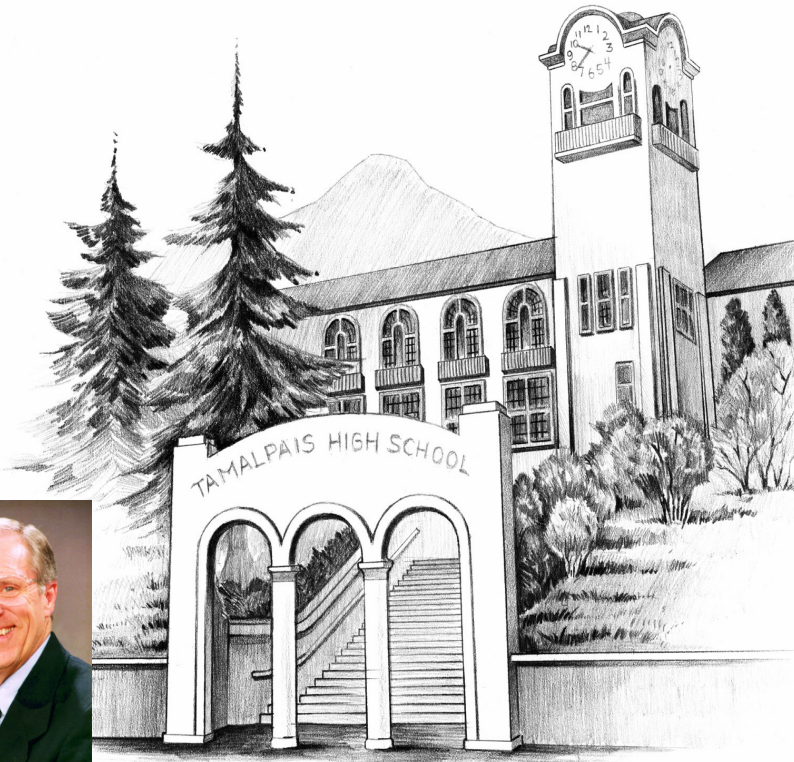




David Brown, Principal



The Squawking Hawk

Tamalpais High Community News

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Issue 5

As we embark on the last several weeks of the 2015-2016 school year, I want to share with you how much I've enjoyed the experience of being part of the Tam community. Although my 7 months tenure has been brief, I've been able to get to know many of our students and staff and feel quite privileged to have been able to contribute in a small way to the positive environment staff members, students, and parents have created at T.H.S. I'm looking forward to graduating with the class of 2016, but will long remember what a special place Tamville is and will continue to be.

Here are some of the particular activities and programs I'd like to highlight in this edition of the Squawking Hawk:

Global Studies – Virtually all of those who participated in this year's Global Studies program returned with glowing praise regarding the growth and learning they experienced from their participation. Field Trips, away athletic contests and other activities that result in students being out of classrooms represents a challenge for the school. We want you all to know we're working on it, but recognize the incredible value of connected activities that effectively link classroom learning to outside-of-school realities. Finding an appropriate balance is the focus of our efforts. Please be assured that whatever decisions are reached relative to operational policies, we'll have the best interests of student learning at the forefront of our work.

Enrollment Growth and Parking – Given that on site we have a total of 76 spaces available for student parking, finding space for vehicles continues to be a challenge. With anticipated growth levels of up to 400 additional students over the next 3-4 years, the district has formed an Enrollment Growth Committee that is working to determine how new facilities, alternative schedules, and more effective use of present space can combine to ensure that our school is not overcrowded in a way that negatively impacts student/teacher contact and learning. We're make sure the community is aware of some of the next steps being considered. Since all high schools in the Tamalpais Union High School District are impacted by new growth, this has become an issue for all of us, which we need to immediately address.

Prom – Everyone remembers special high school experiences, and the prom is certainly one of those highlights. Tam High's prom is scheduled for May 21st at the San Francisco Regency Ballroom. Planning is well underway, which includes a reminder to parents and students about the importance of being safe and sober. We'll be very grateful if you could have conversations with your students and encourage them to support one another in positive and safe ways generally, but with specific reference to their prom night. Thank you.

Safe Routes – A committee of school representatives, local law enforcement, residents, and several elected officials is attempting to address traffic and parking issues along the back of the school on Almonte. This committee has now met twice and will continue to review options for long-term solutions on Almonte. Your individual input would be appreciated.

Extra-curricular Involvement – As I've indicated previously, one of the best indicators of a quality high school involves the level of participation of students in extra-curricular activities. These activities include formal competitive athletic involvement, music, theater, visual arts, clubs, and other programs that add value to each student's overall educational experience. I know of very few high schools that can boast of the percent of students involved in these extra-curricular options afford Tam High students. Few sights are as impressive as driving along Miller/Almonte in the late afternoon and seeing what appears to be thousands of students engaged in wholesome activities.

Graduation – I'm sure this date is on the calendar of all families with students who are part of the class of 2016. Given the lack of space in the Mead Outdoor Theater for those who would like to attend, we will continue past practice and issue six tickets to each graduating senior. This special event begins at 6:00 PM on June 9th. We'll look forward to seeing those of you with graduating seniors that night.

Sincerely,
David Brown

Good News!

Tam High Global Studies 2016

The Global Studies Programs in our district offer life changing learning experiences for our students. The traveling students encounter situations which are sometimes difficult to recreate in a traditional classroom: cultural sensitivity, language immersion, geographic comprehension, political and social discussions, and, most importantly, a glimmer of personal self awareness. Included here are some of the special moments captured from the trips in April.



France



Spain



London



Italy



Eastern Europe



Rome



Tam High's Running 4 Change crosses the finish line at the Marin County Half Marathon, 10k/5k on April 24th!



Congratulations to all the student runners!!! Three runners placed in the top 5 in their age category!



Congratulations to the Tam High Mountain Biking Team!



The Tam High Mountain Biking Team 'podiumed' in its first two races at Fort Ord and Granite Bay, for the 1st time ever, and received 3rd place and 2nd place overall for the team for each race! Next up for this amazing group is the NorCal conference championships in Monterey on May 8th - before the state championships on May 22nd in Los Olivos.



Tam News receives the Silver Crown award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA)!

Tam Tidbits

Advanced Placement: AP Exams will be administered at Tamalpais High School beginning May 2nd through May 11th. Students should report promptly at 7:45 am for the morning session and 11:45 pm for the afternoon session. There are lengthy instructions and registration tasks to be completed before the actual exam begins. Testing procedures dictate that students arriving late to an exam (after it has begun) will not be admitted and will not be able to make up the test. Late testing is not allowed for oversleeping, minor illnesses or car trouble, so plan accordingly, and leave home with time to spare. Allow time for parking and finding the correct room for your scheduled exam.

Please report to the designated date and time for your exam. If you are unable to attend, see Ms. Mathews in the Assistant Principal's office before your first exam. All exams require about 3-4 hours to complete. There will be no early dismissal

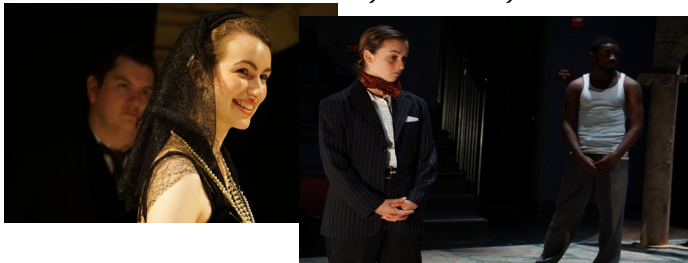
from the test site for students who finish early as students can be dismissed only after the allotted testing time has elapsed. You may bring a book of non-related subject to read if you finish early. If you play a sport or have a job, it is your responsibility to inform your coach or employer of your AP Exam obligation, and arrangements should be made accordingly.

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP): Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) is a state-led consortium working collaboratively to develop assessments aligned to the Common Core Standards.

All 11th graders will take the Smarter Balanced assessment in math and english language arts during the week of May 17th - May 20th. 10th graders will be taking the CST Life Science test on May 5th and May 6th during their science class.

RECENT HAPPENINGS!

Tam's CTE Presents
"Twelfth Night"
 7pm in the Caldwell Theater
 May 2nd - May 5th



Tam's Breast Cancer Awareness Club Hosts Successful Fashion Show Fundraiser!

This year's Breast Cancer Awareness Fashion Show was a great success and the club raised \$1,358 for Zero Breast Cancer. Six stores donated clothing to the event and over 20 students volunteered to model for this worthy cause. The event included two representatives from Zero Breast Cancer and a performance by two Tam Choir students, Brenna Slatkin and Maia Ciambriello. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported the club!



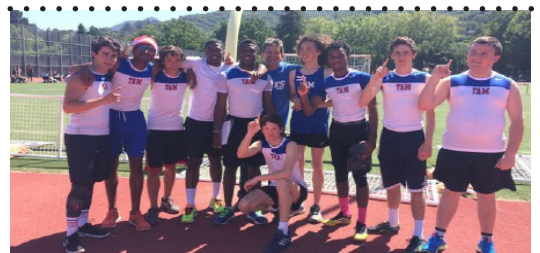
PTSA/Tam High Clean Up Day Campus Beautification Event

On several occasions throughout the school year, alumni and current families join together to continue the never ending effort to keep the Tam campus beautiful. Thank you to all who came out for the Tam Beautification event this last Saturday. Principal Brown, students, and parents cut grass, weed whacked, painted, worked on the Memorial Garden, and more!

Athletic Highlights

~Regular season MCAL Champs~
Congratulations to Boys Tennis and Boys Track & Field!

Boys Lacrosse earns #3 and will host quarterfinal MCAL lacrosse tournament



Successful unified track tri meet between Tam/ Drake/Redwood at Drake on April 28th

Upcoming Events

Check the tamhigh.org calendar for details

May 2 - May 11: Advanced Placement Testing

May 2 - May 5: CTE Presents "Twelfth Night" - Caldwell Theatre, 7pm

May 5: Parent Ed Event - *The Test & The Art of Thinking*, Belvedere Tiburon Library, 7pm; Artists Reception 7pm Tam High Photography, Mill Valley Public Library (thru Library)

May 6: **Tam High Foundation 20th Anniversary Thank You Party** - Studio 333 Sausalito, 6p-9p (RSVP's Required); Guitar Concert, Caldwell Theatre, 7pm

May 11: Tam High Site Council Meeting

May 12-14, 16-20, 23-26: CTE Spring One Act Festival, Caldwell Theater, 7pm

May 13: PTSA sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Ruby Scott Gym @ 12:30pm

May 14: Tam High Texas BBQ (Details Below)

May 17-20: Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBAC) Testing

May 18: Student Panel on the College Application Process

May 20: Music Department Scholarship Auditions, Tam Library

May 21: Junior/Senior Prom at SF Regency Ballroom

May 26: CTE Presents "How the West Was Won", College of Marin, Dunne Theatre, 7pm

May 27: Senior Farewell Rally, Adjusted Schedule

May 30: Memorial Day Holiday - No School

May 31: Senior Award Night, Caldwell Theatre, 6pm

June 3: Senior Art Show, Lytton Square Mill Valley, 4pm-7pm

June 6: Senior Trip

June 7-9: Mandatory Graduation Practice

June 8: Senior Breakfast

June 9: Graduation Ceremony, Mead Theatre, 6p; End of Grading Period

Tam High Texas BBQ

Grab your cowboy hats and slide on those boots to support the Tam High Boosters!

Saturday, May 14th, 6:00pm

275 Flamingo Road Mill Valley

Tickets \$125, Get 'em at tamhighboosters.com

Tamalpais High School Safe & Sober Graduation Night

June 9, 2016, from 10:30pm - 5:00am

Mill Valley Community Center

All seniors are invited. To RSVP visit <http://tamhighptsa.org/safe-and-sober-rsvp>. This party has become THE place to be for Seniors on Graduation Night!

Junior/Senior Prom

May 21st, 2016

8:00pm-12:00am

Regency Ballroom - SF

1290 Sutter St, San Francisco, CA 94109

(doors close at 9:00 pm, no re-entries)

Guest Passes are available in the AP office and due 5/13 by 3:00pm. Tam students bringing guests, must bring completed form to purchase tix. Tickets are sold in the Wood Hall budget office (room 120) before school, at lunch and after school.

Ticket Prices:

4/25 - 4/29: \$80

5/2 - 5/6: \$90

5/9 - 5/20: \$100

(All non-Tam students \$100)

Class of 2016 Graduation

Tamalpais High School

Mead Amphitheater

6:00pm



*Each graduate receives six tickets after the senior brunch on June 8th. Every guest needs a ticket for entrance to the graduation ceremony.

*Graduation practice is mandatory on June 7, 8 and 9 in Mead Theater at 12:30pm. Please be prepared for hot, cold, rainy or windy weather.

*The ceremony begins promptly at 6:00pm on Thursday, June 9. No admittance to Mead Theatre before 5 pm.

*Graduation guests who have limited mobility may be dropped off at the top of Mead Theater via the Homestead Avenue entrance. Those individuals in a wheelchair may sit in a reserved section at the front of Mead with one attendant only. To reserve a seat in either section, please call the Assistant Principal's Office at (415) 380-3512 or email pparnow@tamdistrict.org.