

Red Tail Review

Mid-November, 2022

Tamalpais High School



From the Principal's Perch

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you! As I have stated in many messages previously, I remain thankful to work in this supportive community, with great kids and staff. Despite recent events and what people may say on Nextdoor, we have amazing students that are thoughtful, creative, and committed to the development of their craft. I consider it an honor and privilege to work with our students, staff, and greater community on a daily basis and I appreciate the collaborative ways we work to address our challenges. I hope that each of you enjoy the thanksgiving break, take time to consider what you are thankful for, and that your students come back refreshed to finish the semester strong.

Class Meetings

Today we held class meetings for both the Junior and Senior Classes. Messages were shared by the Junior and Senior class President and Vice-President, ASB President and Vice-President, Administrators, and Teachers. The focus of the conversation with our students centered around our interconnectedness (we are a community), the need for increased care, love, and respect, and the expectation that we begin to show up as better people, not only at school but in the community. Showing up as good people, citizens that make positive contributions to our community, is just as important, if not more important than achieving academically. The point we are making is that character matters, how you treat people matters, and the expectation is that students treat people with respect, care, empathy and compassion, which are values that we hold here at Tam High.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 21-25:** Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 1:** Navigating College Admission Tests Webinar
- Dec. 1-4** CTE – Orlando
- Dec. 3:** Tam Holiday Ensemble, Craft Faire MV Comm., noontime
- Dec. 4:** Winterfest, Tam Holiday Ensemble, The Depot, 12:30-1:00
- Dec. 8:** Tam High Preview Night, 6:30, Student Center
- Dec. 8:** Holiday Concert, 7pm, United Methodist Church
- Dec. 11:** Tam Holiday Ensemble, Winter Mart at the Lumberyard, throughout day
- Dec. 13-16:** Fall Finals (click [here](#) to see schedule)
- Dec. 13:** TUHSD Board Mtg., 6pm



As parents we hope that you can join us in emphasizing the values of respect, care, empathy and compassion with your students at home. For messages to

resonate with teens there needs to be consistency, affirmation when they exhibit what we expect, and loving correction when they act inappropriately. What we realize is that the cultural change that is needed at Tam requires all of us to be on the same page and to be consistently reinforcing for students what we expect for them to reach their potential.



We will meet with Sophomores and Fresh People after we come back from Thanksgiving break. We will continue to meet and talk with our students until we reach the desired goal of the safe learning environment that we envision for our students. We again thank you for your partnership and support.

Parent Engagement

There were several parent engagement opportunities this month which sparked great conversation and dialogue regarding what is happening with our students both inside and outside of school. We welcome the discussion and dialogue and look forward to more opportunities to engage the community in conversation. We thank the PTSA, Tam High Foundation, and the Heart of the Village for creating space to discuss the challenges that we face as a school and community. Stay tuned for more opportunities to come. In the meantime, please see this resource made available by Marin Healthy Youth Partnership:

<https://www.marinhealthyouthpartnerships.org/blog/marin-voice-riotous-teen-behavior-a-reminder-of-communication-tools-parents-need>

There were 75 people that showed up for school beautification, and 90 parents that attended the PTSA zoom meeting. We thank you



This Month Spirit of Tam Unity Recipients



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for showing up with both your energy, and thoughts to these events.

Sports Happenings This Month

Congratulations to both Girls Volleyball and the Boys Water Polo teams for making deep playoff runs. It was very exciting to see the student-athletes competing at the highest level. We have also opened the winter sports season, with many teams starting their seasons. We look forward to seeing you all at games this winter.

What's Up With Wellness

Here are resources for students over the break.
Be Well, Tam Wellness



Thanksgiving Break Wellness Resources

FOR CRISIS SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:	FOR SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES:
Crisis Text line: Text "MARIN" to 741741 (Open 24/7)	Huckleberry Youth Program, Teen Tuesday Clinic: Phone: 415-258-4944 Address: 361 Third Street, Suite G, San Rafael, CA 94901
Buckelew Suicide Prevention hotline: Call (415) 499-1100 (Open 24/7)	Marin Community Clinic: Phone: 415-448-1500 Address: 3620 Kerner Blvd. San Rafael, CA. 94901
California Youth Crisis Line: Call (800) 843-5200 (Open 24/7)	Planned Parenthood: Phone: 415-459-4907 Address: 2 H street San Rafael, CA. 94901
The Trevor Project (LGBTQIA+): Text "START" to 678678 or Call (866) 488-7386 (Open 24/7)	Coastal Health Alliance: Phone 415-663-8666 Bolinas address: 88 Mesa Rd. Bolinas, CA 94924, Point Reyes Station address: 3 Sixth St., Point Reyes Station, CA 94956
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: Call 988 (Open 24/7)	Need Plan B? You can buy emergency contraception without a prescription from your local drugstore (i.e. CVS, Walgreens, Target) for \$40-\$50
Marin City Health and Wellness Center: Phone 415-339-8813; 630 Drake Ave., Marin City, CA 94954	
Huckleberry House: if you need a safe place to stay, contact huckleberry at (415) 621-2929 (Open 24/7)	
Address: 1292 Page Street San Francisco, CA. 94117 Email: hh@huckleberryyouth.org	

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Please consider giving to the Tam Fam Holiday Gift Drive this year. You can click on this [link](#) to give!

TAM FAM
HOLIDAY
GIFT DRIVE



COMING SOON

TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW NIGHT

Welcome Students and
Families of the class of 2027!

**THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 8TH**

6:30pm in the
Student Center



Come hear from the principal, staff, and students!

Pictures on Campus



Girls Basketball!

Tam High Mock Trial



Water Polo -NCS 2nd Place!



Signing Day!



Spirit of Tam Unity Award Winners!!



Volleyball!!!





AVID Field Trip to SFSU and USF!!

Evacuation Drill

