

Tamalpais High School



From the Principal's Perch

Please join me in taking a collective deep breath. Breathe in, breathe out deeply. Four times, deep breath with me please. The last few weeks have been heavy for us all both on a national front and with what is happening locally. With all the turmoil and challenges we are experiencing, the one thing I am encouraged by is the way community comes together to support one another. I am aware of the way students are supporting one another in positive ways, grieving but uplifting one another. I have seen staff respond to the needs of the students, wellness and counseling providing support and each person holding space for one another. I feel confident knowing that Tam is a resilient school because of the caring and empathetic people coming together in challenging times.

Welcome to Black History Month, where we celebrate the contributions that African-American have made to society. We honor and acknowledge both historical and contemporary figures who have demonstrated excellence, perseverance, and extraordinary ability in pursuit of excellence. Tam High wishes to recognize former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Thurgood Marshall for his work and contribution in supporting Marinship and Civil Rights. Thanks to the Sausalito Historical Society and the 2016 article authored by Larry Clinton:

The integrated workforce at Marinship during WWII has often been hailed as a watershed in the U.S. civil rights movement. But it took a California Supreme Court decision to make it happen.

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 3:** Elective Showcase @ lunch in Student Center
- Feb. 3:** The Woman King showing, 7:00 pm (doors open at 6:00 in 2020)
- Feb. 4:** Online Proctored Mock ACT
- Feb. 6:** Spring Sports being
- Feb. 7:** TUHSD Board Mtg. 6 pm
- Feb. 8:** Blood Drive (by flagpole)
- Feb. 8:** Freshman Advisory-scheduling/Club Fair
- Feb. 10:** BSU Movie Night
- Feb. 15:** Freshman Advisory-Dodgeball Game
- Feb. 17:** Black History Month Cookout (Tam-unity Day schedule)
- Feb. 20-24:** February break (no school)
- Feb. 28:** TUHSD Board Mtg., 6pm



Marinship had a closed-shop contract which required that all shipyard construction workers must be members of the union. According to the book "James vs. Marinship: Trouble on the New Black Frontier," African Americans were forced to join Auxiliary A-41, an all-black unit controlled by Boilermakers Local 6. In 1943, more than 200 African Americans who refused to pay the A-41 dues were fired. One of them, Joseph James, filed a lawsuit in Marin County Superior Court to stop their dismissal. Among the points made in the case was that the threatened dismissals would constitute a breach of the anti-discrimination provisions in Marinship's contracts with the Maritime Commission. A summary of the case at <http://socal.stanford.edu> points out that the shipyard was owned by the United States and operated by Marinship Corp. under contracts containing provisions that Marinship would not discriminate against any worker because of race, color, creed, or national origin. The Marin court issued a preliminary injunction against the union and Marinship Corporation, but those defendants countered by contending that a state court had no jurisdiction over a labor controversy in the shipbuilding industry, because shipbuilding affects interstate commerce, so "jurisdiction over labor disputes lies in the National Labor Relations Board." Eventually, the case wound its way to the California Supreme Court in 1944, where it was argued by notable African American attorney Thurgood Marshall, among others. The unanimous decision in favor of James and the other workers rejected the jurisdictional argument, and held that if a closed-shop contract was in place and that workers must be union members in order to work, then unions cannot be closed to any members based on their race or any other arbitrary conditions. True integration had come to Marinship at last.

Thurgood Marshall later distinguished himself by arguing before the United States Supreme Court in the case of Brown v. Board of Education, winning a decision that desegregated public schools. He was eventually appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Lyndon Johnson in 1967.



This Month Spirit of Tam Unity Recipients



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“James vs. Marinship” by Charles Wollenberg is in the collection of the Sausalito Historical Society Research Room, which is open to the public Wednesdays and Saturdays 10 AM to 1 PM on the top floor of City Hall.

Tam High Foundation

We would like to thank to everyone who have already contributed to the Tam High Foundation. THF is incredibly close to its fundraising goal but still needs the support of all our families.

A key area of their focus is the continuation of Wellness services that impacts all of our students. Please contribute if you can to secure programs and grants that we simply would not have without THF. They have \$85,000 left to raise - you can make your contribution [here](#)

What's Up with Wellness

Suicide Prevention Resources

Suicide Prevention Resources: We have a wide array of [student supports](#) on campus for your students and we want you to be familiar with some [crisis resources](#) if you ever need them. If you or someone you know is thinking about suicide, help is available 24/7 by reaching out to any of the following:

- Crisis Text Line --- Text MARIN to 741741
- Marin Suicide Prevention and Crisis Hotline (415) 499-1100
- California Youth Crisis Line 1-800-843-5200
- National Suicide Prevention Hotline – 988 or text ANSWER to 839863

More information about how you can best help support someone in need: <https://www.suicideispreventable.org> or in Spanish: www.elsuicidiodesprevenible.org

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Pictures on Campus



Tam High Mock Trial



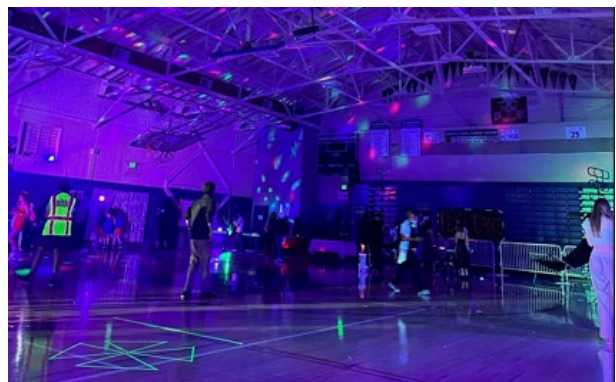
Parent Education Evening-ABC's of Honors/AP



Senior Basketball Night



Reset Spirit Week and Rally







Campus Clean up!

