

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Executive Vice President

Meet Tams College and Career Counselor and Tour Our New State-of-the-Art Performing Arts Building at Our Next PTSA Meeting

Susan Gertman, head of Tams College and Career Center, will give you an overview of the information and resources that will help you and your students make college and career decisions. And then you will have the opportunity to tour Tams new performing arts building. What a treat!

When: October 10 at 8:45 am

Where: College and Career Center

Theater Tour: 9:35 am in the new Performing Arts Building

Rescheduled: Mark Your Calendar—NOVEMBER 7

This years ever-popular and eye-opening evening entitled "The Real Story: Tam Teen Panel Talks About Teen Culture today, including Drugs, Sex and...Parents" will take place Tuesday evening, November 7, from 7 - 9 pm, in the Student Center. This is an evening where Tam teens educate the parents, with no holds barred. It is not to be missed! The PTSA will have a business meeting prior to the start of this evening—6:30 pm.

C.T.E. Performs in the New Daniel Caldwell Theatre

Starting in October, five different one act plays, performed by students in Advanced Drama, will be debuting in our new state-of-the-art theater. The theater has so much to offer our students. Please try to see one of the plays in October. For a full schedule of events, see page 6.

October is Filled with Leadership Activities

The Tam Leadership class has been working non-stop to start the year off with a bang! Not only are there Homecoming Activities, but the leadership class is busy organizing a car wash, a blood drive, a trash-athon, and more. See page 7.

Incoming 8th Grade Parents and Students:

If you have an 8th grade student or know parents of one, please be sure to go to our own website—www.tamhigh.org—to read about Tam Tours and Shadowing procedures. This is a very

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Tam players Avery Mosser, Marta Sato and Erin Schlueter protect the goal.

Boosters News

By Tom Davey

Key Runners Graduate but Tam Boys Still Near the Top

After two consecutive seasons of winning the Marin County Athletic League championship, Tams boys cross country team is rebuilding this year after its top three runners graduated. Despite its youthfulness, the team took third in the pre-season Stinson Beach relays, which pitted all 10 MCAL schools against each other. Tams girls finished fourth in that meet after a third place finish at the end of last season.

During a second pre-season meet, the Viking Opener in Santa Rosa, Tams frosh/soph boys were fourth out of 22 teams and Tams boys open team placed fourth out of 16. Top runners were seniors Nick LaPlant and Martin Langeveld, and sophomore Cory Rand. Tams frosh/soph girls finished seventh out of 17 teams and were fourth out of 11 in

the open girls division. Seniors Emilie Olson and Lucy Rosenbloom, and sophomore Devin Patrick led the pack.

Just Wait until Next Year

Tams football program, which hadnt won a game in two years, is finally looking up. For the first time in many years, Tam has three teams including a junior varsity team and a freshman squad.

As of this September 20 writing, varsity suffered shutouts in both pre-season games and was preparing for its first three league games to face Marin Catholic, Novato and Justin Siena—MCALs three toughest teams. Tams varsity, with just 22 players, has several kids playing both offense and defense. If it werent for standout senior linebacker Nick Suzuki, the scores would be even more lopsided.

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Principles from the Principal

by Chris Holleran

STAR Test Results

We are analyzing the results of last springs STAR tests. We have found that while our higher achieving students have improved in most areas, a significant number of students are not demonstrating an acceptable level of achievement. We will be looking at issues of curricular alignment, but there is also evidence of a lack of motivation and effort on the part of a number of students. We will be examining and implementing ways to increase student motivation prior to next springs test. There will be more communication forthcoming about STAR testing and what is at stake for students, parents and the entire school.

Student Behavior at Dances

At the most recent school dance in August, there was a significant amount of inappropriate dancing, often called "freaking", which involves simulated sex. Students who engage in this behavior may be removed from the dance and/or subject to school disciplinary action. We appreciate your support in making school dances safe and appropriate for all students. ✪

Kudos Korner

Many thanks to all the parents who so generously contributed to the first PTSA-Sponsored Faculty/Staff Coffee on September 8. The treats were plentiful, absolutely delicious, and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to show our wonderful staff how much we truly appreciate them.

TAQUERIA THANKS

The weekend of September 16/17 was the PTSAs only fundraiser of the year. The PTSAs Taqueria at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival was a success. Huge thanks goes to Jeffrey Freiberg for chairing the booth for the second year and to our wonderful volunteer booth builders—John Zak, Jim Condit, Paul Chapman and Diana Jansen who built our booth and many others. A special thanks goes to Lucindas and Grillys restaurants for supplying the booths food choices. This year Lucindas developed a delicious salad wrap just for the booth that was delicious and easy to serve.

This year we had over 70 volunteers staff the booth Saturday and Sunday. The booth also saw over 20 Tam students volunteer for shifts. Everyone found the weekend fun and their work was a great service to the PTSA and the Town of Mill Valley. Thank you to all the volunteers who spent part of their weekend helping to serve burritos, nachos and salads. See everyone at next years booth at the Mill Valley Fall Arts Festival. ✪

Staff Appreciation Coffee/Breakfast

Please join this Halloween thank you to the Tam staff. Donate a breakfast treat to the Halloween Breakfast. This is always a fun event at Tam and one that the staff always looks forward to attending. Please email Sharon Straus with your treat selection: Sharon5854@aol.com

The food may be dropped off in the Wood Hall Faculty Lounge between 7 and 7:30 am on Tuesday the 31st—HALLOWEEN. Thank you.

Tam PTSA Meeting Agenda

October 6, 2006

8:45 am

College and Career Center

1. Call to Order
2. School Board Report
3. Membership and Donation Goals and Update
4. Guest Speaker: Susan Gertman
5. Upcoming Hospitality Events
6. Campus Beautification Update
7. Traffic Update
8. Food Booth Results
9. Approve Minutes—Sept 2006
10. Treasurers Report
 - a. Approval of Budget
 - b. Approval of Checks
11. Tam High Foundation
12. THUMB Report
13. Boosters Report
14. p2p Report
15. Announcements:
16. Tour of Performing Arts Building

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Diggin in the Dirt

By Gail Mason

THIS HAS BEEN AN ABUNDANT FALL!

The Tam High Alumni Association got together on September 9 with some present Tam students and had a wonderful Back to Tam Day. A huge amount of work was done: Thousands of dollars worth of plants were planted (thank you for that as well, Tam alums!) in the front of Wood Hall and in Freshman Court, walls were painted, three benches and a table were added to the campus, a cage full of stones were placed in the Dry Garden, and many gardens were weeded and mulched.

Thanks to the wonderful organizers of this day, particularly Bill Sefton, George Cagwin and Reed Dillingham (Tam alum and Berkeley Landscape Architect) and to everyone who showed up and worked like a stevedore. This is a tremendously heartfelt day and the generosity of the alums this year is much appreciated. Check out the campus and see their fine work.

Another ongoing appreciation and thank you goes to Tony Mekisich and his crew at Tony Mekisich Horticulture for their abundant donated time in putting in and watching over both the irrigation of our gardens and the plants that inhabit them.

Also a major thank you to Kevin and Green Jeans in Strawberry for donating \$2,000 worth of plants this week for campus beautification, including climbing roses for Orange Court and large hedges to be placed around campus in the next month. Green Jeans is another generous member of our community who is continually supportive of our landscape improvement.

And, finally, we are very grateful for the donation (to be picked up in a week) by the Macerich Company, the management company of The Village at Corte Madera, for the donation of 40 (yes, 40!) seven-foot wooden benches to the campus. They are the benches that graced The Village before their recent renovation and they are



(L-R) Junior Erin Denison, Parent Deb McNeil, Sophomore Cynthia Bathgate, and Junior Jenna Philpott take a much-deserved break from their hard work planting and sprucing up the campus at Back to Tam day.

donating them to Tam. Finally there will be enough outside seating for students and faculty to rest their weary bones.

The community continues to participate in our beautification. Whats next on our agenda? Sloat Garden Center is sponsoring a small garden next to the entrance of the new Performing Arts Building, which will be planted in mid-October when the construction is finally complete at the site.

We are lucky in our community support. To be part of the beautification and to volunteer to help keep the gardens from weeds, etc. please sign up to help with one of our next work parties. To sign up or to find out more about the Tam landscape improvement plans, call Gail Mason at 389-6636 or email her at agmbean@comcast.net. ♣

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exciting time and we want to encourage 8th grade parents and students to explore the excellent public education offered at Tam High. Various options are offered to prospective Tam parents and students to learn about the school, its staff, and student body. To find more information about these tours and dates please click on "About Tam" and go to "prospective students."

40 Wooden Benches Donated to the Tam Campus

Yes, its true, the Village at Corte Madera donated 40, seven-foot wooden benches to the Tam Campus. Finally, there will be enough outside seating for students and staff to rest their weary bones. For more "Diggin in the Dirt" info, see above.

Need more frequent information about Tam events and news?

Check the website—www.tamhigh.org and send us your e-mail—jayngreenberg@hotmail.com. You will receive regular updates from Tam administration, foundations, parent organizations, etc.

Update your Calendars:

Date Change for Parent Ed Evening

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

The date for this popular Parent Ed event has been changed to Tuesday, November 7, from 7-9 pm in the Student Center. Get the real story about drugs, sex, the social lives of Tam teens and what-their-parents-should-know-and-do-about-it. Parking in the back parking lot (entrance from Almonte) is easiest. This is a free event, open to all parents.

Parent to Parent Connection

By Becky Foust Pilcher, Tam High Rep

PARENT-TO-PARENT CONNECTION (p2p) is a support group for parents of Tam District students with learning challenges. Our parent meetings offer cutting edge information from a wide variety of local professionals in the field of learning issues, 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 will meet monthly with TUHSD administrators 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@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us. To find out more about p2p, visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

Please take note of two meeting date changes: Room use conflicts make it necessary for us to change the dates of the April and May meetings. The correct dates appear below and on our website. We regret an inconvenience or confusion resulting from these changes on the last schedule printed in this newsletter.

We do repeat some of our more popular programs, such as Jane McClures January presentation on college options for kids "not on the Harvard track," but this year we are running a number of new programs with new speakers. We hope to see you at one of our meetings! ♣

Upcoming p2p Meetings

Program at 7pm, Informal parent time: 6-7pm
Kreps Conference Center
Redwood High School

- 10/11/06 **Social and Emotional Challenges and Solutions for Students with LDs:** Getting along with peers and teachers, self advocacy, getting plugged into high school. Dr. Virginia Bassi; role-playing workshop.
- 11/15/06 **You do have choice for high school: Which High School 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 **Whats 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.
- 2/14/07 **Whats next? Four year college isnt the only way: Real Life Options that work for kids with Learning Challenges**

High Notes

from the Music Department



ON BEHALF OF OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, Spiro Tsingarlis, and the volunteer members of THUMB, WELCOME. The music department is larger this year and has many new talented freshmen to add to our already spectacular music department.

THUMB is the parent organization which provides financial and volunteer support for all of Tam High's music programs. Every music student benefits from our efforts and we hope that you will support your music student by joining THUMB with an annual tax-deductible membership contribution of \$40.

Every year THUMB provides music scholarships to talented students and at the end of last year, the winners were Georgina Coleman, Angelo Lyons-Labate, Naomi Lane, Andie Liao, Jeeheh Choi, Hannah Fishman and Zack Partridge. Congratulations!

This year we are very lucky to finally be able to perform in the new Ruby Scott Theater and soon the Caldwell Performing Arts Center. In the recent past the music performances had to go off campus. So this will be an exciting year for the music department!

A special trip is planned for the Concert Choir this year, in late March. The location will probably be New York, to participate in a National Heritage Music Festival, but this has not been confirmed. There is a possibility that the Jazz Band can join the trip if there is enough parental support. A meeting was held September 27 to gauge the level of parental support for both the Choir and Jazz Band groups. The need for total parental support is imperative in this case.

THUMB had its first meeting September 13 with a good turnout. All music parents are encouraged to come to these meetings to join a really nice group and contribute whatever they can.

The Jazz Band performed at Back to School Night, September 21. The Jazz Band and Advanced Band will go to the SF Jazz Festivals HS All Star Jazz on October 17. The Advanced Band and Jazz Band Horn section will perform at all Tam home football games, starting at 12:30 pm. At homecoming, October 28, the Advanced Band and Jazz Band Horns will play in the parade, which starts at 10:30 am. We need more parent volunteers for this function, six to be precise, so if any music parents would like to help, please contact Nancy Rumsey at 435-3513, or better yet come to the next THUMB meeting, Wednesday, October 11. We look forward to seeing you. ♣

New York Dance Company Comes to Tam!

Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 pm
Ruby Scott Auditorium

Taylor 2 will perform three exciting classics of Paul Taylors work on Tuesday, October 24 at 7:30 pm in the newly-renovated Ruby Scott Auditorium at Tam High.

Mr. Taylor has been hailed as "the greatest living choreographer" by arts critics and dance fans globally. The Paul Taylor Dance Company will commence its 52nd season this spring in New York City.

This particular show is designed to be enjoyed by all ages and will be open to the whole community. Teenagers will find it particularly appealing and a fantastic opportunity to see world-class artists right here in Mill Valley. So mark your calendars today and bring the whole family. You wont want to miss it!

The Tam High Foundation and KIDDO! are pleased to co-sponsor this unique event. Taylor 2 was created to permit Mr. Taylors work to be performed to a broader more varied audience.

SAVE THE DATE

Grand Opening Celebration
Caldwell Performing Arts Center
Sunday, December 3, 2006
4 - 6 PM

Join us for a celebration of the Performing Arts at Tam, honoring all the individuals and groups who contributed their time, talent and treasure to build this state-of-the-art facility for our school community.

The performance is FREE, thanks to the underwriting of Mill Valley parents, Bob and Paula Reynolds and Sally Carlson, Board member of the Paul Taylor Dance Foundation and Tam High parent.

Avoid the Call...

By Cynthia Chiarappa

October is Parent Campaign month—which means that unless you have already given to the Tam High Foundation, your World Series may be interrupted by a friendly voice asking you to support your childs education. The Tam High Foundation has already received over 25 grant requests from teachers eager to put innovative ideas to work in the classroom. Parent and community generosity last year enabled us to fund all grant requests by December, so students benefited from your generosity for a great part of the year.

Our goal this year is 100% family participation. Your donation of \$300-500 will make a huge difference in your students academic environment. And for those of you who wish to take a leadership

role in the school community, you can become a Major Donor by giving \$1000 or more and receive perks such as an invitation to the exclusive Major Donor party in February, exclusive seating at THF events and recognition.

You can help! Please complete the pledge below and see the difference you can make in your childs education.

Tam High Students Thank You for Putting Education First
Cut out and mail this pledge form (below) to:
Tam High Foundation, 700 Miller Ave., Mill Valley, CA 94941
(415) 380-3565

TAM HIGH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Name _____

Foundation Address _____

City & zip _____

Pnone _____

Student name _____ Grade _____

I pledge: ___\$100 ___\$300 ___\$500 ___\$1,000
 ___\$2,500 ___other _____

___ My company participates in a matching fund program.

THF ID#63-0385326

Please check the appropriate boxes:

___My check is enclosed, payable to TAM HIGH Foundation

___Charge to my credit card ___Visa ___Amex
 ___Mastercard

Signature _____
Card # _____ exp. _____

___charge entire amount now

___charge monthly, divided not until June

___charge in \$100 increments until pledge is complete

50 CTE Advanced Students to Perform In Caldwell Theatre in October

Susan Brashear

CTE Co-Program Director and Drama Instructor

AT LAST, THERE WILL BE PERFORMANCES in the new Daniel Caldwell Theatre starting in October. Five different one act plays, performed by students in Advanced Drama (with a few sophomores thrown in for good luck) will initiate the first works in the new space. Rather than just choose one play that might involve 15 performers, the decision was made to do several one act performances so that as many students as possible would have a chance to perform right away in our long-awaited theatre.

We have been moving in bit by bit as the construction continues around us. There have been delays due to the floor installation, the elevator, and wiring for instruments and computers, but progress has been steady. Workers gave a big push to get the space ready for Back To School Night when TAM students and families got their first good look at the beautiful performance space.

Theres still a lot to be done. Lights must be hung and focused and sound installation has to be completed as we move towards the first set of plays for Program 1 that opens October 10 playing for five nights to October 14. The two plays, "After Juliet" by Sharman Macdonald, and "Versailles Impromptu" by Moliere, are classic or classically inspired.

The Moliere play is a play within a play where the playwright and his actors are preparing for a performance behind the scenes, then ultimately perform the play we saw them rehearsing and discussing. Many of the exchanges between playwright and cast are amusing and insightful about theatre people. Julianna Rees, who also translated the text, directs the play.

"After Juliet" is a contemporary play inspired by the fallout after the death of Romeo and Juliet. Though there is a nod to Shakespeares language, the setting is entirely original and focuses on the other characters of Romeo and Juliet with Petruchio, Valentine and other young roles from Shakespeares plays, mixed into the plot. The playwright, the mother of Keira Knightly, a popular actor, was commissioned by the National Theatre of Britain to write a play for young performers. Due to her background with the Royal Shakespeare Company, she chose to explore a story related to Shakespeares "after story." Daniel Caldwell, the new theatres name-sake, directs the play.

Program 2 will have three contemporary plays performed, also directed by CTE guest artists. The first play, "The Last Fictional Pigeon," is an award-winning play written by students Casey Hanley and Robbie Bruens, directed by Wendell Willat. It is the story of a quirky postal worker who questions the protocol and "system" hoping to instigate change. Also performed will be David Ives play, "Phillip Glass Buys A Loaf Of Bread," directed and choreographed by Sheila Lopez, our resident movement teacher. Ives play lends itself to this physical interpretation in amusing and provocative ways. Last, there is "Ti Jean Blues" by JoAnne Akalaitis

and directed by guest artist Julia Mueller. This play explores the language and life of the legendary Jack Kerouac in an ensemble, non-linear style that reflects the rhythm and time of the author. Program 2 performs October 17 thru Oct. 21. All performance nights begin at 7 pm.

We want to acknowledge an important new member of the CTE faculty, Heather Basarab, who is going to be the Technical Director and Production Manager as she teaches all aspects of technical theatre and design while managing the new Caldwell Theatre facility. That is a very tall order to fill! But Heather comes extremely well qualified from her professional work and her education from the prestigious UCLA School of Theatre, Film and Television. Heather will supervise and train CTE students in using all the new equipment available to us in the facility. We expect that it will take all of us quite some time to understand that many uses the building offers. Welcome Heather!

Here are things we are looking forward to:

- ◆ A Box Office with real box office hours to purchase advance tickets. First time ever!
- ◆ A backstage with actor bathrooms and changing rooms. First time ever!
- ◆ Lighting and Sound like weve never seen the likes of. No Ladders!
- ◆ Places to organize our stuff instead of dragging things in and out all over the place!
- ◆ Places for computer workstations away from classrooms to meet deadlines without interfering with classwork.
- ◆ Comfortable seats!
- ◆ MOST OF ALL: DRAMATIC SILENCE! We have always 1 always created interruptions in rehearsals. Our old risers squeaked and creaked, spoiling powerful dramatic moments. Silence will be wonderful. Next month, well bring you more information on "The Laramie Project," directed by John Warren. It will be our first full-length production in the Caldwell. There will also be news about my trip to the National Educational Theatre Conference in Denver where John and I are will be presenting "Theatre as a Mirror: Developing Documentary Theatre with Teens."

Go to our website: www.ctetam.org to get more information about events and details of our season. Thanks to Kristin Meuser, a CTE parent, for updating our website with such a great new look! She is a website genius! ♣

News from Tam Leadership

THE TAM LEADERSHIP CLASS has been working non-stop to start the year off with a bang!

Our Back-To-School Dance was a success, with over 500 students in attendance, exceeding the turnout at last years Black Light-Wear White spring dance.

Our Merchandise committee has been working hard to fill orders from the Spirit Packs purchased at orientation and in the first few weeks of school. This has been complicated by the transition to a new set of spirit wear in our true school color: royal blue instead of the navy weve had for the past few years. Weve almost sold out of the navy gear, and the next shipment will be new stuff. Make sure you come check out the new designs and colors! If you have clothing to pick up, please come to room 154 in Wood Hall at Lunch on Wednesdays or Fridays.

Club Day was held September 20 at lunch. A list of active clubs, their meeting times, and advisors should be available shortly on the ASB page of the Tam High website.

The Staff Relations Committee put on the first annual Staff-Student Soccer Game on September 22. More than 12 staff and 25 students signed up to participate. As of press time, no score was available.

Rounding out a busy first month, the Class of 2008 held a car wash at the Union 76 station on September 23.

Looking ahead to October, its another busy month. The senior and freshman classes are having class meetings in the first week of the month, along with the Soccer Game of the Month on Wednesday, October 4. Come cheer on the defending league champs against the Drake Pirates. Kickoff is at 4:30pm.

The sophomore class is holding a car wash to finish out the first week of October, at the Union 76 station at Blithedale and Camino Alto, on Saturday, October 7. Please come out and support them!

The date of our fall blood drive is Monday, October 9. Students need a permission slip to donate if they are 16, and must weigh at least 110 lbs. Sign up for a time slot outside the nurses office in Wood Hall.

October 15 brings us the Senior Class Trash-a-thon to help clean up Mill Valley and raise money to cut the cost of Prom. Contact Annie Steinberg (or email me at pberkhout@tamdistrict.org) for information on how to have your senior participate, or to make a pledge per trash bag.

The Class of 2010 brings us their first event of the year in the form of Halloween Candygrams, to be sold at lunch October 17-20 for delivery on Monday, October 30.

October 20 is also the Halloween movie night!

October 20 kicks off the Homecoming festivities with our Homecoming Rally in Mead Theater during tutorial period, followed by Hall Decorations that weekend, and Spirit Week the following week. All the Homecoming madness culminates on Saturday, October 28, with the Homecoming parade, football game,



Senior Pomme Koch does a little MJ for the crowd at the Back to School Rally.

crowning of the king and queen, and a Homecoming Dance in Gus Gym that night! If your student wants to participate in the hall decorations or the parade, send them to Leadership central, Room 154 in Wood Hall. Stay tuned to the bulletin for news on our Homecoming theme and costume days during spirit week!

Also, dont forget our new joint fundraiser with the PTSA, Tam Christmas Tree sales! If youre planning on buying a Christmas tree, please consider buying it from us. Trees must be preordered by November 15, and picked up from Tam the weekend of December 9 and 10. Order forms will be available online soon. You can also purchase a tree to be donated to a needy family in the Tam area! See the website for details. Thanks for supporting Tam ASB! ♣

Upcoming Events Calendar

- 10/4 Senior Class Meeting, location TBA, Tutorial period
Soccer Game of the Month, Tam soccer field, 4:30pm
- 10/6 Freshman Class Meeting, Gus Gym, Tutorial period
- 10/7 Sophomore Class Car Wash, Union 76 Station, 10am-3pm
- 10/9 Fall Blood Drive, Student Center, 8am-2pm
- 10/15 Senior Class Trash-a-thon,
emailpberkhout@tamdistrict.org for info
- 10/17-20 Freshman class Candygram sales, front lawn, lunch
- 10/20 Homecoming Rally, Mead Theater, Tutorial period
Movie Night, details TBA
- 10/20-27 Homecoming Dance tickets on sale, front lawn, lunch
- 10/21 Hall Decorations, meet at Room 154, 2 pm
- 10/28 Homecoming parade, meet at Old Mill School, 9:30 am
Homecoming football game, Bruce Grant Field, 1 pm
Homecoming dance, Gus Gym, 8-11 pm
- 10/30 Halloween Candygrams delivered to 5th period classes.

College and Career Center

Susan Gertman

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Keep informed about College and Career Center events by adding your name to our email list. Send an email to sgertman@tamdistrict.org and put your students class ("junior") on the subject line. Include your students name and your email addresses in the text.

PSAT

Juniors and Sophomores: The PSAT (Preliminary SAT) will be given at Tam on Saturday, October 21, 8 am to noon. Students should check in at the Student Center. Student athletes who have a game that day and need an early test time should arrive at the Student Center at 7 am. The early test starts at 7:30 am sharp.

Taking the PSAT gives students an opportunity to become familiar with the SAT and may help to improve future scores. Juniors who took the PSAT last year are strongly encouraged to take it again. The fee is \$30 and is non-refundable. Checks should be made payable to Tamalpais High School. Students may sign up in the counseling office during breaks, lunch and after school. The signup deadline is Tuesday, October 17.

CHSPE

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE) will be given in San Francisco October 21. Students who pass the CHSPE will receive a high school equivalency certificate and be able to leave high school with parental permission. Students must be at least 16 to take the test and pre-registration is required. For more information, go to www.chspe.net. Dates for the spring and summer tests will be announced online. The CHSPE is different than the California exit exam needed for graduation from Tam.

Financial Aid Profile

Registration forms are available from the College Board for students applying for financial aid at independent colleges requiring the PROFILE. Go to: www.collegeboard.com and click on the PROFILE icon. The entire application can be completed online. Students applying for early action/decision need to fill out the PROFILE now.

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
December 2	November 1	November 9
*March 10	February 2	February 14
May 5	March 29	April 11
June 2	April 27	May 9

*SAT Reasoning Test only only

ACT 2005-2006

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
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

It is easy to register online for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT at www.act.org. 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 and many California State University campuses must complete all testing by the December test date.

College Reps at Tam and Beyond

Representatives of colleges from across the U.S. and Canada come to Tam each fall to meet with students. These are wonderful opportunities for students to learn about the different colleges and the application process. The list expands daily and is announced in the bulletin. It is also available in the Career Center and on tamhigh.org. (click on College and Career Center, then College Bound).

College Application Procedures

The applications for admission to the University of California and the California State University are available online during the first week of October. Help filling out the applications will be available to students during most tutorial periods throughout October and November in the College and Career Center and in special after school

online application workshops.

To access the applications online, log on to www.universityofcalifornia.edu and www.csumentor.edu. The application fee can be billed or paid with a credit card. Students may also apply online for a fee waiver and find out immediately if they qualify. The filing period for most CSU campuses is from October 1 to November 30. UC accepts applications from November 1 until its deadline of November 30.

The Common Application, used by nearly 300 colleges, is available online at www.commonapp.org.

Upcoming Events

NCAA Workshop: Students will learn what it takes to play NCAA sports in college from Nick Tuttle, Tams new counselor and a former NCAA Division I scholarship

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School to Career

Fall Internship News

Students have been completing their applications for the Fall Internship Program and are showing great interest in the opportunity of experiencing a profession in their career field of choice. School to Career has many new and exciting employers partnering with us for the fall and the Liaisons are placing students with their intern employers this week. The Fall Internship Program will begin on October 2 and will continue through November 30. Students are required to work a minimum of six hours per week for a total of eight weeks. The deadline for fall internships was September 15. If your student would like to obtain more information about an internship for the spring semester, please contact Camille Borgo.

The Buck Institute Science Teacher Day

Each year The Buck Institute hosts a Science Teacher Day. This event for middle school, high school and college science

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teachers provides teachers an opportunity to learn more about the experience of working in research, obtain fresh ideas for teaching in their classrooms, and will be given new lesson plans to teach their students. The Buck Institute Science Teacher Day is Friday, October 13 from 10 am to 2 pm. Teachers who are interested can apply for this event through their School to Career Liaison.

Architect - Engineer - Contractor Job Shadow Day

Students who are interested in learning more about a career in Architecture, Engineering, or being a Contractor are invited to attend a half day event shadowing a professional in their career field of interest. This event will take place on Thursday November 2, 2006 from 9 am to 1:30 pm and lunch will be provided. Please contact Camille Borgo for more information about this great opportunity for students.

Redwood High School (415)945-3604
Tamalpais High School (415) 380-3558

Other School to Career Services and News

As the School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School, I am 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 also assist students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and participation in other organized career exploration events and activities. ♣

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER, continued

athlete. Friday, October 6, tutorial, in the College and Career Center.

College Essay Writing Workshop: Dyan Pike, an independent college counselor and former English teacher, will give tips on how to write a personal essay for UC or private colleges. Wednesday, October 12, tutorial, College and Career Center.

Online CSU Application Workshops:

Wednesday, October 11, 3 - 4:30pm, and Tuesday, November 7, 3:30 - 5pm. Space is limited; signup in the College and Career Center.

Online UC Application Workshops:

Wednesday, October 25, 3 - 4:30pm, and Thursday, November 16, 3:30 - 5pm. Space is limited; signup in the College and Career Center.

College Planning for Juniors: Juniors and their parents are invited to preview what is ahead for students planning to attend two-

year or four-year colleges on Wednesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. The counseling staff will review the timeline for standardized testing, college visits and filing applications and financial aid forms.

Senior College Night

More than 150 seniors and parents attended Tams Senior College Night last month. Thanks to Dr. David Behrs, a Tam parent and associate provost at Dominican, and to the Tam alumni and parents who shared their experiences and gave practical advice. If you missed the event, you will find need-to-know information online on the College and Career Center link of tamhigh.org. Click on information for seniors. ♣

Celebration of Life: Dee Uyeda

DEE UYEDA, beloved Mill Valley teacher, passed away August 5. She had been ill with cancer for the past few years.

Dee's teaching career spanned 36 years from 1968 to 2004 in Mill Valley. She spent the majority of those years at Park School where she became an icon, touching the lives of many families in the community. A lifelong Buddhist, Dee brought compassion, tolerance, aesthetic beauty and serenity to every life she touched. Dee was an outstanding teacher. She especially loved math and science and offered unique and innovative programs in her curriculum.

A celebration of her life is being planned for the Mill Valley community on Sunday, October 8, from 2-4 pm in the Park School auditorium at 360 East Blithedale Avenue in Mill Valley. Bring your stories to the open mic. For more information, contact Carol Maguire at cmag@marin.k12.ca.us. ♣

Reel News

Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

OVER THE SUMMER AIM STUDENTS received more good news and recognition for telling relevant stories and broadcasting student work to the public. In June, AIM films won four awards at the California Student Media Festival, the oldest student media competition in California. "Born in Rebellion," a historical look at our nations tradition of dissent, won Best Documentary as well as Best Television Journalism, an unexpected honor. "If I Were Emperor," a whimsical exploration of Americas first "emperor," San Franciscos own Emperor Norton, also won a Television Journalism excellence award. And "Dream School," a silent film critiquing the idea of school as factory, garnered Best Effects.

At BestFest America, the nations largest film festival for high school and college students, AIM students once again dominated the documentary category, winning the top four of the five awards. First place went to "What If Jesus Were Gay," a film documenting the struggle of gay Catholics to be accepted as part of the Catholic community. "The Trend Experiment" traces the journey of five Tam teenagers who attempt to thwart the corporate stranglehold on teen culture and instead create their own teen fashion trend. This amusing but provocative short won second place. "Jumpstart Nation," the third place winner, investigated the growing demand for "Baby Einstein" and other "super toddler" baby products that theoretically give junior an edge in the increasingly competitive marketplace. The final documentary award went to "Benchmark," a film that explored the meaning and symbolism of Tams senior bench controversy

last year. AIM students were also honored for their dramatic storytelling, garnering second place in the Experimental category for "Palindrome," a silent film dramatizing two womens fight for the same mans affections.

Finally, the local community is honoring students work by selecting three AIM films for the Mill Valley Film Festival. With over a hundred entries from around the world and only twelve selections, were excited to be part of this local tradition once again. You can view "Oranges," "What If Jesus Were Gay?" and "The Trend Experiment" at the Rafael Theater on October 14 at 10 am. ★

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.

Noble Fir:

Size:	Price:	Quantity:
5/6	\$70	_____
6/7	\$80	_____
7/8	\$90	_____
8/9	\$115	_____
Total:	_____	

Douglas Fir:

Size:	Price:	Quantity:
5/6	\$55	_____
6/7	\$65	_____
7/8	\$75	_____
8/9	\$85	_____
Total:	_____	

Name _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____

On the Shelf

Mill Valley Public Library

Here at the Mill Valley Public Library, we are always looking for ways to keep young adults interested in reading and visiting both school and public libraries. We are fortunate to have support from our local schools, Library Board, and "Friends" organization to do outreach and present programs for teens. This school year, we hope to reintroduce teachers, students and parents to public library resources and present some new online tools for homework help.

As for programming, heres whats happening in October for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always FREE. On Thursday, October 26, from 7-8 pm, were presenting "The Science of Surfing" with local science teacher and surfing enthusiast Don Alexander. As a science teacher at Marin Academy and Marin Country Day School for more than 25 years and as one who has surfed our local waters for many more years, Don brings a unique perspective to this subject. 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. ★

Girls water polo team wants to make a splash this season

By Tom Davey

This seasons girls varsity water polo team consists of several seasoned seniors, a few standout juniors and sophomores, and one sensational freshman. Last season, the Hawks finished third in the MCAL but still far behind Drake and Marin Catholic. Currently, the team is 1-1 in league play 4-3 overall.

Coach Neal Rayners goal this year is to make it to the North Coast Section championship tournament, a feat Tam hasnt attained in many years. Team captains, seniors Lucy Litvak, and Aoife Duffy, bring plenty of spirit and dedication to the squad. In addition to daily afternoon workouts, the Hawks practice once or twice a week at 6:30 am.

While playing in a tournament, the team recently had six matches in a single week, winning three and losing three. Junior Katie Schlueter was named to the all tournament team with 10 goals, 15 steals and four assists. Freshman Erin Schlueter led all scorers for the week with 14 goals, 18 steals and seven assists.

The junior varsity water polo team is off to an exciting start



Lucy Litvak goes for the ball.

under coach Rick Nolan, a Tam alumnus. Captains Taylor Roy and Sarah Rudolph lead a team that is growing increasingly stronger with the infusion of some fast swimming freshmen.★

BOOSTER NEWS, continued

The good news is that the JV team, comprised entirely of sophomores, won both of its pre-season games, including a 34-0 thrashing of San Franciscos Lowell. Key players on the JV squad are quarterback Nick Wagner, running back Jake Orlick and wide receiver Danny DeCarlo.

Late update: On September 21, the freshman team shutout Marin Catholic 6-0. Thats the first time any Hawks football team has beat an MC team since the late 1990s, according to athletic director Gene Ng.

Teams Thrive with New Coaches

Under new coach Bill Washauer, the girls tennis team is looking up with a 3-0 season start in league play. Two of the wins were over



Members of the Tam girls volleyball team talk strategy at a recent practice.

quality opponents Branson and Justin Siena.

Thanks in part to new coach Dustin Nygaard, girls golf is having its best start in years at 7-2 in league play, losing only to Marin Catholic and Redwood. Key players are senior Laura Reed and junior Angie Funnell.

The Downside of Graduation

After winning MCAL last season, the boys soccer team lost several key players to graduation and is off to a slow start at 2-3. The team is lead by senior Daniel Leon. Junior Braden Hoyt is among the top goalies in the league.

Boys water polo also graduated several seniors and has started the season at 0-2 in league and 4-4 overall. Key starters are seniors Peter Schwartz, Zach Niesen, and Woody Robinson.

A Reminder

Students who wish to participate in basketball or wrestling must turn in participation forms to athletic director Gene Ng by November 5. ★

Parents of Student Athletes

Athletic Director Gene Ng has arranged for a doctor to speak about concussions and high school sports.

When: Tuesday, September 26

Where: STUDENT CENTER

Time: 7:30 pm

Questions: Contact: gng@tamdistrict.org



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 TAM HIGH FOUNDATION PARENT CAMPAIGN MONTH

Date	Time/Event	Location
4	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
4	“WALK & ROLL” TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY	
9	8 AM-3:25 PM – BLOOD DRIVE	SIGN UP IN NURSE’S OFFICE
10	8:45 AM PSTA MEETING WITH SPEAKER COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR SUSAN GERTMAN	COLLEGE & CAREER OFFICE
	9:35 AM TOUR OF DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE	
10	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
10-14	7 PM – CTE ONE ACT PLAYS/PROGRAM 1	DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE
11	7 PM – THUMB MEETING	BAND BOX
11	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
14	10 AM – AIM FILMS AT MV FILM FESTIVAL	RAFAEL FILM CENTER 1118 4 TH ST., SAN RAFAEL
17-21	7 PM – CTE ONE ACT PLAYS/PROGRAM 2	DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE
20	9:45 AM – HOMECOMING RALLY	MEAD THEATRE
20	TIME TBA – HALLOWEEN MOVIE NIGHT	MEAD THEATRE
20-27	LUNCH – HOMECOMING DANCE TICKETS ON SALE	FRONT LAWN
21	8 AM - NOON – PSAT	GUS GYM
23	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL	
24	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
24	7:30 PM – TAYLOR 2 DANCE CO. PERFORMANCE	RUBY SCOTT AUDITORIUM
28	HOMECOMING: 11:30 AM – PARADE START	OLD MILL SCHOOL
	1 PM – VARSITY FOOTBALL V. TERRA LINDA	BRUCE GRANT FIELD
	8-11 PM – HOMECOMING DANCE	GUS GYM
31	7:15-11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION COFFEE	STAFF LOUNGE
NOVEMBER 2006		
1	8 AM-12:35 PM – MINIMUM DAY	
7	7-9 PM – TEEN PANEL	STUDENT CENTER