

Red Tail Review

Back to School 2021

Tamalpais High School



From the Principal's Perch

Excited to welcome all students to campus tomorrow and we want to thank you for your patience as we work through all the requests for changes in schedules. We are working diligently to get through the changes and affirm that we will get your student situated shortly. For FAQ's, see attached document to the email.

Tomorrow we are beginning school with a virtual assembly beginning at 8:30. Students should report to their first period class. We are excited to hear the poetry of **Jessica CARE Moore**, sharing insights and perspectives to help get our year started.

Please make sure to complete your health screener, wear a mask and bring your fully charged chrome books to campus. 9th Graders will receive their chrome books in English class on August 23rd. New 10th-12th Graders will be able to pick up Chromebooks from the library during tutorial on Friday, August 20th.

CLOSED CAMPUS FOR LUNCH until further notice! Free lunches are available at the Hungry Hawk for all students!

Campus Clean Up – We have a fun way to get involved quickly at Tam High. Students, parents, staff, and neighbors are invited to Tam on Saturday Aug 21 from 9-2 for campus clean up! This is an opportunity to meet new people, catch up with old friends- and improve the look and feel of our school. Community service hours available!

- We will have food and drinks!

Upcoming Events

August 18: First Day of School
Assembly Schedule:

Assembly-August 18, 2021 Schedule	
Assembly*	8:30-9:10
1°	9:15-9:50
2°	10:00- 10:35
Break	10:35-10:40
3°	10:50-11:25
4°	11:35-12:10
Lunch	12:10-12:45
5°	12:55-1:30
6°	1:40-2:15
7°	2:25-3:00

*in 1st Period Class

Thursday and Friday are regular bell schedules.

August 21: Campus Clean-up!

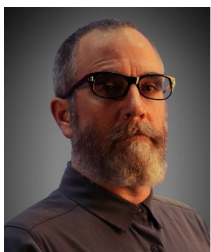
August 26: Thriving at Tam for 9th grade and new families (via zoom)

August 31: TUHSD Board Mtg.

- Bring gloves, large paintbrushes and if possible, garden tools, a wheelbarrow, tarps, a weed whacker and most importantly, a smile.
- We will be by the flagpole in the front of the school on Miller starting at 9:00.

Safe Routes to School – As we start this school year, we want to elicit your support in reducing our carbon footprint by encouraging students to walk, bike, or roll to school. Our school is part of a countywide Safe Routes to Schools' movement to increase students' health and safety during school commute hours. If you live within one to two miles from school, walking and biking are strongly encouraged. Every bit helps to reduce traffic and emissions to benefit all students. Studies indicate that youth who walk and roll to school perform better in school; physical activity creates higher academic achievement, better cognitive performance, better reading fluency, and improved executive functioning. Please plan ahead with your student and practice your walking or cycling route on the weekends. Thanks to the Tam High Foundation, we were able to add bicycle cages to prevent the theft of bikes on campus. The bike rack will be open beginning at 7:30, and be open until 8:40 each day. The bike rack will be closed for the duration of the school day (except for emergency purposes).

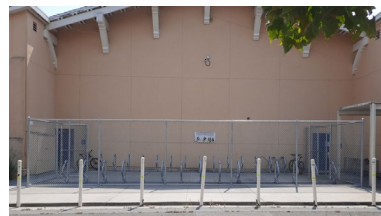
Meet the New Staff



Peter Parish-Applied Tech: Peter's been working in the Tam district since 1996, teaching art, drama and applied tech at, now with a move to Tam, ALL FIVE of the schools. He is incredibly excited to be teaching Architecture and Engineering at Tam, taking on the Wood Shop and Maker Lab, and leading our students into the wide world of engineering, robotics, design, and architecture. Outside of school, Peter also designs sets and lights for the theater, working primarily with Cinnabar Theater in Petaluma. To this end, he will also be working with Ben Cleaveland's theater design students, mentoring their designs for this year's productions and designing lights in the Mead Amphitheater for CTE's Midsummer Night's Dream. Peter lives in Fairfax with his wife Sarah (actor, playwright) and two children, Cordelia and Kalliope who will both be attending Archie Williams High School this year. Look for some showcasing of our brilliant students and their creations and engineering feats this year! Collaboration is at the heart of Peter's work, and the world of engineering reaches us all. Perhaps there is room to build something together at Tam?

What's New on Campus

Want to go green this year? Consider riding your bike to school. We have 2 new bike cages on campus! One right outside of Gus Gym

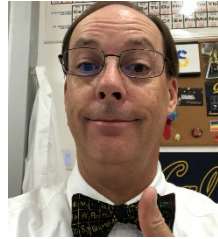


And the other by the pool...



Dave Sandusky-Science: I became a High School Chemistry teacher in 2015 and have previously worked at California High School in San Ramon, teaching Chemistry and Integrated Physical Sciences.

I grew up in San Anselmo (Drake High graduate), and have just moved back again after 36 years. My wife Michelle and I have a daughter, Catherine (teaches at Edna Maguire), a son, Darren (works at Stanford). My brother and parents live in Fairfax. My interests include being a musician (I play clarinets and saxophones with various groups in the area), woodworking, running/biking/skiing and officiating/coaching soccer and lacrosse.



Lara Martinez-World Language: My name is Lara Martinez and am glad to be back at Tam. Last year I was Nicholas Blechman's student teacher. I took over for him in March when he was on paternity leave and served as an intern. This will be my 4th year teaching Spanish and also work as a Speech/Language Pathologist. Looking forward to the 2021-22 school year!

Andre Sisneros-Science: My name is Andre Sisneros. I earned my credential in 2000 and starting teaching. That lasted for five years until I had the opportunity to purchase Gamescape, a non-electronic hobby game store in San Rafael. So in 2006 I purchased that store along with a good friend of mine. I thought that was what I was gonna do for the rest of my life, but sometimes things don't go the way you expect. I sold the store in 2017 and came back to teaching. This will be my fourth year back. I am looking forward to getting to know as many of you as I can, and I would love to make a game night happen if anyone is interested.



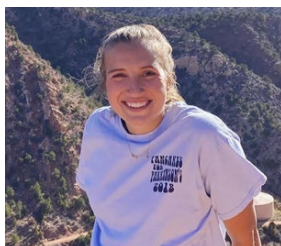
Tyrone Robinson-Counseling: My name is Tyrone Robinson, and I am excited to be flying high with you all this school year as a fellow Hawk! I will be serving our phenomenal community in a dual role, as the Success Network Coordinator and Counselor. I have earned a B.A. in History from Holy Names University, as well as a M.A. in Counseling with a PPS Credential from Brandman University. I love helping others and I love to learn! With that stated, I plan to

Circle Up! For the staff professional development day!



go back to school to earn a Doctorate of Leadership in the near future, so that I can better serve our youth. In these United States, we are all guaranteed the pursuit of happiness. I believe this pursuit starts with education, and it is my goal to ensure that all students have access to an equitable education. With a great deal of excitement, I am ready to spread my wings as a Hawk!

Maria Wnorowski-Science: Hello! I am excited to be joining the Tam High community! I love hiking, camping, reading, drinking coffee, and doing yoga! One of my goals for the fall is to learn how to surf - so stay tuned for how that adventure goes. I am from



Christiansburg, VA (near Virginia Tech and Radford University) and studied Biology and Religious Studies at the University of Virginia - go Hoo's! After graduation, I moved to Peoria, IL as part of a teaching fellowship program. Over the three years I lived there, I met some amazing people and discovered my love for cheese curds. Last year, I moved to the Bay and have spent the past year exploring both Marin and Sonoma County while teaching virtually for a school in Oakland. This upcoming year, I will be joining Tam High as one of the new Chemistry teachers. I am stoked to being back in the classroom with students. My favorite part of Chemistry is the intricacy and patterns within the Periodic Table (I think it is absolutely beautiful and love nerding out over it). I am always looking for places to explore and restaurants to try - so please pass along any suggestions! I cannot wait to meet everyone!



Jonathan Chan-Science: Hi, my name is Jonathan Chan and I will be teaching Physics in the Universe (a real PhUn class) this year. I got my degree in Physics from UC Davis and my credential from SF State, and I am excited to work with such a great and inspiring school! In my spare time, I review and design games -- come chat if you want to talk about it!

Miles Toth-Special Ed: As an alum, Ms. Toth is excited to be returning to Tamalpais High School. Her creative side comes from a BA in Studio Arts and Art History from San Francisco State University, while coursework in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Idaho State spurred curiosity and inquiry. She honed her analytical and intervention skills while working for MCOE, MVSD, teaching ESL abroad, more recently Archie Williams HS and Brandman



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University's credential program. She is passionate about fostering a growth mindset along with language and academic development. As no single approach is right for every student, she enjoys the challenges and the relationships built in special education.

Welcome Class of 2025!

