

The Red Tail Review

Tamalpais High School Newsletter

From the Principal's Perch

Happy New Year! Welcome to the year 2020 and in honoring Chinese culture, the year of the rat. We hope that you enjoyed the winter break and spent time relaxing, re-energizing and enjoying time with family and friends. We are excited to begin the second semester of the school year and look forward to continuing our collaboration with you for student success.

During our recent professional development day, we had the opportunity to experience a workshop facilitated by a powerful presenter, Ashanti Branch, titled "Taking off the Mask". This excellent PD discussed our ability to show up as our authentic selves in the pressure of our cultural roles. I am sharing the TED Talk that Ashanti delivered in Marin County some time ago and would like to ask the community a couple of reflective questions to consider after viewing; 1. What's behind your mask? 2. How do we work together to create the space where students, staff, and the community can take off their mask and find their passion? We thank you in advance for your consideration of these questions in support of creating an environment where all students can thrive.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M34wU5kXajI>

In the spirit of Tam-Unity!

Attendance

We want to again stress the importance of daily and on-time attendance. We ask that you resist the temptation to plan trips and other activities that take away a student's ability to be present in class. We also want to encourage students to be on time to class, especially after lunch. As we continue to develop responsible students, we ask that you discuss with your student the importance of their attendance.

Bell Schedule

We are currently working with the Tamalpais Federation of Teachers (TFT) on the Tam High Bell Schedule in compliance with California Senate Bill 328, which pushes back the start time for High Schools to 8:30am. This bill is set to come into effect for the start of school year 2022. We would like for you and your student, to participate in the survey below to gather information to inform the bell schedule process. We thank you in advance for your participation.



**Hi-lights from the
Holiday Season!**



**Holiday
Instrumental
Concert**



Winter Art Faire

Counseling Corner

It's hard to believe, but the time has come again for our students to begin thinking about courses for next school year. Here is a brief overview of our process, some key dates and important policies. In addition to the [Course Guide](#) and the [AP/Honors Matrix](#), your student will have a Scheduling Request Form to help them select next year's classes. We recommend that you take some time to review these resources WITH your student. Here is a list of important dates for you to know:

Timeline

- **Week of January 27th** - Students will begin to learn about course choices through in class presentations and elective fair/workshop activities.
- **February 3rd - February 14th** - Current 9th grade - 11th grade students will input their course requests into Home Access with Counselor support in their classes.
- **Week of February 24th - 28th** – Make-up Scheduling/Office Hours with Counselor - TUTORIAL period or by student appointment.
- **Friday, February 28th** - FINAL day to enter any course requests. Home Access will be CLOSED after this date.

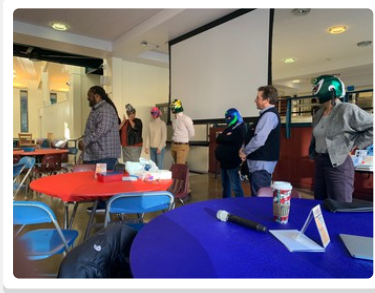
March 30th - April 3rd - Home Access will be opened for VIEW ONLY so you can check your course selections. If your student wishes to change a course request they must fill out a form and have parent signature on this request. These **may or may not** be honored given our staffing constraints and availability in courses.



**Getting Ready to
Greet you in 2020!**



**Tam Staff at AVID
National
Conference!**



**"Taking off the
Mask" with Ashanti
Branch at Teacher
Professional
Development Day!**

January's Upcoming Events

Jan. 9: Tam High Info Session for Prospective Students, 6pm at MVMS

Jan. 10-11: Winter One Act Festival

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Jan. 14: TUHSD Board Meeting; 6:00 pm Kreps

Jan. 15: Freshman Advisory

Jan. 16: Junior Night, 6:30 pm

Jan. 16: THS Info Night for Prospective Students, Rm 2020

Jan. 20: Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no school

Jan. 21-24: Winter One Act Festival

Jan. 22: PTSA Parent-Teen Ed, the ABCs of AP/Honors Courses, 6:30

Site Council Mtg.

Jan. 24: Winter Rally

Jan. 25: 9th Grade Registration

Jan. 28: TUHSD Board Meeting; 6:00 pm Kreps

Jan. 29: Elective Fair

Jan. 30: CCC Testing Info Night, 6:00 pm

Jan. 31: Freshman Advisory



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