

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Executive Vice President

PTSA Meeting—February 5

Guest Speakers: Mauricio Torres-Benavidas, Outreach Coordinator at College of Marin, and Camille Borgo, Tam High's Career to School Liaison

Please join us as we learn about the many alternative educational opportunities the College of Marin has to offer our students. Camille Borgo will then speak about the Career to School Program available to all Tam Students. The School to Career Department collaborates with over 200 local employers to provide learning experiences for the students of today while they are developing their skilled workforce of tomorrow. It's an excellent program and if you are unfamiliar with it, please find the time to learn about it.

Time: 8:45 am

Location: "Hawk's Nest" Staff Lounge in the Student Center (you can also visit our new eatery, the Hungry Hawk)

Video and Digital Cameras Needed

Have you upgraded your cameras over the holidays? The Tam High Foundation is looking for digital and video cameras in excellent condition for the school library, which loans equipment to teachers and students for projects. The program is so popular that additional equipment is always needed. If you are able to donate digital still or video equipment in good working condition, please contact: Cindi King at CKing47038@aol.com or 388-5640.

"Hungry Hawk" New Electronic Lunch Payment System

Is your student complaining about long lines at lunch? Please read about the new payment system at the Hungry Hawk. Plans to open an express window for students with accounts will happen once more student accounts are opened. So please open an account now! See page 3

Spring Sports Beginning in February

If you have a student playing spring sports, be sure to turn in his/her permission form by February 5. Forms can be found on the website www.tamhigh.org.



The cast of "The Scottish Play". Starting from top row, L-R: Joe Hines, Ander Frischer, Ian Ivins, Natasha Edmund, Amy Kemp, Pomme Koch, Elliot Morin, Joe Rockman, Frank Alarcon, David MacDonald, Pat Wall, Alyssa White, Jesse Tan-Alper, Matt Gainer, Cady Watts, Alex Bishop, Hannah Shore, Katie Marcom, Natalie Lundgren, Rachael Greenberg, Micah Levin, Mariel Rossman, Sarah Smithton, Hannah Aubry, Kyra Hoge-Habekoss

Something Wicked This Way Comes: Macbeth at CTE in March

By Sam Congdon, CTE Student/Publicity Team

The student burst through the doors, spun around three times, spat, begging to be let back into the theatre. However strange and mysterious this event might seem to any other student walking by the Caldwell Theatre, recently it has occurred rather frequently. This odd behavior stems from an age-old theatre superstition occurring when the title *Macbeth* is spoken aloud in any theatre. Even during pre-production, auditions, casting, and rehearsals, the superstition and the traditional cure continues with CTE's upcoming production of Shakespeare's play about the lure of power. *Macbeth*, directed by guest artist Julianna Rees, opens in the new Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center on March 6, sponsored by a special grant from the Tam High Foundation.



Superstition, mystery, and the supernatural are interwoven aspects in the fabric of *Macbeth*. Written by William Shakespeare in the early 17th Century, the tragedy tells the story of a Scottish king, Macbeth, who falls prey to the vices of ambition and lust for power. The play opens with three witches, who greet Macbeth (a Scottish general) with a prophecy in the form of three distinct titles. The first greets him as "Thane of Glamis," the second as "Thane of Cawdor," and the third as the "King hereafter." The witches then promptly disappear. Immediately afterward, Macbeth is informed that he has become the Thane of Cawdor. The first part of the prophecy has been fulfilled, and Macbeth will stop at nothing to fulfill the

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Principal's Message

by Chris Holleran

Tam student Clive Barry's suicide has impacted not only his family and friends, but the entire Tam community. The suicides of current or former Tam students over the past few years have created understandable anxiety, sadness, and frustration. As a school, we are working with the greater community to address the issue of teen suicide. This effort started with a community meeting on January 24.

A critical message to convey to students at this time is that there are alternatives to suicide and that any talk of suicide or actions which indicate thought of suicide should be taken seriously and help sought immediately. Keeping silent can delay someone in crisis from getting help.

Please call the counseling office or Linden Berry if you wish to refer a student who is struggling with Clive's death or related issues.

We all grieve and heal differently, and parents should anticipate that emotions might be raw and unpredictable for some time. If your student is struggling with the transition from grief to healing, please contact a school counselor or other professional for assistance.

In response to requests for information, here are some resources for parents:

School-based Counseling

Linden Berry (Bay Area Community Resources) 380-3516
 Lizzie Stevenson (New Perspectives) 380-3530
 Tam High Counseling Office 380-3537
 School Psychologist 380-3531

Hotlines

CMH Crisis at Marin General (24 hr.) 499-6666
 Grief Counseling 499-1195
 Suicide Prevention 444-1100

Community Counseling Services

Huckleberry Teen Programs (SR) 924-2100
 New Perspectives 924-8500
 Family Service Agency 456-3853
 Center for Attitudinal Healing in Sausalito: Jimmy Pate, 331-6161 extension 112.

Websites

Marin Youth Health Advisory Committee:
www.healthymarin.org
 National Alliance for Mentally Ill (they have specific youth pages/resources for depression & suicidal ideation)
www.nami.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Juniors who score well on STAR-EAP can skip placement tests in English and Math at CA State Universities!

EAP=Early Assessment Program, part of STAR. For more info, go to www.calstate.edu/eap.

STAR testing is important!

All 9th - 11th grade students will be tested April 23-27, 2007.

Save the Date

Tam Open House Night
 Thursday, March 15
 Beginning at 6:30 pm in Gustafson Gym
 Incoming freshman families:
 6:00pm—Welcoming Reception—Student Center

California High School Exit Exam

Sophomores will take the California Exit Exam for the first time on March 20 and 21. All juniors or seniors who haven't passed both sections will also test. The district office is offering a workshop on March 19 (a staff development day) for students who need support and preparation. Please call the Assistant Principals' Office at 415-380-3512 if you have any questions about the exams or workshop.*

Grading Periods for the Remainder of the School Year

End of 4th Grading Period	February 16
End of 5th Grading Period	April 6
End of Second Semester	June 14

The Whole Tam Family



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Fine Dining Debuts at Tam Modernized Facility, New Menu

By Wayne Van Loon, Modernization Correspondent

AFTER MUCH ANTICIPATION, the remodeled cafeteria has opened at Tamalpais High School. On January 16, 2007 the Hungry Hawk began taking orders for its homemade soups, salads, fresh sandwiches, and daily specials. After upgrading the foodservice facilities and developing a new menu, Tam High students have convenient, inexpensive, high quality meal options available on campus.



Diane Deshler, the Director of Food Services for Tamalpais Union High School District, has brought a new focus to District food service. Her experience in the local restaurant scene (most recently as head chef at Skywalker Ranch) has brought an emphasis on local organic produce, fresh ingredients, and healthy meal options to Tam High.

As a result, students can enjoy healthy meals that are delicious and affordable. Prices range from \$2.75 for the daily Hungry Hawk Specials to \$3.50 for a Hungry Hawk “Meal Deal.” Meal deals come with a choice of a fresh sandwich, panini, homemade soup, pizza, or fresh salad along with fresh fruit, carrot sticks and a choice of milk or bottled water. Daily specials include chicken & cheese quesadilla,



Tam students line up to try out the delicious new offerings at the Hungry Hawk cafeteria.

Bolognese pasta, Mandarin chicken rice bowl, barbecue chicken with freshroasted potatoes, and chicken & Spanish rice burrito.

In addition to meals, students can get nutritious snacks and beverages. Snacks include Barton’s bagels, fresh fruit, sandwiches, and homemade soup to name a few. Milk, fruit juice, and bottled water are some of the beverages that students can choose from.

Meal service coincides with student break and lunch periods. Full menu details can be found on the tamhigh.org website. Click on About Tam/Hungry Hawk.★

Electronic Lunch Ticket ID System Now In Use

By Diane Deshler, Director of Food Services, TUHSD

IN ADDITION TO THE NEW MENU at the Hungry Hawk, the school has instituted a new electronic lunch ticket ID system payment option. (Cash payment will still be accepted.) With the new system, students will use their current Student ID card. This ID number/card will stay with the student until he/she graduates.

Cash or checks made out to Tam High (with your child’s ID number(s) on the check) must be placed in an envelope accompanied by the student’s name and ID number. (Please do not write this number on the outside of the envelope.)

Deposits will be accepted before school or during break only. This money will be deposited into their accounts. At lunch they will simply pick up their meal, swipe their ID card through the keypad, and the money will be subtracted from their account. The amount of the prepayment deposit is entirely up to you; it can range from one day to a month. The cost of a lunch is \$3.50.

Keep your ID number confidential! If there is more than one student in a family, one student may make deposits to their sibling’s accounts as long as you give us the ID numbers of each student and tell us the amounts to deposit to each account.

Example:

A \$20.00 check	Billy Doe	Grade 9	#1111	\$10.00
	Judy Doe	Grade 11	#2222	\$10.00

If a student’s account gets low, our staff will remind them. If the student forgets his or her money, unfortunately, it will not allow a negative balance and they will not be able to purchase any food items until more money is added to the account. Money in the student’s account at the end of the school year will be carried over to the next school year.

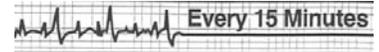
Question: What will stop the student from purchasing more than the parent allows?

Answer: If this is a problem with your child, simply notify us in writing what their limitations are and it will be programmed into the system.

Example: A student desires to purchase 10 of our delicious meals and you only permit one per day, this information will be placed in the system and we will comply with your wishes.

If your child has a special “food” medical concern, once we are notified of this in writing from the student’s medical doctor, this information will also be placed in the system to alert our staff to help monitor their meals.★

Every 15 Minutes Needs Your Support



ON MARCH 27 AND 28, Tam High will present “Every 15 Minutes,” a two-day simulation which challenges students to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others. Every 15 Minutes was created and is sponsored by the California Highway Patrol in conjunction with a small grant which falls far short of covering the program’s true expense. Pledges from the Mill Valley Association of Volunteer Firemen, PTSA, Tam High Foundation, and private donations will help to defray some of the costs, but additional contributions are needed to cover the full cost of this program. We are asking all Tam families to help with the costs involved in providing this program to our students. Please send in your contribution today.

We are also asking for volunteers to help on the day of the event and the school-wide assembly the next day. We have committee chairs who will need volunteers and we will contact you in February if you can volunteer your time on either of these two days.

Thanks for your support. Questions? Contact Diana Jansen, 381-5448, bljansen@pacbell.net; or Judy Katsin, 389-0121, judykatsin@sbcglobal.net.

YES, I would like to volunteer my time. Please call me to help.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

Available March 27 _____ and/or March 28 _____

YES, I would like to make a contribution:

(Please check one):

\$10 _____ \$20 _____ \$50 _____ other \$ _____

Please make check payable to Tam PTSA

Mail check and volunteer form to:

Tam PTSA

700 Miller Ave.

Mill Valley, CA 94941



MACBETH AT CTE, continued from page 1

final part of the prophecy and win the throne. Thus unfolds a story of murder, revenge, and treachery that rivals the most action-packed Hollywood thrillers today.

Notorious in the world of theatre because of its difficulty and the backstage stories of mishaps or accidents, Macbeth has gained a reputation for a play that can be daunting for actors. Mariel Rossman, who plays Lady Macduff says, “I didn’t know what to expect, but so far I’ve learned a lot. She [Director Julianna Rees] has taught us so much about the history of the play, and the time back then. It’s really easy to relate to your character.”

One of the greatest difficulties in performing any Shakespeare piece is overcoming the challenges of the language. Shakespeare wrote in iambic pentameter, a style of verse in which each line is composed of five couplets of two syllables each. “Iambic pentameter is meant to mimic a heartbeat, which, as an actor, makes it much easier to internalize and connect with,” says Pomme Koch (Macbeth). Elliott Morin (Banquo) says, “It takes a while to get into it, but after that it becomes natural. You read the first pages of the script, and you have to work to understand it, but by the end of the script you get it almost right away.”

Macbeth is one of Shakespeare’s darkest plays. Over the course of the show, ten named characters die, most by sword or dagger. As a result, stage combat lessons are a critical aspect of the rehearsal process. Pomme Koch calls the lessons “exhilarating” with guest artist Joe Lucas, an expert in stage combat and a Julliard acting graduate. “They add a new dimension to the traditional rehearsal process, and have changed the way I see action scenes in movies or plays,” according to Pomme.

Actors are superstitious people, full of fanciful superstitions and

rituals surrounding the profession, and those myths surrounding Macbeth are perhaps the best known and most strictly observed. The most common superstition is that it is forbidden to use the word “Macbeth” in the performance space unless actors are rehearsing or performing. Some safe substitutes include “the Scottish play” or “the Scottish king.” Any offenders of this long-observed digression are made to exit the theater, spin around three times, spit on the ground, and beg to be let back in. Needless to say, the ritual is being regularly observed these days around CTE. Some attribute the root of these superstitions to the dark and mysterious nature of the show itself including its many themes of the occult, prophecy, and fate; all of which play a role in the downfall of the “Scottish King.” Backstage stories abound about mishaps, accidents, and even fatalities that have occurred while Macbeth is in rehearsal and performance. CTE students must adhere to the rituals to prevent “bad luck” from the current production at Tam.

The play, exciting and provocative in its exploration of the boundaries and complexities of the human mind, will provide an evening that will excite, enthrall, and inspire audiences from high-school age upwards. The set, designed by guest artist Ron Pratt (Berkeley Rep, California Shakespeare Festival) will add to the highly charged atmosphere. Guest artist Amy Stock (ETC alumni, UCLA graduate) is providing guidance to student costume designers Patrick Phillips and Elise Rheiner. Other student designers include Teddy Hulsker (sound) and Robbie Bruens (lighting). Performances are scheduled for 7 pm at the Caldwell Theatre, March 6-11. Same-day tickets are available at the box office one hour before the performances; students/seniors are \$5 and adults are \$10. Go to www.cte-tam.org for more information.*

Tam PTSA Meeting Agenda

March 5, 2007, 8:45 a.m.

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Principal's report
4. Guest presentation—Star Testing
5. Approve minutes—February 2007
6. Treasurer's report
 - a. Approval of checks
7. Campus beautification
8. PTSA event dates
9. THF
10. Thumb
11. Boosters
12. School Board report

Staff Valentine's Breakfast/Lunch

On February 14 the PTSA will provide another scrumptious coffee/breakfast for the faculty and staff. The last one, the holiday coffee, was a major success. Volunteers provided enough food for both breakfast and lunch. The teachers and staff were overwhelmed by the amount and variety of the food. They were extremely grateful and honored that so many parents participated. I'd like to personally thank each and every volunteer for making the organization of this event a pleasure.

The February 14 coffee will have a Valentine's theme, and I'm sure that there is unlimited creativity among you. Please consider honoring our faculty and staff by participating on February 14. Please e-mail Helene at bash5@sbcglobal.net or call 389-8598.

—Helene Siegel-Fotos

Kudos Korner

from Eileen van Moppes, Principal's Assistant

Thank you everybody for all the fabulous gifts which were donated for our annual Staff Holiday Party. My sincere thanks to Barbara Chambers, Margo McGrath, Shirley Ehrlich, Jayne Greenberg, Bonnie Frieberg, Jennifer Olney, Karen Jernstedt, Karen Buckley, Sue Valerio, Witt Family, Sylvie Silverstein, Nancy Dunbar, Mike and Michele McCabe, Kerstin Bastian, Ellis Family, Gladys Blose, Lion Family, Dermer Family, Elizabeth Suzuki, Susan Garratt, Dawn Beaton, Sally Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Edelson, Dana Rieger, and all the people who either dropped off items when I wasn't at my desk or who wanted to remain anonymous. Your generosity is so appreciated by all the staff members.

By the way, our holiday party was absolutely fantastic!
Thanks again, parents!

Safe and Sober Grad Night Raffle Tickets on Sale



Raffle ticket sales to raise the necessary money for the highly successful "Safe and Sober Grad Night" to be held on June 14 at the Mill Valley Community Center, 11 pm - 4 am, will be available beginning February 1 at most school events. All families of senior students will receive raffle tickets to sell starting in March.

For just \$10 per ticket, or 3 for \$25, you could win tickets to A's or Giants' games, wine packages, dinner at various area restaurants, or a room make-over. These are just a few of the prizes available.

Senior parents: There is still time to make contributions of raffle prizes. Contact one of us to add your item.

Please plan to buy tickets and support this highly successful and popular event. We can't do this without your help. Thank

Don't Save the Date!

This is not...an auction, car wash, or gala evening!

This is a low-impact appeal to you to help provide a Safe and Sober Grad Night for all students in the class of 2007.

Just mail your check and feel good knowing you are providing a fun, all-night party which will keep our new graduates safe, sober, and off the highways.

\$100___ \$50___ \$25___ Other___

Name _____

Address _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Please make checks out to:

Tam Safe and Sober Grad Night and send to:
Safe and Sober Grad Night
700 Miller Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Tax ID #68-0194361

Parent to Parent Connection

by Sandra T. Mack and Rebecca Foust Pilcher
Parent to Parent Connection (p2p) Representatives

NEARLY A HUNDRED PARENTS AND EDUCATORS attended our January 10 program about Four-Year College Options for Students With Learning Issues at which Jane McClure of the prestigious McClure, Mallory and Baron educational consulting firm covered the following topics:

1. **SAT and ACT Testing Accommodations:** What is available, how to qualify, which test to take.
2. **Differences between High School and College:** Including legal protections, efficacy of IEP's and 504's, parent and student division of responsibility.
3. **Admissions:** Getting special needs students into the college of their choice, what they must and need not disclose, best strategies, what evaluations to have in place.
4. **College Selection:** How to choose the "right match" college for your student. The key here is to assess your student's wants and needs, then try to find the school that best meets them. Two great resources include the "K & W Guide to Colleges for Students with LD's and ADD" by Wax and Kravets and the "Colleges That Change Lives" by Lauren Pope.

Colleges offer three levels of service:

- **Structured Programs** provide the most support and are the closest thing college students can get to a high school resource program. Services may include a staff member trained in LD's, special orientation program, curriculum modifications, academic monitoring and counseling, and assistance with advocacy. Examples include Landmark College (VT), Menlo College (CA), American U (Washington), University of Arizona.
- **Coordinated Services** provide "moderate" levels of support (subject matter and learning strategy tutoring, counseling, help with self advocacy, often have at least one LD specialist part time on staff). Examples include all UC schools, Boston College, Boston University, Cornell, U of Denver, Regis, Santa Clara U, U of Puget Sound.
- **Basic Services:** Minimal amount of support necessary in order to comply with the law. These colleges have writing and tutoring centers but no learning specialists doing the tutoring. Still, they offer more than colleges with no services at all. Examples include U of Oregon, Oregon State U, U of the Redlands (CA), Loyola Marymount (CA), U of Pacific, Oberlin (OH), and Whittier College.

Ms. McClure's contact information is:

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Don't miss our next meeting on February 14, on options for students not on the four-year college track, including two-year colleges and vocational programs. We expect this meeting to be well-attended, so be sure to come early to get a seat.

p2p welcomes all parents of students with learning challenges in grades 7 through 12. Our aim is to provide support, education, and advocacy and to act as a liaison with the Tamalpais Union High School District to air issues and concerns. The agenda for the rest of the year is as follows:

p2p 2007 Meeting Schedule

Program, 7:00 pm; Informal parent discussion, 6:00 pm.

- 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 non-traditional options** (TEAM, Internships, ROE, Drake's Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, Peer Counseling, Pilot Program: Teen Emergency Response Team, Construction Technology class)
- 4/18/07 **Get me outta here!** Meeting Graduation Outcome and High School Exit Exam Requirements/issues for LD kids
- 5/02/07 **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.

All meetings are held in Kreps Conference Center adjacent to the east (back) parking lot at Redwood High School at the intersection of Lucky and Doherty Drives. Doors open at 6 pm for informal parent discussions and Q/A prior to the formal program.

If you have any questions or would like to be placed on our mailing list, contact us at p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us or visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

Save the Date!

Tam High Foundation's Red & White Ball Committee
 presents

Cinco de Mayo
 on Friday, May 4



Spot the Light Bulb

Throughout this issue, look for this light bulb. It's there to show you that the group you are reading about is funded, at least in part, by donations to the Tam High Foundation. Thank you Tam High Foundation for lighting up this issue!



Making a Difference

By Cynthia Chiarappa

THE TAM COMMUNITY is responding in record numbers to the Tam High Foundation's call for support. 2006 closed with a bang with over 45 donations arriving in December. We want to thank the 491 families and community members who have donated to the Annual Campaign so far. It is truly an outstanding achievement that benefits each and every student at Tam.

If you have not yet given, it is not too late! You can still make an impact on Tam this year. Our goal is 100% family participation - all gifts, large or small, matter. You can also support your child when you shop—go to our web site at www.tamhigh-foundation.org to see how easy it is to get free money for the school.



Auto shop teacher Lisa Miller stands in front of the new four-wheel alignment rack, purchased with a Major Grant in excess of \$19,000 from the Tam High Foundation

students, and parents. We hope to fund as many as possible depending on funds available.

Please donate today by completing the pledge below and see the difference you can make in your child's education. You can also donate online at www.tamhighfoundation.org

Tam High Students Thank You for Putting Education First

Cut out and mail this pledge form to:

Tam High Foundation
700 Miller Ave.
Mill Valley, CA 94941



High Notes

from the Music Department



If music be the food of love, play on!

THUMB invites you and your family to support Tam Music at a wonderful evening of great food and continuous music, provided by our talented music students. Join us Friday, February 9, from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm for our fabulous dinner concert fundraiser. Dinner will be served from 6:30 to 8 pm; dessert from 8:15 until 8:45 pm. No reservations are necessary.



This year we will finally be back on campus in Ruby Scott Auditorium. Expect a beautiful setting to enjoy your dinner. We will be serving a delicious dinner from Gira Polli Restaurant, with Outback Steakhouse's famous cheesecake for dessert. The cost for adults is \$20, teens are \$15, and music students and children are \$10. When you arrive please enter through the Daniel Caldwell Performing Arts Center. See you there!

February also finds music students preparing for the Solo and Ensemble Concerts. The first concert will be on Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 pm. The second concert will be on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30 pm. Both will be held in the Caldwell Theater. There is lots of talent, so do come and listen!

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH

On March 7, the Advanced Band and Orchestra will play at the District Band Festival, held at Dominican University, 7 pm, in Angelica Hall.

Our next THUMB meeting will be on March 21 at 7 pm in the Band Box.

The Jazz Band will be in New York from March 28 to April 1.★

TAM HIGH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Name _____

Address _____

City & zip _____

Phone _____

Student name _____ Grade _____

I pledge: \$100 \$300 \$500 \$1,000 (Major Donor)

\$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000 other _____

My company participates in a matching fund program.

THF ID#63-0385326

Please check the appropriate boxes:

My check for _____ is enclosed, payable to TAM HIGH Foundation

Charge to my credit card Visa Mastercard

Signature _____

Card # _____

charge entire amount now

charge monthly, divided evenly now until June

charge in \$ _____ increments until pledge is met

Online Giving: www.tamhighfoundation.org

College and Career Center

Susan Gertman
sgertman@tuhds.marin.k12.ca.us
380-3582



UPCOMING EVENTS

Practice Tests: Tam offers practice SAT, ACT, and Subject tests to help students familiarize themselves with these college admissions exams. The \$5 fee for each test, payable in cash or a check made out to the Tam High PTSA, supports a PTSA scholarship. Tests will be held in the Student Center. Signups are in the College and Career Center.

February 7: Practice SAT Reasoning Test

Tam and Revolution Prep are co-sponsoring a full-length practice SAT for juniors on Wednesday, February 7, a minimum day, from 1:15-5:15 pm. Signup deadline: February 2.

February 2 & February 9:

Financial Aid Workshops

Representatives from the Marin Education Fund will be at Tam during tutorial, 9:45-10:45 am, on Friday, February 2 and February 9, to help students and parents fill out financial aid applications for college. The Marin Education Fund is an excellent source of financial aid and scholarship information. To learn more, go to www.marineducationfund.org. or call 459-4240.

February 8 & March 21:

Pre-Registration for College of Marin

A representative from the College of Marin will be at the College and Career Center on Thursday, February 8, during lunch and on Wednesday, March 21, during tutorial, to meet with seniors interested in attending COM next fall. The rep will explain the vocational, two-year and transfer options available at community college; financial aid; and how to register. She will help students fill out the application.

March 7: Practice ACT

Tam and Compass Education Group will offer a practice ACT on Wednesday, March 7, 3-7 pm. Signup deadline: March 5.

March 21: Practice SAT Subject Tests

Students may take two practice Subject Tests on Wednesday, March 22, from

SAT & ACT REGISTRATION DATES

SAT 2007

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
*March 10	February 2	February 14
May 5	March 29	April 11
June 2	April 27	May 9

*On March 10, only the SAT Reasoning Test is offered.

ACT 2007

Test Date	Registration Deadline (Regular Fee)	Late Registration Deadline (Late Fee)
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 SAT at www.collegeboard.com and ACT at www.act.org. Registration forms are available in the College and Career Center. Tam is not a test site. Register early for a convenient location.

3-5:15 pm. The fee is \$5 for one or two tests. Students must know which tests they want to take when signing up. Deadline: March 16.

Testing Tips: Most juniors applying to four-year colleges should take the SAT Reasoning Test in March, May, or June. Juniors may also want to take the ACT in April or June in addition to or instead of the SAT. The College and Career Center has registration forms, practice books, and information on preparing for the tests.

Juniors who plan to apply to the University of California and other competitive colleges and universities also need to submit two SAT Subject Tests. Sophomores and juniors who are completing an academic subject this year are strongly advised to take a Subject Test in that area this spring. For example, students now taking AP Biology should take the Biology Subject Test in May or June and not wait until senior year when they will have forgotten some of the material.

CHSPE

The California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE), which awards the legal equivalent of a high school diploma, will be given on Saturday, March 17. Students must be 16 or in the tenth grade to take the exam. For more information, go to www.chspe.net or call 866-342-4773. Registration is required.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

The College and Career Center maintains files on summer programs in the US and abroad. Come by and look through the materials, including a particularly helpful book, "Early College Programs: Summer College Programs for High School Students," by Hydrisko. This book suggests programs in particular fields and includes sections on programs for under-represented students and for students with learning disabilities.

Here are some other suggestions for summer programs and contact information:

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School to Career

Internship News

Spring Internship Program applications are now available in the College and Career Center. Applications are due on February 2, 2007. Spring internships will begin on February 28, 2007 and will continue through April 27, 2007. Students are required to work a minimum of six hours per week at their internship placements.

Grammy Career Day

Grammy Career Day, a Grammy Foundation educational program, was launched by the Recording Academy to provide opportunities for high school students interested in pursuing careers in music to learn about the industry and work with professionals in the field. This year Grammy Career Day was a great success and many Tamalpais students were able to participate in interactive workshops, panel

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discussions, and performances. Students had the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of the music industry as well as meet with many professionals in the industry. Grammy Career Day was held on January 17, 2007, at San Francisco State University.

Youth Health Forum

The spring Youth Health Forum has been scheduled and applications are available to students in the College and Career Center. The Youth Health Forum is an opportunity for students to begin to explore careers in the healthcare field. Students will learn from professionals in various hospital departments and will take a behind the scenes tour of the hospital. Attendance qualifies students to apply for internships at Kaiser Permanente, Marin General, and Novato Community Hospitals. Two dates are available, space is limited,

Redwood High School (415) 945-3604
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and applications are due on February 26, 2007.

Kaiser Permanente—Wednesday, March 14, 2007

Marin General Hospital—Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Other School to Career Services

As the School to Career Liaison for Tamalpais High School, I am available in the College and Career Center on Wednesdays and Fridays 7:45-4 and Thursdays 7:45-11:30. 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

The Academic Talent Development Program at UC Berkeley, June 18-July 27. Deadline: February 27.
www.atdp.berkeley.edu.

UC Davis Young Scholars Program is an interdisciplinary program in biological and natural sciences with mentored research in university laboratories for sophomores and juniors. June 24-August 4. Applications due: March 31.
www.yisp.ucdavis.edu.

California State Summer School for the Arts offers four weeks of classes in animation, visual arts, creative writing, music, dance, film, and theatre on the campus of Cal Arts near Los Angeles. Financial aid is available. Applications due: February 28.
www.innerspark.us

Student Camp and Trip Advisors will sponsor a Summer Opportunities Fair at The Menlo School in Atherton on Sunday, February 4, from 10 am-1 pm. More than 50 programs will be represented, including community service, wilderness,

and academic and cultural exchanges. For more information contact Judy Wiesen 454-5441.

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship and financial aid information are available at the College and Career Center and online at tamhigh.org (click on Academics, then College and Career Center, College Bound and Green Sheet). Many financial aid forms are due March 2, although some schools have earlier deadlines.

Students planning to attend a California college, including community colleges and vocational schools, are eligible to apply for a Cal Grant. In order to apply, a GPA Verification Form must be completed by the school registrar, Betty Sue Johnson, and mailed by the student. The deadline is March 2. It is a good idea to copy all forms and obtain a certificate of mailing. GPA Verification forms are available in the College and Career Center.

EARLY COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Each year a few Tam seniors hear good news early from colleges. Students have told me that they have been accepted at: Boston College, Boston U, Cal Lutheran, CSU Chico, CSU Humboldt, CSU Monterey Bay, DePaul, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola (Chicago), NYU, San Diego State, San Francisco State, Towson U, U of Colorado, U of Denver, U of Oregon, and Vassar. When your student hears good news, please ask him or her to share it at the College and Career Center.

WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

www.uccp.org

Students can receive free online preparation for the SAT and ACT on this website sponsored by the University of California. Go to www.uccp.org and click on Students.★

Reel News

News from *The Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media (AIM)*



AIM (Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media) has been busy since our last publication, attracting plenty of attention.

To begin with, AIM is featured this month in Marin County Superintendent Mary Jane Burke's "Education Matters," focusing on innovative teaching methods and student video documentaries. Students and teachers discuss the challenges and rewards of producing documentaries and the skills they develop in the process. You can see students working on their films and hear their stories by tuning into "Education Matters" on Channel 78 at 9 pm on Wednesdays or 8:30 am and 8:30 pm on Thursdays or by going online to <http://educationmatters.tv>.

Next, students have just completed their first semester documentary projects. After reading "Invisible Man" and "Huckleberry Finn" in English class, studying the legacy of slavery in history class, and learning production skills and analyzing films in documentary studies, students were prompted to "reveal a truth about race from an African American perspective." Students got busy, exploring a range of topics including:

- the unfunny business of being a black comedian
- the enduring power of gospel music
- the history of San Francisco's own "Harlem of the West"
—the Fillmore District

- the impact of anti-affirmative action efforts on the student body of America's most applied-to university, UCLA
- the re-segregation of San Francisco schools via the "consent decree"
- Youth Speaks, an organization dedicated to helping students of color express themselves in public forums
- a surprising revelation about Jim Crow schools.

Finally, AIM continues to provide students with real-world experiences that extend beyond the walls of the classroom. This month, because of the impression Ryan Gallagher, Alexa Garrett, Mackenzie Engel, Chris Barber, and Jimmy Macho made while conducting interviews in the East Bay, Dale Allender, the Western Director of the National Council of Teachers of English, asked AIM students to film the 21st Century Literacies Symposium at UC Berkeley with the State and Deputy Superintendents of Education, state educational leaders, and technology industry representatives attending. An opportunity like this to work with professionals from outside organizations is one of the avenues AIM is dedicated to providing for its students.

You can see the films at AIM's annual film festival held in early June. ✪

Leadership News

By Peter Berkhout



The new semester is off to a busy start! As of press time, tickets are on sale for the Jr/Sr Winter Formal, to be held Saturday, February 10, 2007, at the Presidio Officers' Club in San Francisco. The last day to buy tickets is February 2, so hopefully your student got one already! The dance is from 8-11 pm, and doors close at 9 pm.

Attention Freshman parents! Be on the lookout for your student's class T-shirt order form. Shirts are available for \$15 on a pre-order basis.

The sophomore class is selling Valentine's Day Roses from January 29-February 9, for delivery on Valentine's Day. This class fundraiser is open to all grades, and there's still time to buy! Sales are in the front circle at lunch time. Buy a rose and send a short message to your sweetie! Make sure you know their 5th period class!

Step It UP! ASB's Rally Committee is planning a dance-battle rally on February 16. There will be dance troupes from Happy Feet, Tam's own Break! Club, Tam's Dance Team, and for the first time in a long time, Tam's staff has a group in the competition. Other groups have been invited to audition. Come out during tutorial period on the 16th for an unforgettable show.

Preparations are underway by the ASB Sports Committee to put on Tam's first-in-a-long time Powder Puff Football game, where the junior and senior girls go head-to-head in a touch football game.

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On the Shelf

Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in February for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always FREE. On Thursday, February 8, from 7-8:30 pm, we will welcome Ji-li Jiang, author of "Red Scarf Girl" and "The Magical Monkey King." She will describe her experiences as a young girl growing up during the Chinese Cultural Revolution. Then on Thursday, February 15, from 7-8:30 pm, we will present "Filmmaking for Reel Teens: Early Film History," a presentation by John Morrison, former teacher and current Outreach Manager for the California Film Institute, with emphasis on the making of silent films. For more information about programs and services for teens at the library, contact Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org. ✪

LEADERSHIP NEWS, continued

Mandatory info/prep meetings are on February 15 at lunch in room 154 and February 28 during tutorial in room 154. The showdown itself will be at 1 pm on March 16 (a minimum day).

Also, coming on March 5 is Tam's Spring Blood Drive. Signups will be the week after February break, from February 26-March 2. Students age 16-up weighing at least 110 lbs are eligible to donate (though 16-year-olds need a signed parent permission slip).

Just to follow up on the food drive from December, thanks to all of Tam High's student body for bringing in over 2800 pounds of canned and bulk foods for the Marin Community Food Bank! In first place for the tutorial period competition was Lyanne Abreu's class, bringing in over 400 cans. Congrats for helping the hungry this holiday season.

Welcome back for the spring semester!

Event Calendar:

Jan 29-Feb 9:	Valentine's Day Roses on sale
Feb. 7:	Step-it-UP Rally Meeting/Rehearsal, Tutorial
Feb. 10:	Jr/Sr Winter Formal, Presidio Officers' Club, 8-11pm
Feb. 14:	Valentine's Day Rose Delivery
Feb. 15:	Step-it-UP Rally Meeting/Rehearsal, Tutorial
Feb. 15:	Powder Puff Football Mandatory Info Meeting, Room 154, lunch
Feb. 16:	Step-it-UP Dance Rally, Gus Gym, tutorial
Feb. 28:	Powder Puff Football Mandatory Info Meeting, Room 154, tutorial
Mar. 5:	Spring Blood Drive
Mar. 16:	Powder Puff Football Game, 1pm

S P O R T S

By Tom Davey

Hawks Wrestle Their Way to the Top

THE HAWKS' WRESTLERS are off to a good start this winter after last year's young group finished in the middle of the pack. As of our January 20 deadline, Tam held a 4-2 record with its only losses coming from Terra Linda and Marin Catholic.

With three of the league's top wrestlers in their weight classes, the Hawks have a good shot at finishing among the top four teams in the February 17 league championships, which will be held at Tam. The league's top three wrestlers in each weight will then move on to the North Coast Section championships.

Tam is lead by junior Charles Klag, in the 215-pound division; senior Yichao Mark, at 152; and junior Lucas Klabunde at 145. All three are currently the league's top wrestlers in the weight classes.

Coach Andre Salinas notes that each wrestling meet is very important because the teams only see each other once during the regular season, similar to football. In other sports such as baseball, basketball, and soccer, a high school team will see most of its league rivals twice during the regular season.

Boys' Basketball Has a Shot at Postseason

THE BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM is still in the playoff hunt with a 3-4 record, including a win over Justin Siena, one of the league's better teams. Junior Ryan Wickham scored 20 points against Justin. Other key players are senior point guard Nick Seraydarian and junior forward Mike Mitchell.

The junior varsity boys are lead by alternating guards JD Rieger and Michael Bradshaw, both juniors. The team is 4-2 in league play. The boys' freshmen team is 5-2 behind the performances of Ely Washauer and Ja'von Hall. The varsity girls' basketball team is 2-5. Although there are no star players, coach Gene Ng says the team



Carson Schultz hitting a "switch" against his opponent in the Albany Wrestling Tournament this past Saturday in the 160 lb. weight class.

has plenty of depth with younger players, which bodes well for next season. At the least, this year's squad should finish better than last year's team, which had a 3-11 league record.

The junior varsity team, lead by sophomore twin guards Catherine Raney and Julia Raney, is undefeated at 6-0. And the girls' freshmen team, lead by guard Martine Ehrlich, is 4-1. The team's only loss was to Drake by one point.

Students interested in participating in spring sports should turn in their permission forms to athletic director Gene Ng by Feb. 5. The forms are available on the school website at www.tamhigh.org.

The Boosters annual crab feed, which will help fund all Tam High sports this year, will be held February 11 at the Mill Valley Community Center. The event begins at 5 pm with a no-host bar; dinner is served at 6 pm; raffle and live auction follow at 7 pm. The cost is \$45 per person for this adults-only event. ♦



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Date	Time/Event	Location
5	8:45 AM – PTSA MEETING WITH SPEAKERS FROM COM OUTREACH AND SCHOOL TO CAREER	HAWK'S NEST (FORMERLY STAFF LOUNGE)
5	DEADLINE FOR SPRING SPORTS PERMISSION FORMS	
7	TRAFFIC SAFETY DAY	
7	MINIMUM DAY – 12:35 DISMISSAL	
7	1:15-5:15 PM – PRACTICE SAT (PRE-REGISTRATION BY FEB. 2 REQUIRED)	STUDENT CENTER
7	6:30 PM – SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONCERT 1	CALDWELL THEATRE
7	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
9	6:30-9:30 PM – THUMB VALENTINE DINNER & CONCERT FUNDRAISER	RUBY SCOTT AUDITORIUM
10	8-11 PM – JR/SR WINTER FORMAL	PRESIDIO OFFICERS CLUB
11	5 PM – BOOSTERS CRAB FEED	MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
13	6:30 PM – SOLO & ENSEMBLE CONCERT 2	CALDWELL THEATRE
13	7 PM – GRAD NIGHT MEETING	LIBRARY
13	7:30 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
14	7:15-11 AM – TEACHER/STAFF APPRECIATION BREAKFAST	STAFF LOUNGE
14	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
19-23	PRESIDENTS' HOLIDAYS & RECESS DAYS – NO SCHOOL	

MARCH 2007

5	8:45 AM – PTSA MEETING "WHY IS STAR TESTING IMPORTANT"	HAWK'S NEST (FORMERLY STAFF LOUNGE)
6	7:30 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
6-11	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "MACBETH"	CALDWELL THEATRE
7	3-7 PM – PRACTICE ACT (PRE-REGISTRATION BY MARCH 5 REQUIRED)	STUDENT CENTER
7	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
13	7 PM – GRAD NIGHT MEETING	LIBRARY
15	6:30 PM – OPEN HOUSE	GUSTAFSON GYM
16	MINIMUM DAY – 12:35 DISMISSAL	
19	STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY – NO SCHOOL	