

# Red Tail Review

November 2021

## Tamalpais High School



### From the Principal's Perch

"If I love you, I have to make you conscious of the things you don't see."

- James Baldwin

In my six years as Principal at Tam High, October has always been an eventful month and this year was no exception. From PSPS power outages to wildfires and now the atmospheric river, there have been no shortages of climate related challenges for us to mitigate during the month of October. Nevertheless, Tam students were able to experience homecoming, Tam-Unity day, a night-time Music performance, an outdoor play and the PSAT. Tam High has continued to thrive and provide quality experiences for our students, keeping everyone engaged in our numerous activities.

#### Parent Engagement

We remain grateful for the support that we receive from our community to bring about excellent activities and opportunities for our students. We thank everyone who came out to support our **PTSA** sponsored campus beautification efforts. Please join us for "A Parent Function at the Junction", Wednesday, November 10th from 6-8pm. Tickets available by clicking [here](#).

**Tam High Foundation** needs the help from all of our families to retain programs that ALL of our students have access to. Already this year we have been able to keep accomplish the following:

- Wellness center open 5 days a week

### \*Schedule Change\*

Monday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>:

1<sup>st</sup> Period: 8:30-9:50

2<sup>nd</sup> Period: 10:05-11:25

Lunch: 11:25-12:00

3<sup>rd</sup> Period: 12:10-1:30

4<sup>th</sup> Period: 1:40-3:00

#### Upcoming Events

**Nov. 5:** End of R2 grading period

**Nov. 8:** \***Schedule Change\*** Periods 1-4 (see above)

**Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day-No School

**Nov. 16:** TUHSD Board Mtg.

**Nov. 17:** Site Council Meeting

**Nov. 22-26:** Thanksgiving Break

- Fund 3D printers in the engineering classroom
- Refurbish the recording studio in the Music department
- Buy digital cameras and laptops for art
- Provide every student with a Chromebook
- Reopening of the language lab with new technology
- Buy new bike cages
- And we are currently working on a project to revamp the student center and all the classroom furniture across campus....

THF still has to raise \$150,000 to reach their annual goal. So far 28% of our families have made a gift to their goal, please join these families in any way you can and donate [here](#).

### Attendance Update

We have made tremendous progress in regards to our attendance. Thank you for your help and support in having our students arrive on time each day to each class. We ask that you continue to encourage your students to demonstrate on-time behavior. We want to continue to partner with families to support students making good decisions and showing up as their best selves. We can do this if we work together and keep students at the center of our conversations.

### Congratulations

This past weekend we were able to celebrate the renaming of Lower Keyser to **Jewel Barrow Hall**. We are so honored to have had the opportunity to host the many alumni, family and friends back to Tam this weekend in the celebration of Jewel's commitment and contribution to Tam. If you have not had the opportunity, check out the coverage of this event by local news.

## Notes from Counseling

Hello Hawk Families,

The counselors have been extra busy working on college letters of recommendation and meeting with students. A BIG shout out to the freshman class for their awesome participation in the Freshman Scavenger Hunt, hosted by Counseling & Wellness, the College & Career Center, & our fabulous Main Office staff! Another big shout out to our Social Studies teachers for allowing us to spend time with our fantastic freshman class!

Here are some exciting upcoming events:



**This Month Spirit of Tam  
Unity Recipients**



The rains...



And to the rescue!



- **Sophomore Counseling:** On Nov 9th & 10<sup>th</sup>--counselors will be meeting with you in small groups to review your 9th grade transcript, graduation & college requirements, & much more, so please try not to be absent on these dates!!
- **Seniors:** During the month of Nov., we will continue to host **College Essay & College Application workshops** EVERY tutorial period in the College & Career Center. If you need assistance, or have any questions regarding your college application, please attend a drop-in session!!
- **Counseling Appointments:** Students may schedule appointments with their counselor by the following options:
  - On the Counseling Department webpage, click on your counselor's name and you will be directed to a [Google doc](#), where you can request to see your counselor.
  - Come down to the Counseling Office and use your cell phone to scan the QR Code, which is posted on the front door of the Counseling Office
  - Send your counselor an email

**ALL STUDENTS:** The R2 progress report period is ending on 11/5, so please see your teachers regarding any missing/late assignments you may need to turn in. Teacher's grades must be submitted by 11/10, so don't wait until the last minute!!

## Pics from Campus

The great Freshmen Donut Race of 2021!



Thank you PTSA for coffee & treats!



**J.C. Farr, Principal**

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Mock Senate in Mr. Chamberlin's class



Barrow Hall ([link](#) to Channel 5 story)

Sugar Cookies...Yum!



Campus Beautification!



## What's Up With Wellness?

- We completed our Wellness 101 presentations in all 9th grade Social Issues classes in the beginning of October. In addition, all 9th grade students had the opportunity to learn more about and visit wellness on 10/27 and 10/28 during the Freshman Scavenger Hunt, hosted by Counseling & Wellness, the College & Career Center, & our fabulous Main Office staff.
- Resilient Families 11/9/21 6:30-8pm - Join TUHSD Wellness and Huckleberry Youth Programs for this unique opportunity to virtually gather together and engage in discussion about our teens, drugs and alcohol. Click [here](#) to register.
- Cessation Group - We ran a tobacco and vaping cessation group last year during quarantine and are now assessing student interest in starting a new cessation group this year. If your student is interested, have them go to

[bit.ly/tuhsdquitgroup](https://bit.ly/tuhsdquitgroup) fill out this confidential interest form.

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](mailto:ymilham@tamdistrict.org).