

Tamalpais High School



From the Principal's

Greetings Tam Students, Families and Community,

Last week was a fantastic time to be on the Tam Campus. We were so pleased to see so many students exhibiting school spirit during homecoming week. From the dress up days, rallies, the volleyball game on Friday night and the football game on Saturday, you could really feel the excitement on campus. We want to continue to encourage students to engage with campus life in a positive way. As the year goes, there will be more activities and opportunities to support starting with our fall Drama Production, A MidSummer Night's Dream directed by Ben Cleaveland, October 8-12, 7:00pm. Come out to Mead Theatre this weekend to check out one of the shows.

Attendance continues to be a great concern for us at Tam. Unfortunately, we continue to see a pattern of attendance with students arriving late to school in the mornings and returning to campus late from lunch. We want to strongly encourage on time attendance for our students. The loss of valuable instructional time often results in less than desirable grades. The administrative team consistently reviews data and will be contacting students and families that are exhibiting challenges with attendance. Failure to improve will result in detention and loss of privileges including participation in extracurricular activities. Please support our efforts by reviewing and monitoring your student's attendance, emphasizing the importance of attendance, and working with your students to build good habits. We thank you in advance for your support

Tam Unity Day, October 8th

We will have a closed campus for Tam Unity Day on **Friday, October 8th**. We will be following an adjusted schedule to accommodate a longer lunch. Please see [this link](#) for the bell schedule.

Upcoming Events

Oct. 6: Minimum Day, dismissal at 1:00

Oct. 8: Tam-Unity Day

Oct. 8-12: CTE Midsummer Night's Dream, 7pm

Oct. 12: Great Shakeout Drill

Oct. 12: TUHSD Board Mtg.

Oct. 20: Site Council Meeting

Parent Engagement

Tam High Campus Beautification – **Saturday Oct 16, 8:30am-12:30pm**

Come and join the Tam community to spruce up the wonderful Tam High Campus! No gardening experience necessary. This is a great way to meet fellow Tam parents and for students to earn community service hours for the honor society – Honor T – or other needs. Sign up [here](#) and if possible, bring along gardening gloves and your preferred tools – we have some tools available for use. Meet at the flagpole / outside Gus gym to sign in and receive tasks.

Thank you for supporting Tam High Beautification!

THF Update: As of today, 1 in 5 families has donated to the Tam High Foundation. We are incredibly grateful to those who have already done so. We need many more families to show their support and donate [here](#). Here is a quick video to show the difference your donation of just \$2 a day will make <https://youtu.be/FB5qbMPI8BE>

Youth Truth Survey - We are hoping parents will take 15 minutes to complete an online survey that will help us gather important information regarding our school and the experience our students have here at Tam. Students will be taking their own version of the survey later in October. The survey is administered by YouthTruth – a nonprofit organization that supports hundreds of schools and districts across the county. We will use this information in our WASC process as well as in our collaboration with our stakeholders. Please take the survey before it closes at midnight on 10/29/21 by clicking this link: ytsurvey.org/tuhsdfamily21

Please note:

- The survey needs to be completed in one sitting.
- We ask that one member of each household fill out the survey.
- If you have more than one child who attends the same school, you may respond to the survey multiple times - one time per child.
- If you write any comments, please do not include your name or anything else that might identify you. Your responses are anonymous, and they will be combined with the responses of other parents and guardians before being shared back with school and district leadership.

Oct. 26: TUHSD Board Mtg.

Oct. 27: Live from Outside the Student Center!

HOMEcoming FUN!!



Counseling and Wellness Update

Congratulations on getting through our first six weeks of in-person learning! The first grading period (R1) ended last Friday, 9/24 and teachers are now entering grades for the first progress report, which will be available to view online via Student/ParentVUE on Friday, 10/1. Progress report grades are meant to be a snapshot of how they are doing so far. Please remember that R1 grades can be sometimes misleading because there are not necessarily a lot of points in the gradebook yet.

One of our goals for Tam students is to help them improve their self-advocacy skills. If you have concerns about any of the grades received, please consider the following recommendations to address your concerns around R1 grades:

1. Check in with your student and have them reflect on their progress report grades. R1 grades should inspire a healthy family conversation about expectations, habits, and goal setting.
2. Students should contact their teacher(s) directly with specific grading questions, either in-person or via email. Students are encouraged to CC parents and counselors on any email communication, as it can help us see the full picture of student challenges and guide possible next steps.
3. Parents may email teacher(s) directly with specific grading questions or to request a parent-teacher conference, if student concerns remain unresolved.

As your Counseling Team, we are here to help your student develop their self-advocacy skills and provide support related to:

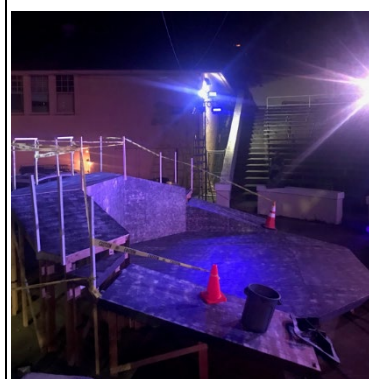
- Developing stronger study and communication skills
- Time management/balancing academic commitments & extra-curricular activities
- Healthy habits, accessing school resources, & social/emotional support
- Future planning

Please have your student contact their counselor at any time via email or make an appointment through the [counseling appointment system](#) on our website. High school is a marathon, not a sprint; let's take it one step at a time.

*This Month Spirit of Tam
Unity Recipients*



A Midsummer Night's Dream...



Homecoming Pics!



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What's Up With Wellness?

- Wellness began our Wellness 101 presentations in 9th grade Social Issues classes last week. During this presentation we introduce students to What Wellness is, how to access us, and we finish with a tour of the Wellness Center. We will continue presenting for the next 2 weeks.
- Q-Group - Starting next Wednesday during tutorial. Q group is a space for LGBTQ+ students to hang out and socialize with each other and a facilitator from the SPAHR Center. Please note: to attend students need to fill out [this](#) google form to receive a pass. bit.ly/tamqgroup
- We are open **5 days a week!** Wellness is no longer closed on Wednesday thanks to the Tam High Foundation. We are also **offering tea and water again**, though students must drink the tea outside at this time. If student's can bring a reusable water bottle or hot beverage container, it would be appreciated.

As always, I am so grateful to be a part of this incredible school community and look forward to growing together in the year ahead. For more information and Wellness resources, please visit our website and/or follow us on instagram: @tam.wellness. If you have any questions about Wellness, please send me an email ymilham@tamdistrict.org.	
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