

The Red Tail Review

Tamalpais High School Newsletter

From the Principal's Perch

Continued Focus on Attendance

September marks the end of Attendance Awareness Month. Research points to student attendance playing a significant role in student achievement, therefore we want to stress the importance of students being in class each day, on time, and ready to learn. Parents we ask that you take a few moments to review your R1 attendance and speak with your student to reiterate the importance of timeliness to class and daily attendance. The need for emphasizing attendance is most evident in the mornings where students are often observed trickling into class after the bell has rung, or returning late from lunch. We want to strongly encourage students to make more of an effort to return to campus in a timely manner. We want our students to demonstrate responsibility and personal accountability for their attendance.

Parents we also ask that you be thoughtful about student absences. Please refrain from scheduling appointments, vacations, and trips during school time. As partners for student achievement, we would like your cooperation in ensuring that students are in class.

R1 Grades

Friday, September 28th signified the end of the first marking period. Though not a permanent mark, R1 represents an initial indication of a student's academic standing. This communication of student progress is similar to a check-up at the doctor and provides an opportunity for reflection. Questions to consider: How are things going? What are we doing well? What are our opportunities for improvement? Take this time to reflect over the start of the school year and discuss with your student what adjustments need to be made. This is not the time to panic, there is time remaining for your student to make improvements. Create a plan to move forward. Reach out to teachers, counselors, and admin as necessary. We are here to support.

Singing Praises

We would also like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the wonderful activities happening at Tam. Last week students participated in awesome lunchtime activities. Homecoming provided students with an opportunity to show school spirit and engage with other students in positive ways. During the month of September students also had the opportunity to participate in the Club Fair. Clubs on campus have continued to grow, with over 60 clubs represented. With a variety of club offerings, students can now engage with others that share a similar interest or passion for the same topics. We are most proud of how our clubs have grown!

More Praise

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition as commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program: **Jacob S. Berrol, Bennett J. Flynn, Natalie K. Grove, Ephets M.**

Head, Courtney Islam, Imran A. Khaliq-Baporia, Calum J. Kuhn, Nalini S. Mizukami, Ethan B. Petersen and William C. Todebush. We are proud of your accomplishments. Go Hawks!



Tam Twin Day!



**Tenisha Tate,
Assistant Principal**



**Homecoming
Game!**

Welcome Assistant Principal Tenisha Tate!

Hello Hawk Families,

I am ecstatic to join the esteemed team here at Tam High School as an assistant principal! I know it will be an amazing year and I look forward to meeting you and your children. I am originally from Southern California, where I graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology. I have also obtained a Master of Social Welfare Degree from the University of California at Los Angeles' School of Public Policy/Social Welfare and a Master of Education Administration degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills. I have served as a middle school teacher, a psychiatric social worker, an executive director and an assistant principal. I have always remained committed to our education system, as I know it is one of the most powerful tools we have in this country to shape our collective future.

I currently reside in Marin City with my husband and our son. Our daughter lives primarily with her biological mother in Texas and spends summers and winter holidays here with us. Prior to my move to Marin, Tam High School was one of the first places I visited. I was so impressed by the campus and the caliber of education afforded to students. I believe one of the things that makes Tam an extremely special place is its committed community of parents, students and staff. It is my goal to extend the positive legacy that already exists here at Tam. I believe this goal will be accomplished through our collective work as a unified community. In the event that I need to communicate with you about your child, my hope is that you approach that conversation with an open mind. My job is to make sure that your child is prepared both socio-emotionally and academically to be a positive contributor to our world. This too will be accomplished if we work collaboratively to that end. I am looking forward to a successful school year together.

Sincerely,

Tenisha Tate





**Homecoming
Cheerleaders**



**Lunchtime
Activities**



Club Fair

Parent Engagement

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Tam High School in collaboration with the Mill Valley Unified School District brings to you the following event:

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION: Introduction for Parents & Community

Monday, October 15 | 5-7 pm

Edna McGuire School

Engage in this thoughtful, compassionate exploration of race and racism.

Why Examine and Address Race? Race matters—in society and in our schools. It is critical for educators to address racial issues in order to uncover personal and institutional biases that prevent all students, and especially students of color, from reaching their fullest potential. COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION™ serves as the essential strategy for school systems and other educational organizations to address racial disparities through safe, authentic, and effective cross-racial dialogue.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION™ is an award-winning protocol for effectively engaging, sustaining and deepening interracial dialogue. Through our Framework for Systemic Racial Equity Transformation, PEG is dedicated to helping educators address persistent racial disparities intentionally, explicitly, and comprehensively.



TAM HIGH FOOTBALL

IS PROUD TO HONOR & THANK OUR FIRST RESPONDERS (EMT, Firefighters, Police, Military)

ALL FIRST RESPONDERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

SAT OCT 6th 2018 KICK-OFF 2pm.

- Recognition during our National Anthem (prior to kick off)
- FREE ADMISSION
- FREE BURGER or HOTDOG MEAL

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! GO HAWKS!!!

Upcoming Events in October

October 3: Minimum Day, Dismissal at 12:35

October 10: Senior Panoramic

October 13: PSAT Test, 7:30 am, Student Center

October 16: Junior/Senior Parent Social, 7:00 pm

October 26: Feel Good Friday

October 29: Blood Drive

October 31: Minimum Day, Dismissal at 12:35



J.C. Farr, Principal



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