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## The HOME Page

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Vice President –  
Communication

### PTSA: Page 4

November PTSA meeting - Monday, November 24 at 7 pm at the home of Jen and Alan Nichols at 33 Birch Street in Mill Valley. There will be a discussion on the support services offered to all students at Tam High.

### Tam High Foundation: Page 7

When shopping at Mill Valley Market don't forget the Shop and Give Program - 3% of every purchase you designate for Tam High Foundation will be donated to our school. Just let the checker know before the transaction is complete that you would like your contribution to go to Tam High. It's that simple.

### Sports Recap: Page 13

The Tam Athletic Department has launched a new award for Tam athletes – "Hawk of the Week." Each team has an opportunity to nominate a player that they would like to recognize for their leadership, determination, tenacity and/or their overall contribution to the team. Athletes that perform exceptionally well at a match or game will be recognized during their regular season of play.

Don't forget to go to [tamhighathletics.org](http://tamhighathletics.org) to check on the latest scores and to purchase Tam fan wear.

### Tam High e-mail communication:

Tam High communicates on a regular basis with parents via email. If you are not on the list and would like to hear about school news, information, important events and meetings please send your email and student's grade to [jaynegreenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:jaynegreenberg@hotmail.com). The monthly calendar is emailed, the Tam Family newsletter is posted monthly on the website and there will be an online newsbrief in January and April in lieu of a paper newsletter.

## National Merit Scholars

Congratulations to Tam High School's 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program Honorees. Each year the National Merit Scholarship Corporation conducts a competition to recognize students throughout the nation for their exceptional academic promise. From the more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2009 competition by taking the 2007 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), the top five percent are selected to receive letters of commendation.



*Tam's Commended Students and Semi-Finalists in the National Merit Scholars competition.*

"Recognition of academically talented students and the key role played by schools in their development is essential to the pursuit of educational excellence in our nation," commented a spokesperson for NMSC. "The young people named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. We hope that this recognition will enhance their educational opportunities and that they will continue to diligently pursue their professional goals."

Principal Drescher is proud to announce the following commended students: Julia Black, Madeline Boston, Natasha Edman, Theo Evan, Gabriel Grossman, Alex Kaiser, Elizabeth Leuin, Rafael Nur, Ella Quittner, Cory Rand, Oliver Rosenbloom, and Gabriel Spellberg. In addition, Frank Alarcon was chosen for the National Hispanic Recognition Program, and Avery Mosser was named an Outstanding Participant in the National Achievement Program.

From this group of the nation's 50,000 Commended Students, 16,000 are chosen as semifinalists. This year Tam has two semifinalists: Georgina Coleman and Dylan Dullea. Georgina and Dylan may go on to become finalists in the competition and qualify for scholarships.

Congratulations to all of Tam's stellar students! ♦

## STRESSED OUT STUDENTS: WHAT CAN PARENTS DO! Saturday, November 22, 8 am - 1 pm, Tam High Student Center

by Linda Brauner, the Tam High PTSA Parent Education Chairperson

In a recent Tam High Survey taken in Yvonne Milham's Peer Resource class, students identified the top 10 stressors at Tam High:

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Principal’s Message

By Tom Drescher

The Difference Five Minutes Makes

The new Tam drop-off is nearly vacant at 7:30, 7:40, and 7:45. As the clock ticks closer to 8 each morning, the number of cars dropping students off to school steadily increases. Around 8 am, traffic volume into Tam becomes so heavy that cars are backed up on Miller Avenue, often placing students’ safety at risk. To help alleviate this problem, I encourage parents to leave for school five minutes earlier. By arriving to school on time, students will feel less hurried to get to class, avoid tardies, and be prepared when class begins. As a reminder, the Library is open by 7:30 each morning.

Modernization

Modernization projects on the Tam campus are currently on schedule for their projected completion dates. All Keyser Hall classrooms will be ready for occupancy second semester. Tam Administration is exploring the idea to have some classes in the T-town portable classrooms transition into lower Keyser in late November. New student schedules reflecting second semester room locations will be distributed in December.

Pedestrian Paths of Travel

The breezeway between Ruby Scott and Gus Gym will no longer be available as a pathway around campus starting Monday November 3. The area will be inaccessible to allow construction of the elevator near Keyser and drilling of the pool support piers. Students will likely need additional time to get around campus. The stairs between Keyser and Hoetger will reopen on November 3 as a new pathway around campus, which should help minimize travel time.



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New Activities and Awards for Tam Students

from Assistant Principal Elizabeth Laborde

On Monday, October 6, the Tam Celebration Committee met in the Tam High library. Parents, administrators, and the activity and athletic directors discussed current and possible future ways to celebrate Tam High students.

On the athletic side, there is a new Scholar Athlete Award being given to athletes who earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher during their season of sport. These students will be honored at an end of the year banquet.

Another program being introduced this year is the Hawk of the Week. Each week a different Tam High sports team will highlight two students for their leadership, tenacity, and overall contribution to the team. Students will be presented with a Hawk of the Week award and their names will be posted in the Tam Foundation newsletter and at school.

In terms of activities, a variety of celebratory activities are being explored including rewards for attendance, citizenship, community involvement, and overall good behavior. Also, ASB is looking into assemblies that honor student achievement, excellence and success in and out of school. In addition, ASB is looking for ways to expand Homecoming and other school-based events this year.

I am holding bi-weekly lunch meetings with students to discuss issues on campus. Students who would like to find solutions or new ways to tackle problems here at Tam can set up a lunch session to have a focus session. If your student has a great idea, new approach or complaint about a student issue at Tam, encourage your child to see Elizabeth Laborde in the Assistant Principals’ office to set up a lunch chat.

Parking Notice

Due to new construction on the athletics field house, beginning October 27 the parking lot near the football field entrance will be closed.

Food Bites

from Margan Holloway, Director, Student Nutrition Services Tamalpais Union High School District

Hello Families. I can’t believe we are in our 9th week of school already. I wanted to introduce myself to you, as I am the new Director of Student Nutrition Services for Tamalpais Union High School District. During the past 9 weeks I have been getting acquainted with the school sites, district staff and my own staff in the campus cafes. I have also been making changes in the food service department including changing the name. Student Nutrition Services more closely represents what our role is in the district; providing quality nutritious meals to your students.

We have implemented a new menu at each of our campuses featuring a food court concept with more healthy choices for students to choose from. We serve rice bowls with teriyaki or mandarin orange chicken, fresh deli sandwiches on whole wheat bread, chicken Caesar, asian chicken or taco salads, 100% beef burgers and hot chicken sandwiches, plus pasta with meatballs and lowfat cheese or pepperoni pizza.

Our goal is to provide a variety of foods following the Dietary Guidelines for Americans developed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We include healthy side dishes such as seasonal fresh fruit, baby carrots, small salads, 100% fruit juice and lowfat milk options, so the students get a variety of nutrients for optimal growth, health and brain power to get them through their busy day.

In addition, at each of our cafeterias we offer a prepayment program. We utilize a computerized cash register system that stores information regarding the student’s meal account. Parents

can prepay money by cash or check into their student’s account so when they access it at mealtime the money is drawn down just like a debit account. When the students come to the café at mealtime they input their student identification number to access their account.

The benefits: By prepaying into your student’s account you know that they are spending their money on campus, they are receiving nutritious meals and snacks and it saves them time because lines are faster as no money changes hands so they have more time for socializing and other activities. The register even lets you know when your account is running low.

Students or parents can bring money to be deposited into the student’s account during café hours, generally between 7 am and 1:30 pm.

If you have any questions please call the Student Nutrition Services Office 945-3678. ♦

Tam Has Its Own Fulbright Winner

When she applied for a Fulbright grant to become an exchange teacher, Aparna Naidu knew that the local culture in California would be different from what she was used to in Pune, her hometown in India. But it wasn’t until she arrived in Mill Valley to teach mathematics at Tam that she realized just how unfamiliar everyday life could be. Suddenly she had to learn how to cross the road in a country where driving is done on the right side and to constantly remind herself daily that flipping down the light switches no longer means “on.”

Mrs. Naidu, who was chosen as one of the eight exchange teachers from India out of the 22 short-listed candidates called for the interview, also offers Tam students a rare opportunity to get a glimpse of an educational system that is very different from that in California.



“The subject of mathematics requires a certain discipline of mind, which I try to implement in my classroom,” said Mrs. Naidu. “I can be very friendly beyond the classroom teaching, but in the class I have a serious business to do. To quote Harry Wong, an eminent educationist, ‘School is a serious place.’”

The first difference Mrs. Naidu observed on reaching Tam, where she teaches Advanced Algebra and Pre-Calculus, is that the students and the teachers enjoy amazing teaching and learning resources which are normally not used in schools in India. Most of the schools in Pune, a city referred to as “The Oxford of the East,” also rely on the blackboard and chalk as a teaching aid. So it was quite

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Seniors: Time to Start your Checklist

Yes, it won’t be long before it is graduation time! One thing to check off your list is to go online to <https://grad.balfour.com/> to order your cap and gown. The cost is \$39 if you order now, but the price goes up in January.

Another thing to do is email moleary@tamdistrict.org to specify how you want your name to appear on your diploma and on the graduation program. Carefully spell the senior’s first and last name, and specify if you want a middle initial or name(s). Thank you in advance for taking care of this!

Donations Requested for Staff Party

The Tam staff will have its annual holiday party in December. The celebration includes a popular prize raffle. Donating a small gift for the raffle is a great way to show your appreciation to teachers and staff. If you’d like to make someone’s day, please bring your gift to the Principal’s office by December 5th. Thank you for your support!



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1. Weight and physical appearance

2. The future...college plans

3. Money

4. Keeping up with schoolwork, grades, and other activities; struggling to maintain balance

5. Romantic relationships

6. Social life, friends, gossip, rumors
7. Racism, sexism, prejudice

8. Peer pressure around alcohol, drugs, sex, and the “desire to fit in”

9. Family issues over which they have no control (fighting, divorce, drug abuse, job loss, relocation, to name a few)

10. Parental expectations.

Given this cauldron of issues that our children confront, how can we, as parents, interface with them in a positive, pro-active, facilitating, and protective manner? How can we help to prepare them for the ever-expanding gamut of responsibilities and choices that they face? How can we support the development of sound decision-making, resilience, and emotional well being as our children move through their teens toward early adulthood?

In order to begin a community dialogue surrounding these critical issues, Mill Valley Middle School and Tam High PTSAs are bringing six experienced professionals in the field of adolescent stress to Tamalpais High School on November 22, where they will outline the challenges our teens face (including real life examples), and will offer corresponding strategies and tools parents can use to steer our teens’ development in a positive direction.

**GET THERE EARLY (8 am sharp!)** to see the trailer of “Slipping Behind,” the Sundance Film Festival submission and poignant full feature documentary about the “youngest casualties of the failing American Dream”.

For more information on the presenters and each of the workshops, see the accompanying article on page \_\_ or go to stressedoutstudents.com.

Until then, here are a few thoughts in regard to parenting our teens:

1. Keep talking. Even though our teens may appear to ignore us at times, they are listening, and in fact crave guidance, limits, and the articulation of values by an adult they trust.

2. Teach them healthy habits. Adolescents need at least nine hours of sleep a night, a diet of healthy food, and exercise.

3. Self disclose. Share your life experiences with them.
4. Be willing to admit you are wrong.

5. Listen carefully.

6. Let them fail, and support them when they do.

7. Give them chores.

8. Let them play.

9. Set a good example.

10. Have one Family meal a day.

11. GIVE THEM THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME!

I want to thank PTSA President Leslie Wachtel and our Principal Tom Drescher and other Tam High administration for their constant support in making this event possible.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!** We look forward to seeing you there. Questions? Linda Brauner at stressedoutstudents.com Timeline for “Stressed Out Students” Parenting Conference

November 22, 2008  
Tam High Student Center

- 8 to 8:10 am:** Coffee and settling in

**8:10 to 8:30 am:** View trailer of “Slipping Behind”

**8:30 to 9:30 am:** Keynote address by Dr. Denise Pope

**9:30 to 9:45 am:** Break
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**9:45 to 11:15 am:** Workshop I (Choose one: Pope, McMahon, or Carlise)

**11:15 to 11:30 am:** Break

**11:30 am to 1 pm:** Workshop II (Choose one: Fox, Bobinet, or Talamo)

**Stressed Out Students Conference Speakers**  
***Sponsored by Tamalpais High School PTSA and Mill Valley Middle School PTSA***

**Keynote Address by Dr. Denise Pope**  
“Parenting For Success: How to Keep Your Child Healthy, Happy and Engaged in Life”

Dr. Pope is the author of “Doing School; How We Are Creating a Generation of Stressed Out, Materialistic, and Miseducated Students.” She is Co-Founder of Challenge Success Project, Stanford University.

The trailer of “Slipping Behind,” a Sundance Film Festival submission and documentary feature film by Reel Link Films (produced and directed by Vicki Abeles) will begin our Conference by bringing us directly inside the hearts and minds of our American teens, educators, parents, psychologists, economists, and historians.

**Workshops**  
Six practical, proactively geared workshops led by various experts in teen stress will follow.

**Denise Pope, PhD**  
Healthy Kids/Healthy Homes/Healthy Schools

**Annie Fox, M Ed**  
Too Stressed to Think: Peer Acceptance, Rejection, and Romance. Author of “Too Stressed To Think!” and other teen self help books

**Nicholas Carlise, MFT, JD**  
Bullies, Ice Queens, and Cyberbullying; Facilitating Inclusion and Acceptance in a Diverse Community. Director of No Bully

**Kyra Bobinet, MD**  
Teen Speak: Communication Tools ThatBridge the Gap Between Parents and TeensAuthor of the blog and practice booklet “Teen Whispering”

**Regan McMahon, MS**  
Activities Gone Haywire; Parenting For Balance.Author of Revolution in the Bleachers, Chief Book Editor for San Francisco Chronicle

**Dave Talamo, MFT**  
Creating a Meaningful Life: Adolescent Development and the Discovery of Purpose. Founder of Wilderness Reflections

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**PTSA News**  
*by Leslie Wachtel, PTSA President*

As Thanksgiving approaches I want to thank all of the parents who have contributed their valuable time, energy and donations to the PTSA. We are blessed with a supportive administration, faculty and staff who make Tam High a great place to attend high school. I hope you all enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends.

Our next PTSA meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, at 7 pm at the home of Jen and Alan Nichols at 33 Birch Street in Mill Valley. We will begin promptly with our PTSA general meeting followed by a panel on support services offered to all students at Tam High. The panel will include representatives from the counseling department, BACR (Bay Area Community Resources) and a school psychologist. There are so many services available to our students and we would like all parents to be aware of the wonderful resources our families and students can utilize while attending Tam High.

At our last PTSA meeting in October, we approved our budget for the year. You can view the budget online through the PTSA link on the Tam High website, tamhigh.org. We encourage the membership to look at the budget and see what their contributions are used for here at Tam.

We want to thank teachers Chris Erlin and Jennifer Dolan for coming to our last meeting and helping all of those present to learn more about how to use the HAC (Home Access Center) and the new Tam High website. I encourage all of you to go on to the website and get acquainted with all the information which is available there. The Home Access Center is a great tool for parents to use to access grades, attendance and test results for their students. We so appreciate Chris and Jen for giving up their evening to show everyone how to use these useful tools.

**Diggin in the Dirt**  
*by Jill Templeton*

**Seventh Annual Back to Tam Day Brings Out All Ages!**

A Tam tradition continues. On Saturday, September 6, over 40 members of the Tam community joined forces again to participate in the 7th annual Back to Tam day. This is a day when Tam alumni from far and wide, both old and young, join with current Tam parents and students (some getting their community service hours - smart kids), along with staff and administrators to attend to the grassroots business of helping keep our campus looking good.

That morning, after grabbing some coffee, doughnuts and catching up on old friendships and meeting new folks, these intrepid Tam supporters got down to the tasks at hand.

Please support the Tam High holiday tree sale. This is a great way to support our Leadership class and its students and to support the PTSA as well. If you volunteered to help you will soon receive a call to let you know when and what help is needed.

We hope to see many of you at the upcoming parent ed conference, “Stressed out Students,” to be held on Saturday, November 22. Please read the informative article in this newsletter, which details the incredible speakers and workshops that will be offered at the conference. The topic of stress in our students’ lives is very relevant at this time and especially in our community. This parent education opportunity is being co-sponsored by the Tam High PTSA and the Mill Valley Middle School PTSA. The conference is free to all and we encourage you to invite your friends from other schools to join us that day. The event will be held here at Tam High beginning in the Student Center at 8 am. A huge thank you to Linda Brauner, the Tam High PTSA parent ed chair, for her hours of work organizing this event.

After you attend the parent ed conference and hear about the stresses that students face, be sure to come to the PTSA meeting on Monday night, November 24, to find out what support services are offered at Tam by our faculty and counselors to help our students deal with these pressures.

I would also like to apologize to Paul Chapman whose name inadvertently was omitted from the “Tam Thanks You” article in last month’s Tam Family. Paul single-handedly barbecued 350 hamburgers and hot dogs at the Freshman Orientation barbecue in August. We would be unable to provide fun events such as these for the students and staff if it wasn’t for our incredible parents who come forward and offer to spend a few hours several times a year to help out. Again, thank you Paul! ♦

While most of the work was outside, beautification happened inside too. A tireless group of alums worked to restore the mural that used to hang in the library, and had a smaller (but still quite large) high-quality print of it made. That reproduction was framed and hung in the library. Check it out next time you’re there. It’s a wonderful piece of California history and our heritage.

Outside, the bus barn near the Student Center got a long overdue new coat of paint. New plants (discounted by Green Jeans Nursery) were added to the native habitat garden between the bus barn and Mead Theater. Orange Court, one of the gems of our campus unaffected by modernization and which was lovingly restored a few years ago, was spruced up. Also decorative tiles were replaced by the Band Box and Print Shop.

One tradition of the day is to power wash

and water seal the benches at Mead Theater. Next time you’re sitting there at a rally or graduation, take note how many benches there are and what a huge job was accomplished.

And most importantly, the giant sequoia that stands proudly in the center of campus got some attention. Tam students planted it in the early 1940s! Lately it has shown some signs of trauma due to the modernization work on campus. We added new irrigation and applied a thick layer of mulch. It has responded favorably to this TLC. It was also

recently seen by an arborist and we’re awaiting the prognosis.

As I wandered among the various work groups, I enjoyed overhearing the fond recollections of Tam grads and learning about

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what they're doing now. I was amazed at how far some had travelled for this event (one fellow comes down from Seattle every year) and how this event is something they've come to plan for and anticipate year to year.

The work was followed by a barbeque and a chance for more conversation. Some folks then took a tour of the school sponsored by the Mill Valley History Club.

Many thanks to George Cagwin, Bill Sefton and all of the Tam alumni board members for conceiving, sponsoring and continuing to organize this rich event year after year.

If you didn't make it but want to help, you can send tax-deductible donations to the Tamalpais High School Alumni Association. Write "Back to Tam Day" on your check and mail it to Bill Sefton, CPA, P.O. Box 1008, San Ramon, CA 94583-1008. Or you can send a check to the Tam High PTSA and write "Beautification" on it. Every little bit helps!

And you can contact me at 388-8501, or by e-mail at [jillt@linkline.com](mailto:jillt@linkline.com) and I'll let you know about upcoming "Garden Parties" (aka work days) throughout the school year. ♦

### Looking for Cameras and Sewing Machines

Photography classes are in need of 35 mm cameras. If you've gone digital and aren't using yours any longer, please consider donating it to the photography department.

Also, if your sewing days are behind you and you have a working sewing machine you no longer use, students need them for bookmaking and sewing with mixed media and would appreciate any donations.

Please contact fine arts teacher Mary Manulkin at [mmanulkin@tamdistrict.org](mailto:mmanulkin@tamdistrict.org).



Back to Tam: (clockwise from top left) Alums spruce up Orange Court; students and parents give the bus barn a fresh coat of paint; Tam Alumni Board members dig in to help mulch; planting California natives in the new habitat garden.

### News from Parent to Parent Connection

By Betsy Hillman, Victoria Vogel and Susan Ultsch  
Tam High School Representatives

Our October Program showcased the five TUHSD high schools and was aimed at parents of current 8th graders trying to decide which school best suits their student's needs. Our next meeting is November 13, and will feature Jane McClure who is a high-powered educational consultant. She will share with you that there are lots of four-year college options for students with learning challenges. For students who may not be ready for the four-year college track, our February 12 session will look at two-year colleges and vocational opportunities. We strongly advise parents of sophomores and even freshmen to attend these talks.

The program begins at 7 pm with informal parent meeting time at 6:30 pm. P2P meets in the Kreps Conference Center at Redwood High School.

Parent-to-Parent Connection offers support and information to parents of high school students with learning challenges. Please visit our website for more details [tamdistrict.org/P2P](http://tamdistrict.org/P2P).

### Tam High Foundation Annual Campaign Continues!

Throughout October the Tam High Foundation Annual Campaign was in full gear with parent volunteer phone-a-thons reaching out to families who have yet to donate. The economic climate has never been more challenging and we are inspired by the strong financial support we continue to see for our school. Families at Tam demonstrate commitment to their students and sacrifice to make education a priority. We are so thankful for each and every family that makes a donation to the Foundation.

We will continue to follow up on the phone calls throughout November. Please send in your donation or visit the website [tamhighfoundation.org](http://tamhighfoundation.org) and select "Giving" to donate online. If you have any questions about the campaign or the Tam High Foundation, please contact us.

### Tam High Foundation At Work

The Tam High Foundation grants committee is completing the evaluation process for 25 new mini-grants submitted by 20 teachers and staff members. Throughout the year we will highlight some of these projects funded by the Foundation. If you tour the campus you will see the Foundation at work in almost every building, in each department and throughout the campus. This month we check out the "Garden of Eatin' – Organics" and the science laptop lab.

The "Garden of Eatin' – Organics" is a sustainable garden planned and developed by the Environmental Science class taught by teacher Lyanne Abreu. Last year the students took an unused area behind the cafeteria and built rock walls and raised planting beds and planted a variety of organic plants. Current students will learn how to test soil and learn about sustainable gardening.

Students in science now have laptops to use in tandem with an actual dissection. The students can manipulate a diagram on the computer, which helps them further understand and identify features of the specimen. The laptops can also be used with probeware (also funded by the Tam High Foundation) to collect and analyze data on the spot to validate an experiment. These tools give our students experience with equipment found in college labs and prepares them for further science studies.

Every year the staff at Tam develops creative and innovative projects to enhance the high school experience for our students. Only through your support of the Tam High Foundation can we continue to offer these exciting opportunities. Please donate today! Thank you.



### Have You Renewed Your eScrip? Now's the Time

Simply visit [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "Yes! Click Here to Renew."

Participating in eScrip costs you no money. And it helps the Tam High Foundation provide vital mini-grants, major grants and ongoing program support to all staff and faculty in every department at Tam High.

If you don't renew now we will lose those valuable eScrip dollars!

Supporting Tam High through eScrip is completely free and the simplest way for you to donate and make a big impact on your student's education. Each year eScrip generates thousands of dollars for the Tam High Foundation and these funds support classroom and campus programs that enhance every student's experience at Tam High. The more funds we generate through eScrip, the less we have to fundraise from the Tam community.

Remember you can add and or change the organization or school that will receive your eScrip dollars while on the eScrip website. For example if you have a student at both MVMS and Tam High School you can split your contribution between Kiddo and the Tam High Foundation.

Thank you for your continued support of the Tam High Foundation. Please contact me if you have any questions or need help renewing your eScrip account.

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### High Notes from the Music Department and THUMB Membership Drive

by Debbie Genzer

The Tam High Music Program has a great fall program underway. Almost 140 students are participating in five programs: chorus, band, orchestra, jazz band and symphonic orchestra. The symphonic orchestra is a unique program among Bay Area high schools, as it brings together band and orchestra students in a large group to play symphonic compositions.





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Already this fall, students have performed at Back to School Night, Tam High football games, the Marin Symphony League program, Marin Art and Jazz Festival, and the Homecoming parade and game. Look for band members at the next Tam High home football game on November 15!

**New Tam High Music Showcase! – November 26**

A group of dedicated students has spearheaded the new Tam High Showcase. Performers will be selected by audition, as the event’s goal is to feature some of Tam’s most dedicated and talented musicians. Don’t miss this exciting new event!

THUMB Annual Membership 2008-09

Name

Address

City & Zip

Phone

Email

Student Name(s)

Cirlce Class: Beg/Int Band    Advanced Jazz    Chorus    Orchestra    No Class

Enclosed is my \$40 Annual Membership payable to THUMB. Thank you!

I would like to make an additional contribution of    Thank you!

STUDENT LIFE

**College and Career Center Services**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**NOVEMBER 13: COLLEGE PLANNING EVENING FOR JUNIORS & PARENTS.** Juniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college and their parents are invited to preview what is ahead on Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. The counseling staff will provide a general overview of the college admissions process and review the timeline for admissions tests, college visits, filing applications and financial aid.

**DECEMBER 3: COLLEGE OF MARIN TO VISIT TAM.** A College of Marin representative will come to Tam Wednesday, December 3, to talk with seniors who are thinking about attending COM next fall and to any students who may want to register for free classes there next semester. The representative will review the application process, describe the placement tests and explain how to transfer from COM to the UC and CSU systems and to private colleges. She will also discuss COM’s vocational and two-year associate degree programs.

**DECEMBER 6: SOPHOMORES TAKE PLAN.** Sophomores may take the PLAN, a practice test for the ACT, at Sir Francis Drake High School on Saturday morning, December 6. The PLAN tests English, math, reading and science reasoning and includes a questionnaire on career interests. This test is good practice for the ACT, which is accepted equally with the SAT. The results are helpful in evaluating a student’s interests and performance. The PLAN is given once a year. A letter will

**Mark your calendars for the Holiday Concerts**

December 10: Instrumental Holiday Concert, Ruby Scott, 7 pm

December 11: Choral Holiday Concert, Caldwell Theatre, 7 pm

**Special Event in the Spring**

THUMB’s annual Valentine’s Fundraiser Dinner will be on Friday, February 13, in Ruby Scott Auditorium. Along with beautiful music from our students, we will serve a delicious dinner from Gira Polli Restaurant.

**Annual Membership Drive**

Please join THUMB! Tam High United Music Boosters is a parent-run organization whose mission is to encourage, promote and assist instrumental and choral music activity at Tam High. We raise funds through our annual phone-a-thon, Valentine’s Dinner, membership drive, and concert concession fees. Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 7 pm in the Greenwood Music Room.

Please complete the membership form below and return it to: THUMB c/o Tam High, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941. Membership dues and other donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Thank you for your support!

be mailed home to all sophomore families explaining the registration procedure.

**DECEMBER 4: FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**

Olga Tapia, PhD, assistant director of financial aid at UC Berkeley, will be the guest speaker at Tam’s Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. Dr. Tapia will give an overview of the financial aid process and review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All Tam families are welcome; seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

FAFSA worksheets and GPA verification forms for Cal Grants will be available in the College and Career Center in December. Parents who want a head start on the FAFSA may apply online now for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The PIN will serve as your electronic signature when you apply online in January. The FAFSA web

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address is: [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). The PROFILE is a financial aid form used by many private colleges. The Profile may be submitted now. Go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and click on CSS/PROFILE under “Pay for College” on the student’s home page.

Tam’s list of local, general and school-specific scholarships is available on PrepHQ. To access PrepHQ, go to [tamhigh.org](http://tamhigh.org), click on Academics and then PrepHQ. Sign in with your student’s ID and password and click on Scholarships. The list is updated weekly.

**COLLEGE APPLICATIONS**

November 30 is the application deadline for all UC campuses and for CSU campuses at Fullerton, Long Beach, Pomona, San Diego, San Luis Obispo and Sonoma. November 30 is also the priority or first consideration deadline for all other CSU campuses. UC and CSU require online applications. The UC application is available at [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). For the CSU application, go to [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). Make a copy of all completed applications for your files.

Each year the UC computer network is jammed during the last few days of the filing period. UC and CSU accept no excuses for late filing. Submit your applications before Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday.

Help with applications is available throughout November in the College and Career Center. The Center has a guide to the UC application and paper copies of the Common Application.

**SAT & ACT**

You can download the 2008-2009 SAT and ACT testing calendars and register online for either test. For the SAT, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and for the ACT go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). Register early for a convenient test site.

Students applying to the University of California must complete all testing by the December test date.

**COLLEGE VISITS**

Representatives from Evergreen State (WA), Mt. St. Mary’s (CA), Ohio Wesleyan, U. of Connecticut, U. of Montana, U. of Oregon and Western New England College (MA) will visit Tam this month. All interested students are invited to attend. The list of college visits is updated weekly and is available on PrepHQ and in the daily bulletin.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Are you passionate about the environment, helping those less fortunate or promoting the arts?

**School to Career Partnership**

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By the time you receive this issue, students will be midway through their fall internships.

This semester Tamalpais students interned at an art gallery, made a documentary about the Mill Valley Film Festival, worked at a veterinary hospital, did real estate marketing, assisted at the Marin IJ Lifestyles section, shadowed a chiropractor, interned at

an international film importing business and worked in the surgery department at Kaiser Hospital. As you can see, there is something for everyone. Students also toured Marin General Hospital as part of the Youth Health Forum to find out about careers in the medical field and received training in CERT, the Community Emergency Response Teen Training Program put on by the Southern Marin Fire District.

The next big School to Career event is the Grammys in the School Day on January 14. Students interested in the music industry will spend the day at San Francisco State University hearing from musicians, singers and producers on what it takes to make it

The College and Career Center has a list of community service opportunities to satisfy nearly every desire to get involved and help the community. In addition to the list, which is online, the Career Center receives frequent requests for volunteers to help staff special events.

**ROP CONSTRUCTION CLASS**

Interested in the building trades? The County Regional Occupational Program’s for-credit construction class will begin Wednesday, January 14, at Redwood High School. The course covers foundation, flooring, framing, plumbing, electrical, sheet rock, windows, doors, cabinetry, roofing, blueprint reading and use of hand tools. Master craftsmen will give demonstrations and there will be construction projects and employment opportunities. The class is held from 5-9 pm. An added bonus: dinner is provided. This class fills up quickly. Call 499-5860 for more information and to register.

ROP also offers a for credit auto class at San Rafael High School on Monday and Tuesday evenings, 6-8:30. The class is open entry. All you have to do to register is go to the class. For more information, call 499-5860.

**WEBSITE OF THE MONTH:** [finaid.org](http://finaid.org).

Finaid.org provides financial aid calculators that allow families to estimate their expected contribution for public and private colleges. There is also information about scholarships, grants, loans and military aid. ♦

in the business. If your student is interested in this field trip, have him or her see Nancy Westreich in the College and Career Center.

**Other School to Career Services**

As the School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School, I am available in the College and Career Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays. I assist students with internship placement and preparation, finding job shadows and informational interviewing opportunities. I also help students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and provide opportunities for students to participate in career-related field trips and activities throughout the year.

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Looking Back and Looking Forward: What’s Going on at CTE

by Charlotte Thomas, CTE Publicity Team and Susan Brashear, CTE Co-Program Director

November in CTE is a glorious time. We are two shows into the season, having already played both the wonderful “Grimm Tales” and riveting “Living Out.” These shows were directed by our fabulous guest artists Joe Lucas and Julia McNeal (respectively) and were a great way to start the Tam year. CTE is very proud to introduce our upcoming show, “You Can’t Take it With You,” directed by CTE’s own Ben Cleveland.

Ben graduated from Tam High in 1984, after being in drama himself. He went on to California Institute of the Arts, choosing acting as his career. After working as an actor both in Los Angeles and in professional theater in the Bay Area, Ben returned to CTE drama to teach and help run the program. Ben has directed several shows during his years with CTE but “You Can’t Take it With You” is the first classic comedy he has ever done in his career. Ben was eager to do this show and from the way he talks about it, you can tell how much it means to him.

“You Can’t Take it With You” is a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy set in three acts. Written by the legendary George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart, it was adapted into an Academy Award-winning movie in 1938, directed by Frank Capra. The story was an instant American classic about the eccentric, wonderful Sycamore family. When you are first introduced to the family, they seem... well... mad. It is later that you get to see that although they are crazy (in the most wonderful way), it is the rest of their world that is really wacky. The audience comes to see them as almost normal!

Alice Sycamore, their daughter who is a bit more conventional, brings her fiancé’s family over to have dinner with her family on the wrong night and all madness breaks loose. Throughout the play, the themes of wealth, class and what is “valuable” in life are explored with comic flare and gentle insights. The cast is full of larger-than-life characters played by a large cast of advanced drama students who get to strut their stuff while student designers get a chance to interpret the production challenges offered by a “period” play.

“You Can’t Take it With You” plays November 18-22 at the Daniel Caldwell Theatre, located at the back of Tam’s Campus near Almonte and Stadium. The box office opens at 6 pm every night: adult tickets are \$12 and senior citizen/student tickets are \$5. The auditorium doors open at 6:30 pm before the play begins at 7. There is no late seating; once a performance has started you may not be seated until the intermission and then only if seats are available. Please visit [cteteam.org](http://cteteam.org) or call 380-3535 for more information.

The Milley Awards: Congrats to Ben and Susan!

In addition to directing a mainstage show, Ben, along with our other CTE teacher, Susan Brashear, have won a prestigious award in Mill Valley known as the Milley Award. This honor is awarded at a gala evening every fall to artists in our community who have made significant contributions to the arts through their professional work and their community contributions. Susan and Ben received this award for both their professional work as

actors and their work as teachers for CTE who have touched many students’ lives through their art. We know that as students it is through a commitment to the arts by our community that we are given a chance to express ourselves creatively. Students develop a life-long passion for theater through the many different opportunities we are given through CTE, exemplified through our experiences and expression in theatrical arts. The Milley Award applauds the work that these incredible teachers do!

o8-09 CTE Membership Drive: Join For Tickets to One Acts

If you are a CTE parent, you are encouraged to join the Membership Drive for CTE that is currently underway. If you join, even at the basic \$25 level, you will receive passes for admission to the CTE One Act Festival in January 2009. The goal is for 100% of the CTE parents to become CTE Members for full participation from the parents. Levels start at the basic level and go all the way to full sponsorship of plays or productions; passes reflect whatever level of membership you choose rising to season passes for all the CTE shows. Contact the CTE membership team

through [ctecompany@mac.com](mailto:ctecompany@mac.com) or watch for the membership forms in the lobby at the CTE shows. Your dollars help pay for the guest artist instruction that benefits all CTE students by bringing in professionals who teach small groups of students in everything from stage combat to playwriting.

Annual CTE Dance-a-Thon Earns \$\$\$

On October 11, we also engaged in our annual fundraiser, the Dance-A-Thon. The Dance-A-Thon is a CTE tradition where the students dance for 10 hours to raise money for the drama program (think your child’s Walkathon in elementary school only with recorded music and lots of dancing). During the Dance-A-Thon not only do we attempt to raise an annual portion of our budget (about 12%), we also work to make drama a true ensemble, helping everybody from beginning drama to seniors feel more like a community. This helps us all work together the rest of the year. We work in perfect unison because we all have danced together for 10 hours. By the tenth hour, when you can barely move your legs, you need an ensemble like CTE to really pick you up!

And that’s all our news! See you at our next show! ♦

AIM Investigates Race in America; Prepares for 10-Hour Film Challenge

by Emily Bernstein, AIM student writer

It’s officially fall. And with the change in season come shorter days, crunchy leaves, pump-kin spice lattes . . . and documentaries. After successfully completing our “Mandy” films last month, AIM is already starting to think about the big documentary that will be finished at the end of the semester. We will continue our regular curriculum in class while we begin the long research process in groups for the final films, which will all reveal a truth about race in America. In English we have been reading African American literature and having provocative discussions, while in US History we continue to study the legacy of slavery. In DIMS (Documentary and Integrated Media Studies), Mr. Goldstein has been teaching editing techniques and style through famous works such as “The Cutting Edge” and “LaLee’s Kin.” Everything that we are learning in all three classes will be applied to our documentary projects, ensuring some interesting and educational films come the holidays.

Because we are so fortunate to have a renowned film festival right in our hometown, AIM students recently had the opportunity for a private screening and analysis with Mill Valley Film Festival filmmaker David Novack. Novack’s film, “Burning the Future,” originally premiered on the Sundance Channel and then made its way to the Bay Area. As a class we watched the informative documentary about the effects of burning coal on the environment with commentary from the director himself. Novack gave his tips on story and technique and was a great example to AIM students of a professional, independent filmmaker.

The end of October marked AIM’s annual 10-hour film challenge when students embrace the challenge of making a three-minute movie with three “elements” in ten hours. Last year’s elements were a tasty treat, an artificial limb and a vision. Who knows what this year’s challenge holds? But it’s sure to be fun, instructive, and a great bonding activity. he crisp start to fall always brings families together at various gatherings, and it looks like our giant AIM family is settling in for a great year. ♦

Annual Christmas Tree Fundraiser

Co-Sponsored by Tam Associated Student Body and Tam PTSA

- What:** Tam is having its third annual Christmas tree sale.  
**When:** The Tamalpais lot will be open on Saturday, December 13, for customers to choose their trees that they pre-ordered and paid for by November 21.  
**Why:**
- THE TREES ARE FRESH, delivered from Oregon within 48 hours after being cut!
  - TREES ARE CUSTOM-ORDERED to the size and type you choose
  - You can SELECT YOUR TREE at the lot (On a first-come, first-serve basis!)
  - CUSTOMERS ARE SUPPORTING TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL ASB & PTSA

Please put check and order form in an envelope. Make check to Tam Christmas Trees, return to 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

For questions call Peter Berkhout at (415) 380-3571.

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



NOBLE FIR:		
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5/6'	\$70	
6/7'	\$85	
7/8'	\$105	
8/9'	\$125	
TOTAL:		
DOUGLAS FIR:		
Size:	Price:	Quantity:
5/6'	\$55	
6/7'	\$70	
7/8'	\$80	
8/9'	\$90	
TOTAL:		



Photo Collage: Scenes from a photo 2-3-4 class. To see more student work, go to the blog at <http://tamphoto.blogphotography.com> or the website <http://staff.tamhigh.org/photo>.



On the Shelf

from the Mill Valley Public Library

Here’s what’s happening in November for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always free.

On Thursday, November 13, from 7-8:30 pm, Darcy Van Gelder-Vasudev will return to the library to bring the ancient art of Henna painting to our Creekside Room. Like our previous henna events, this workshop includes a discussion on the origins and history of henna, safety issues, recipes for mixing henna, elements of design, a demonstration, and hands-on practice. This is a teen only event (age 13-19), signup is required and parental permission is required for teens under 18.

Also this month, our Teen Council will meet on Monday, November 10, from 6:15-7pm. New members are always welcome.

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

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painful to realize that students show less motivation to study as compared to the students in India who feel privileged to get an opportunity to learn even with all the challenges they face in terms of limited or no resources at their disposal. But she is optimistic that situations will change for the better slowly but surely.

As part of the Fulbright exchange program, Mrs. Naidu’s mission is to interact with the community, learn about the country’s history and culture and share hers. Upon arriving in Mill Valley, where she rents a studio apartment near enough to Tam to walk to work, she immediately signed up to be a volunteer for the recent Dipsea Breast Cancer Hike.

“I am of the opinion that when you come to a new place, you should view it as a learning experience,” she said.

Mrs. Naidu is appreciative of the efforts the school has taken to make her stay as

Leadership News

By Olivia Wells, ASB Secretary  
and Peter Berkhout, Activities Director  
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JUST DANCE! Techno, Hawaiian, Tribal and The Bay were the different sub-themes for the classes for this year’s Homecoming festivities. This year we tried something new and different for Homecoming. We had a longer time for our floats and shorter time for our hall decorations. We tried to make it bigger and better than ever. This year we wanted to get as much participation and support for our focus on Homecoming as possible, and we invited our own fall sports teams, as well as Southern Marin Youth Football and the Mount Carmel CYO basketball teams, to join us in the Homecoming parade.

We started off the events with our big Homecoming rally where we focused less on the division of the classes and more of the unity of the school and our sports teams and our goal of beating San Marin. The week continued on with our dress-up spirit days. Saturday, October 25, was the big day! Beginning with our parade, then the football game and ending the celebration with our dance that was the cherry on top of the sundae. This year’s homecoming was completely different from past years’ but a complete success.

Coming up we have is our ever-popular Thanksgiving Pie Day, where the PTSA and many Tam families donate pies and everyone at Tam gets a free slice. This event has been a favorite of many Tam students through the years.

Besides this event, the leadership class is really pushing for our holiday tree fundraiser. We are doing pre-orders to get it started, then having a tree lot in front of Tam for one weekend only. This is one of our biggest fundraisers and it takes a lot of work. All the trees are fresh from Oregon and last for a long time. They are beautiful and come with a money back guarantee. If you’d like to help, please contact Peter Berkhout. If you’d like to order, see the order form in this issue, or visit tamhigh.org/trees to download an order form. ♦

comfortable and enjoyable as possible and promises to keep in touch with her new Tam family even after her return to India. ♦

Freshman float on Homecoming day



Tam Sports Recap

Tam Girl’s Varsity Tennis

The Tam girl’s tennis team finished a remarkable MCAL season by winning the MCAL championship and following up with two wins in the MCAL individual tournament. The MCAL championship was the team’s first in nine years and earned an automatic berth in the North Coast Section tournament beginning on Tuesday, November 11th.

The Tam girl’s tennis team finished the MCAL regular league season in sole possession of second place with a 12-2 record, 13-6 overall, their only league losses being to Marin Catholic (which finished in first place, 13-1) and San Marin (by a 5-4 score, later avenged with a 7-2 win in the last match of the regular season).

In the semifinals of the MCAL tournament, Tam defeated Redwood 5-4 (the third 5-4 win over Redwood this season) in a match that took over 4 hours to play and finished under the lights. The team followed up with a 6-3 win over favored Marin Catholic, reversing an earlier season loss by the same score.

In the MCAL individuals, Ariel Sultan and Emily Prescott won the #1 doubles tournament without the loss of a set, and earned an automatic berth in the North Coast Section individual tournament at St. Mary’s College, Moraga, on November 18th and 19th. Freshman Liza Brusman, who played mostly at #5 singles all season, defeated Marin Catholic’s #2 singles player to capture the title in the #2 singles tournament.

The team is lead by senior captain Ariel Sultan at number one, junior captain Emily Prescott at number two, and juniors Haley Bronstein and Megan Schuller at three and four, respectively. The singles lineup is filled out by freshman Liza Brusman at number 5, and senior captain Katie Brigham at number 6. The recently revamped doubles lineup includes junior Talia Soffer and sophomore Olivia Leary (both sophomores). Number two doubles is Adrienne Foley and Anna Aronowitz, both juniors, while number three doubles is Zoe Arthur and Alex Goldstein, both sophomores.

According to Coach Washauer, “It’s been a great season.. We have exceeded all of our goals, and we’re looking forward to the North Coast Section tournament.” s

Note: Coach Washauer anticipates that the team’s first round match in the NCS tournament will be held at Harbor Point Beach and Tennis Club at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, November 11th.

Girl’s JV Water Polo

The JV girls have had a more limited schedule due to the lack of pool space and fewer MCAL teams this year. They have a solid group of players who will keep Tam girl’s water polo growing over the next few years. Solid performances by sophomore Kristen Sato, Emma Ellison and Sophie Becker kept the Tam JV girls in every game. Freshmen Charlotte Passot and Jenna Wallace are players to watch next year.

Girl’s Varsity Water Polo

The Tam girl’s varsity water polo team is now 15-6 overall and 5-1 in MCAL play with a week to go. The girls have had some impressive wins over MCAL teams from Terra Linda, Redwood, San Marin, Justin Siena, and San Rafael, averaging over 15 points per game. Overall they’ve allowed fewer than five goals per game thanks to the stellar performance of junior goalie Mattie Winkler, with help on defense from another junior, Erin Schlueter. Erin leads the team in steals and has broken the Tam team record for most steals in a game and for a season.

Scoring for the Tam girls has been led by Schlueter, seniors Avery Mosser and Amelia Harvey, with strong contributions from freshmen Sami Harvey and Ali Coopersmith. Jillian Gamboa rounds out the. The team has relied on strong off the bench performances by Catie Debenidictis, Gina Wall, Alexis Kleinman, and Sophie Sieck.

The girls brought home a first place finish in the third annual MCAL vs MVAL tournament. They came home with a 2-2 record from the Acalenes tournament a third place finish in the Contra Costa tournament. Tam plays Novato and Drake in the last week of MCAL play. A strong finish will put them in good position for MCAL playoffs, and solid play against strong East Bay teams puts them in a good position for a bid to the NCS tournament. Coach Brandon Williams hopes to take the team farther in the NCS tournament than they have gone the last two years.

**Varsity Football: 5 wins–1 loss; MCAL 2-0**  
Congratulations Coach Keefer!

The Hawks have been responding to Coach Keefer at the helm and now the 49ers have noticed him as well. Coach Keefer has been named the 49ers Charlie Wedemeyer High School Coach of the Week presented by Kelly-Moore Paints. For being named Coach of the Week, Tam’s football program will receive \$1,000 from the 49ers Foundation and a \$500 gift certificate from Kelly-Moore Paints.

Tam MCAL victory over Terra Linda 39-16

Johnny Davenport and Colton Danz set the tone early in the game with a practiced punt-block play. While the Terra Linda Trojans focused on Danz, the unheralded Davenport ran through unimpeded, blocking the punt and recovering it for a touchdown. Danz started the scoring with a 47 yard run for a touchdown in the first quarter. He added a 20 yard score later in the quarter before the big plays by Orlick and Davenport gave the Hawks a 26-0 lead.

“Danz has taken over as the lead guy,” Coach Keefer said. “He really stepped up his game.”

The victory came a week after Castlemont of Oakland beat the Hawks.

“We’re still learning how to win,” Keefer said. “We have taken care of both opportunities to win MCAL games, but we definitely have to get better. On the whole our defense has played great all year and they came up with big plays again. They really saved us.”

Tam had three interceptions against pass-happy Terra Linda, including a 50-yard pick returned for a touchdown by Jake Orlick.

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“It’s amazing,” Davenport said of Tam’s turn-around this season. “The coaches believe in us and we know we can do this.”

#### Cheerleading Team

There is a new sport at Tam...the cheerleading team is now the cheer and dance team. The administration, with Athletic Director Christina Amoroso’s support, agreed to create a new team that includes and recognizes both cheer and dance. Team members can choose to just cheer, just dance, or to do both. We are still looking for 10 girls to fill out the team and start rehearsing some great basketball half-time routines.

We have also added two new coaches to the roster: Tara-Caprice Broadwater and Jaime Lynn Schenone from the Love2Dance studio in Novato. Tara is a former NBA Warriors dancer and also coaches two nationally ranked all star dance teams. So, if dancing is your sport and you’d like to perform with a team from school as well as receive a varsity letter, the cheer and dance team is where you need to be! Contact Kristy Campbell at [kalcampbell@comcast.net](mailto:kalcampbell@comcast.net) for more information.

#### Boy’s Varsity Water Polo

The H2o Hawks are currently 14-8 for the season, and 3-2 in MCAL play, with three consecutive MCAL wins over San Rafael (21-8), San Marin (15-8) and Redwood (19-8). The varsity is led by seniors David Phillips (a team-high 58 goals on the season), Taylor Gamboa (14 goals in his last three games, putting him second overall on the team with 41 goals), Cooper Parkerson (28 goals) and Andrew Latimer (27 goals).

Juniors Cody Nagy and Riley Shine have made some important contributions coming off the bench. Sophomore Max Sieck has scored 24 goals, surpassing the previous sophomore record of 14 held by senior Phillips and Peter Schwartz (’07). Senior goalie Gus Stout has been stellar in the cage.

#### Boy’s Junior Varsity Water Polo

The JVs are 6-2, and are coming off an impressive 9-8 victory over Marin Catholic. Sophomore Jake Weber (14 goals) and Freshman Brennan Latimer (13 goals) lead the young Hawks. With 25 players, the JV team has the opportunity to develop into an outstanding MCAL team. ♦

#### Hawk of the Week

The Tam Athletic Department has launched a new award for Tam athletes—“Hawk of the Week.”

Each team will have an opportunity to nominate a player that they would like to recognize for his or her leadership, determination, tenacity and/or their overall contribution to the team. Athletes who perform exceptionally well at a match or game will be recognized during their regular season of play.

The winners will be presented with a “Hawk of the Week” t-shirt and their names will be posted at school and in the Tam Family newsletter.

#### Awards for the week of October 13:

**Ariel Sultan**, Grade 12 – Girl’s Tennis  
**Camilla Hanson**, Grade 11 – Girl’s Golf

#### Awards for the week of October 20:

**Taylor Gamboa**, Grade 12 – Boy’s Water Polo  
**Lia Harvey**, Grade 12 – Girl’s Water Polo

#### Awards for the week of October 27:

**Emil Barkovich**, Grade 11, Boy’s Soccer  
**Hilary Jacobs**, Grade 12, Volleyball

#### Awards for the week of November 3:

**Daniel Milechman**, Grade 10 -- Cross Country  
**Devin Patrick**, Grade 12 -- Cross Country

#### Ready to Play?

Student athletes must have at least a 2.0 grade point average to be eligible to play Tam sports. Grade Report Period 2 ends on November 7, and students will need to maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to continue playing sports.

If you haven’t already turned in a completed athletic participation form, you will not be able to sign up for winter sports. Forms are available on the athletics website, [tamhigh-athletics.org](http://tamhigh-athletics.org). Go to Files & Links and find the Athletic Participation Clearance Form.



*Fall Sports in Action. (above) Haley Bronstein returns; (below) the Tam Girl’s Tam Tennis Team following their MCAL win; (next page, clockwise from top left) Junior Nick Pastuhov takes a shot as Rafi Nui and Shawn Wilkinson look on; Ariel Sultan returns a great backhand; Emily Behrs and Brooke Wenig practice putting; Emily Prescott serves; Sami Emory; and Michael Fearson lead the way.*







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<i>Date</i>	<i>Time/Event</i>	<i>Location</i>
3	<b>7 PM</b> – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
4	<b>ELECTION DAY – VOTE!</b>	
5	<b>7 PM</b> – BOOSTERS MEETING	HAWKS' NEST
6-8	CAMP EVERYTOWN	
7	END OF GRADING REPORT 2	
7	<b>6:35 PM</b> – SPIRIT CREW BUS TO VARSITY FOOTBALL GAME V. SAN RAFAEL	FRONT CIRCLE
10	TUESDAY SCHEDULE DUE TO 11/10 HOLIDAY	
11	VETERANS' DAY – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
13	<b>6:30 PM</b> – COLLEGE PLANNING EVENING FOR JUNIORS AND THEIR PARENTS	STUDENT CENTER
13	<b>7 PM</b> – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
13	<b>7 PM</b> – THUMB MEETING	GREENWOOD MUSIC BLDG
14	GRADING PERIOD 2 REPORTS MAILED	
18	<b>7 PM</b> – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
18-22	<b>7 PM</b> –CTE PRESENTS 'YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU"	CALDWELL THEATRE
20	<b>11:20 AM</b> – ASB PIE DAY	FRONT CIRCLE
21	DEADLINE TO PRE-ORDER HOLIDAY TREES	
22	<b>8 AM-1 PM</b> – PARENT ED CONFERENCE "STRESSED OUT STUDENTS"	STUDENT CENTER
24	<b>7 PM</b> – PTSA MEETING & PANEL ON STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES	33 BIRCH STREET MILL VALLEY
26	TIME TBA -- MUSIC SHOWCASE	CALDWELL THEATRE
27-28	THANKSGIVING RECESS – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	