

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg  
PTSA Executive Vice President

**“Back To School” Night**

When: Thursday, September 21  
Time: 6:30 Jazz Band Performs; 7 pm  
Principal’s welcome; 7:30 pm classroom visits.  
Where: Gus Gym  
Don’t forget: wear comfortable shoes, bring your student’s schedule, a flashlight and have fun.

**The Bond Passed...What’s The Next Building Phase at Tam?**

Don’t miss the first PTSA meeting of the year, with Superintendent Bob Ferguson and Principal Chris Holleran. Find out: Where are we now? Where are we going? When will it all be finished?  
Where: Tam Student Center  
When: September 11, 7 pm  
PTSA Business Meeting: 6:30 pm

**The Tradition Continues...**

PTSA’s ONLY fundraiser of the year—The Tam High Taqueria at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival on September 16-17. See page 6.

**Is Your Child Worth \$1 per Day?**

The Tam High Foundation exists to provide financial support for public education at Tam High School. The Foundation’s goal for this fall is \$300,000: \$300 per student (or \$1 per day per student) will get us there. To learn how to help, go to page 8.

**PSAT, SAT & ACT DATES**

Testing dates, college research, scholarships, volunteer opportunities and much more can be found at The College and Career Center. For details, see page 11.

**Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center to Open Soon**

CTE (Conservatory Theatre Ensemble) has a lot to celebrate. The CTE season will open in a spectacular “state of the art” facility this fall. Students are now signing up for shows, crews, production teams and intern positions. See page 14 for a full schedule of events and performances.

**Save this Important Date—October 24th**

Tam High PTSA presents a Parent Education Evening: “The Real Story: Tam Teen Panel Talks Frankly About Teen Culture Today, including Drugs, Sex and...Parents.” Always well attended and informative.

When: Tuesday, October 24, 7 pm  
Location: TBD

**Extreme (Library) Makeover!**



(L-R) Library Specialist Barbara Morgan and Library Media Specialist Mary Crowe are ready for students in the newly-renovated library.

By Cynthia Chiarappa

Thanks to your gifts of \$100,000 to the Tam High Foundation, the Library underwent an Extreme Makeover during the summer months. Students who had a sneak preview of the new facility had this to say: “This is a way cool library now!”, “Awesome!”, “Wow!”, “This is really nice!”, “It’s crazy!”, and “It’s beautiful!”

You won’t recognize the place! The back room was carpeted for a quiet study space. New couches and reading chairs were purchased as were new computer workstations and laptops. Students can now quickly find anything they need on the new catalog—only computer terminals.

The facility isn’t the only thing that was upgraded. New reference books in the sciences, geography, history and more were purchased, as was new current fiction. Students can now find relevant material conveniently at school, without needing to go to the public library.

To make the library more accessible for students, library hours have been extended from 7:30 am to 7 pm Monday-Thursday, and 7:30 am to 4 pm Friday. Now students can fill those wasted hours between school and sports with productive study time, or have a place to meet with a group after school or ask the after-school library aide for assistance.

The new library is one of many ways that your support gets put in to tangible student benefits. Please participate in the Tam High Foundation parent or business campaign. Every dollar helps light the minds of our most important asset: our children.

Please see the article on page 8 about the Tam High Foundation for ways to give. ♣

**New Library Hours:**

7:30 am - 7 pm  
Monday - Thursday  
7:30 am - 4 pm

**Principles from the Principal**

by Chris Holleran

**Communication**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to communicate with teachers and school staff to get information or discuss concerns about students. Our school website is a great source of current information with links to teacher or program websites. While e-mail is a good tool for asking questions, sharing information, or setting up appointments, it is not very effective for discussing concerns or expressing emotion. Phone conversations or meetings are more effective modes of communication when addressing issues. Staff have both e-mail and voice mail accounts with both expected to be checked daily. Staff is requested to respond to parent inquiries within 48 hours.

**Extended Library Hours**

Thanks to a grant from the Tam High Foundation, our library will be open until 7 pm Monday-Thursday throughout the school year.

**Tam Centennial**

The 2007-08 school year will be Tam's 100th. We are forming a committee of 6-8 people to organize events to commemorate this milestone throughout the 07-08 school year. Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 28, at 4 pm in the library. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Eileen at 380-3510.

**Modernization**

Keyser Hall was demolished over the summer. The new Keyser buildings will start to be built in spring 2007. The two new buildings will house 22 classrooms and other support functions. A path of travel will be provided between the two buildings as well as a new student plaza.

The Caldwell Performing Arts Center is nearing completion. We are starting to move into the building with complete occupation by mid-September. The kitchen in the student center will also be finished by early September. The ADA-required elevator from the front of school up to the upper campus has been in discussion and study for several months with an ad hoc committee. After options such as a funicular were explored and found to be not feasible, a likely location for the elevator has been identified along the covered walkway adjacent to the pool area. ✪

**Where to Park (or Not) on Campus**

Parking on campus is limited for visitors and students. The front lot (off Miller Ave.) is reserved for staff and visitors only. Staff are assigned numbered spots, and visitors may park in spots marked "visitor." Student drivers may park in the back lot off Almonte Ave. on a first-come, first-served basis, as long as an approved 2006-07 permit is displayed in the vehicle. Carpool spots will be reserved for vehicles carrying three or more passengers, but are also limited on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional parking is available in the football field lot and off campus. Tam High is not responsible for parking tickets issued to those who park illegally, and Tam is not required or equipped to provide parking for all student drivers.

To obtain a student parking permit/decal: Fill out a parking permit request form (available in Room 105 or on-line at [tamhigh.org](http://tamhigh.org)>Site Map>parking & transportation) and return the completed form to the Assistant Principals' office, Room 105, Wood Hall. ✪

**High School Exit Exam**

Juniors and seniors who have not yet passed the California Exit Exam will be tested on October 3 and 4. Students who need help preparing for the exam are highly encouraged to attend a District workshop on September 25, a staff development day. The English Language Arts workshop is from 9 am - noon, and the math workshop is from 11 am - 2 pm. To sign up for a workshop or for any questions regarding the Exit Exam, please call 380-3512, or stop by the Assistant Principals' office in Room 105. ✪

**Photo Make-Up and Senior Class Picture Day: September 13**

A photo make-up day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, for students who missed the photo days in August. Purchasing a photo package is optional, but student ID's are mandatory and free. Every student needs a student ID card for identification, ASB validation, checking out Tam library books, and purchasing food from the school canteen.

The senior class photo will be taken in Mead Theatre during tutorial on the same day as photo make-ups, September 13. Please be sure to mark your calendar! ✪

**The Whole Tam Family**

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**Modernization Update**

By Esther Timberlake, Tam Liaison/Project Manager

**2001 Bond Projects:****Caldwell Fine Arts Theater**

There has been a series of unforeseen delays in the completion of this new building. The first performance in the theater will be held in mid-October.

**Cafeteria**

The kitchen has not yet been approved by the County and the District is waiting for the arrival of new equipment. Students will be served from the temporary kitchen located behind the pool until the kitchen reopens in mid-September.

**Phoenix Hall**

The alterations for the Art Department are currently in the office of the Department of the State Architect for review. The estimated occupancy schedule is during the December break.

**2006 Bond Projects:****Keyser Hall**

The 1920 structure was demolished during the Summer and the site is currently fenced and ready for construction in Spring 2007. The design of the replacement building is in the design development phase. At the August 21 Board meeting, WLC-Architects presented a contemporary design solution for the Student Center (back) side of the building. The design completion remains December 2006.

**Pool & Fitness**

During the summer, Superintendent Bob Ferguson held two meetings with the high school communities to get feedback on the size, type and usage of the pools at the three primary campuses. The architects have met with the Tam coaches, teachers and Site administration to discuss their athletic program needs. A location for the pool has not yet been decided upon.

**Exterior Elevator**

On August 15, Superintendent Ferguson met with the Site Committee and City representatives to discuss how the District will comply with DSA's requirement to provide accessibility to the campus. After researching options and meeting with DSA officials, the District has determined that the only viable option that meets State codes is the use of an elevator. The Superintendent proposed locating an elevator tower/bridge structure across from the new Keyser Hall site. The bridge would connect to a path of travel that runs the length of the Campus at the 25-foot elevation. The District has requested architectural concepts for the Site Committee to review. This proposal will require final approval by DSA.



The final stage of demolition of the Keyser Building is seen in this photo taken over the summer.

If you have questions or comments on the modernization projects, please contact Esther Timberlake, Tam Liaison/Project Manager at [etimberlake@tamdistrict.org](mailto:etimberlake@tamdistrict.org). ✪

**A Notice From Food Service Department: Computer Lunch System Delayed**

A letter was sent home notifying parents that the electronic lunch ticket ID system is now in use at Tam. Unfortunately, the opening of the remodeled kitchen was delayed at the last minute so we are not operating out of the regular facility, but in a portable trailer. The computer system does not work in the portable area, so the computer lunch system will be postponed until the department has moved back into the school kitchen in approximately mid-September.

We appreciate everyone's interest. Once this is up and running it is an excellent system and will be a real asset to the school. We just need to be patient for the construction to finish so that we can work in the kitchen again.

## Tam Union High School Board Update

By Bonnie Freiberg

The Tam Union High School Board has been meeting throughout the summer. Many of the issues that have come before the Board in the last few months have had to do specifically with Tam High School. The most urgent issue has been the modernization that has been underway on campus. Tam has modernization issues to be resolved. In upcoming Board meetings there will be decisions made concerning Tam's pool, tennis courts, campus access (elevators), parking, traffic flow (on and off campus) and the replacement of Keyser's classrooms. Come to the Board meetings and hear what is being proposed. Be informed about decisions being made about Tam's campus. This is the time when your input is important. Be part of the process of completing Tam's modernization project.

The Tamalpais School Board meetings are generally held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7 pm in the Kreps Conference Center on the east side of the Redwood High School campus in Larkspur. An agenda is posted on the website prior to each meeting, [www.tamdistrict.org](http://www.tamdistrict.org). The September Board meetings will be on the 12th and the 26th. Check the web site for the agenda and the topics up for discussion. ♣

### PTSA Executive Board 2006-07

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### PTSA Meeting Dates for 2006-07

September 11 - 7 pm

Meet the Administration:

Discuss Tam Modernization

Where are we, where are we going and the time line to get there.

October 24 - 7 pm

Teen Panel

The Real Story: Tam Teen Panel Talks Frankly About Teen Culture today, including Drugs, Sex and...Parents

November 6 - 8:45 am

College and Career Center

What to be aware of for each class (testing, planning)

December 4 - 8:45 am

Student Stress and Support

February 5 - 8:45 am

Programs of interest at Tam— choosing next year's classes

March 5 - 8:45 am

STAR testing and Portfolios

April 23 - 7 pm

Teen Issues—Drugs and Drinking

May 7 - 8:45 am

End of year tour of campus and election of officers for 2007/08

### Tam PTSA Meeting Agenda

September 11, 2006

Business meeting: 6:30 pm

Speaker: 7:00 pm

- Call to order
- Proposed PTSA Executive Board and vote
- Approve Minutes - May
- Treasurer's Report
- Approval of checks
- Budget presentation
- Tam High PTSA Fundraiser
- Campus Beautification
- Hospitality Schedule
- PTSA event dates
- Membership Committee Report
- THF
- Thumb
- Boosters
- School Board Report

#### Meet the Administration

Discuss Tam Modernization: "Where are we, where are we going and the time line to get there" with Superintendent Bob Ferguson & Principal Chris Holleran.

## Tamalpais High School Emergency Phone Team 2006-2007

### What is it?

The Reverse Phone Tree is to be used by parents should a significant emergency occur which affects the school operation. In a major emergency it is conceivable that the phone system will be unable to respond to the hundreds of incoming phone calls from parents and loved ones seeking accurate information on the status of Tam High students and staff.

### When and how will it be used?

The Reverse Phone Tree system will be implemented should the school face an emergency which would preclude the school's ability to receive incoming calls. The parents listed on the phone tree will receive a call from a site administrator who will provide a status report on the school along with other important information. *As a parent it is your job to call the appropriate person on the phone tree who will pass along information provided by the administration on the status of the school, staff, and students.*

If you live in:	Primary	Back-Up
Bolinas/Stinson Beach	Diana Jansen (h) 381-5448 © 519-5554	Judy Katsin (h) 389-0121 © 509-2380
Marin City	Patty Trick (h) 381-4353 © 850-7328	Leslie Wachtel (h) 388-7766 © 990-1415
Sausalito	Helene Siegel-Fotos (h) 389-8598 © 717-7189	Rosie Macho (h) 383-7522 © 722-7951
<b>Mill Valley Areas:</b>		
Downtown & Bliethedale/Cascade Canyon	Deb McNeil (h) 388-0655 © 328-1299	Tracy Haughton (h) 381-8574 © 686-6346
Homestead	Susan Garratt (h) 383-7364 © 269-7364	Ilana Friedman (h) 389-0202 © 518-0860
Sycamore/Golf Course	Cindy McCauley (h) 381-5730 © 531-5731	Bonnie Freiberg 388-4785 290-0323 cell
Alto/Scott Valley/Enchanted Knolls	Jayne Greenberg (h) 383-9492 © 640-0259	Heather Schleuter (H) 388-6307 © 3421430, (w) 924-7757
Strawberry/Tiburon/Belvedere	Joan Prigian (h) 381-3992 © 203-6587	Jackie Hamilton (h) 388-8333 © 717-8598
Tam Valley/Muir Beach/Other areas	Dana Rieger 389-6529 254-3933 cell	Arthur Beckert (h) 381-4302 © 990-2016

Jayne will call all the Primary Numbers  
Bonnie will call all the Back-Up Numbers

## MARK THIS IMPORTANT DATE IN YOUR CALENDAR, TAM PARENTS!

*Tam High Presents A Parent Education Evening:*

### "The Real Story: Tam Teen Panel Talks Frankly About Teen Culture today, including Drugs, Sex and...Parents."

*Tuesday night, October 24, 6:30 pm (PTSA meeting)  
and 7-9 pm teen panel. Location to be determined.*

EVERY GENERATION OF TEENS HAS ITS OWN influences and concerns to understand and contend with. Every group of parents worries about what these influences are and how their teen will handle them. For example, in Marin County we know that drugs/alcohol use and abuse with teens are at an extremely high level. Sometimes getting information from your own adolescent is trying, sometimes it's impossible.

This unique and extraordinary evening offers a wonderful opportunity for parents to hear from some Tam students about what they feel about the social world they inhabit. Bruce Chernack, MFT, Tam and New Perspectives Counselor, will, along with Yvonne Milham, beloved Tam Social Issues and Peer Resource teacher, facilitate a discussion with a panel of Tam High Peer Counselors in describing and discussing some of the challenges facing them these days.

There will be a brief presentation by Bruce Chernack and Yvonne Milham, but the bulk of the evening is given over to the opportunity for the parents in the audience to ask very frank questions of the students and to receive very honest and frank answers in response.

This is a very special evening with students who have the courage to be forthcoming in the service of helping teen parents better understand their world from the inside out. It is an opportunity as a parent to get information and sympathy and to develop another connection to the community of students and parents that Tam High consists of.

*This is a free event—no registration required.* It is an adult (no children or teens) evening. Bring questions and respect with you. For any questions, call Gail Mason at 389-6636. ★

## Diggin' in the Dirt

*By Gail Mason*

Well, another growing season is coming to an end and the Tam High campus has been doing its part. Last year's gardens are growing. Check out the Memorial garden below the Science Building with its new student designed and built double arbor. And notice the ornamental grasses swaying in front of the portable science building. Or stop by the Environmental Science Dry Garden. And look at the lavender and roses flourishing in Orange Court. Now we are in the process of planting the Freshman Court (soon to become the Student Art Court) with Mediterranean plants, replacing dead plants, planting trees and generally trying to get the bones in shape for the school year. The district will be "sodding" the area in the spring when they will also be "sodding" the front lawn, adding a new irrigation system as well. We also plan to plant a dramatic garden in the entrance for the new Performing Arts Building when it is complete in late October.

We have great plans for the year so please sign up to help us do this great work. We will have about five or six work parties during the year and really need help so if you have any interest in "sprucing up" the campus and improving the landscape please volunteer to help. And, of course, your financial donations are immensely helpful because we work on a shoestring budget! Donate to the PTSA Beautification budget...any amount is helpful. We work off of donations from you and from local nurseries and merchants. It is a real community effort.

This will be a great year for the beautification of the Tam campus! Sign up to help! And check out the grounds to see what has been done and what you think could be "beautified."

For questions of information, call Gail Mason at 389-6636. ★

## Burritos Anyone?



It's a tradition—The Tam High PTSA Taqueria

WHERE: Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival  
Old Mill Park

WHEN: Saturday, September 16 &  
Sunday, September 17

The Taqueria is Tam PTSA's ONLY fundraiser

- Be sure to volunteer to help in the booth
  - Volunteer with your student
- Stop by the booth for something to eat
- Recommend the Tam food booth to friends

Thank you to all parents and students  
who have already volunteered—  
we will be contacting you soon.

To volunteer or to get information, call or email  
Jeffrey Freiberg 388-4785 jlfmv@mac.com  
Bonnie Freiberg 388-4785 bkfreiberg1@mac.com

## "TOP TEN" LIST OF THINGS YOU CAN DO ABOUT TRAFFIC & SAFETY AT TAM HIGH

*by Susan Cluff, Tam High Traffic & Safety Committee*

WITH MORE STUDENTS THAN EVER AT TAM, and another year of heavy construction, PTSA leaders asked the Traffic & Safety Committee to suggest some things parents and students can do to improve traffic and safety and help avoid serious accidents. While we all agreed that completing Keyser and creating a safe drop off and pick up zone on campus were the two items most needed at Tam High, we met with staff and public safety officials before school started and walked and drove the campus. Here's their "Top Ten" list for this year:

1. **Encourage your student(s) to walk, bike, carpool or take the bus to school.** Walking is a great exercise, there are lots of bike racks here at Tam (don't forget your lock), there's probably a good carpool already in your neighborhood, and students can take the bus anywhere in the County for only \$1.00 per ride. For local bus schedules, call MCTD: 499-6099 ([www.marin-transit.org](http://www.marin-transit.org))
2. **Try out a new meeting location away from the school** if you have to drive, where you can pick up or drop off your student(s) safely and he/she/they can walk, bike or take the bus the rest of the way. Set a specific time and place to meet each day, (cell-phones get lost, confiscated or turned off) and a back up plan just in case.
3. **Avoid the traffic crunch before and after school**, for about 15-30 minutes before and after the final bell. Students who leave earlier, or later, can visit the library, do homework, meet with teachers or peers, participate in school sports or clubs, or attend before or after school tutoring programs. These have other benefits as well.
4. **Be prepared before you arrive so that you can drop off or pick up your student speedily and without incident.** This is NOT the time or the place to switch drivers, fumble for lunch money, have a long and involved conversation with your teenager about curfews, or search for lost articles in the trunk or back seat. If you need more time, have a lot of stuff, or have to get out of your car, pull into a legal parking spot or one of the school parking lots.
5. **Pull forward and leave room for other cars in front and behind you**, if you must use the congested yellow zone in front of the school to drop off or pick up students. This is a loading zone only, do NOT park here, or leave your vehicle unattended. When leaving, signal and merge back into traffic carefully, watching out for pedestrians, bikes and skateboards. (Check your manual: the signal indicator is to the left of the steering wheel.)

6. **If you can't be safe, keep driving past the school** to the staff parking lot or further past the sports fields to Almonte. If you're coming west on Camino Alto, MVPD recommends taking wide, slow turn from the RIGHT HAND lane so you can see if there's an empty space and pull in to the marked yellow zone safely without blocking the intersection or impeding southbound traffic. If the back parking lot entrance is blocked (the gateway is narrow), drop off your student at the sports lot instead.

7. **Slow down and obey posted signs near the school** or when using the front or back school parking lots. Unless you or your student is disabled (and you have a blue tag on your car), don't try to drop off any one, ever, in the tiny lot off Gomez or at the maintenance driveway near Meade Theatre. And remember: there is a NO left turn sign out of the staff parking lot onto Miller.

8. **Don't park in private lots, spaces or driveways.** Despite what your student may have heard, you may not park or leave your car in numbered spots in the staff lot, in any area labeled "no parking" or "handicapped only", or in the Safeway parking lot on Miller Avenue. If you park on the street, you need to find a legal parking spot which leaves driveways, hydrants, pedestrian paths and crosswalks clear. If you're not sure, check with a police officer, campus supervisor or the front office.

9. **Model good and safe driving behavior.** It sets a good example for our students and will save you money and/or time in traffic school. Mill Valley Police and Marin County Sheriff will ticket for speeding, stopping or parking violations, illegal turns, and impeding traffic. People who jaywalk across Miller or cross against the light will be fined. Those who disobey laws, flip off other drivers or shout epithets that can't be published in Whole Tam Family, will be warned and reported.

10. **Support monthly traffic safety days at Tam High**, held the first Wednesdays every month. Volunteers meet in front of the school at 7:30-8 am to hand out cookies and raffle tickets (free Jamba Juice and Safeway gift card prizes), and do traffic and pedestrian counts. Come and try it, it helps the school and it's a lot of fun.

For more information, contact John Berry, Asst. Principal: 388-8232.

## Is Your Child Worth \$1 per Day?

Imagine a mind lit up—excited about learning, easily grasping new concepts, and as a result highly self-confident. Your investment of \$1 per day has the power to illuminate your child's mind—as well as the minds of 1,150 Tam High Students.

The Tam High Foundation exists to provide financial support for public education at Tam High School. Sadly, public education does not fund some essential classroom tools to help our already exceptional teachers maximize students' total learning potential.

Collectively we can generate enough power to make a difference. Funds raised this year will be spent this year. This year, funding priorities include, among others:

- ▶ **Phase II of Tam High Library Project:** including laptops, updated collection, broader access to internet databases plus additional staffing of the library to keep it open for new after school hours 4-7 pm Monday-Thursday.
  - ▶ **Completion of the new Tam High Website:** have all Tam teachers online with interactive websites to improve communication between home and school for academic, sports, and school activities.
  - ▶ **Academic Staff Grants to provide additional grants** for specialized equipment, stipends, and other program support for English, Social Studies, the Counseling and Career Centers, Special Day classes, AIM, CTE, Peer Resource, and much more.
  - ▶ **State of the art Classroom Technology** that spans the campus, from lighting and sound equipment in the new Caldwell Theatre to a sophisticated alignment rack for Automotive Technology.
- Our goal for this fall is \$300,000: \$300 per student (or \$1 per day per student) will get us there. Helping is easy:
- ▶ **Support the Parent Fund:** When you receive our brochure in the mail by September 15, please donate generously. There are many ways to give—select the one that works best in your budget. You can also give online at [www.tamhighfoundation.org](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org).
  - ▶ **Sign up for e-Scrip:** Add Tam High Foundation to your account ([www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) using ID # 137140398). If you have younger children in Mill Valley, choose Mill Valley Kids K-12, using ID # 1425010100, so ALL your children benefit.
  - ▶ **Shop and Give:** Also, Mill Valley Market's Shop and Give program donates 3% of purchases directly to Tam High when you mention it while checking out. Albertson's and Bell Market have their own programs - please enroll their preferred shopping cards through the Tam High Foundation.
  - ▶ **Volunteer:** Even a couple of hours of your time can make a difference. Call Jackie Hamilton at 380-3565.
  - ▶ **Be a Business Partner:** Contact the Tam High Foundation office at 380-3565 for more information.

Together, we have the power to light our children's minds—to make learning a more interactive, tangible, fun and rewarding experience.

Visit us at [www.tamhighfoundation.org](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org). ✪

## Parent to Parent News

By *Becky Foust Pilcher*

Tam Representative to Tamalpais Parent Advisory Committee (TPAC)

DOES YOUR STUDENT HAVE LEARNING CHALLENGES that are causing difficulties in school? Do you have questions about his or her IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or 504 plan, or do you need to know more about such plans and how to make them more effective? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," you can find help at Parent-to-Parent Connection ("p2p"), a Tam District support group for parents of high school students with learning challenges. Our parent meetings offer information from dynamic speakers on a wide variety of topics, and we open each meeting an hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

As Tam High's representative, I meet will meet monthly with TUHSD administrators Karen Mates and Carol Eber in order to plan p2p programs and also to voice your questions and concerns about how well the district is serving student needs. If you would like to receive e-mail notices of meetings or have comments or questions, please contact [p2p@tuhds.marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:p2p@tuhds.marin.k12.ca.us). To find out more about p2p, visit our website at [www.tamdistrict.org/p2p](http://www.tamdistrict.org/p2p).

**Please take note of our new programs.** We repeat some of our more popular programs from year to year, such as Jane McClure's January presentation on college options for kids "not on the Harvard track." However, this year we are running a number of new programs, and where we are repeating program topics, we have tried to get in a new speaker or otherwise to have a fresh look at the issue.

Our first meeting on **September 20**, at 7 pm will give you the chance to get off to a good start for the 2006-2007 academic year. Our meeting agenda follows:

### p2p 2006-07 Meeting Schedule

2nd Wednesday every month

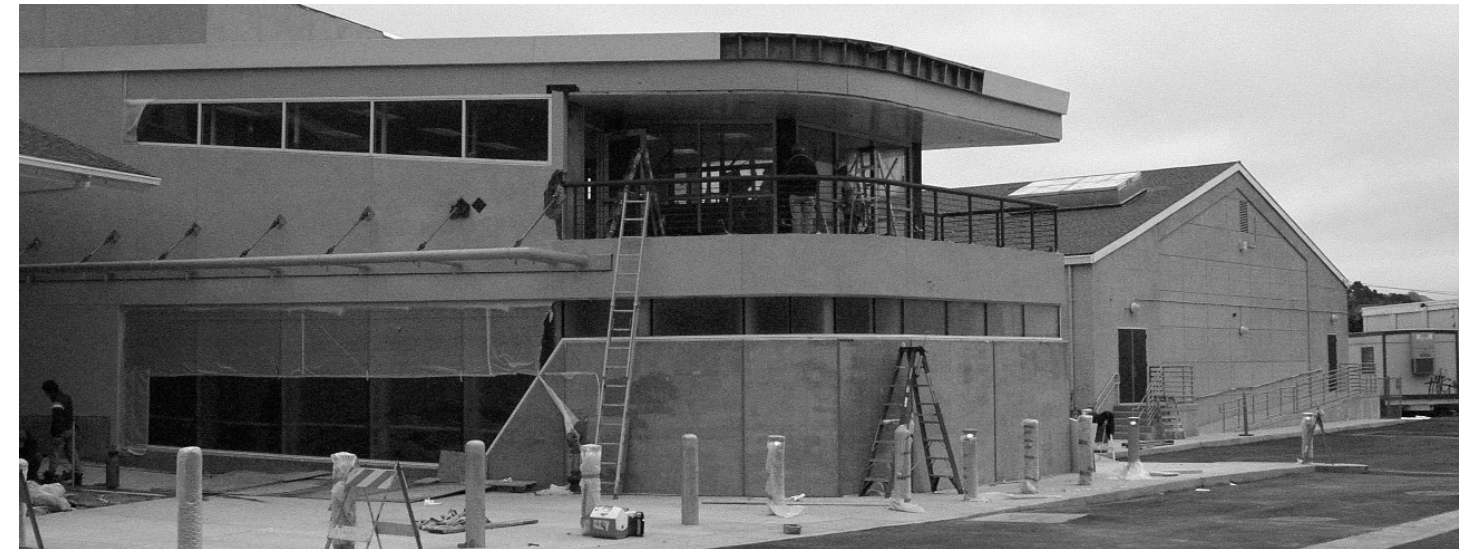
6 pm-9pm, Kreps, RWHS

Program at 7 pm,

Informal parent meeting time: 6 pm-7pm

- 9/20/06 A Cooperative Model for Advocating for Your Special Needs Student. Also, Planning for High School Success [Diane Provo]; handouts on assessments, IEP's, and 504 plans.
- 10/11/06 Social and Emotional Challenges and Solutions for Students with LD's: Getting along with peers and teachers, self advocacy, getting plugged into high school. [Dr. Virginia Bassi; role-playing workshop]

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Workers put the finishing touches on the new Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Building.

## New Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Building—Opening Soon!

By *Cindy McCauley*

AFTER MANY YEARS OF PLANNING, designing, and construction, Tam High's new theatre will be finished later this month. The first performance will take place in October and a Grand Opening Ceremony is being scheduled for late fall. It is truly a dream come true.

A dedicated team of parents, along with the music and drama teachers, embarked on a special fundraising campaign for this new performing arts center two and a half years ago. These funds are being used to augment the building design and outfit the facilities for both music and drama performances.

Now as the curtain is about to rise this fundraising effort is drawing to a close. Donations of any amount are still needed and will help make a real difference for these programs. We are still offering a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to sponsor an engraved seat in the new theatre (for a \$500 donation) or an engraved star in the new lobby (for a \$1,000 donation). You may choose to honor a student, a family member, friend, group, or teacher. But quantities are limited and you need to act now!

For more information or to download a donation form, go to [www.ctetam.org/theatre.html](http://www.ctetam.org/theatre.html) or call Cindy McCauley at 381-5730. ✪

### Parent to Parent News, continued

11/15/06 You do have choice for high school: Which HighSchool best suits the needs of my student? Student and parent panels on TUHSD high school options. Handout information on Intra-district transfer policy and procedures

[No December meeting]

1/10/07 What's next? Four-year colleges for Students with learning Issues: Which ones to pick, how to get in; everything you wanted to know about four year colleges but were afraid to ask. [Jane McClure]

2/14/07 What's next? Four year college isn't the only way: Real Life Options that work for kids with Learning Challenges

3/14/07 Broadening High School Experience: some new and nontraditional options [TEAM, Internships, ROP, Drake's Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, Peer Counseling, Pilot Program: Teen Emergency Response Team, Construction Technology class]

4/04/07 Get me Outta Here! Meeting Graduation Outcome and High School Exit Exam Requirements/issues for LD kids

5/09/07 Help! My kid forgets everything and is disorganized! Executive Functioning Problems and how to solve them [Dr. Ellen Krantz] Also, Getting ready for a Successful High School Experience: How to develop a four year plan, tips for making the transition easier, the summer transition workshop.

[no June, July, or August meetings]

Welcome back to school! We hope to see you at one of our meetings.

## New Coaches Lead Tam's Fall Rosters

By Tom Davey

**H**awks athletic teams are starting the school year with a slate of new coaches.

Tam's boys' varsity soccer team will shoot for a repeat of last year's Marin County Athletic League (MCAL) championship with the addition of new head coach Glenn Goodman, who headed Marin Catholic's soccer team the past two seasons. A large group of kids have tried out for the soccer program, which also includes a junior varsity team.

Tam's football team is betting its turnaround hopes on new head coach Greg Lauchenaer, last year's defensive coordinator. Last year, Tam's varsity lost all of its games, mostly by wide margins. The past couple of years, the school fielded only varsity and freshmen teams because of limited student interest.

But the popularity of the sport at Tam may be on the rise. As of Aug. 21, 60 kids have tried out, the biggest group in several years. Thanks to the large turnout, a JV team is also in the works, according to athletic director Gene Ng, who expects to see Tam compete in closer games.

The season's first game will be September 9 at home against St. Patrick's of Vallejo. The real challenge begins with the regular season start September 23 against Marin Catholic followed by a game against Novato - likely the league's two toughest teams.

Girls' tennis also features a new head coach in Bill Washauer, who is the parent of a student and last year's assistant coach. A large group of returning players and some good incoming freshmen should hopefully boost the team above last year's sixth place finish in league play.

The girls' golf team has brought on Dustin Nygaard, a new physical education teacher at the school, as its new head coach. A large group of new players should strengthen the program. Cross country will attempt to continue its winning ways under the coach-



Cross country 01.jpg: (L-R) Cross Country Team Captains Nick LaPlant, Emilie Olson, and Martin Langeveld.

ing of Sylvia Goodman and Bob Friedlander. Tam's boys won the MCAL championship the last two years and have a good shot at a repeat this season. The girls' team should improve on its third place finish with several top runners returning.

The boys' and girls' water polo teams return following respectable third place finishes and playoff appearances last season. The girls' team has many returning players and should be competitive against top teams Drake and Marin Catholic.

The Hawks girls' volleyball team, under coach Tristen Voget, reached the playoffs last year, after a disappointing season the year before. As many of the team's top players were juniors last year, the team should be competitive this year with the league's best.

For a complete roster of coaches and schedules for all Hawks sports, please check the school web site at [www.tamhigh.org](http://www.tamhigh.org).\*

Mark Bell, Jeffrey Freiberg, Susan Ellingson, Lee Aubry and Diana Jansen. Schedule pickup volunteers: Rusty Hendley, Beth Alcedo, Diana Rieger, Crystal Baker, Veronica Unger, Barbara Chambers, Patty Wrench, Leslie Wachtel, Tess Holway, Illana Friedman, Diana Jansen, Jen Nichols, Les Schelsinger, Susan Garratt, Cindy McCauley, Diane Barber, Susan Cluff, Tina Jennings, Diane Keaney, Cheryl Brandon, Rosie Macho, Ann Jewett, Nicola Lockey, Sylvie Silverstein, Heather Schlueter, Daria Painter, Jackie Hamilton, Jane Strauss, Helene Siegel-Fotos, Gail Mason, Deb McNeil, Martha Lewis and Shirley Hasley. Thank you to everyone who helped! \*

## Kudos Korner

Freshman Orientation and the days of schedule pick-up were smooth and easy thanks to all of the amazing volunteer help from Tam parents. A large group of dedicated parents cut their summer schedules short and came back to help the students through the maze of paperwork that is required at the beginning of the year. These marvelous volunteers barbequed for the entire Freshman class, helped all students with their registration packets and handed out class schedules. The wonderful volunteers included: BBQers Jim Wickham, Rosie Macho, Greg Bechelli, Paul Chapman, Helene and Bill Siegel-Fotos, Jim Condit, Jane and Les Strauss, Kathleen Dughi, Pauline Barry, Amy Liu, Anne and

## College and Career Center

### College and Career Center Services

The College and Career Center can help you and your student research colleges and post-high school programs, financial aid, scholarships, college admissions tests, summer programs and volunteer opportunities. Students may check out college catalogs, CDs and test prep materials. There is also a job board for part-time jobs. For the most current information about college and career events, go to the Tam High website at [www.tamhigh.org](http://www.tamhigh.org) and click on the College and Career Center link.

### Keep Current with Email

The College and Career Center sends out occasional grade-specific emails to remind students and parents of special events, college visits, scholarship opportunities and last minute scheduling changes. We do not share email addresses with anyone outside of Tam. All families, particularly junior and senior parents, are encouraged to sign up.

To add your name on the list, send an email to [sgertman@tamdistrict.org](mailto:sgertman@tamdistrict.org), putting your student's class in the subject line ("junior"). Include in the text your student's name, your name and your email address or addresses. If you have more than one student at Tam, please send a separate email for each. Information about Career Center events will still appear in the Whole Tam Family and Daily Bulletin.

### Senior College Seminar September 12

Tam will sponsor a seminar for college-bound seniors and their parents on Tuesday, September 12, at 6:30 pm in Tam's newly-renovated Student Center. This event will provide an overview of the admissions process from the viewpoints of a college admissions officer, '06 Tam grads and '06 parents.

Dr. David Behrs, a Tam parent and associate provost at Dominican University, will talk about what admissions officers are looking for when they review applications. A panel of '06 Tam grads will share their experiences and give advice on what worked and what didn't. After the student panel, seniors may meet with their counselor or

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### SAT & ACT REGISTRATION DATES

#### SAT 2006-2007

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
October 14	September 12	September 20
November 4	September 29	October 11
January 27	December 20	January 4
*March 10	February 2	February 14
May 5	March 29	April 11
June 2	April 27	May 9

\*SAT Reasoning Test only

#### ACT 2005-2006

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
September 16	<del>August 18</del>	<del>August 25</del>
October 28	September 22	October 6
December 9	November 3	November 16
February 10	January 5	January 19
April 14	March 9	March 23
June 9	May 4	May 18

Students are encouraged to register online for the ACT at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) and SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Registration forms are also available in the College and Career Center. Register early for a convenient test site.

Students applying to the University of California must complete all testing by the December test date. Certain impacted California State University campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and Sonoma, recommend that testing be completed by November. For more information on the testing requirements of the University of California and the California State University, go to: [universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions) and [csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu).

**Fee waivers** are available for eligible juniors and seniors who cannot afford SAT or ACT fees. Students who receive SAT or ACT fee waivers may also be able to waive some college application fees. Talk with your counselor if you think you may be eligible.

**Learning disabled students** should contact their creative learning teacher for details on SAT and ACT procedures for students with learning disabilities.

head home. Parents will then have an opportunity to hear how a panel of '06 parents weathered their student's senior year.

### PSAT

**Juniors and Sophomores:** The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given Saturday, October 21, 8 am to noon, in Gus Gym. Taking the PSAT gives students an opportunity to become familiar with the SAT format and may help to improve future scores. Juniors who took the PSAT last

year are strongly encouraged to take it again this fall.

The fee for taking the PSAT is \$30. Students may sign up beginning on September 11 in the counseling office during breaks, lunch and after school. Checks should be made payable to Tamalpais High School. The signup deadline is Friday, October 13. The fee is non-refundable.

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## School to Career News

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### Summer Internship Report

Tamalpais High School students were busy this summer learning about possible future careers by completing an internship. All students who entered the summer internship program also participated in a ROP workplace learning class in order to enhance their experience as well as to receive school credit for their work. After visiting with students at their internship work sites and seeing them interact in their classes, I found that students were able to learn information about their career fields of interest, were able to meet their learning goals through their internship experience, and also enjoyed the opportunity of working with professionals in the community. Many students found further excitement and motivation to move forward in pursuing their career field of interest, while some students realized that they do not wish to pursue the career they explored in their internship. Sixteen Tam students participated in the summer internship program and were placed in various internships throughout the bay area including Marin General Hospital, Marin Services for Women, Canal Alliance, Inner Balance, Artisans Art Gallery, Intel, Trinecom, Weir/Andrewson Assoc., Travel Adventures into Art, and the Marin City Golden Gate Village Resident Council.

### Fall Internship Deadline—September 15

Applications are now available for fall student internships. Fall internships begin on October 2 and continue through November 30. Students will have the opportunity to work with a professional in a

career field of their choice for a minimum of six hours per week for an eight week period. Students may obtain an application for fall internships in the College and Career Center. Many new and exciting internships are now available for this academic year.

### New Youth Citizen's Academy Intern Program—Marin County Sheriff's Department

The Marin County Sheriff's Department will host a new training for Marin County youth who are interested in a career in the field of law enforcement. In this seven week training students will meet for two hours twice a week. Students will learn the many different careers available in law enforcement, such as patrol, investigations, communications, custody, court floor security, defensive tactics, marine patrol/dive team, and the major crimes task force. There will be many "hands-on" experiences in this exciting training for students. Contact your School to Career Liaison for more information.

### Other School to Career Services and News

As the School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School, I will be available in the College and Career Center on Wednesdays and Fridays 7:45 am - 4 pm and Thursdays 7:45-11:30 am. I am available to assist students with internship placement and preparation, provide students with job shadows, and help students with finding informational interviewing opportunities. I am also available to assist students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and participation in other organized career exploration events and activities. For those of you who know me as Camille Carnes, I was married this summer and have now changed my name to Camille Borgo. I am looking forward to another successful year working with students, parents, community partners, and teachers. ✪

### Job Board

Do you have a job at home or at work suitable for a Tam student? Call the College and Career Center at 380-3582 to have it posted on the job board. Thanks for helping Tam students earn work experience and extra money.

### Helpful Website- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

The College Board website helps students research colleges and keep track of application and testing deadlines. Most students use [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) to register for SATs and print admission tickets. The site's, "My Organizer," helps students manage college information. Each time a student signs in, he or she receives reminders about deadlines and information tailored to the student's interests, plans, and year in school. Students or their parents can create an account at any time. ✪

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### College Representatives at Tam and in the Bay Area

Many college admissions representatives will visit Tam this fall to talk with students. Seniors and juniors are urged to take advantage of these opportunities to ask questions and learn about different schools. The visit list is updated weekly and is on the Career Center website. Announcements of visits also appear in the Daily Bulletin. Among the schools planning to visit in the next few months are: Bowdoin, Connecticut College, Evergreen, LaVerne, Linfield, Marymount, Middlebury, Mt. Holyoke, Ohio Wesleyan, Reed, Seattle U, Washington U, Willamette, U of British Columbia, U of Toronto, Wheaton and Whitman.

### Work Permits

All work permits expire in September. Students under 18 need to get a new work permit from Linda Dollison in the counseling office whether they are starting a new job or continuing a summer one. All jobs except child care and yard work require work permits.

## Leadership News

By Peter Berkhout, Activities Director

WE'RE STARTING THE YEAR OFF WITH A BANG! I'm glad to be returning for my second year as the Activities Director here at Tamalpais High School.

By the time you get this, we will already have hosted our first event of the new school year, our Back to School Dance held on the very first Friday of the school year, August 25. In addition, the dance was FREE to all the lovely people who purchased a validated ASB card (included in every Spirit Pack as well), thanks to the fantastic fundraising work and dedication put in by last year's Leadership class. Our superb DJ from last year's Homecoming Dance and Senior Prom, Miguel "Hightop" Fonseca rocked Ruby Scott Gym like nobody's business.

Members of the Class of 2007 will volunteer with the Sausalito Rotary Club to handle the parking lots that Rotarians operate at the Sausalito Art Festival over Labor Day weekend. In return, the seniors stand to gain about \$1500! Way to start out the year building that prom fund in a major way!

We've also moved up the date of the Back to School Rally to September 15, and we're ready for our Freshman class officers to be elected and installed by the end of September. If you have Freshman students in your home, please encourage them to run for office or consider joining the Leadership class. The earlier the class of Twenty-Ten can start building class spirit, the better! Remember that Tam Spirit Wear is on sale all the time in Leslie Holt's office in Room 120—If you haven't checked out our new Hawks sweat-shirts, make sure you do it soon! So far they have been very popular! It will be a busy year for us in Leadership as we ramp up the scope of the activities program. We're looking to build on our successful events from last year like Thanksgiving Pie Day, our ab-fab rallies, our two highly successful blood drives, and our fantastic spring 'Black light-Wear white' dance! Be on the lookout this year



Incoming Senior Class Secretary Natalie Lundgren, ASB President Kelsey Bechelli, VP Dani Bruckman, and Treasurer Maria Beale pose at Leadership's Giants game teambuilding outing last May.



Contestants line up for the Tricycle Race competition at the Farewell Rally in May. That's AP Candace Curtis representing the Tam staff!

for an intramural dodgeball tourney, as well as our brand new joint fundraiser with the PTSA, our Christmas Tree Sale!

If you buy a tree, please consider getting it from us, as all profits go to the ASB and PTSA! Also, you may purchase trees and donate them to needy families in the area if your family won't be needing one this year. Everyone wins! I know it seems early to be thinking about Christmas trees, but since all of our trees are pre-ordered, we're starting early.

Finally, Back to School Night is September 21, so please consider stopping by Room 154 in Wood Hall just to say hi or to check out what we've got going so far this year! ✪

## On the Shelf

By Donna Brown, Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in September for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, all events are FREE. We're starting off the school year with two programs related to journal writing. On Sunday, September 17, from 2-4 pm, we're featuring a workshop on collage, where we will decorate journal covers. Composition books and other supplies will be available or participants can bring their own journals and photos or magazine clippings for collaging. Space is limited and signup is required for this event. Later in the month, on Thursday, September 28, from 7-8 pm, we welcome Judi Shils, founder of the Diary Project, a global multimedia resource that encourages teens to write about their day-to-day experiences. She will discuss the project website and the ways that it encourages dialogue, support, and communication among teens. For more information about programs and services for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library, contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email [dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org). ✪

## 2006-07 Season for Tam Drama Offers Much to Celebrate

A new school year brings with it much anticipation and excitement as former students return and new students begin their time at TAM high school. Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE), TAM's student theatre company, usually begins with a flurry of activity as students sign up for shows, crews, production teams and intern positions. Third year students prepare to assimilate as student company leaders while seniors decide what their priorities are for their last year of running CTE. The new season is announced to the community as our prospective audiences see what we have to offer for the upcoming year.

This year we have even more to anticipate and celebrate. Not only have CTE students and staff received recognition for their work with special performances or presentations, but we will move into our new facility in September, offering our audiences a whole new level of experience at the performance level. One big reason to celebrate is our young theatre artists' achievements. At the end of the school year last year, two CTE sophomores, Casey Hanley and Robbie Bruens, were named top finalists for a play they wrote and submitted to the Magic Theatre's Launchpad One Act Play competition. Their play, "The Last Fictional Pigeon", was mounted with professional theatre artists and performed along with the other finalists last June. On the final day, their play was chosen as the best of the Launchpad series. Robbie and Casey received accolades for their play along with great feedback from the panel of writers and an award. This year, as part of the CTE opening Advanced One Act series, their play will be performed at TAM under the direction of guest artist, Wendell Willat (actor/playwright) who

teaches the CTE Playwrighting lab. New plays are a big part of CTE. We have pioneered many original adaptations and new works in our 30-plus year history. Premiering new works by current students, alumni and commissioned playwrights has been a cornerstone of the annual season every year.

In recent years, three documentary play projects were developed with students under the guidance of John Warren, CTE guest artist director. Over the summer John and Susan Brashear (CTE Co-Program Director) were chosen to present this model at the National Educational Theatre Conference in Denver, Colorado. "Theatre as a Mirror: Developing Documentary Plays With High School Students" will be presented in late September. This opportunity will create a national forum for this innovative method of play development that challenges both students and their community to dialogue about current issues based on real-life stories from that community. CTE pioneered works exploring the John Walker-Lindh story, Mill Valley's history of activism, and same-sex marriage in thought-provoking works that also played at our local professional theatre, Marin Theatre Company.

Perhaps the biggest celebration of all will be scheduled in early fall when the new Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center will finally be completed. Although CTE is moving incrementally into our office and backstage areas, the performance space and lobby area won't be finished until September 21, "Back To School" night, for a first preview. Watch for the larger "ribbon-cutting" celebration that will be for the wider community sometime later in the fall.

We are looking forward to a great full season in our new space.

We open with an Advanced One Act Festival of plays directed by our guest artists with advanced students acting. This formula is designed to get as many students as possible to perform in the new space right away. Next will be a production of "The Laramie Project", an acclaimed documentary play directed by guest artist John Warren, which explores the impact of Matthew Shepard's death in his home community. Later mainstage productions in the year include "Macbeth", two original shows developed through improvisation, and a movement-based play developed by Sheila Lopez. As we do every year, there will be two one-act festivals that are directed by the advanced students and performed by first and second year students in the CTE program. Please look over the calendar below and we hope to see you there!!

Watch for announcements and other information about CTE when our updated website is up and running: [www.ctetam.org](http://www.ctetam.org) Susan Brashear/ CTE Drama Teacher and Co-Program Director ♣

### CTE SCHEDULE 2006-2007

Sept. 16-17	Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival	Face-Painting Fundraiser
Sept. 21	CTE in the Caldwell theatre	Back to School Night
Sept.30	Ruby Scott Gym and Stage	Dance-a-thon
Oct. 10-14,17-21	Caldwell Theatre	Opening One Act Festival
Nov. 14-18	Caldwell Theatre	The Laramie Project
January 12-13, 16-20 & 23-27	Caldwell Theatre	Winter One Act Festival
March 6-10	Caldwell Theatre	Macbeth Classic Theatre Sponsored by the THF
March 27-31, April 3-5	Caldwell Theatre	Made From Scratch—Improv Theatre
April 20-22	Caldwell Theatre	Mother Lode Festival/ CTE on Tour
May 8-12	Caldwell Theatre	Silent Film: Dance/Theatre Directed by Sheila Lopez
May 22-26 May 29-June 2	Caldwell Theatre	Spring One Act Festival

## Tamalpais High School Christmas Tree Fundraiser

- What:** Tam is having their first ever Christmas tree sale.
- When:** The Tamalpais lot will be open on December 9 and 10 (Sat./Sun.) for customers to choose the tree that they pre-ordered and paid for by November 15.
- Why:**
- THE TREES ARE FRESH, delivered straight from Oregon within 48 hours of being cut!
  - TREES ARE CUSTOM-ORDERED to the size and type you choose
  - You can SELECT YOUR TREE at the lot (On a first-come, first-served basis!)
  - CUSTOMERS ARE SUPPORTING TAM HIGH SCHOOL ASB and PTSA

### Tamalpais Christmas Tree Fundraiser

#### Order Form

Please put check and order form in an envelope and mail to: Tam Christmas Trees, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941. For questions call Noah Hopton at 415-250-2063.

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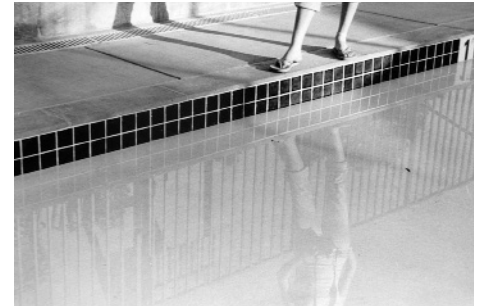
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#### Douglas Fir:

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 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Student photo portfolio  
 Photography by Jennie Fredrich



### View Student Art at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival

The Tam Visual Arts Department (Draw/Paint, Ceramics and Photography) has an exhibit booth of outstanding student art work at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival the weekend of September 16 and 17 at Old Mill Park. Look for CTE's Face Painting booth at the festival as well.

#### On an additional note:

Students interested in joining next Spring's Art Trip to Italy should watch the bulletin for an informational meeting at the beginning of the school year. Applications are for Visual Art's students in good standing, Space is limited, the application and deposit are required. Pick up an application in Benefield or request one via e-mail from visual arts teacher and trip leader, Lynne Klein [lklein@tamdistrict.org](mailto:lklein@tamdistrict.org)





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**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

DATE	TIME/EVENT	LOCATION
4	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
6	TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY	
6	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
8	7:15 - 11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE	STAFF LOUNGE
11	PTSA MEETING: 6:30 PM BUSINESS; 7 PM SPEAKER	STUDENT CENTER
12	6:30 PM – COLLEGE SEMINAR FOR SENIORS AND THEIR PARENTS	STUDENT CENTER
12	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
13	9:45 AM – SENIOR CLASS PHOTO PHOTO MAKE-UP DAY	MEAD THEATRE
13	7 PM – THUMB MEETING	BAND BOX
15	9:45 - 10:45 AM – BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY	MEAD THEATRE
16-17	MILL VALLEY FALL ARTS FESTIVAL	OLD MILL PARK
	CTE FACEPAINTING	
	VISUAL ARTS DEPT. EXHIBIT BOOTH	
	TAM HIGH FOOD BOOTH	
19	9 AM – TRAFFIC & SAFETY MEETING	PRINCIPAL'S CONFERENCE ROOM
20	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
21	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT 6:30 PM – JAZZ BAND 7 PM – PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME 7:30 – 9:10 PM – CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS	GUS GYM
22	<b>MINIMUM DAY</b> – 12:35 PM DISMISSAL	
25	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	
25	9 AM - NOON; 11 AM - 2 PM – HIGH SCHOOL EXIT EXAM WORKSHOPS	REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
26	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
28	4 PM – TAM CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE MTG	LIBRARY