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## The Global Studies Program brings Pamplona Spain to Tam High

by Brian Zailian, World Languages department

Global Studies at Tam has brought travel and study to the Tam High community for over 17 years. Hundreds of families have hosted the Frenchies in October and have waved goodbye to their sons and daughters as they head to Paris on their way to Orthez, France. In past years, Tam students have experienced the London Theatre program with CTE, danced with the students in Havana, Cuba, painted in Rome and Florence with the art department and have visited the villages of the Irish writers and poets with the Senior English Project.

This year, Tam Global Studies ushers in the new Spanish immersion program in Pamplona, Spain. On August 27th, 24 excited students from Pamplona arrived and spent 17 days with Tam families. The students visited classes, spent time in San Francisco and explored California during their English immersion experience. Through such activities as barbeques, Giants games, parties at host family homes, and visits to area beaches and attractions, the Spanish students had wonderful opportunities to experience life in America.

In April 2012, the Tam Spanish learners will travel to Pamplona and stay with their new friends, go to school and discover the Navarra and Basque Country.

So far, the program has been a great success. When Tam High Spanish teacher Ms. Mochalski asked one of the Spanish boys, "If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?" he replied "I would come back here!"

Sign ups for the Fall 2012/Spring 2013 Pamplona program will take place online this December 2011. Information will be distributed in Spanish courses prior to sign-ups. Space will be available for students presently enrolled in Spanish 5, 7 and AP. Because of the nature of the Family Exchange, Tam students must be willing to host in late August/early September 2012 and travel to Pamplona in April 2013.

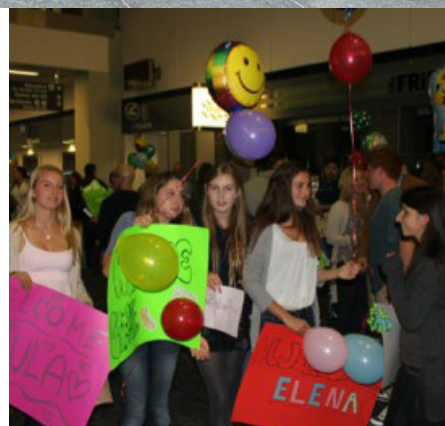


Pamplona,  
Spain



Pamplona students. Photo by Rafael Hernández Mañú  
(Pamplona teacher and chaperone)

Tam students at SFO awaiting their friends  
from Spain. Photo by Brendan Hickey



## Principal's Message

by Tom Drescher, Principal

### Parcel Tax Renewal on November 8 Ballot

In May, the Tamalpais Union High School District Board of Trustees voted unanimously to place a parcel tax renewal, Measure B, on the November 8, 2011 ballot. This measure will ask voters to reaffirm their commitment to quality high school education by renewing the existing parcel tax that was overwhelmingly approved by the community in 1989, 1997, and 2004. This measure simply renews the current parcel tax with **no increase** beyond extending the annual 3% adjustment.

This local tax is currently \$238.78 per year, or \$19 per month, and is scheduled to expire in June 2012. Homeowners over the age of 65 are eligible for an exemption.

The present parcel tax supports the district's comprehensive and exceptional academic programs, helps attract and retain accomplished teachers and counselors, and ensures that a broad array of elective courses such as fine arts and technology are offered. All funds generated from the parcel tax go directly to the five district high schools: Tamalpais, Redwood, Sir Francis Drake, San Andreas, and Tamiscal. The parcel tax accounts for 16% of the district's annual budget. Failure to renew the parcel tax would result in approximately \$8.8 million dollars of budget cuts.

It is important to note that the parcel tax differs from the bond measures that the community passed in 2001 and 2006. The parcel tax pays for district educational programs and services, while the bond can ONLY pay for construction, renovation, and modernization of the district high schools.

### Site Council results

Congratulations to Audrey Shapiro and Daphne de Marneffe for being voted the new Tam Site Council parent representatives. We are excited to have Audrey and Daphne help support Tam moving forward the next two years.



## WHO'S NEW AT TAM 2011/2012?



### Lara Corkrey:

For the past two years Lara has been a substitute teacher in the Tam District while attending the Dual Credential Program at Dominican University. She holds both a Special Education and Science Credential. Currently Lara is completing her Master's degree in Special Education at Dominican University. This year she looks forward to developing relationships with her new students as well as continuing to strengthen the connections created with the students she taught last year at Tam as a substitute and student teacher. Lara is also thrilled to continue to work with an amazingly supportive, energetic, and positive staff at Tam. Hobbies include swimming, mountain biking, camping, hiking, kayaking, reading, crocheting, cooking, baking, eating, and sleeping when possible.

### Ryan Fedoroff:

Before coming to Tam, Ryan taught math at San Marin High School in Novato for seven years and was also the leadership teacher for four of those years. She earned her Bachelor's degree from UC Davis and her Master's in Education Administration and Administrative Credential from San Francisco State University. Her focus is not only teaching math, but building positive relationships with students and sharing her passion of mathematics. She enjoys travelling and spending time with her family including her husband and two daughters, Rachael and Alexa.

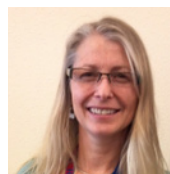


### Hans Goto:

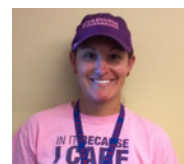
Hans is the new Library Specialist. He has worked for four years at Drake in Food Service and one year at Redwood in the Library. Previously he was in the jewelry business for 15 years at Gump's in San Francisco. In his off time, Hans teaches Aikido, a Japanese martial art which he has practiced for over 40 years. Hans is married with two children who are young adults. His hobbies are fishing, cooking/eating, and traveling. Hans says, "I am so impressed by the friendly staff and students at Tam. I keep hearing that you are all the BEST! I am starting find out how true it is."

### Barbara Kurita-Ditz:

A new face on campus but not to the district, Barbara has been a part of the TUHSD community for



10 years. She transferred this year from Drake where she taught English and academic support classes. Barbara brings a seriousness of academic focus garnered from years of doing graduate work at Harvard and Stanford. But she also brings the playful enthusiasm she enjoyed while coaching a Junior Olympic gymnastics team to keep her classroom lively. She especially looks forward to supervising the new student Poetry Club and to coaching kids on the next Tam SLAM team!



### Erin Lawley:

Erin teaches Core 3-4 sophomore PE and weight training. She previously taught at San Marin High School in Novato. Erin graduated from California State University, Monterey Bay in 2004 with a B.A. in Humanities and Communication, concentrating on Journalism and Media Studies. She pursued a career as a sports writer and columnist for the Napa Valley Register where she wrote for four years before switching gears into teaching and coaching. She graduated from Sonoma State in 2009 with credentials in physical education, health science and journalism. Erin will be joining Mike Wills as co-head coach of the varsity softball team this spring. She formerly coached softball at Napa High and San Marin as well as multiple seasons with the Napa Valley Express, Novato Heat and the Marin Blue Angels ASA organizations. When she's not busy teaching and coaching, Erin participates in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer and Relay for Life annually.

### Benjamin Matzen:

Ben has over seven years of experience in teaching and tutoring Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Environmental Science, and German at high school and university levels. Ben is excited to teach Chemistry and Integrated Science at Tam. Originally from Oregon, Ben attended Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, where he earned honors degrees in Geology and German with a minor in Biology. Ben was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to teach English at a high school in former East Germany. He then went on to graduate studies at UC Berkeley where he earned his Master's degree from the Department of Integrative Biology with a focus in Vertebrate Paleontology. Ben is thrilled to teach at Tam and to share his broad academic background with his students and colleagues. Ben spends all of his free time with his wife and two amazing daughters, ages 5 and 2.





**Gabrielle Pecora:**

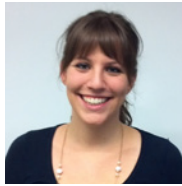
Gabby is a new paraeducator in the Special Ed department at Tam. Gabby graduated from Dominican University in San Rafael with a degree in Molecular Biology and Chemistry. She

spent the last year playing volleyball in Oslo, Norway. Gabby is a Justin-Siena alumnus and coached club volleyball in Marin for 3 years.

**Grace Pender:**

Grace teaches Integrated Science 3/4. She has a degree in Integrated Biology from UC Berkeley and a Masters of Education from UC Santa Barbara.

Grace previously taught at Dos Pueblos High school in Santa Barbara and worked at several schools in the East Bay before settling at Tam. She was raised in the Bay Area and could not be happier to be home. Grace loves to travel, enjoys



hiking when feeling adventurous or reading a great book to avoid the San Francisco fog. Outside of school Grace has a huge passion for music, both singing and listening. Living in San Francisco offers her the amazing opportunity

to attend concerts of all types. She is already impressed with the student body at Tam where students are unique, caring, inquisitive, and say "thank you" at the end of every class.

**Preston Picus:**

Preston is a new Resource Specialist at Tam this year. He taught for the last four years at Rancho Buena Vista High School in San Diego as an RSP math and English teacher. At Vista he was also the acting liaison between the special education department and the local foster homes. Preston studied history and philosophy, including philosophy of education, at Columbia University where he was an accomplished wrestler, camper, and reader.

**Nate Severin:**

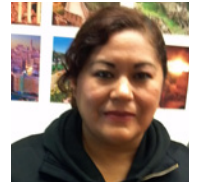
Nate graduated Cum Laude from Sonoma State in May 2010 with a B.S in Kinesiology with a concentration in Physical Education. He was a student teacher at a middle school in Rohnert Park last year. Nate was married this summer and is happy to have the opportunity to teach at Tam. He was a diver in high school and is very excited that Tam has



a diving team, as well as a great overall physical education program. He enjoys playing basketball and golf in his free time. Nate is proud to be part of Tam and says "This school has an extremely supportive and caring staff, great students and is overall positive."

**Patricia Stevens:**

Patricia is a paraeducator working with Mr. Lovejoy's Special Day class in Room 808, Student Center. This program is run by the Marin County Office of Education.



**Laurie Hailer:** This is Laurie's seventh year of teaching full-time. She taught math at both the middle and high school levels and business and statistics at College of Marin. She has a Master's Degree in Economics from San Francisco State University and is working on her master's thesis for her MA in Education from Dominican University. Laurie went to Drake High School and so did her husband, Doug. They have two daughters, one currently at Drake and one who will be there next year. Laurie hikes, bikes and runs on the trails of Mt. Tam. She also likes to sew and travel.



## Sophomores Have an Opportunity to Receive a Free Mental Health Check-up in October

TeenScreen returns to Tam High School for the fourth year

### Did you know that half of all mental illnesses begin by age 14?

Mental wellness is a key component to the overall health and development of today's teenagers, while mental illness acts as a barrier to learning and academic success.

It is critical to identify those who are living with emotional or mental difficulties early and link them and their families to effective services and support. We can help our teenagers avoid the possibility of losing critical years of healthy growth and development, and prepare them for a healthy future by using the TeenScreen program.

Developed by Columbia University, the TeenScreen Program provides us with a proven method to identify and help our teenagers. It is a confidential and voluntary suicide risk and mental health screening program for adolescents. It is included in the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices as a scientifically verified intervention for the prevention of suicide and mental illness, and is implemented in more than 500 sites throughout 43 states in the USA.

### Did you know that 10% of American youth suffer from mental illness and two-thirds of them do not get help?

Many teens appear to be normal, happy and healthy on the outside, but are in great pain on the inside. They don't realize they need help or they don't know how to ask for it. The TeenScreen program helps us uncover those who are suffering silently and gives them a chance to get help.

TeenScreen offers teens an opportunity to receive a brief screen and a chance to speak confidentially with a counselor. This innovative program helps teens learn more about themselves and explore healthy coping strategies that can assist them in doing well in school, at home and with friends.

For most parents, screening can be reassuring, demonstrating that their teen is experiencing typical adolescent "growing pains". For others, TeenScreen helps parents identify a problem early, such as anxiety and depression. Once a problem is identified, TeenScreen connects parents and their teen to the appropriate support services so they get help before the problems become more severe.

The mission of the TeenScreen Program is

to ensure that every family is offered the opportunity to have their teens receive a confidential and voluntary mental health check-up. TeenScreen's Deputy Executive Director asserts, "Our primary objective is to help young people and their parents live happy and healthy lives."

The TeenScreen Program works by creating partnerships with communities across the nation to implement local screening programs for youth. For the past four years, the Tamalpais Union High School District has linked with Family Service Agency of Marin to provide the screening and professional staff to meet with our 10th grade students. Research studies have shown 10th graders are most likely to benefit from this process.

In October, sophomores at Tamalpais High School will have the opportunity to participate in these confidential screenings. Parents will receive a letter from the Principal, Tom Drescher, outlining the program for sophomore students. If you would like additional information about this program, consult their website at [teenscreen.org](http://teenscreen.org) or call Melissa Ladrech at Family Service Agency of Marin, 415 491-5700 extension 2077.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

### Graduation Materials

This year, due to recent changes in California state laws pertaining to student fees, the school will be purchasing caps and gowns for all graduating seniors. Even though you do not need to pay for the cap and gown, each senior MUST complete an order form to secure a gown.

You may submit your order online (see instructions below) or by mail. Packets will be distributed to senior students during the Senior Panoramic Photo (October 14) and will be picked up by Jostens at Tam on October 28. **The deadline to order graduation materials is November 18.**

### Ordering instructions

1. Go to [sfgrad.com](http://sfgrad.com)
2. Click on 'Place an Order'
3. Click on 'Marin County'
4. Click on 'Tamalpais High School'
5. Click on 'Graduation Products'
6. Select any items that you would like and add them to your cart. If you are interested in the cap and gown only, select the 'Customize' button in the Caps, Gowns and Tassel box. Enter the height, weight, and gown style. Select 'Finish'.
7. When you are finished with your order, click on 'Checkout'
8. Select 'Continue' to complete the checkout process
9. Print a copy of the receipt for your records

In addition to ordering a cap and gown, you are welcome to purchase other items through Jostens.

Orders can also be placed by phone at (650) 350-1132 x5. All orders are fully refundable if a student is unable to participate in the graduation ceremony.

### Senior Panoramic Photo Day

The Senior Panoramic Photo will be Friday, October 14 during tutorial. Seniors should report directly to their tutorial class for roll and announcements. Then teachers will release all seniors to Mead Theater for the photo.

### Junior/Senior Prom

This year's prom will be held on Saturday, May 5 at the Regency Center in San Francisco. The junior class is also welcome to attend this event. Tickets will go on sale in April.

### Senior Portraits

Formal senior photos will be taken on January 18, 19 and 20 in the Student Center. There will also be a make-up day on January 24. More information will be made available to families in December.

### Senior Week – June 5 - 8

**Tuesday, June 5:** Senior Trip

**Wednesday, June 6:** Senior Check-Out Day and Graduation Practice

**Thursday, June 7:** Games on the Field and BBQ and Graduation Practice

**Friday, June 8:** Senior Breakfast, Awards and Graduation

### Graduation

Graduation is Friday, June 8 at 6 pm. To attend the commencement exercises, all guests must have a ticket. Mead Theater accommodates approximately 1,800 people. We will provide each family with six tickets per graduate. No extra tickets will be distributed and lost tickets will not be replaced. We encourage students with extra tickets to share with other grads in need. Tickets will be distributed to graduates the morning of graduation.



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### Senior in Good Standing

In order to participate in our graduation ceremony, seniors must be in good standing. The Senior in Good Standing Policy holds seniors district-wide to continued academic and behavioral expectations commensurate with our school's high standards. Participation in the graduation ceremony is voluntary and considered a privilege. The following must be complied with in order to be considered a senior in good standing.

- Meet TUHSD graduation requirements.
- Pass all classes. Grades of F or incomplete in any class will prevent students from participating in the ceremony.
- Attend classes. Students who receive partial credit for any class, including tutorial, as a result of excessive (five or more) unexcused absences will be restricted from the ceremony.
- Behave appropriately. Suspensions as a result of serious offenses such as vandalism, fighting, or being under the influence of a controlled substances or alcohol are examples of incidents that will prevent one's ability to participate in the ceremony and senior week activities.
- Pay all outstanding bills. Seniors must clear all fees in order to purchase tickets for Senior Prom. Return all textbooks, library books, athletic equipment and clear all fees prior to Senior Check-Out in order to participate in senior activities and the graduation ceremony.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Assistant Principals' office (380-3512).

Thank you!



## MILL VALLEY



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## Info

Saturday, October 22, 2011

9:00am - 12:30pm

FREE ADMISSION

## Tam High Student Center

Tam High | 700 Miller Avenue  
 (The Student Center is adjacent to the rear parking lot on Almonte Blvd)

9:00am | Coffee and pastry

9:15 | Introductions

9:30 | Dr. Hinshaw: The Paradox of Adolescence and Today's Risks

10:30 | Break

10:45 | Dr. Hinshaw: Parenting Solutions

11:45 | Q &amp; A

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Mill Valley (Tam High and MVMS) PTSA present our 2011 Parent Education Conference

## Teens, Mental Health, and Resilience: Today's Risks and the Role of Active Listening and Responding

## Speaker

**Stephen P. Hinshaw, PhD**

Professor, Department of Psychology  
 University of California Berkeley

## Overview



Adolescence is a time of peak physical and mental abilities throughout one's entire life, yet it is also a time of serious risk for accidental injury, risk taking, substance abuse, and a host of debilitating mental disorders. Why this paradox? What are the unique pressures and vulnerabilities at this time of life? And what can parents, in particular, do to respond and communicate with their teens, in the face of messages communicating "back off, I'm independent now"?

The October 22 Parent Education Conference will be a provocative exploration of these issues with international expert in clinical and developmental psychology, **Professor Stephen Hinshaw** of UC Berkeley. He is author of 225 articles and chapters and 7 books, including *The Triple Bind: Saving Our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures*. Dr. Hinshaw is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the Editor in Chief of *Psychological Bulletin*, the most cited journal in general psychology.

Dr. Hinshaw will present in two parts. The first session will emphasize the paradox of adolescence, the grave mental health risks facing today's teens and the roles of biology and culture in shaping such risk along with the possibility of resilience. The second session will emphasize solutions, especially the role of active listening in creating settings in which teens can feel safe to explore their journeys into independence, sexuality, pressure to achieve and relationships. Dealing with one's own issues as a parent is an essential part of being able to stay connected to your teen; this essential aspect of listening will be explored.

## Biography

[The Triple Bind: Saving Our Teenage Girls from Today's Pressures](#)  
[Video](#)



## Message from the PTSA President

by Gwen Hubbard, PTSA President

We are well into the second month of school, and the year has gotten off to a great start. We are still hoping that some of those PTSA membership and volunteer forms are headed our way. We are now at 35% participation, but know we can do better!

To date, there have been many great events made successful by lots of volunteers who have generously donated their time and effort to support Tam students and staff.

In September, PTSA volunteers helped with:

- New Parent Orientation
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- Back to Tam Day
- Tam Family Newsletter
- Back to School Night
- Community Open House

Each of these events highlights the world-class facilities, wonderful learning environment, terrific staff and supportive community that exist at Tam High.


### Next PTSA meeting

The October PTSA meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 5 in the Student Center. There will be a brief presentation by Superintendent Laurie Kimbrel regarding the upcoming parcel tax renewal. This is a great time to find out how the parcel tax affects the TUHSD budget for the coming years. We will also have an interesting presentation from "Teens Turning Green", as they discuss their 30-day challenge to raise awareness about health and environmental issues, sustainability and the collective impact of our actions. We hope you will join us for this informative evening.

### Parent Education Conference


This issue of the Tam Family also contains information about the upcoming Parent Education Conference, to be held on Saturday, October 22 in the Tam Student Center. This event is co-sponsored by the PTSA at Tam High and Mill Valley Middle School, so please take a moment to read about the conference and make sure to mark your calendars.

## First Staff Appreciation Breakfast a Success!


Many thanks to all the volunteers who brought treats and delicious breakfast items for our "Welcome Back" Staff Appreciation breakfast on September 2. The Tam staff always looks forward to these special breakfasts throughout the year, and truly appreciated the wonderful buffet. A special thanks to Helene Siegel-Fotos for organizing the event. 



## Back to Tam Day Refreshes Campus

We had a great turnout for Back to Tam day, sponsored by the Alumni Association. Painting, weeding, pruning, trash pick up, and many other tasks were performed by alumni, current students, and their parents. After all the hard work, everyone enjoyed the BBQ put on by the Alumni Association, where a few "historical" stories about Tam were shared. This is an event not to be missed, so put it on your calendar for next year. It will be held on the first Saturday after Labor Day. Thank you Alumni Association and all the volunteers who gave their Saturday morning to beautify Tam High! 

## Tam Community Open House Enjoyed by All

There was a great turnout for the Community Open House on September 17. Alumni, students of all ages, parents, and community members attended mini-classes, tours, and presentations. While all that was going on, lots of future Tam students played in the "Funzone" bounce houses. Delicious baked goods and lunch items were sold to support Tam's tennis team and new cheer-leading team. 



Three future Tam students learn about woodworking from Geo Monley

## 2011-2012

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## Tam Students and the Tam High Foundation Need You

by Deborah Miller, Tam High Foundation Communications Chair


Parents have been talking since Back to School night. Likely you have heard the “buzz”—that Tamalpais High is a remarkable school. Much is being said about the stellar caliber of our Tam teachers and coaches, the inspiring presentations, the beautiful facilities, the well-equipped classrooms and labs and much more. At Back to School night we remembered why we love Tam and learned even more about Tam’s excellence.

If you were able to attend Back to School night, you heard teachers in every department thank the Tam High Foundation (THF). When they thank the Tam High Foundation, they are really thanking YOU – our parents, business and community supporters and volunteers who are the Foundation.

Every year the students of Tam and the Tam High Foundation need YOU to provide the funds that help keep Tam at its current level of excellence, and strive for more! YOU make possible so many crucial programs, from high quality technology such as laptops in the library, to academic workshop, to critical support for the languages, the sciences and the arts.

Our Annual Campaign is in full swing. The THF Board has done the calculations. To maintain and expand Tam’s excellence, we need \$600 this year for every student at Tam.

We also need 100% parent participation. Please join in and give at whatever level you can. You will feel terrific knowing you are supporting our Tam students.

Review the remit form on page 8 to learn about the many options for giving to the Annual Campaign. Then just clip and mail in the remit form with your check. Or go to [tamhighfoundation.org](http://tamhighfoundation.org) and donate online. Click on “Donate Now” on the Foundation home page. For the Business Campaign, complete the remit form with your business information or e-mail the THF office at [info@tamhighfoundation.org](mailto:info@tamhighfoundation.org). 

**Tam’s students need YOU!**  
**Please donate today!**

Donate by Mail:

Tam High Foundation  
700 Miller Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

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We thank you if you have already donated this year.

## THUMB MAKES BEAUTIFUL MUSIC. Join THUMB Fun!

by THUMB President, Doug Thompson

THUMB, the Tam High United Music Boosters, continues to actively support the Tam High Music program. Tam Music, as all performance art programs, relies on parent participation in order to achieve the high level of success and polish that we enjoy at Tam High. Music Director Spiro Tsingaris performs a singularly impressive feat coaching the talented Tam High school musicians and putting together an array of concerts. Behind the scenes, THUMB parent volunteers bring in the funds that support this effort and lend a hand to help events run smoothly.

Over the years, THUMB has assisted in funding music department trips to festivals and competitions as far away as New York City. We’ve helped develop and maintain the Guest Artist Program. We continually provide funding and support to replace and maintain the instruments, purchase new music and curate the music library. THUMB also plays a leading role producing the perennial student favorite, the Valentine’s Dinner and Concert, as well as the hugely successful music department’s annual community Phone-a-Thon.

### Multi-year strategic plan

Prepared several years ago, THUMB’s multi-year strategic plan has become our road map to help enrich the music learning and performance experience at Tam High. There are many ways for Tam parents to become involved.

There are many ways for Tam parents to become involved. From bringing concessions to the performances to actively participating as an officer,

### THUMB has a place and a fun job for everyone.

- ongoing fundraising activities from performances to the phone-a-thon
- communication and public relations efforts to build awareness of the benefits of Tam music to the school and wider community
- fostering a stronger, more direct relationship with the local middle schools and their student musicians to help show them the opportunities at Tam High
- developing performance and learning opportunities within the local community;
- maintaining and funding a music scholarship program
- facilitating opportunities for advanced music students.

With so much valuable work to do for our music students and to build a program striving for excellence, please know that THUMB has a place for you.

### This is your invitation. You’ll find good work and meet friends along the way.

THUMB typically meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Band Box. Watch the Tam web site calendar for reminders.

More information about THUMB and the Tam High Music Program can be found at Spiro Tsingaris’ teacher web site, the THUMB web site (at the Tam High site, under “Community”) or at the Tam High Music Facebook group. ([facebook.com/groups/155545787011](https://facebook.com/groups/155545787011))


**The next THUMB meeting is: Thursday, October 22 at 7:00 pm at the Band Box.** Step up the hill to the Band Box and help build pride in Tam Music. 

## Tam Students Participate in MV Annual Paint-Off

By RoseAnn Frank, PATH President

The Mill Valley Art Commission’s 21st Annual Paint-Off was held on

September 10. The event featured 35 artists who painted any scene visible from the Depot Plaza. The artists were allowed to use any style or medium.

Three of Tam’s students participated in this event. Alexandra Cabana, Scarlett Costello, and Rowan Walton all were entered in the youth category. Congratulations to Scarlett who won the Youth Award, a cash prize of \$75 sponsored by Henry’s Toy Shop. 

Scarlett Costello



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Mill Valley, CA 94941

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- ☐ \$ 1,500+ Major Donor
- ☐ \$ 1,200+ Sponsor
- ☐ \$ 600+ Donor
- ☐ Up to \$599 Contributor

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There are many ways to give:

☐ Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to: Tam High Foundation

☐ I paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ online at [www.tamhighfoundation.org](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org)

☐ Please charge my Visa or MasterCard now for the full amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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*Get a jumpstart on the holidays!  
Create gifts of art you'll love giving.  
Have your family photo taken.*

## Holiday Gift Workshops & Family Photos Experience Studio Arts October 22 and November 5

Join us for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Experience Studio Arts event. This year our talented art students and teachers will be leading fun holiday gift workshops where you will create and go home with finished works of art that you can give or keep.

- Make your own ceramic bowls, napkin rings, vases or trivets from a predetermined amount of clay with an imprinted leaf or snowflake design or design your own: it's a 2-day process–October 22 to create and November 5 to glaze
- Create bold-patterned note cards made from your own carved foam printmaking ink blocks–October 22
- AP Photo students will take your family's holiday photo in the portrait studio and give you a disk with digital images–October 22
- Find out what goes in the darkroom by creating photograms that you can frame or use to make note cards (provided). Bring in objects such as dried flowers, leaves, buttons, feathers, cut-outs, jewelry, glass, lace, etc.–October 22

### All proceeds will benefit PATH – making our Studio Arts program better than ever!

Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check to: PATH c/o Tam High, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Questions? Contact Diane Swartz – [dianeswartz@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeswartz@hotmail.com)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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| _____ | <b>Family Photos</b> @\$40 per group–October 22, 10am-12pm (Photo Room)           | \$_____ |
| _____ | Only twelve 20-minute slots available–sign-up early! ____10-11 or ____11-12       |         |
| _____ | <b>Photograms</b> @\$40 per person–October 22, 10 am-12 pm (Photo Room)           | \$_____ |
| _____ | <b>Ceramics</b> @\$60 per person–2 day process Oct 22 & Nov 5, 10-12pm (Ceramics) | \$_____ |
| _____ | <b>Block Printmaking</b> @\$40 per person–Oct 22, 10am-12 pm (Draw/Paint Room)    | \$_____ |
| _____ | <b>I would like to support PATH with a tax-deductible donation*</b>               | \$_____ |

*\*All parents with students in the Visual Arts program are encouraged to join PATH with a \$50 or \$100 donation or whatever you can give.  
PATH funds student field trips, art and photo supplies, workbooks, and student art exhibitions.*

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for your support. See you in the Studio!**

## News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist—  
sgertman@tamdistrict.org 380-3582

### SAT & ACT

You can download the current SAT and ACT testing calendars and register for either test by going online. For the SAT, go to collegeboard.com and for the ACT go to actstudent.org. Students are strongly encouraged to register online. Register early for a convenient test site. Tam is a testing site for the PSAT and PLAN only.

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

### CHSPE

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) will be given in San Rafael on October 15, March 17, and June 16. Students who pass the CHSPE will receive a high school equivalency certificate and may leave high school with parental permission. Pre-registration is required. For more information, go to chspe.net. The CHSPE is separate from the California Exit Exam needed for graduation from Tam.

### College Representatives at TAM

Representatives of colleges from across the U.S. and Canada come to Tam each fall to meet with students. These are wonderful opportunities for students to put a face on the college and learn about the application process. The list expands daily and is announced in the bulletin. It is also available in the Career Center and online at tamhigh.org. So far, 50 colleges and universities are scheduled to visit Tam in October.

### College Applications

Applications for admission to the University of California and California State University are available online October 1. Students can access the CSU application at csumentor.edu and the UC application at universityofcalifornia.edu/

admissions. Application fee waivers are available online. The filing period for CSU campuses is October 1 to November 30. UC accepts applications in November. November 30 is the absolute deadline to submit applications to CSU and UC campuses.

The Common Application, used by more than 400 colleges, is available online at commonapp.org.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**College Night for Seniors:** Tam will sponsor a seminar for college-bound seniors and their parents on Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm at the Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church, 410 Sycamore Ave., across from Mill Valley Middle School. Tam counselors will explain information as how to obtain letters of recommendation and send transcripts. A college admissions officer will discuss how colleges read applications and view the admissions process. College-bound seniors and their families are encouraged to attend.


**College Essay Writing Workshop:** There will be a workshop for seniors on writing the college application essay on Wednesday, October 12, during tutorial period.

### CSU and UC Application Workshops

There will be four workshops to help students complete their applications for the California State University and University of California. Workshops are for seniors only.

- CSU-Only Workshop: Wednesday, October 12, 2:45-4:00 pm, computer lab. Passes not required.
- UC-Only Workshop: Wednesday, October 19, 2:45-4:00 pm, computer lab. Passes not required.
- Combined CSU-UC Workshops: Wednesday, November 2 and November 9, tutorial period. Passes required.

### Common Application Workshop

Seniors can get help with the Common Application, used by more than 400 colleges, at a workshop on Wednesday, October 19 during tutorial. Passes required. 

## News from Leadership

by Chelsea Springer, Leadership Advisor

October tends to be one of the busiest months of at Tam, and this year will be no exception. The Welcome Back Rally ignited school spirit for the year. This year's opening rally featured our talented student musicians, including Maxx Hockenberry, Tyler Parkerson and Alex Frank, who performed their rendition of a Radiohead hit. Billy Butler, Daniel Lavezzo and Clara Butler brought the house down with their spin on a Will Smith classic. Our staff participated in a game inspired by the TV show Minute To Win It, which pitted veteran teachers against new teachers, all who were trying to throw a CD into a cut watermelon.

The Sports Committee put on their annual Staff vs. Student Soccer afterschool on September 9. Despite two goals by teach Aaron Pribble, the students emerged victorious with a 3-2 win. After the game, students surprised beloved teacher David Rice by dumping the water bucket on his head. Club Day took place during tutorial on Friday, September 23. Over 30 student-led clubs were represented.

Students are pumped for the first dance of the year, the Homecoming Dance, which will take place on Saturday, October 29. The overarching theme of Homecoming this year is The Bay. Each class will represent a different San Francisco landmark; Fisherman Wharf (freshmen), Haight-Ashbury (sophomores), AT&T Park (juniors), and Alcatraz (seniors).

The Leadership class is busy collaborating with Tam Boosters to plan events for Homecoming week to celebrate Tam students and alumni. They will be raising funds at the football game for the award-winning charity Project Night Night. The organization provides comfort bags to children in homeless shelters.

(projectnightnight.org) 

## The Odyssey: An Intriguing New Adaptation of the Classic Story of a Battle-Tested Hero

by Susan Brashear CTE Program Director and Ivy Ryan, Public Relations Manager


The second production of Tam High School's Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE) Season will be an epic rendition of Homer's The Odyssey. This version, adapted by Hattie Naylor in 2002 and originally produced in the UK at the Bath Youth Festival, is updated to a modern setting while remaining true to its Greek mythological roots.

The classic story is well known: a war-torn hero fights to return home to his family and his kingdom, Ithaca, braving fierce storms and ferocious mythical beasts. Part adventure story, part homecoming tale, this is a heart-wrenching piece about the power of love and how it sustains the weathering of time. The work instills nostalgia in audience members young and old while capturing a sense of fantasy with mystical creatures from Cyclops to nymphs to vengeful gods. The piece will be in the ensemble style, with many of the actors playing multiple roles.

Student designers and actors have been busy at work. The Odyssey will feature creative and innovative design choices as students bring this mystical world to life on the Caldwell stage. The show is directed by Julianna Rees, a longtime CTE guest artist whose previous productions include Twelfth Night and Dead Man Walking. Supporting Ms. Rees are her stage managers, Abigail Kirn and Devon Barone, who guide the production during rehearsals and performances.

### Performance dates and times

The show opens Monday, October 24 and will play through Friday, October 28 at the Caldwell Theatre, located at the back of Tam's campus.

Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults. CTE's box Office opens at 6pm. Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ctetam.org/tickets](http://www.ctetam.org/tickets). House doors open at 6:30 pm and the show will begin promptly at 7:00 pm. You will not want to miss out on this production! 

### Cast:

Charlotte Abel  
Julia Atkin  
Max Billig  
Clara Butler  
Thibault de Saint Phalle  
Diana Gilmore  
Katie Gough  
Zaden Lipman  
Gabe Marino  
Madeline Matej  
Lorna McGinnis  
Ben Milstein  
Emily Pathman  
Lily Rosenzweig  
Erik Rothlind  
Taylor Seebold  
Audrey Stanton  
Adam Sultan

### Crew:

Perrin Albert  
Devon Barone  
Drew Baumert  
Ania Boryslawska  
Cade Burkett  
Mason Fernandez  
Jackson Floum  
Kaitie Gillespie  
James Josephson  
Jessie Kim  
Abby Kirn  
Jason Kirsten  
Ivy Ryan  
Sarah Slain  
Robin Weisselberg



## Tam Grad Carina Albizures Wins Top Honors


by Jonah Steinhart, English department

Carina Albizures was the only student in the country to have not one but TWO of her Tam News articles win top honors in the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association's annual contest, as announced this week. This means out of all the articles published in every high school newspaper in the country, the NSPA considered Carina's two articles among the 50 best last year.

If you don't know Carina, she was raised by a single immigrant mother and started her school career in the ELL program. She also was hospitalized for depression/suicide twice last year. Carina almost didn't make it to Tam graduation, in every sense. Her two pieces bravely share these experiences and are extremely raw and real.


Carina's feature article on depression and her opinion piece on the Latino experience in Mill Valley can be found at [studentpress.org/nspa/winners/story11.html](http://studentpress.org/nspa/winners/story11.html)

After reading her article on depression, the producer of the Spanish language radio program Nuestros Niños interviewed her. That interview can be heard in Spanish at [nuestrosninos.com/programasprevios\\_11.html](http://nuestrosninos.com/programasprevios_11.html). Scroll down to the July 31 broadcast.

Another item of note: Redwood and Tam were two of only nine schools in the country to have multiple articles honored by the NSPA contest. 

## CTE's first production: The Government Inspector October 1 through 5

Don't miss out on the first play of the season, The Government Inspector, adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher from the Nikolai Gogol classic.

The play is a witty, smart and wildly satirical take on a small provincial town filled with con artists, corrupt government officials, and malevolent tricksters. The production is directed by Joe Lucas who directed last year's wildly popular farce, A Flea In Her Ear. The Government Inspector opens Saturday October 1 and closes Wednesday October 5. 



## Marin County School to Career Partnership



### SCHOOL TO CARER UPDATE

#### FALL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The fall semester is in full swing and several Tam students have applied for a fall internship. Students will be matched with local businesses, gain real hands-on experience in the workplace and develop new skills while exploring a career of interest. The fall internship program dates are October 3 - December 2.

#### UPCOMING EVENT

##### KAISER YOUTH HEALTH FORUM

October 28, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm  
Kaiser Permanente in Terra Linda

Students interested in exploring healthcare as a possible career are invited to attend this forum. They will hear presentations by doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. During this one-day event, students learn first-hand about possible career paths and opportunities in the healthcare industry.

Applications are available in the College and Career Center. The deadline to apply is October 14.

#### EVENTS NEXT SEMESTER

##### Spring Internship Program


February - April

##### Marin County Sheriff Youth Academy

(For students interested in law enforcement)  
February - April

##### Kaiser Youth Health Forum

March

For more information, please contact Camille Madfes, School to Career Liaison, at [cmadfes@tamdistrict.org](mailto:cmadfes@tamdistrict.org) or 380-3558. 

## Link Crew News

by Kaitie Gillespie

Welcome to new freshmen parents as well as returning parents! Link Crew is so excited this year about all the awesome events planned so freshmen have a really great year, and to assure them they are welcome into our Tam community.

#### First Friday activities

On the first Friday of each month, Link Crew throws an event solely for freshmen where they can come and have a great time, meet new people, and hang out with their friends. Planned by Link Leaders, we call this day of each month F3, or F-cubed, which stand for Fantastic Freshman Friday. On the same day as these great social events, we have an academic advisory for freshmen. In each freshman tutorial there are four Link Leaders, whom the freshmen met at Orientation. In tutorial on F3 days, the Link Leaders hold activities designed to teach freshmen useful tips for school, check in with everyone, and have a chance to hang out with their freshmen. Then later during lunch there is a social event, which involves games, or food, and a social place for freshmen to go.



Super Link Leaders Ivy Ryan and Emily Pathman



John Ginsburg prepares Link Leaders for freshmen orientation

successfully in high school. Link Leaders led campus tours after the opening activities and ended the day with lunch and distribution of class schedules. Orientation is a fantastic opportunity for freshmen to become comfortable at their new school, but it doesn't end on orientation day. Freshmen are still with their orientation groups in tutorial, and Link Leaders check-in with them weekly.

#### Orientation

Orientation was incredibly successful in introducing incoming freshmen to their new school a few days before school started. On orientation day, all freshmen were put into groups of ten and paired with two Link Leaders who led activities to help the new students meet each other. These activities also involved strategies and advice applicable to functioning

#### Upcoming events

Some upcoming Link Crew events include Study and Snacks, an opportunity for freshmen to receive individual tutoring from Link Leaders, and a Freshman Football Tailgate, a barbecue after one of the freshman football games. Our next F3 event will take place on October 7 with a freshman advisory activity during tutorial and a social event after school. Later on during finals, Link Crew will host Cookies and Cram for the entire school, a chance for any student to receive tutoring from peers and teachers.

We hope the freshmen have had a great start to this year!





JV Football



Varsity Football



Freshman Football

## TEAM UPDATES

The fall sports season is in full swing at Tam. Below are highlights for some of our teams. If your team is not included here, we did not hear from you. Please contact [tam.boosters@gmail.com](mailto:tam.boosters@gmail.com) to learn how you can submit team articles to the Tam Family newsletter.

## Football

Tam football is off to an exciting start! For the first time, there are more than 100 players on the combined freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams. Many players have worked hard all summer, but the teams have also welcomed new recruits to the growing program.

We are fortunate to have a great group of coaches who believe in discipline and inclusion for our boys. Players of all abilities are encouraged to join and participate in the program. At a recent meeting JV coach Eddie Savino thanked Tam parents for the opportunity to work with such a great group of kids and their supportive families.

The first few games have been exciting to watch. The boys are stronger than ever and their potential really shines more each week. One can see that they are beginning to gel as a team and work together to overcome opponents. We all look forward to the MCAL season games to come late Saturday mornings at nearby fields.

## BOOSTERS NEWS

by Deborah Dilley, Boosters president



Tam Athletic Boosters held their first meeting of the school year on September 14. The meeting was attended by a nice cross section of the Tam community. Members had the opportunity to hear from our School Board President, Cindy McCauley, as well as Assistant Principal Chad Stuart, Athletic Director Christina Amoroso and a host of fall coaches. The slate of officers elected in May was ratified and two new board members, Leslie Wachtel and Janet Miller were also elected. The Tam Athletic Boosters board is now complete for the 2011-12 school year.

Tam Athletic Boosters board members:

- Deborah Dilley - President
- Kerry Huffman - Vice President
- Jamie Firmage - Past President, At Large
- Stephanie Dorfman - President
- Mia Zambrano-Michel & Steve Michel - Treasurer
- Jackie Raffa - Membership
- Leslie Wachtel - Team Communications
- Jon Alper and Janet Miller - Business Banners

Please join Boosters if you haven't done so already. Our next meeting is October 13 at 7:00 pm in the library.



## Varsity Football

Michael Bennett  
Gonzalo Berluzconi Santrieh  
Graeme Black  
Zharnece Buchanan  
Sel Butler  
Jesse Butler  
Michael Caputo  
Jake Dorfman  
Jonah Elias  
Jonathan Finkelstein  
Benjamin Fritz  
Alexander Gant Van Vliet  
Clay Griebel-Thorpe  
William Haight  
Morgan Hill  
Casey Hogan  
Sam Kassover  
Ben Landress  
Kevin Le  
Rondall Leggett  
Manuel Lopez  
Siyuan Ma  
Jarrett Micklow  
Dana Mills  
Wenlock Nau  
Ryan O'Boyle  
Robinson Rieger  
Jose Rivas  
Rendrick Scypion  
Haynes Stephens  
Christopher Sykes  
Michael Thomas  
Nicholas Urban  
Jonathan Wachtel

## JV Football

Mohammed Azam  
Austin Barger  
Max Bayer  
Aseal Birir  
Dillon Blair  
Charles Cole  
Jake Davis  
Jack Dunkle Rogosin  
Galen Elias  
Patrick Feeney  
Brent Ferguson  
Jack Fox  
Alex Gordon  
Daniel Green  
Joseph Hiti  
Kenyon Jordan  
Lawrence Jordan  
Ben Knauer  
Dylan Krings  
Weston Lazarus  
Trevor McConnell-Fenlon  
Mohammed Modan  
Sergio Mora  
Damian Mush  
Aiden Niere  
Steven Peters  
Henry Phillips  
Keith Price  
Walter Rivas  
Liam Salcuni  
John Samec  
Matthew Suppes  
Michael Van Zandt  
Marcus Viscardi  
Kameron Werner Fomai  
Briggs Woolley  
Christopher Yip

## Freshman Football

Yusuf Azam  
Devin Burch  
Oliver Calhoun  
Kordell Carter  
Walter Davenport  
James Dickson  
Daniel Duane  
Jacob Ferm  
Benjamin Harris  
Alexander Hoff  
Tyler Hoff  
Devin Holbrook  
Cole Kern  
Nicholas-John Lawlor  
Chase McDonald  
Dante Mills  
Wylie Moore  
David Peters  
Hans Plotter  
Dominic Quaranta  
Logan Salcuni  
Pablo Salinas  
Patrick Shore  
Daverick Smith  
Robert Smith  
Sebrion Stewart  
Kieran Strachan  
Jacob Swartz  
Blake Thelander  
Zachary Thomas  
Judah Van Zandt  
Christopher Vogt  
Asher Wenig  
Conor Wynne-Parry



### Varsity Boys' Water Polo

The varsity boys are off to a strong start with 9 wins in 12 games. Highlights include a dramatic, come-from-behind 16-15 sudden death victory over perennial MCAL powerhouse Drake. It was the first time Tam has beaten the Pirates since 1995. Tam is now in second place in MCAL with league record of 2-1.

The Hawks also made a strong showing at the Sierra Shootout Tournament in Rocklin, California. They won four of five games, losing only to the eventual champs (Bear River of Sacramento) in the semi-final game. They ended up third (out of 34) in the tournament.

Senior Trevor Williams leads the team in scoring with 32 goals. Trevor was a Marin IJ selection for "Prep of the Week" following his 7 goal performance (including a game-tying shot with 13 seconds in regulation remaining) in the Drake victory. Senior Brennan Latimer is second in scoring with 28 goals. The defense has been bolstered by the spectacular play of Goalie Elliot Ordway.



*Tam Boys Varsity at Sierra Shootout Tournament September 10.*

### JV Boys' Water Polo

The JV team is currently 2-1, with wins over Alhambra and Marin Catholic and a heart-breaking loss to Drake, 6-5. The young Hawks are led by sophomores Sean Haechler, Alec Williams, and Trevor Rowedder. Sophomore goalie Dillon Schow has been outstanding in the cage as a first-year goalie. Sophomore Mike Krakauer was selected as "Hawk of the Week" for his outstanding play during the first three games of the season.

### Girls' Tennis

Tam girls tennis looks to follow up on a very successful 2010 season, which included a 21-5 overall record (12-1 MCAL), NCS D-II team championship, and the winner (Chelsea Hayashi) and runner-up (Hillary Fazekas) in the NCS D-II individual tournament.

The top five players from last year's team are returning. They include senior captain Liza Brusman, juniors Hayashi and Fazekas, and sophomores Lani Tice and Mikaila Smith. The team also returns stalwart seniors Mia Anderson, Tasha Radovich, Julia Francis,

and Schuyler Standley, and has added freshman Anika Kharkar to the starting mix.



*Girls 2011 Tennis Team*

The highlight of the team's early season play has been its 9th place finish at the California High School Girls Tennis Championships at Fresno/Clovis on September 9 and 10. The team dropped a close 5-2 match to a very good Granite Team, and then ran the table in the consolation draw, defeating Robert Louis Stevenson (6-1), Valencia (6-1), and defending NCS D-1 champion Monte Vista (6-1). The team's toughest MCAL competition looks to be Redwood once again, the MCAL 2010 winner and NCS D-1 tournament finalist.

### Girls' Golf

The Tam Girls Golf team began the 2011 season with a tad bit of bad luck. Brooke Wenig and Kate O'Brien, Tam's top two players missed key early matches due to injury and illness. However, the five remaining golfers stepped up to the challenge moving up two places in their matches against Redwood, San Marin and Novato. With the odds against them, they performed beyond expectations and came a way with a narrow loss to San Marin and an unexpected win against Novato. With consistent play from Trisha Chang, Holly Oakander, Katie Weidmann, Vivienne von Welczeck and new team member, Sophomore Christina Fallon, the team continues their determined play and remains in the hunt for a berth in the MCAL tournament at seasons end. Despite this early bad luck, the entire team along with senior newcomer, Sophia Rose, looks forward to a fun and successful 2011 season. The team is coached by John Haight and Chris Ford.



*Team captain, Kate O'Brien at Meadow Club*

### Varsity Girls' Volleyball

Casey Mondragon returns for a second season to coach varsity volleyball. He is looking forward to a great year and is proud that they took first place in the silver division at the Nor Cal invitational tournament on September 17. The

plaque will be on display in the trophy case.

Team members: seniors Lizzie Benson, Skyler McCormick, Elisa Velasquez, Aubrey McKinney (co-captain); juniors Clare Geyer, Shoshana Herzog (co-captain); sophomores Lauren Killingsworth, Makenzie Pohl, Emily Tull, Jane Tull; and freshman Krissy Powers.



*2011 Girls Varsity Volleyball team*

### JV Girls' Volleyball

Despite injuries and illness, the JV volleyball team finished with a 3-1 record at the end of pre-season play. The team hopes to repeat a successful season after finishing in third place

in 2010. Coach Elana Casalnuovo is very optimistic about the upcoming season and is pleased with the improvement that the team has already shown. Assisting Casalnuovo at practice and in matches is junior Erin Savino who is unable to participate due to injury.



*2011 Girls JV Volleyball team*

## October 29 is Homecoming!

Come out and cheer on our Tam varsity football team on Saturday, October 29 at the 2011 Homecoming Game against Terra Linda High School. The game is at 2 pm.

## More Boosters News

To get up-to-date information about Tam teams, check these two websites: tamhigh.org (athletics tab) and highschoolsports.net.

For accurate schedules of ALL sports, go to at highschoolsports.net. You will need to register in order to get instant email and text notifications for schedule changes, scores and photos. You will also find team rosters, game schedules, practice schedules, early release times and bus departures.

Another good source for coverage is the Mill Valley Patch. (millvalley.patch.com)



# TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Tam/Drake/Redwood/San Andreas/Tamiscal*

## PARCEL TAX RENEWAL ON YOUR BALLOT NOVEMBER 8, 2011

### QUICK FACTS:

- STRAIGHT RENEWAL OF EXISTING TAX
- First approved in 1989, recently approved in 2004
- Provides 16% of operating budget for 5 high schools
- Failure to pass would result in \$8.8 million in cuts!
- Tax is \$238.78 per parcel annually or \$20/month
- Ten-year term with existing annual adjustment 3%
- Seniors and renters are exempt
- This is NOT a bond! The campus buildings are complete – this funding maintains our exceptional academic programs and high quality education
- This is NOT a new tax

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Date	Time/Event	Location
1-5	CTE PRESENTS: GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR	Caldwell Theatre
1	UC and CA STATE APPLICATIONS ONLINE	
4	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING Study Session: Governance Workshop	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
5	12:35 PM DISMISSAL - MINIMUM DAY	
5	7 PM - PTSA MEETING Parcel Tax Presentation	Student Center
6	6:30 pm - SENIOR COLLEGE SEMINAR	Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church
11	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
12	COLLEGE ESSAY WRITING WORKSHOP *	during tutorial
12	2:45 PM CSU APPLICATION WORKSHOP *	Computer Lab
13	7 PM - THUMB MEETING	Greenwood Music Room
13	7 PM - BOOSTERS MEETING	Library
15	7:30 AM - PSAT	Student Center
15	CHSPE EXAM	San Rafael
17	NO SCHOOL - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY	
19	COMMON APPLICATION WORKSHOP *	during tutorial
19	2:45 PM - UC APPLICATION WORKSHOP *	Computer Lab
22	10 AM PATH: HOLIDAY GIFT WORKSHOPS	Photo & Ceramic Rooms
22	9 AM - PARENT EDUCATION	Student Center
24-28	CTE PRESENTS: THE ODYSSEY	Caldwell Theatre
25	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
29	HOME COMING:	
	2 PM - VARSITY FOOTBALL v. TERRA LINDA	BRUCE GRANT FIELD
	8-11 PM - DANCE	RUBY SCOTT GYM
NOVEMBER 2011		
2	7 PM - PTSA MEETING	Student Center
2	COMBINED CSU UC APP WORKSHOP *	during tutorial
4	7 PM - TUHSD BOARD MEETING Study Session: Governance Workshop	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
5	CTE DANCE-A-THON	
8	ELECTION DAY	Parcel Tax Renewal on ballot
9	COMBINED CSU/UC APP WORKSHOP *	during tutorial
* Seniors only		
For details and updates, check the calendar on the Tam High website: tamhigh.org		