



J.C. Farr, Principal

The Holiday Season is upon us! Some would argue that this is the most wonderful time of the year. I agree with this sentiment as the holidays bring time with family, great food, and laughter. Let us take a moment to reflect on the year that has been and celebrate our accomplishments and experiences that we have had throughout the calendar year 2016.

The Holidays are also a great time for students as we have our Winter Art Faire and Musical Holiday Concerts. Please be sure to come out and support the arts at Tam, as students and teachers both have put in a great deal of work to showcase our collective talents. Event dates and times can be found on the Tam High website calendar.

Students will prepare to take finals, the week of December 19th-22nd. We will have a quiet week December 12th-16th to help students in preparations for these all important assessments. Please be sure to help students by providing a quiet place to study and checking in to ensure students are adequately prepared for the assessments.

Though I have only been here for a few months, my heart has been warmed on many occasions. One of those came last Thursday as parents and students gathered for the "Blanket Bash". This event captured the essence of Tam-Unity as students and their parents gathered to tie together warm blankets to be donated to St. Vincent's. There were treats, well wishes, and a festive environment in the name of community service.

November was a difficult month at Tamalpais High School. With the aftermath of the election and our recent school tragedy, much has gone on at our school. Through these experiences I learned how great our students are, as well as how wonderful our staff is. Everyone responded to these incidents with such care and thoughtfulness for one another that I could not be more proud to be part of this community. The spirit of Tam-unity has been most evident in these weeks as our strong character and values helped us to persevere through these challenges. I am excited about the future and the direction of Tamalpais High School and invite each of you to work with us as we continue to strengthen our community in support of a quality educational experience for our students.

The Squawking Hawk

Tamalpais High Community News

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Winter sports are well underway, Soccer, Basketball, and Wrestling take center stage during the Winter Months. Come out and support the Red-Tailed Hawks as they take on schools all over California. The Red-Tailed Hawks are off to a great start, let us demonstrate school spirit and support our athletes in competition.

Fan Behavior

Winter sports are here, so we wanted to take this opportunity to give a quick review of our expectations for all fans attending Tam High sports events. As our girl's basketball (defending MCAL champs) and boy's basketball teams continue to lead the pack in MCAL play, we expect our students and community members to also lead the way in sportsmanship. Mistakes will be made this season by players, coaches and officials; the reason for athletic competition in high school is to strive for personal and team growth. We want our gym to be loud, and hard for opponents to play in, but we need to do that without cheers that attack one another. We need you to put all of your fan energy into cheering for Tam rather against our opponent.

Please take a moment to speak with your student about these expectations. Students and fans who violate our spectator expectations will be removed from the event without a refund. If an entire section is violating these expectations the game may be stopped and the section removed from the facility before the game continues. Any student or fan who does not comply with a request from officials or administration to stop a behavior will be removed.

Expectations:

- You may not single out an opposing player with cheers or remarks
- You may not single out the officials with any type of cheer
- You may not have any negative cheers towards an opponent
- You may not turn your back on a visiting team or be disrespectful in anyway
- You may not have noise makers

Attending games is an exciting and fun community event, let us show all of our competitors we win in the stands as well as on the scoreboard. Thank you for your help ensuring we have a safe and respectful environment for our student athletes to thrive.

Good News

Tam Gives Back Blanket Bash



Thank you to PTSA and Tam High Leadership for organizing this wonderful event, and to the Tam community for your donations and participation.



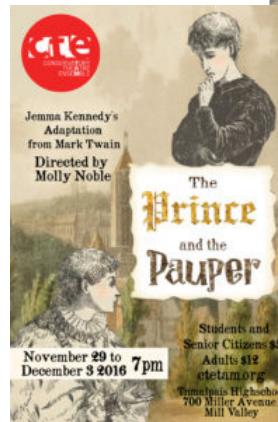
Thank you PTSA and Tam families for the holiday staff appreciation gifts. We wish everyone a safe and joyful holiday season.

CTE's Recent Happenings



Beowulf

The Prince and the Pauper



Coming Soon...

Winter One Act Festival
January 13-15/17-21/24-28

Long Form Improv
February 9-12

Jemima Puddle-Duck and
Peter Rabbit
March 15-19

Congratulations to the Commended Students in the 2017 National Merit Program

Isabel C. Alamin
Jack J. Barbour
Danielle S. Egan
Marina L. Furbush
Kendall Lafranchi
Charles Lubenow
George F. Luebke



Anna Okada
Michael J. Pile
Catherine J. Ryan
Elise A. Ryan
Milo J. Ryan
Jacob M. Sideman
Kerry A. Taylor

Upcoming Events

Check the tamhigh.org calendar for details

December 7: Freshman Advisory during tutorial; Guitar Concert , 7p-9p - Caldwell Theater

December 8: Winter Art Faire and Holiday Gift Sale in Freshman Court, 11a-7p

December 9: Superintendent/Student Advisory during lunch in 2020; Winter Art Faire and Holiday Gift Sale in Freshman Court, 8a-4p

December 14: Site Council Meeting, 3p-4:30p (2020); Instrumental Holiday Show 7pm-Ruby Scott Gym

December 13: TUHSD Regular Board Meeting (Annual Organization Meeting), 7p-Kreps Conference Room

December 15: Choral Holiday Concert - Caldwell Theater, 7p-9p

December 19-23: Final Exams (See website for detailed schedule)

December 23: Teacher Work Day

December 26-January 6: Winter Break

January 9: Teacher Work Day

January 10: Semester 2 Begins; TUHSD Regular Board Meeting, 7p - Kreps Conference Room

January 12: PTSA Event: *The ABC's of AP and Honors Classes* - Student Center, 7p-8:30p

January 13-January 15: CTE Winter One Act Festival, 7p-Caldwell Theater

January 17-January 21: CTE Winter One Act Festival, 7p-Caldwell Theater

January 18: Freshman Advisory during Tutorial; Site Council Meeting - 3p-4:30p (2020 Classroom); College Admissions Testing Information Night, 6:30p (2020) (Sophmores and Juniors invited)

January 24: TUHSD Board Workshop, 5p - Kreps Conference Room; Financial Aid Information Night and FAFSA Workshop, 6:30pm (2020) (Juniors/Seniors invited)

January 24-January 28: CTE Winter One Act Festival, 7p-Caldwell Theater

January 25: PTSA Event: *Affirmative Consent*, 7p-8:30p (Redwood HS)

January 26: Junior Night at 6:30p (United Methodist Church, Mill Valley)

January 27: Winter Rally

February 1: Minimum Day 12:35p Release Time

February 2: Open House

February 3: Minimum Day 12:35p Release Time

February 4: Incoming 9th grade registration; Winter Formal

**Winter Art Faire
and
Holiday Gift Sale**

Tam High's Freshman Court
Thursday, December 8, 11am-7pm
Friday, December 9, 8am-4pm

~Highlights~
Student Art Show
Handmade Artisan Gift Sale
Live Drama and Music Performance
Wheel Throwing and Silkscreen Demonstrations



The ABC's of AP and
Honors Classes

January 12, 2017
Tam High Student Center
7:00pm

Join Tam Admin, College and Career Center
Specialist, and teachers for this
informative evening.

Save the Date!

Tam High Open House

February 2, 2017
6pm - 8pm

Details Coming Soon!

Advanced Placement Exam Registration

Advanced Placement (AP) exam registration begins in January 2017. Testing will take place May 1st through May 12th. Please be advised the cost of each exam is \$100. Additional information will be mailed home after we return from winter break to students enrolled in AP classes.

Tam High Schoolyear Calendars

The 2017/18 and 2018/19 schoolyear calendars were recently approved by the Board of Trustees. Please visit the District website (www.tamdistrict.org) or the Tam High website (www.tamhigh.org) for the most up-to-date calendars.

Counseling Corner

The school counselors and college/career specialists of the Tamalpais Union High School District would like to eliminate the practice of calculating class rank for students.

As a district-wide department, we are united in our belief that continuing the practice of ranking our students based on grade point average is not in their best interest, nor does it carry any advantage when it comes to college acceptance. Class rank has become less and less common among top performing high schools, including our neighboring schools and schools in comparable districts.

To view additional information regarding Rank, please visit the Tam High website-->Academics-->AP & Honors.

A Message from Athletics



Boys Water Polo Wins NCS!



Tournament Champs...
Tam Frosh Boys and Girls
basketball



Tam soccer started MCAL play
with 2 huge wins over Redwood!



Important Attendance Information

Meet Barbara Borruso, Tam High Attendance Specialist

Barbara Borruso joined the Tam High family in August 2016 as the Attendance Specialist. She is a third generation Mill Valley resident with six brothers and sisters, nineteen nieces and nephews, three great-nieces and nephews! Barbara attended Tam High in the late 60s. She currently lives in San Rafael, and is happily married to David with one grown son, Jonathan. When she is not busy answering your emails and phone calls, she enjoys floral design, gardening, friends, and family.

Thank you for supporting your student's academic success by getting them to school on time and helping us to keep accurate attendance records. Please allow **48 hours** from the day you called our attendance line (415-380-3592) for our system to update your student's attendance record.



Attendance Procedures

What to do when:

Your student is ill	Call the attendance line at 415-380-3592
Your student needs to leave school early	In order to obtain a pass to leave campus, your student must check in at the attendance office located in Wood Hall first thing in the morning, at break, or lunch with a note indicating the reason for the appointment, and the time they are expected to leave
Your child is tardy	Your student must go to the attendance office located in Wood Hall to check in and get a pass to class.



For information about **Warranted Absences**, please visit the link below.

<http://www.tamdistrict.org/cms/lib8/CA01000875/Centricity/Domain/405/Warranted%20Abs%20Form.pdf>

How to Get Involved

Tam High Foundation
Tam High PTSA
Athletic Boosters

PATH (Fine Arts)
THUMB (Music Boosters)
BTI (Be The Influence)

Tamalpais High School Information

Attendance Hotline: (415) 380-3592
Counseling Depart. (415) 380-3537
Assistant Principals: (415) 380-3512