

Tam's Ceramics Class Ventures to the East Bay



Ms. Ouse-Hick's ceramics class had the opportunity to learn from professional artists when they visited two studios in the East Bay recently. At Bryan Goldenberg's Slow Burn Glass studio in Oakland, students worked with professional glass blowers to create pieces of their own.

They also visited a Raku studio in Berkeley where they had a chance to create

their own pieces. Raku is a traditional Japanese technique that uses extreme heat and a reduced-oxygen atmosphere to give clay a unique, crackled-bronzed finish. The process requires working in a closely choreographed group, which contrasts with other, more individual ceramic processes. Thank you to the Tam High Foundation for making the Raku trip possible.

**Congratulations
NCS Champs!
Tam Hawk
Baseball,
Softball and
Soccer Teams**

Site Council Corner

by Audrey Shapiro, Chair Tam Site Council

The Tam Site Council (TSC) will have an open parent position in fall ‘2014. This is a 2-year commitment. Please watch for application information at the start of the new school year.

TSC consists of the principal, certificated representatives, classified representatives, students, and parents. The group meets monthly to develop, approve and provide oversight of the school’s three-year plan and to review and approve program proposals. The TSC also provides general oversight for all categorical programs and budgets, as well as direct oversight of Instructional Improvement funds. You can find additional information on TSC including meeting calendar, members and the full minutes here. <http://www.tamdistrict.org/Page/2511>

Summary of key items from the adopted minutes of the March, 2014 meeting:

- Attendance and Truancy: Tam has a new probation officer – Kevin Coleman – on campus to help prevent truancy.
- Parking update: Parking discussion. Moving student parking to the front lot and teacher parking to back lots is currently under consideration to alleviate on-going parking congestion. Parking spaces have been counted and final evaluation is in progress.
- Safety update: Emergency drill was held in February. No issues were reported and a subsequent meeting with police department to discuss active shooter scenario is planned.
- Curriculum/School Culture: Principal Synyard addressed questions and comments regarding New Tech and other curriculum as well as on-going communication with the Tam community. The TSC agreed to hold a school-wide forum to address questions from the Tam community regarding the implementation of New Tech, other curriculum as well as on-going communication and the long-term plans for Tam High.

Student report:

- The Spring Dance was cancelled due to extremely low ticket sales. Leadership is looking at ways to encourage attendance at dances, particularly among juniors and seniors.
- Seniors are looking for community donations to help fund senior activities.

Teacher report:

- Isaias Franco reported that his “Running 4 change” program is assisting Tam’s special education students with improved grades. Students are fundraising and training for a half-marathon in San Diego.

SENIOR WEEK SCHEDULE - 2014

June 9: Senior Trip – Six Flags Discovery Kingdom (optional)
Students who choose not to go must attend classes.

June 10: Senior Checkout Day – Ruby Scott
Between 9:30 and 11:30 by counselor
Graduation Practice: 12:30 pm sharp at Mead

June 11: Senior Brunch - 9:30 am, with awards and raffle.
Graduation Practice: 12:30 pm sharp at Mead

June 12: Graduation Day
Graduation Practice: 12:30 pm sharp at Mead
Graduation: Seniors line up in Gus Gym at 5:00 for gown check.
Graduation starts promptly at 6:00 pm.

**Congratulations
Class of 2014!**



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Leave a Lasting Legacy for Your Graduate by Inscribing a Student Center Plaza Brick

You can help your graduate leave a lasting legacy at their alma mater by inscribing his or her name on a brick on the Student Center plaza through the Foundation’s Brick Campaign. Bricks for the Class of 2014 will be placed in the space directly in front of the Nana doors which lead into the student center, and will be there for your student to see at every reunion and gathering through the decades to come.

Stasha Anderson – Senior in AIM: “It is so nice to pull all the luxurious lounge chairs around in a big circle to hold class seminars or to sit up at the wooden center island for group projects.”

Peter Swanson – Senior: “I think it (the remodeling) turned out extremely well, and I’m glad that they did it. Every project like that to improve the school makes a huge positive impact on everyone at Tam.”

By purchasing a brick you will also support excellence and innovation through our grants process, thus ensuring that future generations of students will have all the opportunities that your student enjoyed. To purchase a brick, please visit the Foundation website at www.tamhighfoundation.org. Orders for this year will be accepted until June 19.

Malia Lam – Senior: “I love the way the floor-to-ceiling window doors open and create a nice big feeling in the student center...because it seems much more welcoming.”

Trent Waltz – Sophomore: “I enjoy the student center as a generally great place to meet up with friends and occasionally relax in...I really appreciate the space as both a place of entertainment and study.”

Trevor Guyton – Senior: “I have Leadership held in the student center three days a week, and it has absolutely brought us together as a class. Before we would split into two different classrooms, but now we can stay and collaborate together, which makes our class much more effective as a whole.”

Maddy Sebastian – Junior: “I am in the AIM program, which has its classrooms hosted inside the SC...the remodel of the student center has really helped us bond, have fun, and get even closer.”

Russell Wirth – Junior: “I loved the Global Studies Spanish Exchange students BBQ that was held on a beautiful fall day in the courtyard...It is really a great, communal, open, functional space for gatherings and events.”

The Foundation Awards Its Major Grants

Each spring the Foundation awards grants for projects and tools costing more than \$10,000. (Mini grants for projects costing less than \$10,000 are awarded in the fall.) Major grants are an opportunity for teachers to fund cutting-edge technology, guest artists, and innovative programs that the district doesn’t support. The 2014 Major Grants will bring a variety of innovative teaching programs and technological support to Tam’s students during the coming school year.

Funded projects include a significant sound system upgrade for Gus Gym, 24 replacement laptops for the library, a 3-D printer

for the engineering program, a laser cutter for architecture classes, and replacement cameras and darkroom equipment for the Photography program.

The Foundation will also fund a widely acclaimed Spoken Word Poetry in the schools program, Shakespearean guest artists, and a Marin Theater Company guest artist program for the English department. It will continue to pay for the CTE’s technical theater specialist and other theater professionals, as well as guest artists for the Fine Arts department and guest musicians who work with music students. Additionally, the Foundation created an experiential

learning fund that the principal can draw upon at her discretion to fund a wide variety of field trips for Tam students.

The Foundation will also continue to support the Link Crew and the library aide that enables the library to stay open from 4-7 pm Mondays through Thursdays.

We want to thank all its supporters for the donations that make these grants possible. With your help, we will continue to make Tam an extraordinary experience for all of its students.

The Foundation's Annual Fundraiser Is a Success

The Foundation's annual fundraiser, held April 27 at the Sweetwater, raised over \$46,000 to help fund programs and tools that enrich the Tam High educational experience.

The New Orleans-themed party featured appetizers and a dinner buffet provided by renowned chef Gordon Drysdale and complimentary wine and beer. Partygoers mingled in the tented, open-air patio; bid on silent auction items that included wine lots, Giants tickets, a chance to sit in on a popular morning radio broadcast, a romantic getaway to Cavallo Point, hosted parties, and more.

Inside the state-of-the-art music hall, a roster of jazz musicians entertained the crowd, including the gypsy swing band Beso Negro and members of the Tam High Jazz Band with Tam student vocalists Salem Davern and Alexandria Demers.

Later in the evening, a live auction featured a dinner for eight catered by Mr. Dry-

sdale, experiences in the sky aboard a twin engine plane, a Tahoe vacation and more. The fundraising culminated with a 50/50 drawing—the winner taking home half the amount raised, the other half going to the Foundation—and a Fund-A-Need auction to support recent renovations and continued improvements to the Student Center.

The Foundation's annual fundraiser is one of four primary ways in which the Foundation raises money to support its programs. Together with the Parent Campaign, the Business Campaign, and the Shopping Program, the Foundation is able to fund innovative teaching programs, cutting-edge technology, and educational and peer support that help Tam's teachers and staff make Tam an unparalleled educational experience for its students. The Foundation would like to thank all who made this event a success, especially Spring Fundraiser Event Chairs Lori Davern and Laura Diecks and their dedicated team of volunteers.



NEWS FROM



PATH (Patrons of the Arts at Tam High) is a parent-run, nonprofit group that supports Tam's Fine Arts program. Its mission is to fill the gap between the funds the district provides and the funds Tam's art teachers need, and to help students engage with the larger arts community. This article provides some highlights of our successful 2013-14 school year.

Student Art Exhibits

Since one of PATH's primary missions is to ensure that students have the opportunity to participate in the community through their art, numerous PATH-supported student exhibits popped up in public spaces all over town, including Ceramics, Draw/Paint, and Photography student work at the Mill Valley Arts Festival in September; Photography student work at Noci Gelato in March and April; and Ceramics and Draw/Paint student work at City Hall in March. Students also showed their work at the Marin Society of Artists Annual High School Art Show at the Marin Art and Garden Center in the spring.

Finally, the recent Senior Art Show at the Depot showcased the best work done by our graduating seniors. Many of these pieces were used to successfully apply to collegiate art programs, and all of them represent the culmination of Tam's four-year sequential Fine Arts program and the talent of our rising graduates.

Field Trips

Learning from the world beyond the classroom requires actually leaving the classroom, so PATH funded several field trips for our art students, including visits to the DeYoung and the Oakland Museum.

Critical Supplies

The district doesn't pay for all the supplies art teachers need, and it bars teachers from asking students or their families for donations, so PATH was originally created to bridge this gap. It did so again this year, funding thousands of dollars in critical art supplies for all art disciplines.

Fundraising for the Future

PATH depends on tax-deductible donations from the Tam community to fund its endeavors. This year PATH raised money through membership donations and through its highly successful Mask-A-Rade fundraising party in the fall, which featured a silent auction, a student art show and sale, live music, dinner, drinks and dancing at Studio 333 in Sausalito.

PATH would like to thank all its donors and volunteers who helped support the arts at Tam this year, and congratulate the Fine Arts Department's graduating seniors!

NEWS FROM



Tam Music Collaborates with Founder of Turtle Island String Quartet

The Tam Music instrumentalists are excited and working especially hard to rehearse for their Spring Concert on June 4. They will be performing a piece personally arranged for them by a Grammy Award-winning musician and composer, David Balakrishnan.

For some time, Music Director Spiro Tsingaris has been searching for something different for Tam musicians to play; he thought perhaps a bluegrass or contemporary piece. It was fortuitous that he discussed this with guest artist Evan Price who, as a former member of the ac-

claimed Turtle Island String Quartet, was able to put Tsingaris in touch with founding member David Balakrishnan.

Tsingaris and Balakrishnan worked together to pick one of Balakrishnan's original compositions that would be a good fit for the students. They selected Skylife, the title track from Turtle Island's 1990 album released on Windham Hill Records. Balakrishnan adapted the piece to a full symphony orchestra, as it was originally arranged for strings.

In March, Balakrishnan visited Tam to personally work on the piece with the orchestra. It was a unique experience for the students to be able to meet the composer and learn special techniques first-hand for playing this modern composition on their instruments.

Tam High's Jazz Band, String Orchestra, and Symphonic Band will join together to perform David Balakrishnan's Skylife at the Spring Concert on Wednesday, June 4 at 7 pm in Ruby Scott Gym.



Photo Credit: Leanne Hansen

News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist

THANK YOU

The work of the College and Career Center could not be done without the work of devoted volunteers. Heartfelt thanks and a round of applause to Jill Anderson, Joanne Berry, Susan Garratt, Deb Patrick, and Karen Rosenbluth.

Thanks, too, to the Tam High Foundation for supporting the work of the Career Center. The generosity of the Foundation allows me to attend seminars, stock an excellent reference library, purchase test prep and special interest books and visit colleges of interest to Tam students. This year the Foundation supported a trip to Colorado to visit the University of Colorado campuses in Boulder and Colorado Springs, University of Denver, Regis University and Colorado College.

COLLEGE REPORT

The class of 2014 will attend colleges and universities throughout the US and Canada. Tam students did extremely well in a very competitive year. Below is a preliminary list of schools Tam seniors will attend next year. The College and Career Center will publish a full list before the end of school.

California Community Colleges: Berkeley City, Cabrillo, College of Marin, Cuesta, Santa Barbara City, Santa Rosa. California State University: Cal Maritime, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Dominguez Hills, Humboldt, Long Beach, San Diego, San Francisco, Sonoma. University of California: Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz.

Other U.S. Colleges: American, Arizona State, Bard, Bryant, Bucknell, California College of the Arts, Cal Arts, Chapman, CHP Academy, Colorado College, Colorado State, Cornish, DePaul, Emerson, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandizing, Olin College of Engineering, Harvard, Hobart and William Smith, Indiana U, Lafayette, Lewis & Clark, Loyola Marymount, Macalester, Maryland Institute College of Art, Miami U Ohio, NYU, Northeastern, Northern Arizona, Oberlin, Occidental, Ohio U, Pace, Pacific, Parsons, Penn State, Pomona, Princeton, Rhode Island School of Design, St. Mary's, Santa Clara, Santa Fe Art and Design, School of Visual Arts, Scripps, Seattle, Seton Hall, Smith, Stanford, Tulane, U Arizona, U Montana, U Colorado, U Denver, U Evansville, U Hawaii, U Illinois, U Kansas, U Michigan, U Minnesota, U Oregon, U Portland, U Redlands, U San Diego, U San Francisco, USC, U Utah, U Washington, U Wisconsin, Vassar, Villanova, Virginia Polytech, Washington State, Washington U St. Louis, Western Washington, Willamette, Williams, WyoTech, and Yale.

International Colleges: European University (Barcelona), Franklin College (Switzerland), Quest (Canada), U British Columbia, U Edinburgh (Scotland), and U of New South Wales (Australia).

OTHER PATHS

Still other Tam students have decided to join the military, work full time, travel, or take a post-graduate year or gap year.

Journalism News

by Jonah Steinhart

On the heels of this fall's Top 10 Pacemaker Finalist award for the news magazine, the Tam News recently was named an online Pacemaker Finalist by the prestigious National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA). The NSPA now has named the Tam News a Pacemaker Finalist for both the web and print publications this year, as well as naming three Tam News articles as Stories of the Year, out of just 50 nominations in the country. All of this makes the Tam News perhaps the most decorated high school news organization in the nation this year.

Over 25 seniors will graduate from the program in June, leaving some big collective shoes to fill. But a core group of outstanding freshman, sophomores, and juniors in the less experienced 1st and 2nd period journalism classes already have begun contributing their strong writing and leadership skills. These students will produce both the June newsmagazine and, for the first time, a pro-quality video recording of the Class of 2014 graduation. DVDs of graduation will be available to families in exchange for a donation to the journalism program. Order forms will be available soon on the Tam News web site and at the graduation ceremony.

With the recent launch of a Tam News phone app (available in both the Android and Apple app stores – download it now!) developed by video and sports editor Riley Kuffner, as well as the brisk growth of the Tam Broadcast Network (TBN) and a continued expansion into social media, the Tam News students seem incapable of resting on their recent successes, and they continue to innovate. The constant, amid all of these changes, remains a commitment to quality writing and responsible journalism.

None of these accomplishments would be possible without the continued support of the administration, the community, and funding organizations like the Miranda Lux and Tam High Foundations. We are fortunate to live in a place that so strongly supports student-run journalism. I am so proud of these kids and this community.

Tam Travels the Globe

by Brian Zailian



French Students

Tam French students (left) went to Saint Jean de Luz, France and stayed with students from Lycée Thomas d'Aquin. Next year will be the 20th anniversary of the French exchange at Tam High and we will be returning to our old friends at Lycée Gaston Fébus in Orthez, France in spring 2015. But first, 28 Tam students will host the Frenchies for 17 days beginning at the end of October.

Visual Art Department

Visual Art students drew and sketched their way through Rome (right), Florence and Sienna and this year added an additional leg in Lisbon, Portugal to view the ceramics.



Spanish Students

Pamplona, Spain celebrated the third year at Colegio Luis Amigó. The students (below) were reunited with their Spanish friends and spent their time going to school and visiting the Navarra region of northern Spain. This August, the Spanish are returning to Tam in late August with 20 students for year four of our Spanish exchange program.

CTE Drama

25 CTE students made the trip to London, where they saw nine theater productions and participated in the yearly drama workshop. (More about this trip in the CTE article on page 8.)

Boys' Water Polo Team

This summer the boys' water polo team is heading to Hungary for two weeks to train and play matches against their Hungarian counterparts.





Another Great Year for Tam’s Conservatory Theatre Ensemble

by Susan Brashear, CTE co-program director

It has been a busy and rewarding season for CTE, culminating in farewells to our seniors who will be off to great programs in the fall including Harvard, Boston University, The Theatre School, Emerson, Cornish and many others. The student-written Spring One Act Festival was a great success as well and the new season for 2014-15 has been determined. And the spring trip to London was certainly one of our best yet.

London 2014

Over spring break, 25 students from the Advanced Drama program traveled to London for 11 days to see plays, explore museums, visit historical landmarks, and experience the culture. London is the center of theater history and is the city to see both new and classic works performed in theaters rich in history.

Students saw nine plays in a wide variety of theaters such as The Donmar, The Royal Court, The Almeida, The Old Vic, The Young Vic and The National Theatre. From King Lear to the edgy Birdland, all the productions were impeccable in production values and high quality acting. Students were astonished by the plays such as A View from the Bridge that captured the power of Arthur Miller’s classic tragedy in a very modern interpretation. This play rocked the audience to the core.

During the day, when not attending matinees, students experienced guided tours through great museums, galleries, the

Globe Theatre and the backstage of the National Theatre. Beautiful weather made the outdoor days at Hampton Court and Greenwich very memorable.

Toward the end of the trip, the students had a unique opportunity to participate in a workshop with Complicite (<http://www.complicite.org/flash>), a theater company in London that emphasizes movement as a means of expression. Our group spent an afternoon working with one of the Complicite artists to learn and develop as an ensemble. The students brought home a wealth of activities and new perspective on forming an ensemble they are able to use while leading younger students in Honors Theatre Directing.

All too quickly we were returning to San Francisco on a very long flight home but filled with ideas, inspiration and great memories for the London Global Studies trip of 2014.

Season 2014-15

Although we are finished producing plays for the year, we have been busy for months looking at plays, scheduling and planning for our season next year. We are very excited to announce our season of shows for 2014-15. Shakespeare’s tragedy of Romeo and Juliet will be the first show directed by guest artist and former CTE graduate Gus Heagerty, who is returning from Washington, D.C. for his second show with us. Next up, guest artist Julianna Rees directs the highly entertaining play Shipwrecked. The third play is the

classic Oscar Wilde comedy, The Importance of Being Earnest, directed by CTE teacher Susan.

In early spring, two classic absurdist one acts will be presented together. Interview, by Jean Claude Van Itallie, will be directed by guest artist Joe Lucas and the Ionesco classic, The Future Lies in Eggs will be directed by Kathyn Zdan. In late March, Robert Ernst (playwright guest artist) will direct an original full-length play written by CTE student Tessa King, who co-wrote the original play of 2013-14 entitled Flare also directed by Ernst. Capping the ambitious season in April is Orlando, directed by CTE teacher Ben Cleaveland.

As always, there will be two student-directed One Act Festivals; one in January and one in May. We will try again to have the spring festival feature all new works written by CTE students under Mr. Ernst’s mentorship. Please watch for the new calendar on our website: www.ctetam.org to mark you calendars.

A special “thank you” to the parents who became donors and to the Tam High Foundation for the support you have given us to make all this possible. It’s been a great year. See you in August.

Spring Sports Round-up

(Information as of press time)

Girls’ Varsity Softball

Coach Erin Lawley

Congratulations to the lady Hawks for the win over Terra Linda to earn the NCS title! Tam softball was (17-8) at the end of May and earned a spot in the NCS semi-finals by beating San Rafael in an exciting come from behind win 9-5 in the quarterfinals. Tam was seeded 4 for the MCAL playoffs, but lost a 7-6 thriller to 5 seeded Terra Linda in the MCAL semi-finals.

Senior first baseman Aria Pogni (batting .682) and senior center fielder Becca Fong (batting .389) lead the offensive charge with junior shortstop Chloe Jacobs. Chloe is the anchor to our infield, while Becca holds down the outfield. Due to injuries, sophomore Jessie Scarsella is our lone pitcher. Jessie struck out 74 batters and comprised a 3.65 ERA. Sophomore Elodie Townsend (.333) and freshman Sophia Venables (.279) share time behind the plate.

Boys’ Volleyball

Coach Chris Glave

The Boys’ Volleyball team had a successful season to this point...beating MC twice, getting into the MCAL playoffs as the 4th seed – not done for many years and hopefully an NCS bid. The team won more matches this year than the last couple years combined. Returning players Yusuf Azam, Poy Khaophuan, Blake Killingsworth and Owen Bisson led this year’s team and new players Blake Thelander, Skyler Santos, and Jackson Hettler made major contributions. Some of our members had never played the sport before and were great assets to the team.

The success of Tam’s volleyball team has been noticed by many. Other coaches in the league have praised the team as a group, as well as improved individual talents. Christina Amoroso, our Athletic Director and other coaches at Tam are thrilled that the program has grown, had success AND is gaining in popularity among Tam students. With no seniors on the team at the moment, the success of the program should only grow with the current group and those that come out to play in the future.



Girls’ Varsity Softball Team--Standing, L to R: Skye Lee; Savannah Slack; Sophia Venables; Aria Pogni; Christy Gusiff; Elodie Townsend; Marley Townsend; Anna Reichenbach
Sitting, L to R: Jessie Scarsella; Kendall LaFranchi, Chloe Jacobs, Katie Yee, Shayna Lee, Rebecca Fong, Jonquil Sekula
Not pictured: Hannah Saltonstall; Photo by: Erin Lawley

Boys’ Swimming

Coach Ken Weber

The Red Tail Hawks had an 8-1 dual meet season in 2014. Our single loss was to Terra Linda in a hotly-contested meet. Facing unexpected depth on the part of Redwood, Tam took a third in the MCAL championships. Terra Linda took second by only 11 points.

Tam’s position is strengthened by the strongest dive team in the league coached by Nate Severin and Dr. Ken Light. Scoring 59 points, the divers Shane Allan, Cameron Creath, Ethan Daniels and Cristian Vasquez-Adams placed 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th, respectively at the MCALs this year. At NCS, divers Allen placed 7th, Creath 11th and Daniel 16th.

This year we graduate a number of seniors. Team Captain Sean Haechler, who will swim for NYU, was an MCAL champion in the 100 Fly and holds Tam High School records in the 200 Medley Relay, 200 Individual Medley, 100 Fly and 400 Free Relay. Allen took 2nd in the MCALs, holds the current diving record and will dive for University of Denver. Other senior swim leaders are Dylan DeCotis, Julian Del Castillo, Reid Gordon, Ted Meyers, Sam Miekley, and Dillon Schow.

The team is strengthened by next year’s leaders and MCAL scorers; Danny Carroll, Cooper

Bontz, Ethan Daniels (diving) and Luca Osborne. Other MCAL scorers in the sophomore class include Nate Fisher and Theo Andrews. Andrews, a rising star, broke Tam’s 200 Free record, took second in the 200 Free and 100 Free at MCALs, and he anchored the 400 Free relay team to a medal in a stunning final leg.

Our 2017 class portends well for the future of Tam Swimming. Freshmen MCAL scorers included

Zack Glenn (200 IM, breaststroke), Curtis Klopfer (sprint, backstroke), Tristan Maas (200 and 500 Free), Jacob Nishimura (100 Fly), Jack Simpson (sprint, backstroke) and Riley Stray (individual medley).

Boys’ Tennis

Coach Bill Washauer

The team is currently 20-3, its only losses coming from very strong teams at the Fresno tournament in early March, and an upset 5-4 loss to Branson in April. (The Branson loss was avenged the very next day by a 7-2.)

The team is anchored by senior captain Marco Barretto at #1, sophomore Ryan Baumhoff at #2, sophomore Matia Jovanovic at #3, senior captain Aidan Tirpack at #4, and senior captains Brendan Austin and Kyle Wong at #1 doubles.

The team finished 10th overall (out of 130) in the Fresno tournament in its first return to Division I in that event since 2007. That performance was followed by a first place finish in the prestigious Logan tournament, defeating two-time defending NCS champion Miramonte in the semifinals and Branson in the finals.

MCAL champion No. 4 seed Tam (22-4) lost to No. 1 seed Dougherty Valley (16-0) in the NCS D-I semifinals. In the No. 1 doubles match, Aus-

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tin and Wong pushed to the limit before finally falling 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 with the deciding match even at 3-3. Tirpack won 6-2, 6-4 at No. 4 singles. In doubles, Jackson Gathard and Reis Dorit won 7-5, 6-4 and at No. 2, Langdon Miller and at No. 3, Alex Becker won 7-5, 7-6 (1).

Boys’ Varsity Lacrosse

Coach Scott S. Jennings

The 2014 Boys’ Lacrosse team came a long way since February. The team’s accomplishments are measured in more than just wins and losses; they are also measured in hard work, dedication and camaraderie. They really showed what playing for one another is all about. They realized the benefits of unselfishness and dedication and in so doing have laid the foundation for a strong and healthy program now and well into the future.

Among all the individual successes of many of our players, nothing was more important than developing a team first attitude. That translated into wins, but more importantly a brand of lacrosse we, as coaches, want to nurture. It has taken the countless contributions of so many players, parents and coaches to establish this bond, and we are all incredibly excited about our graduates’ futures, whether on the lacrosse field or otherwise, and for the future of the Tam High Lacrosse program.

Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse

Coach Paige Juneau

The Girls’ Varsity Lacrosse team had a tough season this year. We won games - an improvement over last year’s no win record. We had five seniors graduating and only two freshmen with prior experience. But we improved and that’s what counts. The girls have high hopes for next year.

Track and Field

Coach Robert McLennan

Girls - We expected this to be a rebuilding year, but an outstanding freshman class threw us right back into the thick of things. In preseason, we won the frosh/soph 1st place trophy at the

Alhambra relays and easily rolled through our first three league meets. The final meet of the regular season against Redwood and Drake would decide the regular season championship, as both Tam and Redwood were 7-0. The meet was held on a rainy, windy, cold day and Redwood prevailed by 5 points, largely because the pole vault, which we expected to dominate, was called off due to weather.

Senior Monica Bi was undefeated in the hurdles all season. Sophomore Claire Rutgers set the school record in the shot put. Kate Miekley (160) and Nell Mitchell (triple jump) have already recorded the best all-time marks for Tam freshmen. Olivia Phillips and Megan Bartschat (1600 and 3200), Lizzie Labeeuw-Anderson (800), Kate Miekley (400), Annika Levaggi (3200), Naomi Ferrell (hurdles), Izzy Wright (high jump) and Brigitte Tong (pole vault) have worked their way on to the all-time freshman top 10.

Boys - The boys finished in a tie for third, at 7-2, during the regular season. Senior August Kiles, the MCAL field athlete of the year for the past two seasons, won the MCAL and Redwood Empire championships in both the 110 hurdles, 300 hurdles and pole vault. In pole vault, he won the North Coast Section Meet of Champions, took second at state, first at the Stanford Invitational, and second at the Arcadia Invitational and Sacramento Meet of Champions. Senior Lucas Janetos is also the defending Redwood Empire champion in the long jump.

Pole-vaulting standout Kiles broke a 22-year old league meet mark by clearing 15 feet, 8 inches to defend his league crown and then nearly added two more records in hurdling events. He set a meet record in the 300 hurdles (39.11) and could have owned another in winning the 110 (14.46) if the 2.1 wind level had been 0.1 less.

Other Marin title performances included Kimo Karp (boy’s triple jump).

JV Boys - Because we have one of the largest teams in the MCAL, our JV boys typically do well, and this year was no exception, finishing third at 7-2, and keeping the pipeline open for competitive varsity teams in the future.

Mountain Bike Club

Coach Christy Allen

The 2014 season was very successful for the Mountain Bike team. The roster edged up to 40 riders – boys and girls – from all grades with a consistent core of 30 on training rides and races. The season kicked off in November with two clinics – 1) bike checkup/maintenance and 2) on the bike skills. Training rides began in December. The Marin Headlands via Tennessee Valley was our regular Wednesday afternoon route. On Sundays, the team headed up to Mount Tam on Railroad Grade, dropping down to Coast View and back up Diaz Ridge.

Racing began at the end of Spring Break at the Fort Ord Course in Monterey. We placed two riders on the podium and captured 5th place in the team competition out of nine. At Granite Bay, Roseville course several Tam riders placed into the top ten in Freshmen Boys and Girls, Sophomore Boys, JV Boys and Girls, and Varsity Girls. Returning to Fort Ord, the Hawks had four podium finishes and moved up to 4th overall in team competition. At Boggs Mountain four Tam jerseys stepped into the podium spotlight, and the team held fourth overall – the highest team finish for Tam High.

At the State High School Championship Race near Laguna Seca Raceway, Southern California riders traveled north to battle with our competitive bunch. 18 Tam High riders qualified and sophomore Clayton Puckett won the JV Boys’ division with a 35-second margin. Stuart Kraybill captured 2nd in the Sophomore Boys division. Mae Puckett is the first Hawk to qualify for and race in the Varsity Girls’ division. All Tam High riders put great effort into their respective races, resulting in a fine performance by the team.

Other notable performances throughout the season were from these student athletes - Freshmen: Felix Slothower, Maggie Alves, Megan Lee. Sophomores: John Waldron, Travis Allen. Juniors: Sean McGuinness, Garrett Miller, Bennett Gates. Seniors: Laird Grant, Reid Gordon, Lauren Killingsworth

Girls’ Varsity Soccer

Coach Shane Kennedy

The 2014 Girls’ Varsity soccer team entered the season as a contender, but not the favorite. Perennial rivals and defending champions Redwood and Marin Catholic were considered the frontrunners. As good as their teams are, the Tam team came out of the box loaded with speed and depth. Our girls all came into the spring season fit and ready to play.

Lead by our three senior captains, goalie Liz Archer, Olivia Heitz and Annie Ganz, the team won all four pre-season games. Scoring the majority of the goals were from MCAL Player of the Year candidate Isabella Amyx (13 goals, eight assists), Tatum Robach (six goals) and freshman Callie Clifford (five goals - eight assists). The team allowed only nine goals in 14 league games. The back line had great leadership from Heitz and two experienced juniors - Lauren Lampl and Hannah Monroe. Monroe led all MCAL defenders with seven assists. Freshman Kallie Hukari rounded out the back line. Defensive depth was provided by senior captain Annie Ganz and junior Jackie O’Boyle. Tam’s only loss came at the hands of rival Redwood. Our final MCAL regular season record was 10-1-3.

After a first round bye we won against Drake High School, which set up a final match for the league title against Marin Catholic. Regulation time ended in a tie, followed by two scoreless

overtimes. Tam girls handled the penalty kick pressure better than Marin Catholic to win MCALs. Archer was an intimidating force, making the game-winning save off a bullet from all-league player Alexis Tye.

Tam Varsity Girls Soccer ended their season on Friday, May 24th as TRIPLE CROWN WINNERS (MCAL League, MCAL Tournament and North Coast Section Champions) at the NCS finals with a 4-2 penalty kick shootout again against Marin Catholic again, after a 1-1 draw in regulation and two overtime periods. With only one loss in 24 games, it is hard to imagine a better season. This season was truly a team effort with all players making major contributions throughout the season. Emma Schnee, Shoshanna Barnett and Jackie Flax at mid-field; Alyssa Urban, Gabby Bello and Kendal Islam at forward; and freshman Addy Ball and Nicole Long in the starting lineup. Goalkeeper Kara Waluk conceded only 1 goal in 6 appearances and with Archer graduating, the future looks bright in goal.

Special thanks go out to Assistant Coach Mike Carbone. Mike has been part of the Tamalpais program for eight years and we have seen unrivaled success.

Varsity Baseball

Tam Varsity Baseball, seeded third, beat Hercules, 4-1 on Tuesday, May 20th in their NCS D-III opener. The team then blanked Miramonte 2-0

Friday, May 23rd and advanced to the NCS D-III semifinals the last week of May, where they bested Acalanes 2-0. Then they advanced to the final game, where they beat Alhambra 21-8 to take the NCS pennant!



Caption: Back L to R: Assistant Coach Mike Carbone; Hannah Monroe; Jackie Flax; Lauren Lampl; Shoshanna Barnett; Kallie Hukari; Addison Ball; Captain Annie Ganz; Captain Elizabeth Archer; Captain Olivia Heitz; Tatum Robach; Gaby Bello; Alyssa Urban
Front L to R: Michaela Firmage; Kendall Islam; Kara Waluk; Nicole Long; Callie Clifford; Head Coach Shane Kennedy; Jackie O’Boyle; Isabella Amyx; Emma Schnee

What’s Happening at the Mill Valley Library
by Katie MacBride, Young Adult Librarian



First Thursday: Legos and Games to Relax Your Brains Thursday June 5, 7 pm, Creekside Room

Either you have finals approaching and need to blow off some steam or you are basically done with school and ready to start summer. Whatever your situation, you could use an hour or two of nostalgic fun. We’ll have all the best board games (and feel free to bring your own), as well as Twister and giant tubs of Legos with which you can create a masterpiece. Registration isn’t required, but if you are planning to drop by, it would be great if you could sign up, so we know how many sweet treats to provide. Register online at the Mill Valley library website (www.millvalleylibrary.net).

Late Night Study Halls:

Monday, June 9 through Wednesday June 11, 9-11 pm
It’s finals week and all you want is some place where you can study (either in groups or alone) after school closes, refuel (with sweets and coffee), and take a break every now and then to catch up with your friends. Well, you’re in luck. The Mill Valley Library will stay open, just for high school students, an extra two hours: from 9-11 PM.

Choose Your Own Adventure/Summer Reading Extravaganza (Registration opens June 9)

This summer we want you to Choose Your Own Adventure! Unlike during the school year, this is your chance to read whatever interests you and earn the chance to win prizes (like a Kindle Fire, or gift certificates to Sol Food, Grilly’s and iTunes) while doing it. To get more information, or to sign up, visit www.millvalleylibrary.net/youngadults



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FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Week of JUNE 9-13, 2014

Monday, June 9:

1st period	8:00-10:00 (final)
Break	10:00-10:15
2nd period	10:25-10:55
3rd period	11:05-11:35*
4th period	11:45-12:15
Lunch	12:15-12:50
5th period	1:00-1:30
6th period	1:40-2:10
7th period	2:20-2:50

Tuesday, June 10:

2nd period	8:00-10:00 (final)
Break	10:00-10:15
3rd period	10:25-12:25* (final)

Wednesday, June 11:

4th period	8:00-10:00 (final)
Break	10:00-10:15
5th period	10:25-12:25* (final)

Thursday, June 12:

6th period	8:00-10:00 (final)
Break	10:00-10:15
7th period	10:25-12:25* (final)

Friday, June 13: Teacher Work Day Non-Student Day

*Bulletin read

Enjoy your summer!

School starts Wednesday, August 20