

From the Principal's Perch

As a fan of the San Francisco Giants, Orange October is something that I appreciate, but I was not a fan of the Orange September that we had in the Bay Area. Sometimes we take for granted the simple things in life, like clear-blue skies and fresh air. With the persistence of smoke in our area, there was an absence of blue skies and fresh air most of our September days. Today I am expressing gratitude for being able to see the sun and send thoughts of support to our neighbors to the North.

I would like to also express gratitude for working in a supportive community. These are challenging times to be a leader in any context, but I am grateful to work in a community of leaders that has been supportive of Tam High School throughout this time. If we continue to keep students at the center of our work, and lean into our values of compassion, empathy, and love, I am confident that Tam will continue to thrive through this pandemic. As I mentioned during Back to School Night, I believe that it is important that we all have grace for one another and assume we are giving our best to make an unprecedented situation work for all stakeholders.

Parent Engagement

On Wednesday, October 7th the PTSA is hosting a session - **"Race: What is My Work and How Do We Move Forward During This Racial Uprising? A session with Deborah McKnight"** - [Register for the program here](#).
October 7, 6:30 pm, via streaming

One of our district's focuses is increasing racial equity in our community. The Tam High PTSA is honored to bring Deborah McKnight, a racial equity transformation consultant, to our community for a series of workshops

Upcoming Events

Oct. 5: Financial Aid Night

Oct. 7: Session on Racial Equity with Deborah McKnight, 6:30

Oct. 7: Minimum Day:
5th period: 8:30-9:30
6th period: 9:45-10:45
7th period: 11:00-12:00

Oct. 8-12: Wilde Nights: Fairy Tales of Oscar Wilde, 7:00 pm, streaming

Oct. 13: TUHSD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm

Oct. 27: TUHSD Board Meeting, 6:00 pm



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beginning in October. We ask that you take this opportunity to log-in and engage with our presenter and other members of the community on conversations about race.

Tam High Foundation:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for all of your incredible support. We honestly don't know how Distance Learning would work without your amazing contributions toward tech, subscriptions, and more. Your efforts make it possible for us all to stay safe and still provide a high quality education.

This is only possible from the financial contributions of our parent community. We want to be able to continue our work whether we are remote, hybrid or on campus all year long...so far only 19% of Tam families have made a contribution to the annual fundraising campaign, please give what you can, as soon as you can.

To give, please visit www.tamhighfoundation.org/donate-today. Every dollar makes a difference.



information:

ParentSquare

Google Classroom

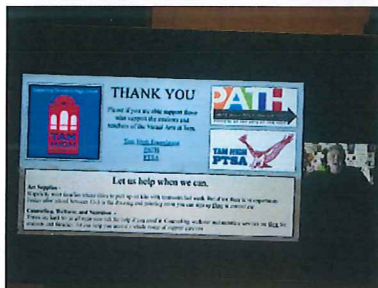
CANVAS

Pictures from around Tam:

Orange Tam....



Back to School Night with Mr. Brow and Mr. Gilmour:



Distance Learning teaching in Action with Ms. Dolan!

Thank you to our PTSA!

Thank you to our PTSA for our Back to School gifts which included soap, a mask and other goodies! We appreciate all you do for our school and staff!



R1 Grades

At Tam, we have six marking periods, R1, R2, S1, R3, R4, and S2. S1 and S2 are semester grades that appear on a student's transcript. Friday, September 25th signified the end of the first marking period (R1). Though not a permanent mark, R1 represents an initial indication of a student's academic standing through the first 5 weeks of school. This communication of student progress is similar to a check-up at the doctor and provides an opportunity for reflection. Here are some general questions to consider:

- How are things going?
- What are we doing well?
- What are your opportunities for improvement?

Take this time to reflect over the start of the school year and discuss with your student what adjustments need to be made. This is not the time to panic, there is time remaining for your student to make improvements. Create a plan to move forward. Reach out to teachers, counselors, and admin as necessary. We are here to support.

What's Up with Wellness



Even with an uncertain return date, we are getting ready!



J.C. Farr, Principal Please visit our website at tamhigh.org for all the latest news at Tam or follow us on Twitter @tamhigh and @tamhighprin and Instagram #farrprincipal



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Zoom Rooms: Our Wellness Community Zoom Rooms are back in action on Mondays and Fridays during lunch time. This is a space where students can gather (virtually) with Amber from Wellness (Monday) and Margaux (from HS1327 on Friday).

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9th Grade Wellness Check-Ins: This month we will be starting Wellness Check-ins with all 9th grade students. An email will be going out to parents soon explaining the process. We know more students are struggling with mental health during this time and we want to make sure all students know how to access Wellness services for themselves and their friends.

Tobacco/vaping cessation group: Starting this month. If your child is interested in quitting vaping or decreasing the amount they use, this group is for them. More info coming soon.

LGBTQ+ Drop in group: District wide support group for students looking to connect with other students (facilitated by Fel Agrelus from the SPAHR Center) More info coming soon.

Parent Ed: 10/6/20 Resilient Families Workshop: Navigating Substance Use and Abuse Through The Teen Years [Link to Register](#)

As always, if you have concerns about your child's mental health, please reach out. Ymilham@tamdistrict.org

New Staff



Maggie Maguire-Counseling & Career Specialist

Hi Tam Community, I'm Ms. Maguire and I am thrilled to be joining your community as the College and Career Specialist. I look forward to supporting the student body with planning their next steps post-graduation. I have supported many students in their transitions into universities and career paths and I completely understand the anxiety, headache and difficulties that come with college applications, financial aid forms and many deadlines. The College and Career center is here to help simplify and break down these processes. We do this through many workshops, events, and resources. This upcoming week we are hosting a Financial Aid Night on Monday, October 5th at 6pm, in this workshop for seniors and their parents you will learn the basics of financial aid, scholarships and upcoming deadlines, we also have college representatives virtually visiting our campus nearly every day as well as an online catalog of career opportunities, college search materials and more. All this including more information about our Financial Aid Night and our virtual college visit calendar can be found on our website <https://thsccc.wordpress.com> . Looking forward to working with you!

Learning !