

# The Red Tail Review

*Tamalpais High School Newsletter*

## From the Principal's Perch

The power outages could not diminish our shine! October was an outstanding month here at Tam High. Students enjoyed the activities of Homecoming, the artistry of our drama department, thoughtful and engaging academic lessons, victories in fall sports and an amazing Tam-Unity Day. In speaking with students, many have expressed how much they have enjoyed all of what we offer for student experience. We hope to continue to build upon these positive experiences as the fall months lead into winter.

November begins our month of gratitude. We are grateful for the many opportunities, activities, and relationships we have made. We are grateful for the students, teachers, parents, staff and community members for the numerous contributions to fostering a positive learning environment and the continued success we experience as a school. We wish to continue to strengthen our collaboration between all stakeholders in support of reaching our goals as a school. We are grateful for those who embrace the Spirit of Tam-Unity.

Congratulations to **Students Organized for Anti-Racism (SOAR)** for receiving the Ruby Bridges Award at the National Summit for Courageous Conversations in New Orleans, Louisiana. We are proud of the work SOAR has done in organizing Breakthrough Day and creating student led workshops.



**Animal Kindness at  
Tam Unity Day!**



**Tam Unity Day!**



**Plenty of Food to  
Choose From!**



**SOAR Award for Tam!**



**District Receives Award**



**SOAR at Work!**

## Counseling Corner

The counselors have spent countless hours writing letters of recommendation for our students ahead of the November 1st early decision deadline. We thank you for your patience, as writing dozens of individual letters take considerable time to highlight the many accomplishments of our students. Counselors will soon begin to meet with sophomore students, to have preliminary conversations regarding the college process. It is never too early to begin looking at future options for our students.

**Mindful Mondays** - Come on by during first break for a quick mindfulness meditation that will set you up for a day of focus!

**LGBTQ+ Group starting in November** - Once a week there will be a drop in group for students who identify as LGBTQ+ facilitated by the SPAHR Center.

**Freshmen intro to Wellness** - In October, Amber and Yvonne did 90 minute presentations in every social issues classroom to inform all freshman about the resources available in Wellness and how to access them.

**Condom Certification** - Wellness held a condom certification training during Unity Day where 89 students were educated and trained on effective condom usage.

**Wellness Youth Council** - Interviews for the 2019/20 Wellness Youth Council are underway. We are still accepting more applicants with a passion for Wellness, mental health, and who are looking for a meaningful way to be in service to the Tam community.

**Wellness Counselors** - This year we have 5 BACR wellness counselors to serve our students and 1 wellness counselor from Huckleberry.



**Homecoming  
Cheer!**



**Homecoming Rally**

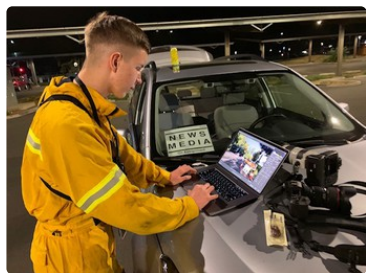


**Homecoming  
Court!**

## **Congratulations to The Tam Newsies and AIM!**

Congrats to **Jonah Steinhart, Chelsea Springer, and The Tam Newsies** for a trove of accomplishments this year. *The Tam News* earned a 5th-straight Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) Crown Finalist Award (50 awarded to print/web hybrid pubs) and will find out this spring if they receive a second-straight Gold Crown (top 20 in the country). Photographer Ethan Swope has gone pro and signed a contract with the Associated Press. His photos of the Kincade Fire appeared on CNN, ABC, FOX, and in publications including the Chicago Tribune, The Guardian, and USA Today. The CSPA also awarded Newsies First Place in the entire country for 2018-19 for Editorial (Josie Spiegelman) and News Briefs (Milo Levine, Logan Little, Benjy Wall-Feng, and Skye Shoenhoeft), and Third Place for First Person Experience (Anonymous). The National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) gave multiple awards for art and design to Samantha Ferro and Niulan Wright for their work on "Submerged," a feature on Marin climate change. NSPA also named "Submerged" (Logan Little, writer) a finalist in their Story of the Year competition (top 10 in the country for climate reporting, final placings TBA this spring). All of these articles are available at [thetamnews.org](http://thetamnews.org). Please congratulate the kids if you see them!

Congratulations also goes to the **Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM)** for its National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Student Awards, better known as the Student Emmy Awards. This is the highest recognition for student filmmakers. We are so proud of our student work.



**Ethan Uploading  
for Tam News!**



**Girls Volleyball  
Team!**



**AIM Program**



## November's Upcoming Events

**Nov. 1-4:** CTE Presents Dance Theater & Improv Show

**Nov. 4:** Winter Sports Begin

**Nov. 8:** End of R2 Grading Period

**Nov. 11:** No School-Veteran's Day

**Nov. 15:** Tam Choir @ Dominican

**Nov. 16:** CTE Dance-a-Thon Fundraiser

**Nov. 19:** TUHSD Board Meeting, 6pm—Kreps Conference Room

**Nov. 22:** 9th Grade Officer Campaign

Musician's Showcase, Caldwell Theater

**Nov. 25-29:** Thanksgiving Break



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