



The Red Tail Review

Tamalpais High School Newsletter

From the Principal's Perch

Welcome to Tam, where we are all about TAM Unity!

Our School's Vision Statement:

Tam is a very special place because we are a group of diverse individuals united by our shared experience.

Tam Unity: Our actions and words create an inclusive environment in which all students are accepting of everyone:

- we have a lack of judgement of our peers
- we are supportive and respectful of others despite and because of differences
- we help one another when someone is in need, regardless of our school group or status
- we work together in different situations to ultimately better the school climate
- we demonstrate in all of our actions **integrity, empathy, respect** and **community**.

At Tam we are united!

What to expect the first week of school:

Wednesday, August 21st: First Day of School, 8:00am-2:25pm. All classes meet (Periods 1-7)

Thursday, August 22nd: Block Schedule, 8:00am-3:25pm (Periods 1-4)

Friday, August 23rd: Block Schedule, 8:00am-2:45pm (Periods 5-7, Tutorial)

If you miss the Friday/Tuesday pick-ups, arrive promptly at 7:30 am on August 21st in Room 2020 to return your forms and pick up your class schedule. Reminder: to receive class schedule, complete emergency information online and return the signed [PAN](#) (Parental Annual Notice) form.



Our new Assistant Principals and Office Staff welcomes students and staff to the 2019-20 School Year!!

Welcome New Staff!!



**Arthur Bangs,
English Teacher**

Arthur is originally from New York, growing up on Long Island and working as a lawyer and English teacher in New York City. Arthur taught for five years at El Molino High School in Forestville, Sonoma County.



**Cheryl Lua,
Counselor**

Cheryl is originally from San Diego and has two young boys who are her world! She loves anything to do with the ocean and is looking forward to getting to know the Tam HS community.



**Ronald Newstat,
Special Ed Teacher**

Ronald is a life long runner, a high school teacher for over 30 years, cross-country/ track coach for 20 years and is looking forward to helping the students at Tam!



Tara Seekins, English Teacher

Tara is excited to be teaching English at Tam! She lives in the Marin Headlands with her husband and loves traveling, cooking, and hiking our amazing local trails.



Christine Costello, Special Ed Teacher

Chrissy is originally from Marin County, and this will be her ninth year teaching as a Resource Specialist. She comes from a family of Marin educators and is extremely excited to start teaching at Tam!



Angelo Sphere, English Teacher

Angelo is a Tam alumni, writer and former community college teacher. His creative non-fiction most recently appeared in *Rosebud 64*.



April Ginsberg, Counselor

April has lived in Bolinas for 10 years; perfect for someone who loves the ocean and hiking with her dog. She attended SSU and got her Masters of Counseling and PPSC. The highlight of her day is going for bike rides with her 2 year old son, Grayson. She is looking forward to being a counselor at Tam.



Go Hawks!

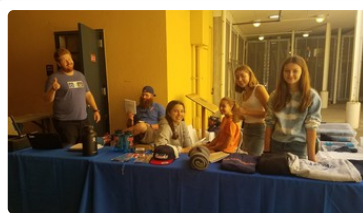


Admin Team Hike

A Team Building Hike through Tennessee Valley on a cold, windy day!



Link Leaders getting ready for Freshmen!



Leadership in Action



BBQ Set-up. Thank you PTSA!!



Our Counseling Team!!

Counseling Corner

Welcome Hawks to the 2019-2020 school year!

As we begin the school year, the Counseling Department is excited to introduce our newest members of the Counseling Team, Cheryl Lua (clua@tamdistrict.org) and April Ginsberg (aginsberg@tamdistrict.org)! To determine your counselor assignment, please check your class schedule.

Schedule distribution for grades 10 - 12 is **Tuesday, Aug. 20th** as follows:

- **10th Grade:** 9:00 am - 10:15 am
- **11th Grade:** 10:30 am - 11:45 am
- **12th Grade:** 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

New 10th - 12th graders may attend a brief orientation at **2:00 pm**. Please meet outside Gus Gym by the flagpole AFTER you pick up your schedule, and get your ID, and return forms.

New 9th graders who were unable to attend Freshman Orientation on Aug. 16th, may attend a freshman only mini-orientation at **2:00 pm, on Aug. 20th** Please meet outside Gus Gym by the flagpole AFTER you pick up your schedule, get your ID, and return forms. Contact Abbey Levine (alevine@tamdistrict.org) to sign up.

Schedule Errors: The first few day of school, the counselors will be meeting with students who have errors on their schedule. Such as:

- Missing a class/period, or graduation requirement
- A note on your schedule stating to "See your Counselor"
- You have been placed in the incorrect level, or class

Students will be required to complete a **Schedule Change Request** (available in the Counseling Office, and will also be available online) to request changes regarding dropping AP/H classes, or changing electives. We will do our best to accommodate changes; however, many electives are full at this time. The counselors will send passes for students, if the schedule change can be made.

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year serving the students and families of Tam High.
-The Tam High Counseling Department

Upcoming Events

Aug. 19-20: Staff Development-No School

Aug. 20: 10th-12th Grade Schedule Pick-up

Aug. 21: First Day of School

Aug. 27: TUHSD Board Meeting, 6pm—Kreps Conference Room

Aug. 29: Thriving at Tam-New Family Welcome, 6pm

Sept. 5: Back to School Night, 6pm



J.C. Farr, Principal

Please visit our website at tamhigh.org for all the latest news at Tam or follow up on Twitter at @tamhigh and @tamhighprin

700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, C...



415-388-3292



jcfarr@tamdistrict.org



tamhigh.org

