glass of the photographs
That have sobbed and sniveled and simpered
and sung
For so long, in longing, while longed.
The prismatic glass of dimpled defeat
Seen through the wrinkle eyed man.

Untitled

By *Kristin Cerda-Womack*

Endless time and long horizons
Steamy blue rain rattles and dangles on my
window
The plum umbrella chimes when each rain
drop ripples
Water spirals in the ocean
Midnight kisses whisper in the wind
Morning appears and shadows dance away
from the light of a new day

Three other Tam students were also honored at the competition. They and their teachers are: Gage Haevernicks (Evan O'Reilly), Lukas Hallstroem (Michael Levinson) and Rebecca Aviles (Claire Blotter).

The Glass Jar

by *Camille Kaufman*

Every stitch is a stitch of love
Given by grandparents
From Africa
From white shelves
From Costa Rica
And little old ladies.
When friends leave
And set trends.
It makes cool noises
Shaped into hearts.
Pictures
With glass jewels -
Three of them are missing.
Majestic planet and tree beads
Are the only thing unpacked;
So old
That the Secret Service got mad.
Message-teaching bears
And loving Lucys,
And when you throw them in water
They change colors.
When you wish upon a shell
In a glass jar of peace and memories.

Peace and Bullets

by *Lara Zegart*

On me I wear the sun and the moon,
The light and the shadow,
The peace I wish for,
And the necklace of bullets my enemy will chew.
I wear what we have to look forward in this
world,
And what we must suffer in the meantime.
I wear what tragedies and horrors my country
has dealt me,
And what means the most to the soldier.
I wear the hope of a new day
And the sorrow of what has past.
I wear peace and bullets.

Love Me

by *Lukas Hallstrom*
(*Lukas is visiting from Sweden only for this year*)

You say you love flowers,
but you pick them up!
You say you love birds,
but you put them in a cage!
You say you love the wind,
but you close the window!
You don’t understand that I am afraid,
when you say you love me?

Tam High 2009 College Acceptances

Here is the most up-to-date, but far from complete, list of colleges where members of the Tam class of ’09 have been accepted. A complete list with the number of acceptances at each school will be available the last week of school in the College and Career Center.

Tam students did extremely well in a very difficult year.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES: Cabrillo, City College of San Francisco, College of Marin, Cuesta, Santa Barbara City, Santa Monica, Santa Rosa.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY: Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chico, East Bay, Fresno, Fullerton, Humboldt, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Monterey Bay, Northridge, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Jose, Sonoma and Stanislaus.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA: Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz

WESTERN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: Arizona State, California College of the Arts, Chapman, Claremont-McKenna, Colorado College, Colorado State, Dominican, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing, Gonzaga, Holy Names, LaVerne, Lewis & Clark, Linfield, Loyola Marymount, Mills, Notre Dame de Namur, Occidental, Oregon State, Pacific, Pitzer, Pomona, Portland State, St. Mary’s, San Francisco Art Institute, Scripps, Seattle, Sierra Nevada, Stanford, Southern Oregon, U of Arizona, U of Colorado, U of Denver, U of Idaho, U of Northern Arizona, U of Oregon, U of the Pacific, U of Portland, U of Puget Sound, U of Redlands, U of San Diego, U of San Francisco, USC, U of Washington, Western Washington, Whitman, Whittier, Whitworth and Willamette.

EASTERN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: Babson, Bard, Bates, Berklee School of Music, Boston College, Boston Conservatory, Boston U, Brandeis, Brown, Clark, Colby, Colgate, Columbia, Connecticut College, Cornell, Dickinson, Drew, Fordham, Global College, Haverford, Ithaca, Hofstra, Lehigh, Long Island, Marymount Manhattan, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, New School for Jazz, NYU, Northeastern, Penn State, Skidmore, Swarthmore, Tufts, U of Pennsylvania, U of Rochester, Ursinus and Vassar

MIDWESTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES: American, Carleton, Denison, Emory, Florida Memorial, Georgetown, Goucher, James Madison, Kenyon, Macalester, Northwestern, Notre Dame, Oberlin, Ringling School of Art and Design, Tulane, U of Chicago, U of Michigan, U of Richmond, U of Rochester, U Wisconsin and Xavier.

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL: Universal Technical Institute

CANADA: McGill, U of British Columbia

Time to Reflect: 2008-09 Tam Drama

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

As we round the final corner of our school year, the entire school is buzzing with plans for year-end activities, graduation and last-minute work that needs to be finished before the students take off for the summer. At CTE, we are already busy planning for next season; plays and directors are picked and auditions are underway for the first three productions of next year so that we can start next year with a bang. We also have one project for next spring in the first stages of development ... but more about that later. It is crucial to also take time to pause and look at what has been accomplished this year to fully appreciate all that has been achieved.

The spring One Act Festival is halfway through as I write this article. In spite of STAR testing, student trips over the spring break, the Mock Trial team’s trip to nationals, college visits, AP

testing, MCALs and the H1N1 flu making scheduling and rehearsals with complete casts a real challenge, the festival came together for the drama students. Student directors adapted by scheduling rehearsals during tutorial periods or after school. Sometimes they sat in for fellow directors who were tied up with AP or Mock Trial conflicts to make sure that the casts had someone to help them get ready for the performances. Some of the first or second year student casts were great at working on their own to learn their lines and blocking sufficiently to reach performance level.

Some plays were only performed once, overcome with unforeseen conflicts, illnesses or time constraints that could not be avoided. Or perhaps personal issues took precedence, such as the family matter that pulled Susan back to Texas, preventing her from attending the festival for the first time in my 14 years of teaching at Tam. And still, the show must go on.

The achievement by students and faculty alike to pull together 30 plays in ten days of performances is a huge effort; all plays are student-directed and acted by all our first and second year students (many for only their second time before an audience, ever!) and many are new works by CTE students. The festival is designed, produced and executed by our students with support from faculty and teachers behind the scenes. It’s a logistical nightmare really, but when the audiences arrive, they are rewarded with a variety of plays that are really works-in-progress as our drama students evolve along their artistic paths wherever they will lead. Congratulations to all who worked so hard in spite of the waning year to make sure the festival came off no matter what.

“Nothing,” the Mother Lode Festival play, was not so lucky towards the end of its run at Tam as the school closure due to the H1N1 flu forced the final show to be cancelled, leaving many families and friends who missed the show disappointed. In spite of this cloud, the show had a good run at Tam and won awards at the Mother Lode festival in Amador for the writing, production, music, ensemble, and overall superior production. Rounding out the other awards in

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Amador, Morgan Thompson won a third place award for best female solo; Alex Bond Bishop and Ben Stanton were semi-finalists for best male solo and Rebecca Nasanow-Johnson and Lila Scott were also semi-finalists for best duo. Guest artist Julianna Rees helped these students with their pieces, along with Ben and Susan. The judges were very complimentary to the guest artist director/writer of “Nothing,” Robert Ernst, and guest artists Joe Lucas and Lu-Hui who supported the movement work in the show.

Other Good News

There have been other things to celebrate at the end of the year for current CTE students. Sophomore Sophie Becker was a finalist in the Young Playwrights Project Contest with her short play, “The Toyshop,” that was given a professional staged reading as part of the “Best of PlayGround” readings put on by PlayGround, a theater company in San Francisco. Playground solicits scripts from high school students all over the Bay Area so it is a great honor for Sophie’s play to have been singled out. Congratulations to Sophie!

Senior Morgan Thompson has been named one of three finalists competing for a \$10,000 scholarship at the Beach Blanket Babylon High School Talent Scholarship competition for musical theater/voice. San Francisco performing arts luminaries, including Broadway/cinema legend Rita Moreno, judge the competition. Morgan will compete live at the event! We’ll be there cheering her on the night of June 8.

CTE students are enjoying acceptances at great summer programs for theater. Northwestern University’s prestigious Summer High School Theatre Institute has admitted Charlotte Thomas for their intensive summer theater program. Sophie Becker, Charlotte Thomas and Rachel Chavez were all admitted to CSSSA, a summer intensive program for the arts held every year at the California Institute of the Arts. They will spend several weeks there participating in an intensive conservatory-type experience that will benefit them as California Arts Scholars chosen from the entire state.

Alumni News

CTE alumnus Dylan Saunders will be our first CTE student to graduate (May ’09) from the University of Michigan’s acting school. Each year Michigan admits just 16 actors. Last year five former Tam drama students studied at Michigan’s actor training program. Following graduation, Dylan was invited to join Milwaukee Repertory Theater on an eight-month contract to perform in multiple plays. This competitive paid internship program will allow him to act under important American theater professionals and earn points towards his stage actor’s union card. This experience bodes well for Dylan’s blossoming career. Dylan visited classes at CTE in May this year, offering guidance to aspiring juniors. We look forward to Dylan working as a visiting guest artist at Tam sometime in the future.

Currently, playwright and CTE alumnus Ben Snyder is with us working on a new project for next spring that is proving to be very meaningful. Ben is leading a group of students through readings, discussions and theater improvisations that are designed to inform them about the issues facing contemporary Israel and Palestine. Students are tackling one of the most complicated conflicts in the world today examining the historical roots of Zionism, Jewish refugees, Palestinian refugees, and the human rights crisis we see daily. Next March CTE audiences will see a profound piece of theater, deeply personal and political that will evolve from this initial core group.

Ben’s career as a playwright continues to flourish. This summer he will be a mentor playwright with the Writers Guild of America East’s Veterans Project in San Antonio, Texas, helping recently returned war veterans tell their stories. He will also do a workshop of his new play with LAByrnth Theater Company, whose artistic director is actor Philip Seymour Hoffman). In July, New York Stage and Film, the company developed by “Doubt” playwright John Patrick Shanley, will present a workshop production of another new play of Ben’s called “Shoe Story,” directed

by Tommy Kail (director of “In the Heights” on Broadway). We are thrilled that Ben still likes to return to CTE when he can to develop projects with our students.

Another CTE alumna, Katie Bruens, has embarked on a filmmaking journey that is also about the Middle East. “The Corner Store” is a feature-length documentary illuminating the life of a man who returns to Palestine to bring his family to join him and begin a new life in San Francisco. It will explore the many contrasts and difficulties that he will face as he and his family make this large and emotional transition. Katie is a producer/director/ editor working with associate producer Sylvia Jarosz and a talented assembly of artists to tell the story on film. They are in Palestine as we go to press. Visit their website to ready more about the film as it develops and to learn where to view it: thecornerdocumentary.org.

Another current guest artist, Kathryn Zdan, who is a CTE alumna, is starting to get acting work around the Bay. She can be seen in “Cabaret” over at Center Rep in Walnut Creek (centerrep.org) where she will be working with a lot of good Bay Area pros; May 21-June 27, 2009.

Kathryn is also appearing in “The World in a Woman’s Hands” commissioned by the Wallace Alexander Gerbode Foundation and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Emerging Playwrights 2006 initiative and written by Marcus Gardley with music composed by Molly Holm. It is a musical play that explores the lives of the women who worked in the Richmond shipyards during World War II, performed by the Shotgun Players in Berkeley. The dates are September 9 thru October 11 at the Ashby Stage. More information is available at shotgunplayers.org/womans.htm. Way to go Kathryn!

It’s been a great year for us. Thank you all for your support of the CTE program with your donations and your presence as an audience. We are so grateful that you help us give kids the kind of experience that CTE provides our students both as developing artists and evolving young adults. See you next year! ♦

School to Career Partnership

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The School to Career Program was filled with activity this school year, providing field trips to Kaiser and Marin General Hospital, job shadows in engineering, architecture, business, non-profit organizations, law, CERT training, the Sheriff’s Academy and Grammy in the Schools. In addition, the program brought speakers and career panels to the classrooms.

Many students participated or will participate in internships this summer. Congratulations to the following student interns:

Tamalpais

Shae Booth	Chiropractic intern	Keelan Chiropractic
Brewster McCann	Documentary film	RoCo Films
Huy Lu	Art studio intern	Studio 333
Danielle Baratta	Newspaper reporter	Marin IJ-Lifestyles
Sarah Emory	Hospital intern	Kaiser-Surgery
Max Lemos	Hospital intern	Kaiser-Surgery
Lennart Basian	Film/media intern	AIM
Emily Bernstein	Film/media intern	AIM
Julia Black	Film/media intern	AIM
Michael Fearon	Film/media intern	AIM
Lauren Hersch	Documentary film intern	RoCo Films
Jessica Hodson	Physical therapy assistant	Mill Valley PT
Hilary Jacobs	Film/media intern	AIM
Sean Lang-Brown	Lighting assistant	Marin Theater Company
Huy Luy	Book/film promotion	Miller Brothers
Musa Manneh	Media intern	Intel
Citrina Niles	Music/media intern	Intel
Max Schieble	Graphic art intern	Central Office of Design
Jennifer Lemua	Public safety	Sheriff Academy
Jenna Tuttle	Media intern	Intel
Herb Wade	Video intern	Fireman’s Fund
Elise Liu	Clinic assistant	Clear Center of Health
Gavin Zerbe	Public relations	On Board Entertainment
Freddy Meadoh	Hospital intern	Kaiser Hospital- Radiology
Sarah Schwartz	Hospital intern	Marin General-Cardiac Specialties
Edmond Cuvelier	Music/media	Intel
Peter Englander	Music/media	Intel
Nicholas Brandis	Environmental intern	US Army Corps of Engineers
Justin Lee	Music/media	Intel
Kailen Peck	Legislative analyst	People’s Lobby
Essie Winer	Clinic assistant	Planned Parenthood
Sean Lang-Brown	Public relations	Hamilton Ink PR
Laura Henn	Scientific research	Buck Institute for Age Research

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A League of Their Own:
Tam Varsity Girls’ Soccer Ranks
13th in the Nation

by Nathan Barone and Khalid Shakran

In the second semester of senior year, many students find it hard to bring themselves to school on a regular basis. Those who show up consistently may be motivated by commitment to programs like drama or art, but perhaps the highest level of motivation can be found on the Tam girls’ soccer team.

“We like to joke that our only reason for coming to school is soccer,” said senior mid-fielder Julia Raney. “We all really look forward to practice every day.”

This kind of enthusiasm over the past two seasons has led to one MCAL title, one NCS title, 903 consecutive minutes across 11 games without giving up a goal, and the rank of 13th in the nation. Being one of the best high school soccer teams in the country brings with it a great many expectations. Fortunately, the group of nine seniors and their younger teammates are well equipped to handle the pressure. The girls’ soccer team has achieved a high level of team chemistry not only from their years spent playing together, but also from the catalyzing effects of adversity.

Their bond extends all the way back to kindergarten, when twin sisters Hannah and Maddy Boston and twin sisters Catherine and Julia Raney played on the same Mill Valley recreational team together. Most of them played “upper house” and “select” soccer together through elementary school and middle school. Over the last four years, most of the girls have played for club soccer team Marin FC, which allows them to hone their skills year-round.

“We are all such good friends and the fact that we hang out almost 24/7 has a lot to do with our success,” said senior defender Alyssa Miller. “We have been playing together for so long now that I always know where everyone is on the field and I have the confidence that they will get the ball when I pass it to them. We know how we all play.”

In 2005, before the class of ‘09 took Tam’s soccer program by storm, the Hawks finished sixth

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out of 10 in MCALs, and were knocked out in the first round of the MCAL playoffs. A year later, the team was no longer an afterthought. The surplus of freshman stars led the team to a fourth place finish, but they lost in the MCAL semifinals and the NCS semifinals. Catherine Raney said, “Our freshman year, we replaced a lot of the seniors [starting], and our team was overcrowded with about 24 players. That caused a lot of drama, but our sophomore year, that went away.”

With a starting lineup lacking upper classmen, the sophomores managed to make it to the MCAL finals, where they lost to Branson. They would later make it to the NCS semifinals, but would not advance.

Prior to PE teacher and head coach Dustin Nygaard’s ascension to his position, the team faced some adversity with the controversial resignation of coach Brandon Murphy in the middle of the 2008 season. Losing a coach that had led the team to MCAL finals was very hard to overcome for some players. However, the team’s resilience and mental toughness only strengthened as they competed in the most successful season in school history.

“When coach Murphy resigned, I think for some it was a motivation factor,” Miller said. That motivation carried out two days after Murphy’s departure, when the team faced Marin Catholic on away turf and won 3-0. The victory marked the team’s first win against MC in five years.

“I think the entire situation brought the team a lot closer and improved our team chemistry,” Miller added. “The fact that the next day we beat MC for the first time shows how strong our team is.” No matter what happened, we still played with a lot of heart and desire. Once Nygaard, Mike Carbone, and Shane Kennedy became our coaches, they focused much more on the technical and tactical aspect of the game, trying to make us more of a possession-based team.”

With excitement levels high, and two years of high school soccer behind them, the girls were ready for bigger and better things. Senior Maddy Boston said, “It’s hard for a team comprised mostly of underclassmen to really be as emotionally involved as the teams with more juniors and seniors. But once we were juniors I think everyone matured and became more invested.” The girls poured their blood, sweat and tears into a first place regular season capped by a dominant playoff run last May that ended with an MCAL championship and the first NCS trophy in school history. The stands at Tam’s turf were packed with enthusiastic students and alumni throughout every game in the playoffs.

Coming into this season, the girls had high expectations. Senior Alicia Blose, the 2009 Marin IJ player of the year, said, “We all seem to have a similar mindset. At the beginning of the season the team comes together and puts up a list of goals we want to accomplish for the year. Once we have set these goals our whole team is committed to doing whatever it takes to reach them.”

Their ultimate goal the last two seasons has been to go undefeated. They lost one of 23 games last year, and were upset by Branson in this year’s MCAL finals on May 8 after over 25 consecutive games without a loss. Still the team entered the NCS tournament on May 12 as the number one seed, winning their first round game.

Senior goalkeeper Gabby Guaiumi said, “Because of our amazing run last season, we have a target on our backs. Every game we need to come out knowing the other team is going to play their hardest and with a lot of heart.” Since they are the most experienced team in Marin, they know as well as anyone that it is easier to achieve success than to maintain it.

“One of the biggest things Head Coach Nygaard emphasizes is respecting other teams. You always need to show respect, whether you lose or beat them 8-0,” Boston said. “When a team is obviously full of themselves, that’s the biggest motivation for other teams to beat them.”

“Our coaches never allow us to be satisfied with a result if we didn’t play well,” said Maddy Boston. “We can be up 4-0 at halftime but if we didn’t play good soccer, our coaches don’t even mention the score. And that’s how it should be.”

This year the Hawks led the league in scoring and defense, with 48 goals, and only four goals allowed. The team attributes these statistics to their tenacious defensive mentality. “Defense is really important for our team dynamic,” Blose said.

Boston said, “It’s easy for people to write about amazing offensive plays, but it’s the defensive back line stopping goals from being scored that allows us to win.”

Another principle component behind the team’s success is their strategic outlook. Many teams in the MCAL league, including rivals Redwood and Marin Catholic, play a 3-5-2 formation, but rarely execute it as well as Tam. This formation consists of three defenders in the backline, five midfielders with two wing players, and two strikers. How effectively the Lady Hawks implement this strategy to fit their overall playing style remains a key advantage over opposing teams.

The Boston twins in the middle of the field alongside Blose are a matchup nightmare for opposing players and coaches. The Bostons’ offensive mentality helps the Raney twins receive accurate passes in order to maneuver through the opposing team’s defense. Blose assumes a more defensive role in the midfield despite amazingly leading the team in scoring, easing the pressure on the defense as well as on wing players to execute their accurate crossings. Overall, the team that controls the midfield controls the game—which Tam has executed relentlessly throughout the course of the season.

“With five midfielders, we’re able to stretch the field and attack with as much width as possible,” Boston said. “It makes the other teams’ defenders spread out and our forwards and attacking-center midfielders are able to find more seams through them to goal.”

After losing the MCAL championship game and entering NCS as a clear favorite, the team has every intention to look at a bright future. Eight of the nine senior girls intend to play college ball. Miller said, “It is going to be really sad to step over those white lines on game day at Skidmore, and not see my best friends along side me.”

Though the soccer program will be drastically different next spring, there is hope that the glory will live on. “Pretty much everyone on the team has the ability to go as far as they want with soccer,” said Guaiumi. “There is a lot of talent there. It just depends on how they use their time and energy.”

Tam High Athletic Director Christina Amoroso said, “Girls soccer has set the bar as a prime

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Reel News

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

AIM Celebrates its Alumni from the Past Six Years; Two AIM Alumni Featured in Time Magazine

It’s hard to believe that AIM is already celebrating its sixth graduating class. As we watch another talented crop of students move on to bigger and better things, we welcome AIM alumni returning from college, travel and work.

While we haven’t been able to keep track of all of our graduates, we know the whereabouts of many of them. Every year more and more of our students are accepted into prestigious film and media schools; this year over 95% of our students who applied to NYU’s film program were accepted. Some members of our first crop of college graduates are pursuing advanced degrees in film or are working in film and media production companies. Other graduates who decided not to pursue film return to tell us how the communication, research, professional, and interpersonal skills they learned in AIM have greatly aided them in other careers and majors such as journalism, international studies, advertising and even engineering.

Perhaps AIM’s most famous alumni are Kayvon Beykpour and Aaron Wasserman (’06) who were featured in Time magazine’s January issue for creating an iPhone application for Stanford University. They now have their own company producing mobile phone applications for companies like Best Buy, and we like to think that the years Beykpour and Wasserman spent in AIM creating documentaries, online study aids and media lab checkout systems translated into their professional media success. Read about these pioneers

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example of commitment and hard work. They bring an enormous amount of spirit and enthusiasm to their team and Tam athletics in general. All of our spring sports were in playoff contention; it’s almost as if they were feeding off one another.” ♦

in the Time article, “Can iStanford Take on Facebook Mobile?”

Unfortunately, due to the recession, the Student Emmy competition was cancelled. As this is one of the most prestigious and challenging competitions we usually enter, AIM students were saddened to learn that they couldn’t compete nationally with the best. In the past, AIM films have won best documentary, best writing, best technical achievement, and best fictional feature. Still, AIM films were featured in the highly regarded Youth Reel of the Mill Valley Film Festival and more films from AIM were selected than from any other school or program.

ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL JUNE 5-6 AT THE CALDWELL THEATRE

Don’t forget to enjoy an evening of young cinematic excellence at AIM’s 6th Annual Film Festival, Friday, June 5, and Saturday, June 6. This year’s theme is “The American Character.” Find out how Tam students perceive who we are, where we’ve been, where we’re headed. Doors open at 7 pm with the show starting at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students, and \$5 AIM students and alumni.

Thank you to the Tam High Foundation and all our supporters for your kind words, generosity, and faith in what we do. We couldn’t do it without you!



AIM student Riley Shine enjoys polishing the final cut of his group’s documentary.



AIM student Sammie Wynn appreciates the “prosumer” film equipment provided by the Tam High Foundation.

THF-Donated Equipment Put to Use in Freshman English Classrooms

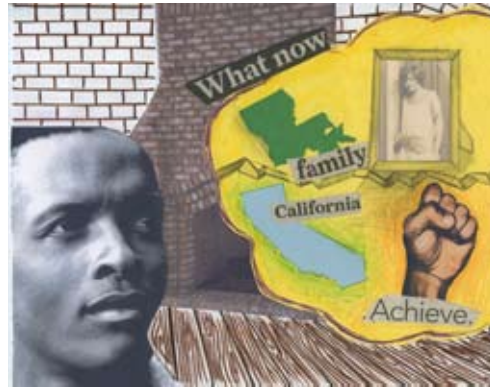
Students from Abbey Levine’s freshman English course produced images using computers and software provided by the Tam High Foundation. The assignment, part of the literature circle/visual literacy unit, required students to analyze the perspective of a character from their book and then create an image that reflected this perspective. Students utilized strategies like tone, audience, and structure – strategies that can equally be applied writing essays – in order to construct their images.

In Michael Levinson’s class, students used the equipment to create PowerPoint photo essays on subjects such as budget cuts, overpopulation and poverty, homelessness, impacts of war and water issues. Many of these can be viewed on the Tam website. Go to tamhigh.org, click on “Teacher Websites,” select “Levinson, Michael,” and click on “Freshman Photo Essays.”



Left: by Ivy Ryan

Lower right: by Coco Kennedy



Rising Eighth Graders Take a Look at Tam

by David Rice, Leadership Advisor

This year’s “eighth grade invasion” was a huge success! To kick things off, Link Crew, led by Abbey Levine and Luc Chamberlin, met the students from Mill Valley Middle



Next year’s freshmen practice their class cheer in Mead Theater.

School at the arches and walked them to Mead Theater, where Leadership put on a rally for them. Musical acts, sports teams, drama students and games rounded out the rally with an incredible M.C. job done by the one the only Junior Jackson Palmer.

This semester’s Leadership class has been a joy and success. We started off the semester with the winter rally that honored our sports teams and featured special guest Will Owens and the Pribble brothers having a little fun in a relay game as well. Working at crab dinners and dancing at the Redwoods Senior Center prom helped to thaw the winter cold while we planned for the winter ball. We came back strong after break with a spring dance and a black light dance as well.

It was the multi-cultural assembly that really got us headed into the home stretch. Who will ever forget Mr. Lavezzo, Mr. Harquist, Daniel Lavezzo and Julian Moore blowing the roof off the gym with their version of Rocking in the Free World? Several staff versus student basketball games were amazing as well. They featured everything from Senior Jerrel Milton’s drain deep threes to Mr. Elsen swatting shots in the lane. Final activities for the year will be the senior farewell rally as well as a staff versus student volleyball game.

This has been a great semester and next year will be even better. English teacher Chelsea Springer will take over advising the leadership program next year and is going to hit the ground running! See you next year. ♦

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half hours! All seven of my judges were engineers or electronic specialists at some college. They thoroughly picked apart my project and made me prove my worthiness of being there.

After the judging session was the awards ceremony. Although I did not place (I received an Honorable Mention), I was elated to just have gone through the experience. This amazing experience opened my eyes to a different realm of science and showed me what it takes to have a career as a scientist. Although I left LA with no trophy or ribbon in my hand, I left with a broadened horizon for science, and a new passion for learning. ♦

Students Travel to France to Experience Culture, Improve Language Skills

by Brian Zailian

Since 1996, over 350 Tam students have participated in a language immersion exchange program with Lycée Gaston Fébus in Orthez, France. Each year, the 25 Orthez students (aka “the Frenchies”) arrive at Tam at the end of October and are hosted by Tam students enrolled in French 7. During their stay, the French students visit Tam classes, spend time in San Francisco, attend barbecues at Stinson Beach and enjoy a Halloween costume party. Two weeks later, at SFO, tears flow when its time to say goodbye ... fortunately, it’s merely au revoir.

Six months later, the Tam students fly first to Paris and then to Pau, where they are reunited with the Frenchies in the southwest of France. Their time is spent immersed in the French language, attending French high school, visiting the Pyrenees and Basque country and of course, eating wonderful food. Tam students have the opportunity to improve their French in this area of France where very few people meet Americans. After ten days everyone says goodbye at the Pau airport and the Tam students return to Paris to spend an additional four days exploring the city before returning to San Francisco.



Tam students and Gaston Fébus students say goodbye to each other in France (April 2009).

Congratulations to English teacher Michael Levinson, recipient of the 2009 Chris Anderson Instructional Leadership Award

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A MESSAGE FROM TAM BOOSTERS PRESIDENT PATTI BOSTON

I love sports. I know that athletics is to some people what the arts and the sciences are to others. Sports impart important life skills and promote the development of good character. As a lifelong sports fan, I am a strong believer in the value of school sports. High school sports should be challenging and fun and should also be a significant part of a sound educational program. This has been the mission of Tam Boosters this year, accomplished by supporting the Tam Athletic Department.

During this past school year, Tam Boosters has worked to heighten the visibility of the Tam sports program. Our teams have garnered 16 league titles from top MCAL and NCS* pennants to first place NCS scholastic pennant awards. Everyone is so proud of our outstanding teams and individual athletes. It is obvious that a strong sports program has the ability to spread school pride to all students, staff and out into the community. Whether you read the all sports wrap-up from cover-to-cover, or just zero in on your favorite athlete, Tam Boosters thanks you for your participation in helping to make this a banner year for Tam athletics. When the spirit of competition thrives, everyone benefits.

*The Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) is a non-profit organization, comprised of ten public and private high schools in the county, whose purpose is to promote, coordinate and regulate the student interscholastic athletic activities of member schools. MCAL is governed by the North Coast Section (NCS) of the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF). ♦

PAYING FOR IT ALL: HOW THE TAM SPORTS PROGRAM IS FUNDED

By Boosters Vice President and Athletic Ambassador Kerry Huffman

Congratulations Tam High School Athletics!

The 2008/2009 school year has brought many successes and many positive changes within Boosters. One of the key areas of focus for Boosters this year was the financial support of the athletic teams. In order to insure that all of our financial resources were optimized, we set out in a new direction that was focused on collaboration among the athletic director, the teams at Tam and the Boosters.

Funding an athletic program in high school is a tall order. There are over 50 teams, over 600 athletes and multiple levels of participation and competition. Additionally, there are many opportunities that can be leveraged to build the overall athletic experience at Tam. For instance, we all know that a strong football program or soccer program can generate a lot of community support and excitement. There are several reasons for this: the number of kids in the program, strong feeder programs, a high profile in the news at the high school, college and professional level. Excitement created by high-profile sports helps support the overall athletic program by attracting funding and increasing school pride, thereby benefiting other sports that may not get as much attention.

This leveraging of all sports to create a stronger overall program is a key focus of the Boosters Club, and we spend a surprisingly high number of hours focused on supporting team needs. It is true that some sports just cost more to operate. Funding sports programs is always a challenge. There are those items that are the “need to have” and others that are the “nice to have.” Boosters sees great value in both and tries to accommodate both. ♦

BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD 08/09

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Here are a couple questions you have may have wondered about:

- Q.** Youth sports in the community charge from \$200 - \$2,000 per kid to participate. Wouldn't that model really help our programs at Tam?
- A.** Yes, in fact, if Boosters received the lowest amount of \$200 per player, per sport, we would have facilities that would rival any top private or public school. But, unlike a club or traveling team, high school sports are not “pay to play.”
- Q.** Why should I give to Boosters when I just want my money to go to my kid's sport?
- A.** This is probably the number one question out there. Per my leverage discussion above, there are a couple of answers to this one.

1. The district doesn't provide enough funding to field competitive teams
2. Each year, funding needs are different for each sport. One year, lacrosse may need some extra things and basketball needs less. The next year basketball needs more, and lacrosse less. Another example, last year only nine or ten kids went out for freshman baseball; this year there were around 22! That is great, but it's hard to budget for the added costs of a dozen players.

- Q.** If we make a donation directly to a team, is it tax deductible?
- A.** No, only if it goes through Boosters, which is a legal non-profit. And if you donate only to a team, that does not mean you have joined Boosters.
- Q.** How is the money distributed and managed by Boosters?
- A.** The athletics department at Tam is funded by three distinct sources with very specific purposes.

The first funding source is a budget that is provided by the district. This money is provided for the essential operational needs of all programs at the school. Examples are uniforms, equipment, facilities maintenance, transportation, dues, equipment and field rental, communications, training for coaches and tournament fees.

Boosters manages the second and third funding sources: the general fund and the team account funds.

The source of general fund money is fundraising. This includes Boosters memberships, business memberships, the Crab Feed and, this year, a small amount of money raised through the new spirit wear (for fans) and team wear (for team members) clothing programs. Items funded by the general fund are player awards, training aids, weight room supervision, senior scholarships, tournament fees, academic tutoring, need-based scholarships, facilities improvements and assistance for the athletic department when the district funds fall short in a critical area.

Team account funds are those funds raised by each sport/team/players via fundraising or direct donations. This money is available for the team to use for anything, except salaries, that the coach, in conjunction with the athletic director, deems important to the program.

- Q.** What percentage of families of the Tam athletes are Boosters members?
- A.** 44% for 2008-2009, up 10% from the previous year.

I hope this helps you understand the importance of contributing to the Boosters as well as to a specific team. If you gave to the Boosters general fund, thank you. Your name is listed in this newsletter. If you donated time or money directly to a team, we want to thank you as well. It is truly appreciated. ♦

TAM ATHLETIC FACILITIES UPDATE

by Corbett Elsen, Assistant Principal

Thank you Tam athletes and coaches for a great year of athletic entertainment during my first year at Tam. Your athletic prowess and good sportsmanship continue to keep Tam at the forefront of community news.

Here are the updated expected opening dates for this summer and fall for our athletic facilities:

✓ Weight Room: end of July 2009

New weight room off the back side of Gus Gym with an outdoor workout deck accessible by a garage door; some new equipment provided by Boosters.

✓ Field House: end of July 2009

Team changing rooms, permanent restrooms for athletes and spectators, meeting rooms and an ice machine provided by Boosters.

✓ Swimming Pool: end of September 2009

Olympic size swimming pool that will also be open for community use.

✓ Tennis Courts: end of September 2009

Five new courts that will also be open for community use. Look for the new outdoor basketball court, too!

Note: Most of campus will closed during the summer for construction of our athletic fields, installation of new landscaping and work on pedestrian pathways.

TAM ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

By Christina Amoroso

Tam Coach of the Year – Dave Buetel

Without question, this year's coach of the year is third-year swimming coach, Dave Buetel. I had heard how much his athletes and their families loved him and after working with him during my first year as Athletic Director, I have now joined the aquatics community as a member of the Coach Buetel fan club.

Dave exceeds expectations as a coach; his enthusiasm for the sport is contagious. He constantly challenges the athletes in and out of the water. Every week I was part of the team email that Coach Buetel sent to his swimmers

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reminding them about the upcoming matches, practice times, early release times, keeping up with class work, strengthening exercises, and even what to eat and not eat so that each swimmer could perform to his or her maximum potential. His training regimens were all within reason and structured so that swimmers would peak at just the right time. Dave acknowledged all swimmers’ efforts, whether they shaved off 2 or .10 seconds from their times.

Over the course of the season, Dave’s positive feedback paid off. In many cases, swimmers were setting personal bests all season long and it was obvious that every swimmer was helping this team get stronger and better on their way to earning the MCAL pennant by toppling previously unbeaten opponents. Tam is lucky to be able to honor such a dedicated individual and I look forward to hosting swim meets at Tam next year so everyone can witness what a truly talented coach Dave Buetel is ♦.

Tam Outstanding Student Athletes

Congratulations to seniors Cara Trombadore and Colton Danz! Theses two seniors represented the best of Tam athletics at the 23rd Annual Marin County High School Outstanding Student Athlete Awards Banquet. This award is presented by the Marin Athletic Foundation, an organization that provides financial support for interscholastic and intramural sports. While maintaining strong academic grades, both students are MVP caliber multi-sport athletes. In honor of Cara and Colton’s athletic and academic achievements, the MAF contributed money to the Tam athletic program. In the fall, Cara will be heading off to UCLA and Colton will be attending University of Oregon. ♦

Hawk of the Week Awards

And of course, congratulations to all the athletes who earned the honor of wearing a Hawk of the Week t-shirt this school year! This was a weekly award where I encouraged coaches to take time out of their busy schedules to put into words why a particular athlete was invaluable to their team. Thank you to Boosters for providing financial support to produce the now coveted blue t-shirt. I look forward to continuing this program next year to celebrate the accomplishments of Tam athletes.

Linden McGreevy – Track
Marcel Becker – Track
Colton Danz – Lacrosse
Natalie Rudnick – Lacrosse
Zack Straus – Baseball
Emily Banks – Softball
Melissa Fineman – Swimming
Cody Nagy – Swimming
Alex Kaiser – Tennis
Lilla McMillan – Track
Alyssa Miller – Soccer
Alicia Blose – Soccer
Olivia Blackstone – Track & Field
Cole Chapman – Track &Field
Monica Milstein – Lacrosse
Dane Holt – Lacrosse
Tara Salisbury – Lacrosse
Nick Sohn – Swimming
Josh Feldman – Wrestling
Carson Shultz – Wrestling
Jenna Lea – Basketball

Graeme Black – Basketball
Monyka White – Basketball
Caleb Prigian – Basketball
Jackson Palmer – Basketball
Martine Ehrlich – Basketball
Kelley Charlton – Wrestling
Josh Ren – Wrestling
Matt Robertson – Basketball
Molly Maloney – Basketball
Gabe Bram – Football
Katie Brigham – Tennis
Megan Schuller – Tennis
Danny Decarlo – Football
Brian Scott – Football
Devin Patrick – Cross Country
Daniel Milechman – Cross Country
Emil Barkovich – Soccer
Hilary Jacobs – Volleyball
Taylor Gamboa – Water Polo
Amelia Harvey – Water Polo
Ariel Sultan – Tennis
Camilla Hanson – Golf

THANK YOU TEAM PARENTS!

Team parents are an essential component of all sports teams at Tam. They work closely with the coaches, supporting them with the coordination of various issues or identifying other parents to help, thus allowing the coach to focus on his or her team. Coaches have different needs but often appreciate assistance with organizing transportation, team communications, game day preparations or team celebrations. Boosters’ messages and team wear are distributed via the team parent.

2008/2009 Tam Team Parents

Varsity Football
Mary McLain Bram
Kate Smith

Freshman Football
Stephanie Dorfman

Varsity & JV Boys’ Soccer
Linda Price Nur

Varsity & JV Boys’ Water Polo
Coach Bob Kustel

Varsity & JV Girls’ Water Polo
Heather Schlueter
Girls’ Golf
Donna Wenig

Varsity & JV, Boys’ & Girls’ Cross Country
Debbie Patrick

Varsity Boys’ Basketball
Julia Abramson

JV Boys’ Basketball
Karen Jernstedt

Freshman Boys’ Basketball
Coach Melissa Palmer

Varsity Girls’ Basketball
Tina Maloney

JV Girls’ Basketball
Coach Matt Gillespie

Freshman Girls’ Basketball
David Erskine

Boys’ Golf
Carla McDonald

Girls’ Golf
Donna Wenig

Varsity Baseball
Sharon Strauss

JV Baseball
Stephanie Dorfman
Jim Simkalo

Freshman Baseball
Bill Gilmore
Kelly Tyler

Girls’ Lacrosse
Maria Black

Boys’ Lacrosse
Helen Pacula
Elizabeth Suzuki

Girls’ Swimming
Elizabeth Takeshita

Boys’ Swimming
Jenn Taich Latimer

Boys’ Tennis
Jayne Greenberg

Girls’ Tennis
Linda Wegmann

Sailing
Suzan Sweet
Hilary Andersen

Track
Karen Jernstedt
Jeannie Lloyd Emory

JV Girls’ Soccer
Jamie & Vivian Firmage

Varsity Girls’ Soccer
Phebe Gregson Miller

Softball
Morgan Brigham

Boys’ Volleyball
Ronna Perelson

Girls’ Volleyball
Patti & Dave Ogden

Wrestling
Coach Andre Salinas

LOOKING FORWARD: TAM BOOSTERS EXECUTIVE BOARD FOR 2009-2010

Co-Presidents: Elizabeth Suzuki and Jamie Firmage

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Kerry Huffman

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(This will be Wade’s last year; we are looking for someone to shadow Wade to take on the job in 2010-2011.)

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We are also looking for people to help in the following areas, either as a board member or on a committee: historian, communications, marketing, safety officer, technical advisor and events. Please contact Kerry Huffman, Elizabeth Suzuki or Jamie Firmage to learn more about what these positions entail, or check the Boosters tab on tamhighathletics.org.



BOOSTERS CRAB FEED

What a success! The 5th Annual Boosters Crab & Pasta Feed was held on February 8 and it was the best-attended and most fun-filled Boosters event ever. It was our first Crab Feed with live music thanks to the generous donation of Dan Sapp and the band Close Enough. Tam’s own Ben Kline, the boys’ golf assistant coach, plays in the band! The sell-out crowd included Tam coaches and administrators, local youth sports leaders, parents, alumni and local business members – all graciously and efficiently served by Tam athletes who were ‘captained’ by seniors Zach Strauss and Matt Robertson. A small live auction was held of sports-related items donated by Boosters members. Jim Wickham, Tam alumnus and former Boosters president, presided. The event raised almost \$15,000 – all of which supports Tam teams. Thank



you to everyone who attended and volunteered at the event, see you next year! ♦



IJ PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Each week throughout the school year, the Marin Independent Journal’s sports section highlights the most newsworthy athletic accomplishment by a Marin County high school boy and girl. The student’s photo is included along with a short description of what he or she did, what he or she said, what’s next, other interests and a quote from their coach. Tam is proud of these seven athletes who appeared in the newspaper:

Bobby Burton (Junior) – Football
Colton Danz (Senior) – Football
Daniel Milechman (Junior) – Cross Country

Kelly Charlton (Senior) – Wrestling
Lilla McMillan (Freshman) – Track
Alicia Blose (Senior) – Soccer
Mott Schweitzer (Senior) - Volleyball

BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to the recipients of the \$1000 Boosters 2009 Senior Scholarships: Alicia Blose (soccer) and Nolan Mattox (swimming). Alicia will attend Boston College and Nolan will be at the University of Southern California.

FALL 2009 SPORTS RECAP

Boys’ Varsity Soccer

Led by seniors Rafi Nur, Josh Ren, Aaron Krepack and Musa Manneh, along with junior Jonah Hopton, the boys’ soccer team fell one game short of the playoffs. They tackled a tough schedule and played very close games against the top teams of the Marin County Athletic League (MCAL). Rafi Nur earned MCAL second team honors and Jonah Hopton was an honorable mention.

JV Boys’ Soccer

After taking the first half of the season getting to know their team-mates’ strengths and styles, the boys on the JV soccer team found their groove and had a great second half of the season. Led by captains Riley Knox (defensive MVP), Justin Lee, and Javier Lopez, and with enormous help provided by offensive MVP Seth Gillis, the boys put a lot of points on the board against undefeated San Rafael. From that game on, the team’s confidence and playmaking improved considerably with their results mirroring that improvement. An excellent team spirit amongst the whole squad has been forged and next year holds great promise.

Girls’ Tennis – MCAL Champions / NCS 2nd place

Varsity girls’ tennis closed out its 2008 season with a run to the finals of the first-ever North Coast Section (NCS) Division II championship. Tam defeated Dougherty Valley 6-1 in the quarterfinals and University High School in the semis. The team’s luck ran out in the final versus Marin Catholic. Falling 5-2, the deciding matches in number two singles and number one doubles ended in close third set wins for MC.



Kneeling: Adrienne Foley, Front Row: (L-R) Zoe Arthur, Alex Goldstein, Olivia Leary, Coach Bill Washauer, Ariel Sultan, Megan Schuller, Talia Soffer, Emily Prescott and Haley Bronstein. Back row: Katie Brigham, Shoshana Cantor, Liza Brusman, Anna Aronowitz, Gracie Neisendorf, Tia-lan Hirabayashi and Julia Francis. (Not pictured: Malla Keefe, Tasia Radovich, Olivia Flanagan, Mia Anderson, Dekoa Field and ClaireMarvin).

The team finished the season with a 17-7-1 record, adding an MCAL championship pennant to the walls of Tam’s Gus Gym.

Tam’s tennis teams will reap the benefits of playing on campus next year. It is projected that the new courts will be finished by the end of September. Tam fans look forward to providing the boys’ and girls’ teams with the home court crowd advantage that has been missing for the last four years as they have practiced and played all of their matches off campus. Thank you to all the tennis families who made this possible and congratulations to the entire Tam tennis program for maintaining such at high level of play in spite of it all.

Freshman Football

The freshman team finished the season 6-5, going 3-1 against MCAL teams and finishing in a tie for first place. Comprised of the most players to have come out for the freshman team in years, the team had key wins against Marin Catholic and Justin Siena. Captains Graeme Black, Jesse Butler, James Gilmore and Mac Huffman led the team.

Varsity Football

Tam Varsity Football (5-6, 2-4 MCAL) really progressed this season with the help of Coach Tony Keefer and his coaching staff. The team effort showed throughout the whole season and included remarkable performances from players Colton Danz, Danny DeCarlo, Jack Hogan, Adam Kassoover and Bobby Burton, to name a few. Representing Marin in NCS was a nice cap to the season. The Red Tailed Hawks were seeded 13th and took on fourth-seeded Bishop O’Dowd. Despite losing, Coach Keefer was pleased with his team’s effort. Tam hasn’t played a post-season football game since 2000!

With a new baby on the way, Coach Keefer will be coaching closer to home next season but Tam is pleased to have recently announced the hiring of Kevin Goyer as the new varsity football coach. Kevin comes with experience as a high school varsity football coach and teacher and he resides nearby. He is extremely excited for this opportunity and Tam is confident that he will be able to continue the competitiveness and momentum that was captured last season and take it to the next level. Already, the spring football practice sessions are crowded with new faces. Go Hawks!

Girls’ Varsity Water Polo – MCAL 2nd place / NCS 12th place

The varsity girls’ team finished with an 18-8 overall record and a 7-1 second place finish in MCAL. A highlight of the season was defeating longtime nemesis Drake for the first time in a decade. Their rigorous tournament and travel schedule put them up against many East Bay

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teams. This helped them earn a first round bye and 12th place in the NCS championship tournament. This is the highest NCS seed of any Tam girls’ water polo team ever. The girls met their match against East Bay powerhouse fifth seeded Carondelet. They held on 5-6 at the half, but after three of their starting players fouled out at the beginning of the third quarter, Carondelet went on an 8-0 run to secure the win.

Next year’s outlook looks promising with junior goalie Mattie Winkler and junior Erin Schlueter at the helm. Mattie, named the team’s Most Improved, broke the team record for number of saves in a single game and season. Erin was the team MVP and broke the record for number of goals and steals in a season. The team will miss their seniors: co-captains Avery Mosser (named Most Inspirational), Jullian Gamboa and Amelia Harvey, along with Alexis Kleinman and Sophie Sieck.

Girls’ JV Water Polo

The JV girls had limited MCAL play due to few JV teams competing, but managed to play enough non-league games and tournaments to get some solid experience under their belts. Sophomore Kristen Sato was named team MVP, sophomore Emma Ellison was named Most Improved, freshman Charlotte Passot received the Coach’s Award, and freshman Jenna Wallace was voted Most Inspirational.

Boys’ Varsity Water Polo – MCAL 4th Place

Boys’ varsity finished the season with an overall record of 15-10, and a 4-3 MCAL record. Senior David Phillips, the team’s MVP and leading scorer, was named to first team all-MCAL. Senior Taylor Gamboa received an honorable mention. Junior Cody Nagy was selected as the team’s most improved player.

Boys’ JV Water Polo

The junior varsity team finished a very successful season with a record of 7-3, losing to Drake in the championship game. Sophomore Max Sieck was the team MVP, sophomore Jake Weber was the team’s leading scorer, and freshman Trevor Williams was selected for the Coach’s Award.

All of the water polo teams are looking forward to practicing and playing in Tam’s own pool next season. Many thanks to all the water polo families who not only ferried kids back and forth to practice at pools all over Marin, but also had to adjust their families’ schedules around the often unusual practice times.

Boys’ Cross Country –MCAL & NCS Champions

Boys Cross Country earned top honors in 2008, winning NCS by one point after also winning MCAL championship honors this year. The team went on to place 12th at state, with sophomore phenom Dan Milechman placing third individually.

Girls’ Cross Country

Girls’ Cross Country also finished the season strong, missing a state berth by a small margin after placing fourth in NCS. Devin Patrick and Monica Milstein went on to compete as individuals at the state meet in Fresno.

Next year looks to be strong for both teams with Dan Milechman and James MacDonald leading the way for the boys, and Monica Milstein, Sami Emory, Caroline Fearon, Jenna Lea, and Caitlin Firmage creating a fierce pack for the girls.

Girls’ Golf

After having a very successful 2007 season, which included playing in the MCAL tournament, the Tam team lost three seniors through graduation. Therefore, the team approached the 2008 season as one of rebuilding. There were eight girls on the team, three of whom had hardly played golf before. With the guidance of Ray Leach, golf instructor at Peacock Gap, and coach Kirk Hanson, it was very exciting to see the team improve significantly as the season progressed. “Our record was 2-14, but most importantly, the girls had fun and improved their games,” a beaming Coach Hanson reported to the audience at this year’s Boosters coaches’ dinner.

Girls’ Volleyball

Information not available at press time.

WINTER 2008/2009 SPORTS RECAP

Freshman Girls’ Basketball

For the last four winter sports seasons, the freshman girls’ basketball team has been lucky enough to be led by a coach with the third-best record in all of California high school basketball. Elio Abrami has mentored boys and girls in the basketball arena for more than 50 years. In 1993, Abrami led tiny Emery High of Emeryville to the Division V state championship and was named the Coach of the Year in the state. “Coach Elio” still runs up and down the court, hollering out instructions to his attentive squad. He passes out detailed handouts diagramming intricate offensive and defensive plays, painstakingly drawn by hand. What is most impressive is that Abrami’s teams in Marin have done what Abrami’s teams have always done: they win. And they win while learning and having fun.

Elio has been commuting the last four years from his home in Novato to not only coach the girls’ frosh basketball at Tam, but also to advise and confer with the coaches and girls on the JV and varsity squads. He has worked in past summers preparing incoming ninth grade players. This year Elio was ably assisted on the court by Tam senior Tamsen Bell and parent John Scarscella and relied on team parent David Erskine to handle the team email communications. He may not do email, but he ruefully admits that he’s probably “forgotten more about basketball than most people will ever know!”

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Freshman Girls' Basketball *(continued from page 23)**Coach Elio***JV Girls' Basketball**

The girls' JV team has many players who play two sports and includes freshmen, sophomores and juniors. With that much athleticism and experience, it's no wonder they amassed a winning record of 21-5 with first-year coach Matt Gillespie. Couple that with Matt's experience as athletic director at Kentfield Middle School, and you get a winning season.

Junior point guard Martine Ehrlich runs the show on offense, with junior center Kenzie Schweitzer providing power in the paint. Sophomore guard Olivia Trombadore is the team's leading offensive rebounder. Freshman Jenna May provided lots of scoring fireworks. Other up-and-comers on the team are freshman power forward Lena Geupel who can score from the perimeter or inside, and freshman guard-forward Jane Lee, whose turn-around jump shot is becoming a real weapon and sure to be noticed by MCAL opponents in the next few years. Sophomore Danielle Bowen and junior Malla Keefe back up Ehrlich at the point and give the Hawks two more outside threats, while sophomore guard Lara Zegart and juniors Katie Lee and Sara May provide energy coming off the bench.

Girls' Varsity Basketball

Coach Rob Viramontes, who took over in late July 2008 after the summer tournaments were over, said he is very proud of his team for coming together so fast and adjusting to him as their new coach. The varsity team is on an upward trend and it shows with their record and a playoff win.

"I'm just really proud of these girls," he said. "They did a great job and worked hard all year. We had a season that they can be proud of." Senior guard Molly Maloney adds, "I think this was one of the best seasons of Tam girls' basketball ever... the basketball program has gotten better and better each year." Notable: The girls' varsity basketball team won a scholastic pennant.

Freshman Boys' Basketball

The freshman boys' basketball team came together well as the season progressed. This was a very athletic team and gave all opponents a good run! They finished strong against Drake high, losing by 2 in overtime. Captains Graeme Black and Clay Thorpe led the team with leadership and enthusiasm. Coach Melissa Palmer, assisted by Jon Black, continued to work on fundamentals and skills.

JV Boys' Basketball

Information not available at press time.

Varsity Boys' Basketball

The Tamalpais varsity boys' basketball team ended its season with 12 wins, including hard-earned victories against Marin Catholic, Hercules and Casa Grande. With only three returning varsity players and a first-year coaching staff, the new Hawks were quick to establish a defensive identity based upon hustle and hard work. Throughout the season they proved themselves to be a defensive force, holding their opponents to a meager 46 points a game, which ranked second among MCAL teams. Senior captains Matt Robertson, Caleb Prigian, Jared Key and Grayson Goerss led the effort. Despite finishing one game out of playoff contention, the team, coached by Cal grad Alex Pribble and assistant coach Aaron Pribble, earned respect throughout the league by competing with pride and class in every game.

**Wrestling**

Congratulations to the wrestlers who finished in the top three at the MCAL tournament in their respective weight classes: first – Josh Ren, second – Pablo Cortez, third – Josh Phelps, Josh Feldman and Carson Shultz. Even though Tam had only five wrestlers at NCS, their team score was the third highest of all MCAL conference teams. On the girls' side, Kelly Charlton earned an impressive second place at NCS.

Notable: the entire team qualified as scholar athletes!

**Tam Sailing Club**

For those who love the open water, mental strategy and camaraderie, sailing is an excellent choice. When the freshman class of 2007-2008 arrived at Tam, there was no sailing club team. Both Redwood and Drake had had sailing teams for several years so Tam had a model to follow. With a solid group of dedicated sailors, the team was launched.

This year Kate Andersen and Jared Brier served as co-captains. The San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere serves as the hub for all the Marin high school sailing clubs, providing the coaching and facility. While SFYC does provide FJ boats, the Tam club was successful in raising enough money to purchase three of their own boats and a trailer. The official sailing season is from the late August to the championships in late April. During the season the regattas are divided into Nor Cal competition (10 regattas), which are local, and usually take place on Saturdays. There are five PSICA races, part of the national organization on the West Coast, that are weekend regattas. They are held in Long Beach, Monterey, Newport, Santa Barbara and Stanford. Some of our sailors participate for one season of sailing and then participate on a different Tam sport team the other season.

Suzan Sweet has served as the team parent for the last two years and will pass the torch to Hilary Andersen for the 2009-2010 season. Please contact her if you have a student interested in joining the Tam sailing club at 388-3112.

**SPRING 2009 SPORTS RECAP****Girls' Swimming**

This has been a swim season to remember for the girls' team. Of 12 events, our Tam swimmers and divers set new marks in nine. On her last day of high school competition, senior Amelia Harvey set new times in the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle. Juniors Erin Schlueter and Mattie Winkler set records in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard breaststroke, respectively. Freshman Melissa Fineman swam new school best times in the 100-yard butterfly, 50-yard free, and 100-yard free. Amelia and Erin are the team's MVPs and Melissa the Rookie of the Year. In MCAL competition, Tam moved from a fourth place finish last year to third in both dual meet and championship meet competition. Freshmen Gina Knox received the Coach's Award and Ali Coopersmith the Most Inspirational Award.



Tam girls (L-R) Mattie Winkler, Erin Schlueter, Amelia Harvey and Melissa Fineman broke records in both the medley and 200 freestyle relays. All four swimmers also qualified for individual events at NCS.

Boys' Swimming – MCAL Champions / NCS 13th Overall

Tam boys went undefeated (9-0) in the dual-meet regular season and then went on to win the MCAL Championship by an amazing 144 points. Seniors Andrew Latimer, Richard Fineman, Nolan Mattox, Nick Sohn, and Cooper Parkerson led the team. Team MVP Andrew Latimer won the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard breaststroke at the MCAL championships and then won the 50-yard freestyle at the NCS championships a week later. Latimer, Fineman, Mattox, and freshman Joe Weber all qualified to swim at NCS. This year's team scored 65 points at the NCS championships and finished 13th overall. Both are the best totals for Tam swimming since the mid 1980s.

Andrew Latimer is the only Tam swimmer to hold an MCAL record. This season he set the 50 free (20.32) and the 100 breaststroke (58.29) records. Andrew plans to continue swimming in college at University of California, Santa Barbara.



Photo above: Assistant coach Bob Kustel (with sunglasses) in the mix with the team celebrating its MCAL win!

Photo below: (L-R) Julian Bonnissonni, Richard Fineman, Joe Weber and Andrew Latimer with Coach Dave after winning a gold medal.

Did you know that Tam's Coach of the Year is Head Swim Coach Dave Beutel?
Congratulations Dave!

Diving

The Tam diving team just keeps getting better and better. Despite having to share pools with the Redwood team for two years, the Hawks still rule! The 2009 season had two returning athletes: senior Jack Hardiman and sophomore Kyla Neugebauer. The newest additions to the team, freshmen Jamie Eddie, Jeannine Englander, Skyler McCormick, Katherine Takeshita and Kai Brewer, have shown a tremendous amount of dedication and promise throughout the season. The diving program has been quite successful and continuously placed first or second at most dual meets. During the MCAL championship, Kyla Neugebauer placed second, Jack Hardiman placed second and Kai Brewer (only diving for eight weeks) placed fourth, each diver qualifying for the NCS Championship, which is an all time best for Tam. Kyla Neugebauer placed sixth out of 38 divers at NCS, and scored the highest number points at a championship meet in the history of Tam High diving records. The 2010 seasons looks extremely promising since six of the seven talented divers are returning.



(L-R) Head Diving Coach Lynette King, Kyla Neugebauer, Jack Hardiman, Kai Brewer and Assistant Coach Tom Rosencrantz.

Boys' Golf – Tied for 2nd in MCAL

Tam's (15-5, 13-5 in league play) second place tie in MCAL qualified the golf team for NCS. The team players are senior Zack Lindberg and juniors Eddie Scarsella, Ely Washauer, Jackson McDonald, Adam Ellis and Joe Brookes, sophomores Ari Rieger, Simon Billings and Zach Wexman and freshman Avee Arvind.

All the golfers played well this year. Just a few of the highlights are: junior Eddie Scarsella shooting a 39 on the treacherous back nine at Stonetree to help score a key win over Novato; Ely Washauer, also a junior, shooting a 35 in the final group to secure a win against Branson; and sophomore Ari Rieger getting a hole in one on the seventh hole at Mill Valley – which is believed to be the first in an MCAL match! Also continuously posting low scores were juniors Adam Ellis and Jackson McDonald. MacDonald made it into NCS tournament of champions as an individual. Team Captain Zack Lindberg, the only senior on the team, will be missed for all he has done for Tam golf. Never taken for granted by opponents, this team will be one to watch next season!

Softball – 2nd Place MCAL

The Tamalpais Lady Hawks began the season not knowing what to expect from their freshman-heavy squad. With seven freshmen and only six upperclassmen, coaches Mike Wills and Carson Hildreth knew it was going to be a building year, they just didn't know how quickly the building blocks would fall into place. Tam finished the regular season in the middle of a three-way tie for fourth place with a record of 11-7. The squad managed to keep scores low and close with league heavyweights like Redwood (2-1), San Marin (2-1) and Branson (1-0) during regular season contests. It wasn't until the last game of the regular season that the rest of the league caught a glimpse of what the Lady Hawks were capable of when they put a "W" on the board against Drake, the third place team. When they bounced top-seeded Branson from the playoffs, all bets were off! Hard play earned Tam a spot in the championship game against defending league champs, Redwood. "I'm so proud of our girls even though we lost 4-1 in the championship against the Redwood powerhouse!" said Head Coach Mike Wills. "We grew up together this season and made the rest of the league take notice."

Applying for an at-large berth in the NCS, Tam was seeded seventh and got to host a home game against Campolindo. With Boosters supplying free peanuts and sunflower seeds for the fans, the girls overpowered Campolindo 4-1. Their season ended at the next level versus Albany High School, but with only two seniors, Cara Trombadore and Katie Brigham, graduating, we can't wait to see what this team will do next year.

Freshman Baseball

A large freshman squad took the field in early February. With over 20 players, Coach Kent Philpott had his hands full. Head Varsity Coach Mike Terry recommended help from Assistant Coach Hector Granados and then the team was off and running. With a record of 4-2 in league play, the team might have gone undefeated except for the six players who were called up to JV before the season ended. Kit Larson was the winning pitcher in all four of the wins. He came close to throwing a perfect game against Redwood. Other solid performances came from Andy Barnett, Andrew Shields, Seth Gillis, Jason Yanowitz, Sam Raffa, Graeme Black, Will Haight, Connor Caproni, James Gilmore and a bunch more. Max Billig was the team captain and did a great job all season long.

Coach Philpott hopes his players will harbor fond memories of freshman ball and he wishes to acknowledge the help he received from parents, from on-the-field help to the snack shack to emailing. Many thanks to Jon Black, Chris Caproni, John Haight, Bill Gilmore, Jackie Raffa and Kelly Tyler.

Notable: the team received a scholastic pennant for 2008/2009.



JV Baseball

The JV team this year was comprised of five freshman and ten sophomores. Coaches Carney Lucas and Tommy Frazier (a Tam baseball alumnus) focused on conditioning, mental toughness and composure. The team played well, and season highlights included a good showing in the Sonoma Valley JV Tournament over spring break, two wins against the Marin Catholic JV team, and a home run over the Tam left field fence by Danny Sokoloski! At the end of the season Chris Jordan, Nick Simkalo and Mac Huffman were moved up to the Varsity.



Varsity Baseball

It was a disappointing ending to what had been an exciting varsity baseball season. The team never recovered from the “swine flu” layoff and dropped the last three games in a row to miss the playoffs by one game. However, even though Tam fell short of its goal of winning a championship, the foundation has been laid for a successful future. This year brought much-needed structure and discipline to the baseball program at all levels. The players learned about personal pride and taking pride in your school every time they took the field, playing the game of baseball the way it should be played, not giving up until the last out was made. They also learned about personal accountability – both on the field and in the community.

The infield, kept dry and pristine by an emergency Boosters’ buy of a new rain tarp over winter break, has never looked so good under the eagle eye of Coach Mike Terry. Until the very end of the season, when they were all unfortunately stolen, the decoy coyotes did a great job of keeping the messy geese at bay in the outfield.

Just a few of the season highlights were a big win at Drake (‘09 MCAL champs) and against San Francisco AAA champion Washington High School. Team MVP senior Zack Straus (batting average .356) and senior Patrick Canepa (batting average .396) had outstanding seasons. With two Tam summer league teams already underway, and many talented players coming up through the ranks, Coach Terry is happy to report the boys are already at work to make that successful future come sooner rather than later.

Girls’ Lacrosse

Tam’s girls’ lacrosse team had an exciting season that resulted in a three-way tie with University High School and Sonoma Academy at the end of the regular season. Girls’ lacrosse’s overall record was 10-6 and 4-3 in the league. Tam’s last regular season game against Marin Catholic at home was a nail-biter as Tam came just three goals shy of an upset to take the number two seed in MCAL.

Girls’ lacrosse will graduate three seniors this year: Hannah Tichenor, Julia Black, and Natalie Rudnick. They will be missed but next year promises to be a good one for Tam with a majority of the starters returning.



Boys’ Lacrosse

The varsity boys’ lacrosse team had its most successful year in its short history. The team made it to their first MCAL play-off game, finishing fourth with an MCAL regular season record of 5-3 and an overall record of 12-8. Leading scorer senior Dane Holt brought in 90 points (75 goals & 15 assists). As one of the fastest-growing high school sports in the country, Tam has seen an abundance of talented athletes coming out to play lacrosse over the past couple of years, many for the first time and with some choosing to switch from playing other sports. This has led to the Tam lacrosse program making its mark both in MCAL and in the ultra-competitive NCS division.

Despite several injuries taking out key players, the team greatly outperformed expectations and overcame many hurdles. The game of the year turned out to be the final game against highly favored Redwood in the MCAL first round. With Tam leading 15-13 heading into the fourth quarter, sophomore defensive player Travis Parker went down with a game-ending injury which led to three quick goals against Tam. Tam was able to tie it up in the final minute only to lose to Redwood at the whistle in the final play of the game, 18-17.

With the popularity of lacrosse growing, the need for a junior varsity level of teams within the Marin County Athletic League is obvious.



Tam’s lacrosse coaches and parents are working with the support of Boosters and the Tam administration to move along the process of establishing JV teams league-wide within our high school district.



Dane Holt (no. 1, in foreground) carries the ball, looking for the open pass to teammates Carson Schultz (no. 33) or Brian Scott (no. 4).

Track and Field

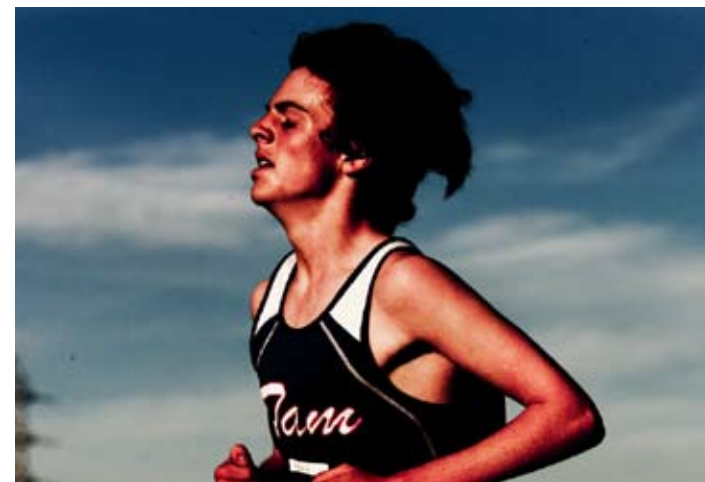
The Tam boys’ and girls’ track and field teams are continuing their success into the postseason. After finishing the dual-meet season in third (girls) and fourth (boys) places, the girls moved up to second place at the MCAL championship meet, and 23 athletes qualified for the NCS Redwood Empire qualifying meet (May 23) to try to move on to the full North Coast Section meet the following week and the state meet the week after that. This year there are a couple of athletes with the potential to go far.

The girls’ team was led by freshman sensation Lilla McMillan, who has not lost a 100- or 200-meter race all year. She will be one of the favorites in those two events and will run legs in the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. Other standouts include senior Monyka White, who took up the shot put three weeks ago, and won the MCAL meet by over a foot. Demonstrating that strength and speed can be combined, she also placed in the 100 meters and 4x100 relay. Senior Olivia Blackstone demolished the field in the 300 hurdles, winning by over 20 meters, and also placed in the 100 hurdles and 4x100 relay. Also demonstrating strength and speed, freshman Logan Harris took up the discus about the same time Monyka took up the shot put. She placed third in the discus, while also running the fastest leg on the 4x400 relay. Bubbly sophomore Katie Lee qualified in three events, the 800, 3200 and pole vault, though she will drop the 3200 to concentrate on her specialties. Other girls to qualify for the Redwood Empire meet are senior Linden McGreevey in the 400 and both relays, seniors Devin Patrick and Sophia Carmen in the 1600, sophomore Ciarra D’Onofrio in the 3200, junior Maddy Bachelder and senior Georgina Coleman in the triple jump, and junior Amy Hersh in the relays.

The boys’ team was led by sophomore Dan Milechman, who has been one of the strongest distance runners in the area, and would have been a star of the county if he wasn’t blessed (or cursed) by the fact

that the best distance runner in the state runs for Novato. Dan took second place at the MCALs in both the 800 and 1600, showing why Tam won its NCS division in cross-country. Junior Emil Barkovich also placed in the 800 and 1600, and freshman James McDonald placed in the 1600. Junior and German exchange student Marcel Becker placed in both hurdle events and ran a leg in the 4x400 relay. Freshman Jesse Butler took third in the triple jump, and ran a leg in the 4x100 relay, junior David Funnell placed in the pole vault, and junior Alan Becker returned from an arduous couple of weeks in France to place in the 200 meter and run a leg on the 4x400 relay team. Seniors Cole Chapman and Chris Lowell will end their high school careers sometime in the next few weeks running legs on the relays, as sophomores Joel Abrahams and Justin Lee will keep competing in the 4x100 relay.

On the first day of competition in the NCS Meet of Champions, Tam was guided by Lilla McMillan’s seventh-place finish in the 200 with a time of 25.80 seconds and Dan Milechman’s fifth in the 1600 with a time of 4:25.82. They were among the ten Marin qualifiers for the finals. On the following day, Dan Milechman came in second in the 1600 (4:20.36e) and will compete at the state meet in Clovis.



Above: Marcell Becker, hurdles.

Below: Dan Milechman, 1600 m, 800 m.

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Top photo: Girls' 4x100 m team: Lilla McMillan, Monyka White, Amy Hersh and Linden McGreevy. Middle photo: Lilla McMillan, 100 m and 200 m dash. Photo below: Boys' Varsity Tennis Team.



Boys' Varsity Volleyball – MCAL 2nd Place / 4th Place NCS

Tam varsity boys' volleyball had a tremendous season, some are even referring to it as a "Cinderella" season. The team started the season with eight players, some of whom had never played volleyball before. Working hard with their coaches and with team leader Mott Schweitzer teaching by example, by the time the second half of the season came, they had figured out what worked for their team. Tam started picking off teams left and right, including upsetting league leader El Molino, and inched its way to the third spot in the MCAL championships. The team played Drake for the second spot and won. Then they played El Molino for the championship and fell short to finish the season as the number two MCAL team.

Hard work and a winning record were rewarded with a fifth place seed in the NCS championships. Tam played St. Patrick-St. Vincent in round one and came up with a big win. That moved Tam volleyball into fourth place in NCS. Tam then faced El Molino in the semi-finals and once again fell short. No matter, Tam boys' volleyball is very happy with a fourth place finish in NCS.

With a lot of games out of the county and the Tam athletic department's budget about to run dry, the team was scrambling for transportation. A solution was reached with parents offering to drive rented SUVs and small passenger vans combined with Boosters reimbursing the parents for the rental fees and gas. The new Tam Union High School District superintendent was impressed by Tam's creativeness – thank you volleyball parents! Although everyone will have to contend with budget cuts for next year, the district recently announced a slight increase in the transportation budget for next year.

Boys' Tennis– MCAL 2nd Place / NCS Semifinals

Boys' tennis had an excellent season with a 12-2 league record, finishing second in regular season league play. With a second place to Redwood in the MCAL tournament, the tennis team reached the semifinals of NCS.

With an overall record of 19-9, the team played an extremely tough schedule. Every non-league match was against a league champion or a close second-place team. The boys achieved all of their immediate goals, and were competitive in every match. The team will miss departing senior captains CJ Fazekas, Alex Kaiser, and Danny Sacks. Tam fans look forward to watching the tennis team compete on its new home court next season.

Girls' Soccer – Tournament Winner, MCAL Regular Season Title, NCS Champion

Tam (22-1-3 overall, 12-1-2 MCAL) is currently ranked fourteenth in the nation and second in California by ESPN Soccer. Tam scored 76 goals and allowed only seven this season with Gabby Guaiumi in goal. Tam began the season by winning the prestigious pre-season St. Mary's High School Tournament in five games with zero goals scored against it. The Hawks won the MCAL regular season league pennant with a record of 12-0-2 and suffered their only loss of the season to Branson, 1-0, in the MCAL championship game. Tam played its best soccer of



Tamalpais High School Athletic Coaches 2008/2009

Baseball

Michael Terry – Varsity Head
Aaron Gamboa – Varsity Asst.
Kevin Radich – Varsity Asst.
Carney Lucas – JV Head
Tom Frazier – JV Asst.
Kent Philpott – Frosh Head
Hector Granados – Frosh Asst.

Girls' Basketball

Robert Viramontes – Varsity Head
David Guzman – Varsity Asst.
Ken Valk – Varsity Asst.
Danielle Zimmerman – Var. Asst.
**Matt Gillespie – JV Head
Scarsella, John – JV Asst.
Elio Abrami – Frosh Head
Tamsen Bell – Frosh, Asst.

Boys' Basketball

*Alex Pribble – Varsity Head
*Aaron Pribble – Varsity Asst.
Eric Vierendeel – Varsity Asst.
Ola Dean – JV Head
**Melissa Palmer – Frosh Head
*Jon Black – Frosh Asst.

Cross Country

Sylvia Goodman – Head
Duncan Brown – Asst.

Diving

Head – Lynette Kling
Asst. – Tom Rosenkrantz

Football

Tony Keefer – Varsity Head
Jordon Borowicz – Varsity QB
Chris Augusto – Varsity Asst.
Corey Griffen – Varsity Asst.
Andrew Keefer – Varsity Asst.
Joe Lawson – Varsity Asst.
Randy Menke – Varsity Asst.
Aaron Robinson – Varsity Asst.
Race Stowell – Varsity Asst.
*Jon Black – Frosh Head
Larry Heiges – Frosh Asst.
Mark Ridley – Frosh Asst.

The Tam athletic family welcomes Kevin Goyer as the new head varsity football coach.

Girls' Golf

Kirk Hanson – Head
Ray Leach – Asst.

Boys' Golf

Mark Campagna – Head
Ben Kline – Asst.

Girls' Lacrosse

Christina Samala – Varsity Head
Skye Delano – Varsity Asst.
Jenny Trang – Varsity Asst.

Boys' Lacrosse

Jon Porter – Varsity Head
Michael Carney – Asst.
Scott Jennings – Asst.

Girls' Soccer

*Dustin Nygaard – Varsity Head
Mike Carbone – Varsity Asst.
Shane Kennedy – JV Head
Annacy Wilson – JV Asst.

Boys' Soccer

*Dustin Nygaard – Varsity Head
Shane Kennedy – Varsity Asst.
Chris Hutchinson – JV Head

Softball

Mike Wills – Varsity Head
Carson Hildreth – Varsity Asst.

Girls' Swimming

Peter Winkler – Varsity Head

Boys' Swimming
David Beutel – Varsity Head
TAM COACH OF THE YEAR

Bob Kustel – Varsity Asst.

Girls' Tennis

Bill Washauer – Varsity Head
Lisa Schuller – Varsity Asst.
Jonathan Soffer – Varsity Asst.

Boys' Tennis

Bill Washauer – Varsity Head

Track

Kevin Engle – Head
Sylvia Goodman – Head
Jonetia Alderson – Asst./ throws
Jim Barkovich – Asst

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the year during the NCS playoffs, scoring 14 goals and allowing none, dominating in a 4-0 victory over University High School for the second year in a row, to win NCS. In fact, Tam's defense has not allowed a single goal in six NCS playoff games over the past two years!

Over the past four years, Tam's record is an unbelievable 71-9-13. The team's nine seniors have all played soccer at Tam for those four years. Alicia Blose, who tipped the charts with 36 goals in 26 games and garnered honors such as '09 MCAL Player of the Year, IJ Prep of the Week, ESPN Player of the Week, will play next year for Boston College, an NCAA Division I school. Other seniors continuing on to play soccer in college include goalie Gabby Guaiumi, a runner-up for MCAL Player of the Year (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, also Division I), Maddy Boston (Middlebury, Division III), Hannah Boston (Macalester, Division III), Julia and Catherine Raney (Claremont McKenna, Division III), Alyssa Miller (Skidmore, Division III) and Jessica Heiges (Bates, Division III). Guaiumi, Maddy Boston, Julia and Catherine Raney, and Miller made first team MCAL; Hannah Boston made second team. Heiges was an integral part of the defense as a four-year varsity starter. Last but not least, midfielder Beth Leuin, who made some clutch touches resulting in goals this season and was one of the fastest girls on the team, will be attending Cornell University next year.

The future is bright: sophomore Calia Rothlind made second team all-MCAL and sophomore Storie Ledger received an honorable mention. Two-year starter Phebe Miller will continue to lead the defense, along with returning players Cat Pastuhov, Laura Henn, Essie Winer and Jesse Baker-Levine (the lone freshman on the team) and many raring-to-go junior varsity players.



Above: NCS champions.
Below: Soccer seniors clean up for their senior prom which occurred the day after they won the NCS title for the second year in a row!

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Duncan Brown—Asst.
Jamila Demby—Asst.
Randy Hixon—Asst./ pole vault
Michael Hoeber-Jenkins—Asst/distance
Bob McLennan—Asst./stats
Jonathan Littman—Asst.
Gavin Saffian—Asst.
Bob Wagner—Asst. / jumpers

Girls’ Volleyball
Beth Maseuli—Varsity Head
Joe Kellogg—JV Head
Christina Kellogg—Frosh Head

Boys’ Volleyball
*David Wetzel—Varsity Head
*John Ginsberg—Varsity Asst.

Girls’ Water Polo
Brandon Williams—Varsity Head

Boys’ Water Polo
Bob Kustel—Varsity Head
David Beutel—Varsity Asst.

Wrestling
**Andre Salinas—Varsity Head
Chris Fredrich—Varsity Asst.
Derrick Carter—Asst.
Ken Nemser—Asst.
Jose Rico—Asst.

Cheer
Tara Caprice Broadwater—Head
Jamie Lynn Schenone—Asst.

*teacher at Tam
**teacher at another school

Boosters would like to THANK all the coaches for their time and energy they put into making our Tam Athletic teams successful. Congratulations to Assistant Wrestling Coach Chris Fredrich who won the trip to Hawaii raffled off at the Boosters coaches appreciation dinner. Aloha Coach Chris from the Kunwar-Fitzpatrick family who donated the trip to the coaches’ raffle. Thanks to all the Boosters families who donated raffle prizes for the coaches.

MCAL ALL LEAGUE AWARDS 2008/2009

Cross Country
Dan Milechman—1st team boys
Cory Rand—1st team boys
Devin Patrick—1st team girls

Football
Defense
Jake Orlick—2nd team
Ja’van Hall—2nd team
Danny DeCarlo—2nd team
Offense
Danny DeCarlo—1st team
Colton Danz—2nd team
Mike Vance—2nd team
Jake Orlick—honorable mention
Adam Kassover—honorable mention

Soccer—Boys
Rafi Nur—2nd team
Emil Barkovich—2nd team
Jonah Hopton—honorable mention

Soccer—Girls
Alicia Blose—MCAL PLAYER of the YEAR
Maddy Boston—1st team
Gabby Guaiumi—1st team
Alyssa Miller—1st team
Catherine Raney—1st team
Julia Raney—1st team
Hannah Boston—2nd team
Kalia Rothlind—2nd team
Storie Ledger—honorable mention

Volleyball—Girls
Andrea Mazzini—honorable mention

Volleyball—Boys
Mott Schweitzer—1st team
Cassim Azam—2nd team
Conor Mills-Currie—honorable mention

Golf—Girls
Camilla Hanson – honorable mention

Softball
Emily Banks—1st team
Cara Trombadore—1st team
Kim Scarsella—2nd team

Water Polo—Boys
David Phillips—1st team
Taylor Gamboa—honorable mention

Water Polo—Girls
Erin Schlueter—1st team
Sami Harvey—2nd team
Avery Mosser—2nd team
Mattie Winkler—2nd team

Basketball—Boys
Grayson Goerss—honorable mention

Basketball—Girls
Molly Maloney—honorable mention

Wrestling
Lucas Klabunde—1st team
Charles King—2nd team
Josh Ren—honorable mention
Josh Feldman—honorable mention

Baseball
Zack Straus—2nd team
Graham McKennee—honorable mention
Patrick Canepa—honorable mention

Golf—Boys
Jackson McDonald—2nd team
Ari Reiger—honorable mention

Lacrosse—Boys
Dane Holt—1st team
Travis Parker—2nd team

Lacrosse—Girls
Tara Salisbury—1st team
Natalie Rudnik—2nd team
Harli Grant—honorable mention

Tennis—Boys
Alex Kaiser—1st team singles
CJ Fazekas—1st team singles
Zak Bohegian—2nd team singles
Robert Greenberg—1st team doubles
Christian Jordan—1st team doubles
Gabe Sandrolini—2nd team doubles

Tennis—Girls
Ariel Sultan—1st team singles
Haley Bronstein—2nd team singles



NCS Scholar Athletes

The North Coast Section recognizes student athletes for maintaining high grades while participating in high school sports. A certificate is awarded to all student athletes with a grade point average of 3.5 and above.

Abel, Emilie
Abramson, Mitch
Albert, Allely
Albert, Perrin
Amyx, Nicole
Aronowitz, Anna
Arthur, Zoe
Arvind, Michael
Bachelder, Madeline
Baker-Lavine, Jessye
Ball, Madeline
Banks, Emily
Barkovich, Emil
Barnett, Andrew
Bathgate, Cynthia
Becker, Sophia
Berman, Hannah
Bertenthal, Kelly
Bickart, Nathan
Black, Graeme
Blackstone, Olivia
Boose, Madeleine
Boston, Hannah
Boston, Maddy
Bowen,Danielle
Brandis, Nicholas
Brauner, Hallie
Brewer, Kai
Brigham, Sam
Brigham, Katie
Bronstein, Haley
Brusman, Liza
Budish, Jack L
Butler, Jesse
Cacic, Quinlan
Carman, Sophia
Chapman, Cole
Cole, Jack
Coopersmith, Ali
Curtis, Allison
D’Onofrio, Ciarra
Debenedictis, Robert
Deng, Emily
Denison, Lauren
Dorfman, Jacob
Eddy, Charlie
Ehrlich, Martine
Ellison, Claire

Ellison, Emma
Emory, Sarah
Emory, Samantha
Engstrom, Kelsey
Epstein-Norris, Julia
Erskine, Noelle
Etern, Mark
Evans, Wyn
Factor, Alexander
Fearon, Caroline
Feldman, Josh
Feller, Sophie
Fineman, Richard
Firmage, Caitlin
Floum, Jessica
Foley, Adrienne
Freeman, Allison
Galeste, Lindsay
Gamboa, Taylor
Geiszler, Hans
Geupel, Lena
Geupel, Ava
Gillis, Seth
Gilmore, James
Glave, Dylan
Goldberg, Elijah
Goldstein, Alexandra
Gough, Katelyn
Gowland, Indiana
Grant, Harli
Graziose, Dante
Greenberg, Robert
Grossman, Gabriel
Guyton, Brandon
Hansia, Fatima
Harris, Logan
Healy, Onwyn
Heiges, Jessica
Henn, Laura
Hill, Morgan
Hogan, Jack
Ismail, Lookmaan
Ismail, Talha
Jaffe, Noah
Jensen, Kristin
Jordan, Christian
Jordon, Chris
Kaiser, Alex

Kaufman, Camille
Keefe, Malla
Kennedy, Andrew
Kennedy, Coco
Knauer, Alexandra
Knowlton, Dillon
Knox, Riley
Knox, Gina
Krepack, Aaron
Labay, G. Spenser
Larson, Kit
Latimer, Brennan
Lea, Jenna
Leary, Olivia
Ledger, Storie
Lee, Jane
Lee, Katherine
Lee, Justin
Leidman, Sasha
Leuin, Elizabeth
Levin, Melissa
Lindberg, Britt
Long, Chris
Lundgren, Jackson
MacDonald, James
Mahrer, Ben
Mahrer, Anna
Malmquist, Peter
Maloney, Molly
Mattox, Nolan
May, Jenna
McDonald, Jackson
McDonald, Riley
McDonald,Marisa
McGreevy, Linden
McGuinness, Sophie
McNeil, Emily
Mercer-Slomoff, Gabrielle
Meyer, James
Milechman, Daniel
Miller, Phebe
Milosky, Lauren
Milstein, Monica
Monroe, Megan
Morris, Catherine
Neisendorf, Elizabeth
Neylan, Kyra
Nogueiro, Laura

Norby-Adams, Lydia
Nur, Rafael
O’Brien, Katherine
Ogden, Paige
Pacula, Nick
Painter-Chapman Mariel
Parkerson, Cooper
Passot, Charlotte
Phillips, David Alan
Pohlman, Lucia
Raffa, Sam
Raney, Catherine
Raney, Julia
Richardson, Sarah
Rieger, Ari
Robbins, Marissa
Robertson, Matt
Rockers, Stefanie
Rosenfield, Charlotte
Rubinstein, Tess
Rumsey, Janet
Sabo, Tomer
Sacks, Daniel
Salisbury, Tara
Sandage, Augustus
Sato, Kristin
Scarsella, Kimberly
Scarsella, Eddie
Schlager, Sam
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(This list is based on grades through grading period 5 and may be incomplete.)

TAM TEAM AWARDS

Cross Country—Varsity Boys

Dan Milechman—Most Valuable Runner
James MacDonald—Outstanding Freshman
Michael Fearon—Coaches’ Award
Cory Rand—Coaches’ Award
Devin Rand—Most Improved
Adam Scott—Most Inspirational
Alex Olson—Coaches’ Award

Cross Country—Girls

Devin Patrick—Most Valuable Runner
Caitlin Firmage—Outstanding Freshman
Olivia Blackstone—Coaches’ Award
Nicole Woodworth—Most Improved

Football—Varsity

Colton Danz—MVP
Danny DeCarlo—MVP
Adam Kassover—Lineman of the Year
Danny DeCarlo—Special Teams Player of the Year
Jack Hogan—Captain Hawk Award

Football—Freshman

Sean Eghtessadi—Coaches’ Award
Mac Huffman—Coaches’ Award
Graeme Black—Coaches’ Award

Soccer —Varsity Boys

Rafi Nur—Offensive MVP
Emil Barkovich—Defensive MVP
Josh Ren—Most Inspirational
Jonah Hopton—Leadership Award

Soccer— JV Boys

Seth Gillis—Offensive MVP
Riley Knox—Defensive MVP
Pablo Cortez—Most Inspirational
Israel Dellinger—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert
Breno DeFaria—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert.
Andrew Shields—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert

Tennis—Varsity Girls

Ariel Sultan—MVP
Alex Goldstein—Coaches’ Award

Anna Aronowitz—Most Improved
Liza Brusman—Rookie of the Year

Volleyball—Varsity Girls

Andrea Mazzini—MVP
Cameron Cressman—Most Improved
Paige Ogden—Coaches’ Award
Siena Hood—NCS Sportsmanship Cert
Cynthia Bathgate—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert

Volleyball—JV Girls

Fernanda Gascon—MVP
Mayana Bonapart—Most Improved
Jenna May—Most Improved

Volleyball—Freshman Girls

Brianna Berger—Most Improved

Water Polo—Varsity Girls

Mattie Winkler—Most Improved
Erin Schlueter—MVP
Erin Schlueter—Coaches’ Award

Water Polo—JV Girls

Emma Ellison—Most Improved
Kristin Sato—MVP

Waterpolo—Varsity Boys

David Phillips—MVP
Cody Nagy—Most Improved
Taylor Gamboa—Coaches’ Award

Waterpolo—JV Boys

Brennan Latimer—MVP
Trevor Williams—Coaches’ Award

Basketball—Freshman Girls

Noelle Erskine—MVP
Jenna Lea—MVP
Brooke Wenig—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert.

Basketball—Freshman Boys

Graeme Black—Coaches’ Award

Basketball—JV Girls

Jenna May—MVP
Lena Geupel—Hustle Award
Olivia Trombadore—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert.
Danielle Bowen—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert.

Basketball—JV Boys

Jackson Palmer—MVP
Kyle Jackson —Most Improved Player

Basketball—Varsity Girls

Molly Maloney—Best Offensive
Stefanie Rockers—Most Inspirational
Cara Trombadore—Hustle Award
Stefanie Rockers—NCS Sportsman-ship Cert.

Basketball Varsity Boys

Caleb Prigian - MVP
Matt Robertson—Jerry Mac Award
Ja’Van Hall—Coaches’ Award
Peter Malmquist—Hustle Award
Grayson Goerss—Hawk Award
Herb Wade—NCS Sportsmanship Cert

Wrestling

Pablo Cortez—Most Improved
Josh Ren—MVP
Carson Schultz—Most Inspirational
Xavier Caputo—Rookie of the Year

Tennis—Boys

Zak Bohegian,—MVP
Alex Kaiser— Coaches’ Award
CJ Fazekas—Spirit Award
Alexander Morris—Rookie of the Year

Golf

Adam Ellis—Coaches’ Award
Jackson McDonald—MVP/
Low Score
Ari Rieger—Most Improved

Lacrosse—Boys

Colton Danz—Coaches’ Award
Jack Hogan—Most Improved Player
Dane Holt—MVP
Carson Schultz—Most Outstanding Offense
Sam Suzuki—Most Outstanding Defense

Lacrosse—Girls

Monica Milstein—Coaches’ Award
Natalie Rudnick—Spirit Award
Tara Salisbury—MVP

Soccer—JV Girls

Quinlan Cacic—Coaches’ Award
Caitlin Firmage—Leadership Award

Soccer—Varsity Girls

Alicia Blose—MVP
Maddy Boston—Most Inspirational
Gabriela Guaiumi—Captain’s Award

Softball

Emily Banks—MVP
Kimberly Scarsella—MVP
Cara Trombadore—Coaches’ Award
Katelyn Gough—Most Improved

Swimming—Girls

Gina Knox—Coaches’ Award
Ali Coopersmith—Most Inspirational
Melissa Fineman—Rookie of the Year
Amelia Harvey—MVP
Erin Schlueter—MVP

Swimming—Boys

Andrew Latimer—MVP Swimmer
Riley McDonald—Academic Excellence Award
Cooper Parkerson—Coaches’ Award
Riley Shine—Most Improved Swimmer
Nick Sohn—Coaches’ Award
Joe Weber – Rookie of the Year

Track & Field—Boys

Emil Barkovich—Most Inspirational
Marcel Becker—MVP Track
Cole Chapman—MVP Track
Connor Crockett—Most Improved Freshman
David Funnell—MVP Field
Justin Lee—MVP Track
Benjamin Lowy—Team Commitment Award
Daniel Milechman—MVP
David Chong—JV MVP

Track & Field—Girls

Olivia Blackstone—MVP Track
Logan Harris—Most Improved Freshman
Katie Lee—Most Inspirational
Linden McGreevy—MVP Track
Lilla McMillan—MVP
Monyka White—MVP Field

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JULY		
14	6 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
15	PTSA VOLUNTEERS ASSEMBLE FIRST DAY PACKETS	STAFF ROOM WOOD HALL
17	LAST DAY OF DISTRICT SUMMER SCHOOL	
AUGUST		
11	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
14	8 AM - 2 PM – FRESHMAN ORIENTATION AND BARBECUE	RUBY SCOTT GYM
17-18	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY & TEACHER WORK DAY FOR STAFF & TEACHERS ONLY	
18	8 AM - 2 PM – SCHEDULE PICK-UP & PHOTO DAY FOR SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS (SEE SUMMER MAILING FOR STUDENTS' SPECIFIC TIME)	RUBY SCOTT GYM
19	8 AM – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	
19	8-9 AM – PTSA BACK TO SCHOOL DAY COFFEE	FRONT OF SCHOOL
25	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER		
7	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	
8	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
12	ALUMNI BACK TO TAM DAY	
17	6:30 PM – BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	GUS GYM

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