

# The Red Tail Review

*Tamalpais High School Newsletter*

## **From the Principal's Perch**

We are hitting our stride here at Tam High! October brings a chill to the air and we are looking forward to Homecoming (October 14th-19th)! We are excited to celebrate Homecoming this year and hope that everyone joins in the spirit. There is nothing like the celebration of community through dress-up days, the Football Game, and the Homecoming Dance. Leadership will follow-up with specific information for your student. We hope that you will encourage your student to participate in the activities and enjoy the school-wide celebrations.

October also means we have moved into the second grading period. This is an opportunity to reflect on student progress through the first six weeks of school and consider strategies for meeting expectations. We are here to help partner with you toward the success of our students. If you need support, please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff to assist.

### **Parent Engagement at Tam**

I am so grateful for the incredible parent community groups on campus and the support that they give to all staff and students at Tam High. Right now the Tam High Foundation (THF) is in full fundraising mode and they need all of our parents to donate what they can to help them achieve their goals on campus this year. No amount is too great, nor too small. Keep in mind that participation is key and your donation is a demonstration of your commitment to be partners with our school to support students in reaching their educational goals.

Please take a moment to watch the video linked below to see the impact you can have on campus by making a donation.

<https://vimeo.com/359348203>

The Tam High PTSA is also conducting its membership drive. We would like to say thank you to all of the parent volunteers that helped with the Freshman BBQ & schedule pick up day as well as the upperclassmen schedule pick up day. Both of these days were a huge success and we couldn't have done it without everyone pitching in and volunteering. Finally, thank you for all of the parents that donated food and volunteered at the Teacher's Back to School Luncheon. Your collaboration and participation are part of what makes Tam an amazing community.

### **Citizenship Talks**

Over the next couple of weeks your student will be visited by an assistant principal discussing Tam's School Wide Expectations. The general message that your student will receive is that all students help to ensure that our learning environment is safe, inclusive and orderly; we are all united in the effort to have an exemplary school. Also included in the citizenship talk will be a document that outlines behavior expectations in detail. We believe that it is important for all students to read and understand

this document. As such, we have included a link to the document. Pleased read and keep for your reference. If you have questions please direct them to your assigned Assistant Principal.



**Gedion Nyanhongo,  
guest stone-carver!**



**Tam PTSA Parent  
Event**



**Staff Community  
Building**



**Tam Scholars!**



**Spirit of Tam-Unity**



**Developing a  
Positive School  
Climate!**

## Counseling Corner

The Counseling Department has hit the ground running and is focusing on assisting seniors with college applications. The college application process can be daunting for many, please assist in making this a positive experience by listening to and supporting your students. Feel free to visit our [Senior Night Presentation](#), located on Tamalpais High School Counseling website, for assistance and information with this process. We counselors are also currently writing letters of recommendations for our seniors who are applying to colleges that require letters. If you are not sure if your college requires a letter, please visit the school's website and look under requirements.

Tam 9th graders are transitioning well into their classes, clubs and sports. We are currently conducting 9th grade meet and greets where each student has the opportunity to meet one on one with their counselor.

Students can sign up for the PSAT by visiting our website. We recommend all 11th grade students sign up. This practice test is a great opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with admissions testing. This official PSAT also pairs with Khan Academy allowing students to access personalized supports in the areas the student is most challenged in.

The counselors are revamping 10th grade presentations based on data from last year. We are looking forward to meeting with 10th graders and assisting them with preparing for future classes, balancing



a healthy social life as well as life after high school.



**National Merit  
Commended  
Scholars!**



**School Spirit at  
Tam!**



**Senior Night**

## October's Upcoming Events

**Oct. 7:** Periods 5,T,6,7 schedule

**Oct. 9:** Yom Kippur-No School

**Oct. 11:** Link Crew Tie-dye & Tamcakes

**Oct. 13-18:** Shakespeare in Love

**Oct. 15:** TUHSD Board Meeting, 6pm—Kreps Conference Room

**Oct. 15:** Junior/Senior Parent Social, 7pm

**Oct. 16:** Community Event "High", Dominican 7pm

**Oct. 18:** Homecoming Rally

**Oct. 19:** PSAT Test, 7:30 am

**Oct. 19:** Homecoming Game & Dance

**Oct. 21:** SOAR at Tam

**Oct. 25:** Feel Good Friday

**Oct. 25:** Live! from the Student Center

**Oct. 28:** Winter Sports begin

**Oct. 29:** TUHSD Board Meeting, 6pm—Kreps Conference Room



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