

The Red Tail Review

Tamalpais High School Newsletter

From the Principal's Perch

I read a meme the other day that said something to the effect of, while most people look at the calendar and just see December 3, educators look at the calendar and see 14 working days until winter break! Welcome to the last month of the calendar year and the last few weeks of the first semester of the 2019-2020 school year. The holiday season is truly upon us; one of my favorite times of the year. Please be mindful that while the holidays are great times for some, there are others among us that have experienced the loss of a love one that makes the holidays emotionally challenging. My ask of each of you during this time is that we take a moment to check in on one another in a genuine way, be thoughtful, kind and giving during this holiday season - all in the spirit of Tam-Unity.

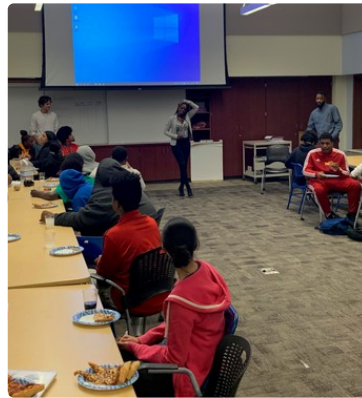
It has been a phenomenal ride the last couple of months with many points for celebration. Congratulations to all of our fall sports teams, coaches, and athletes that accomplished many great feats and helped create many great memories for our students and community. I am most proud not of the success of the teams, but the way that each team supported one another, exemplifying great character and school spirit. I am thankful for all of the students, staff, and parents who showed up to represent our community, in a positive way, cheering on the athletes and motivating our respective teams to put forth their best collective effort.

Finals week is quickly approaching. Please work with students to support their preparation for finals, and encourage them to put the final touches on that all important project. Most importantly, we ask that you emphasize the importance of time and stress management. Here are some helpful tips provided by students that offer a word of support for your student:

- Don't procrastinate.
- Just sit down and do the work!
- Make sure you don't get distracted by your friends.
- Study in a clean, quiet place.
- Talk to your teachers if you need help as soon as possible.
- Collaborate with people in your class.
- Find how you work best—alone or with other people.
- Get enough sleep, it is more productive than doing work all night!
- Eat a good breakfast before any test.
- Most importantly, if you want a good grade, you have to sit down and put in the work for it!



**Dia De Los Muertos
Exhibit by Henna
Lopez Rahimi**



**Sekyiwa "Set"
Shakur Presenting
to BSU and
Students of Color**



**THF Sponsored
AVID Field Trip to
Berkeley!**



Mentor Lunch



Staff Having Fun!



School Spirit!

TAMALPAIS HIGH SCHOOL
FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
DECEMBER 17-20, 2019

Monday, December 16

1st period 8:00-9:30

Break 9:30-9:40

2nd period 9:45-11:20

Lunch 11:20-12:05

3rd period 12:10-1:40

Break 1:40-1:50

4th period 1:55-3:25

Tuesday, December 17

1st period 8:00-10:00 (final)

Break 10:00-10:10

5th period 10:15- 11:25

Lunch 11:25-12:10

6th period 12:10-1:20

Break 1:20-1:30

7th period 1:35-2:45

Wednesday, Dec. 18

2nd period 8:00-10:00

Break 10:00-10:15

3rd period 10:25-12:25

Thursday, Dec. 19

4th period 8:00-10:00

Break 10:00-10:15

5th period 10:25-12:25

Friday, Dec. 20

6th period 8:00-10:00

Break 10:00-10:15

7th period 10:25-12:25

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Counseling Corner

Hello Hawks,

The Counseling Department hopes you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break! As we head towards the winter break, here are a few tips and reminders for our students:

Seniors:

- Now that your UC & CSU applications have been submitted, it's very important that you are checking your application portals and following up with deadlines.
- Common Application: Counselors will be submitting your Mid Year Report & 1st semester transcript in mid January.
- SAT/ACT Score Reports: Counselors do NOT send your SAT/AP/ACT scores. It is your responsibility to log on to your SAT, or ACT account and send your scores.

- Community College: Community colleges accept rolling applications. You should plan on applying by Spring of your senior year.
- Financial Aid: Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov by March 1st! Many private/out of state colleges also require the CSS Profile, which can be found on the Collegeboard website.

Juniors:

- If you will be applying to 4 year colleges, we recommend you take the SAT and/or ACT by June of your junior year. Log on to the websites to research spring test dates: www.collegeboard.org and www.actstudent.org See your counselor if you qualify for a fee waiver.
- PSAT Results: PSAT results should be available on your Collegeboard account by the end of December. It's important that you review your score and determine which content areas may need improvement.
- Free SAT/ACT Prep: Khan Academy www.khanacademy.com

Sophomores:

- **Sophomore Presentations:** On January 14th & 15th, Counselors will be visiting World History classes to discuss preparing for graduation and college requirements. You will be receiving a copy of your official Tam High transcript, so please try not to be absent on these dates!!

Freshman:

- Counselors will continue to call in all freshman for Meet & Greet sessions. We want to get to know you and hear about your transition to high school!

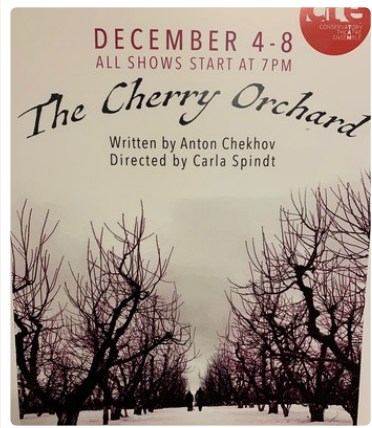
Quiet Week & Final Exams:

- **Parents:** This can be a very stressful time for students! We ask that you help your child by making sure they are getting enough sleep and minimizing extra-curricular activities during the next few weeks. Please reach out to your child's counselor should you have concerns.
- **Quiet Week:** During the week of Dec 9th - 13th, all students will be preparing for final exams. Counselors will not be sending out student passes during this week. If a student needs to see a counselor, please email, or stop by the Counseling Office during break, lunch, or after school.

We are here to support you, and wishing families a wonderful holiday season!

Warmest Regards,

Tam High Counseling Department



**CTE Drama
Production of The
Cherry Orchard!**



**Cross Country at
State!**



**Tam Hosts First
Playoff Game!**

December's Upcoming Events

Dec. 4-8: CTE-Cherry Orchard

Dec. 9-13: Quiet Week

Dec. 9: Collaboration Mtg.

Dec. 10: TUHSD Board Meeting, 6pm—Kreps Conference Room

Dec. 13: Staff Holiday Party

Dec. 16: Whole Staff Mtg.

Periods 1-4 Schedule

Dec. 17: Finals (dismissal at 2:45) (Period 1 final 8-10am, periods 5-7)

Dec. 18: Finals (dismissal at 12:25) (Periods 2/3)

Site Council Mtg.

Dec. 19: Finals Schedule (dismissal at 12:25) (Periods 4/5)

Dec. 20: Finals Schedule (dismissal at 12:25) (Periods 6/7)

End of S1/R3 Grading Period

Dec. 23-Jan. 3: Winter Break



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**NorCal Water Polo
Champs!**



**Historic Volleyball
Run!**



NCS Champs!!