

THE HOME PAGE

By Jayne Greenberg, PTSA Executive Vice President

**March PTSA Meeting**

Monday, March 5 at 8:45 am  
Business Meeting only. Everyone invited!  
Location: Hawk's Nest (Staff Lounge, next to Student Center)

**Tam Girls Go to Playoffs—  
FIRST TIME IN 19 YEARS!**

The Tam Girl's Varsity Basketball team landed in the Marin County Athletic League playoffs. Big turnout for spring sports – see page 9 for details.

**2007/2008 Applications for AIM**

AIM (Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media) is now accepting applications for next year. See page 7 for more information.

**Every 15 Minutes**

The California Highway Patrol will be on campus March 27-28 to present "Every 15 Minutes," a program which will ask Tam students to think about the consequences of decisions they make while driving. Many thanks to the Tam community for your support for this important exercise.

**Practice ACT and SAT Subject Tests**

The College and Career Center is offering students an opportunity to take a practice ACT and SAT Subject Tests on campus this month. Check the College and Career section for more details. Pre-registration is required.

**Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon**

Here's another opportunity to show the outstanding teachers and staff here at Tam just how much we appreciate their efforts. Donate a food item to the Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon to be held March 30. For contact information, see page 3.

**Tam's Annual Open House**

Thursday, March 15  
Gustafson Gym  
6:30 pm Jazz Band Performance  
7 pm Welcome and Introductions  
7:20 - 8:30 pm Classroom Visits

Please come visit your student(s)' classrooms the evening of March 15.

NOTE: Friday, March 16 is a minimum day – 8 am - 12:35pm.



Hannah Wilson and Cara Trombadore face off against Piner. See story in Sports on page 11.

**Pulitzer Prize Winner Returns to Tam**

By Junior Hallie Richards, Tam News Reporter

"Give a voice to the voiceless," Associated Press journalist Martha Mendoza said while addressing Tam News students on January 23. That is what Mendoza has worked hard to do since her graduation from Tam in 1983. She began working as a journalist in her third year in college, but said that her years at Tam were an enriching time in her life that impacted who she is today. She returned to the school to enlighten journalism students about her successful career and Pulitzer Prize winning story.



Martha Mendoza

"Even when I went here, I was outraged by some things, about how the world worked," Mendoza said, leading the class in a discussion that brought laughter, intensity, and ambition into the room. "It's work I love."

She told of some of her wild experiences working for the Associated Press and the stories she has written around the world. Throughout her years as a journalist, she has covered a broad range of stories, ranging from the Columbine shootings to Paul Newman's connections to child labor. She also talked about her Pulitzer Prize winning story in 1995 "Federal Workers Slaughtering Horses?" about a chain of slaughterhouses killing wild horses and sending their meat off to foreign countries.

But before all of Mendoza's renowned achievements, one could have considered her just another Tam student, without a direction in life. She went to automotive school, but it was a trip to Central America that made her realize that fixing cars was not

**Principal's Message**

by Chris Holleran

**Accreditation Visit**

Starting on Sunday March 4 through Wednesday March 7, Tam will be visited by six educators whose task it will be to validate the findings and action plan contained in our recently published self-study. This is part of the process of accrediting our educational program through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). The visiting committee will produce a written report and make a recommendation of a term of accreditation of up to six years. The accrediting commission will then act on that recommendation and notify the school of their action later this spring. We appreciate the participation of everyone who helped produce the self-study which prioritizes our school improvement activities over the next few years.\*

**EXIT EXAM REMINDERS**

The California Exit Exam will be given on March 20 and 21 to all sophomores and any juniors or seniors who haven't passed the exam. Students and parents will receive a letter with testing details. Monday, March 19, is a staff development day, so please be sure that your student arrives promptly at 8 am on Tuesday and Wednesday to their testing location. The two test sections—English Language Arts and Math—take a total of about four hours to complete. Students are expected to return to their normal schedule after their lunch break. If you have any questions about the exam, please call the Assistant Principals' office at 415-380-3512.\*

**Advanced Placement Testing**

The AP tests will take place in May. For the full testing schedule, go to the tamhigh.org website and click on About Tam, Schedules.

Each test costs \$83. Payment may be made by cash or check (payable to Tamalpais High School). The payment must be accompanied by an order form, copies of which are available in both the Assistant Principals' and the Counseling offices. Send or bring payment to Chris Lasus in the Assistant Principals Office between 7:30 and 11:30 am daily. Signups end at noon on Friday, March 16.

**Volunteer Proctors are needed:**

Parents may not proctor an exam that their student is taking. All proctors are volunteers, and the program is dependent upon parent participation. Call Chris Lasus at 380-3528 or e-mail [clasus@tamdistrict.org](mailto:clasus@tamdistrict.org).\*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In recent years, juniors at Tam have scored lower than freshmen on STAR tests.

Is this ability or effort?

Poor performance on STAR is a poor reflection on Tam.

Your student's participation makes a difference! All 9th-11th grade students will be tested April 24-27.

Check the website for the full STAR testing calendar: tamhigh.org, About Tam, Schedules & Calendars, STAR testing.

**The Whole Tam Family**



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## Kudos Korner

ON VALENTINE'S DAY, many parents from the PTSA honored our faculty and staff with another wonderful coffee/breakfast. It was held in the "Hawk's Nest," the recently opened faculty and staff lounge that is behind the "Hungry Hawk." The food was magnificent, predominantly homemade, and I'd like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who participated in providing it. The room is spacious and allowed for a much more comfortable dining experience. The faculty and staff were, as always, extremely grateful for the food and the recognition. Volunteers, thanks again for all of your hard work making my job that much easier! ✦

## Safe and Sober Grad Night Raffle Tickets on Sale



AFTER FEBRUARY BREAK each senior family should have received a booklet of 12 raffle tickets. The proceeds from the sale of these tickets is what covers the cost of Safe and Sober Grad Night.

Safe and Sober Grad Night is held on the night of graduation (June 14) from 11 pm – 4 am at the Mill Valley Community Center. It is free to every senior!! The activities include: live music, palm reading, rock climbing, trapeze, hypnosis, swimming, coffee bar, casino tables and more! Each senior family is asked to sell 12 raffle tickets. For just \$10 per ticket or 3 for \$25, it is possible to win a weekend in Park City, Utah, reserved parking and front row seats at graduation, A's or Giants' tickets, a room make-over, dinner at various local restaurants, and lots more fun stuff! (There is still time to donate items to be raffled. Please contact one of us!)

Please sell your raffle tickets to other Tam families (their kids will be graduating someday), relatives, neighbors, or even your mailman! Return the ticket stubs and payment by May 29 to Peggy Sharyon, 477 Cascade Drive, Mill Valley 94941. The drawing is May 31, 2007. You do not need to be present to win.

## Tam PTSA Meeting Agenda

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

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Approve minutes—February
4. Treasurer's report
  - a. Approval of checks
5. Campus beautification
6. PTSA event dates
7. Membership Committee report
9. THF
10. Thumb
11. Boosters
12. School Board report
13. Parent Ed—TBD

## Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Friday, March 30 at noon

If you'd like to volunteer or prepare a dish, please contact Ilana Friedman at [friedman05@aol.com](mailto:friedman05@aol.com) or phone her at 389-0202.

Tickets will also be available for purchase at Tam sporting events and at Open House on March 15. Thank you for helping to make Safe and Sober Grad Night a big success!

Peggy Sharyon 383-6677

Elizabeth Suzuki 383-6093 ✦

## PULITZER PRIZE WINNER RETURNS, continued from page 1

her future. She found herself witnessing a Salvadorian civil war and a revolution in Nicaragua and was astounded by the conflict around her. She reflected on her experience in a refugee camp when a woman confronted her, saying, "We have taken great risk speaking with you here. What are you going to do to help us?" After this, Mendoza recalled, "I realized I wanted to make a difference in the world."

The trip to Central America caused her to return home and go to college. She first attended UC Berkeley and later UC Santa Cruz, where she wrote her own major and began taking journalism classes. She eventually landed a job as a reporter at the Madera Tribune, where she made \$6.50 an hour.

From there, her fortunes only grew. She had difficulty finding time between her writing and speaking to return to Tam. She said of the stressful aspects of her job, "Editors are like wolves; they just have to piss all over everything." At some points, she said, she had to write eight stories in eight hours. But still, at the end of the day, she finds her work worthwhile. Mendoza said, "Sometimes I wonder, if I won the lottery would I still be a journalist?...I would." ✦

## Parent to Parent Connection

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

FEBRUARY 14'S MEETING on "Two-Year (Junior) College and Vocational Options for Students with Learning Issues" was a big success, with 50 people in attendance and a lineup of speakers including Robert Flynn, College of Marin's head of Academic Counseling, and representatives from the ROP/workability program, the Fashion Institute and San Francisco Academy of Art. Thank you to our wonderful speakers and to the parents who turned out for the meeting!

Transition Binder: Redwood Resource teacher MaryAnne Dahl has put together a fantastic binder about post high school options ranging from two- and four-year college to vocational options. The binder offers a wealth of information and is a great resource, like MaryAnne herself! Copies of the "Transition Binder" are available for browsing in your school's counseling office and resource room.

P2p is looking for parents to serve on TPAC (Tamalpais Parent Advisory Committee), the steering committee that represents the individual high schools and helps to plan p2p's monthly meetings. Being a part of TPAC is a great way to stay on the cutting edge of the issues impacting kids with learning challenges and also provides an opportunity to meet with Tam District administrators and learn about the system. Interested parents please contact [p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us).

Upcoming Events:

### p2p 2007 Meeting Schedule

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

- 3/14/07 **Broadening high school experience: Some new and non-traditional options** (TEAM, Internships, ROP, 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](mailto:p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us) or visit our website at [www.tamdistrict.org/p2p](http://www.tamdistrict.org/p2p).

We hope to see you at our next meeting! ✪

## High Notes

from the Music Department



Our THUMB Valentine's Dinner was a huge success this year in our own Ruby Scott Auditorium. Many many thanks to Gladys Blose and Andrea Windom for all their

work in organizing this event. Thanks also to all the volunteers: Jane Evan, Chiake Whittemore, Sheryl Rand, Karen Jernstedt, Nancy Dunbar, Scott Whittemore, Peggy Sharyon, Christina Pettigrew, Juliana Jensen, Mary Washburn, Shirley Berman, Debbie Genzer, Peggy Erikson, Pati Hays-Gutzat, Morgan Brigham, Janet Hines, Carol Stern, Candy Stoner, Janet Freed, John Fuhrmann, Leon Sharyon, Maria Gabby Black, Jeannie Lloyd, Sacha Bunge and Howard Gillis. Thanks to all the music students and other adults who helped clean up along with the adult volunteers. Thanks to Gira Poli, Outback Steakhouse and Peets for helping us with the dinner. It was delicious. Finally, thanks to Spiro Tsingarlis and all the music students for their wonderful concert!

Good job music students! The solo and ensemble concerts were great.

### MARCH EVENTS

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

March 21, THUMB meeting, 7 pm, in the Band Box

March 28 - April 1, Jazz Band in NY

### APRIL EVENTS

April 5, Broadway Revue, 142 Throckmorton Theater, 7 pm

April 25, Scholarship Auditions, Caldwell Theater

## Major Donors Recognized



On February 8, the Tam High Foundation hosted a party to celebrate donors who have given \$1,000 or more to benefit Tam High students. Held at the historic Masonic Hall in downtown Mill Valley, 75 donors were honored with great food, wine and music by Henry Moser, a junior at Tam, and his dad Mike. A host of grateful teachers and principal Chris Holleran were on hand to personally acknowledge the impact that these generous donors have had in the classroom. ✪

### 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!



## “Have A Seat” Campaign Continues!

GOOD NEWS! Thirty seats are still available for sponsorship in the new Caldwell Theatre. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to become a part of Tam High history by honoring your student, your family, favorite teacher, group, or alumni. This is a great graduation present; just imagine how your student will feel at their 25th or even their 50th reunion coming and finding their theatre seat.

Each seat is affixed with a personalized engraved brass plate bearing your message and all it takes is a \$500 donation to the Tam High Performing Arts Building Fund.

Your tax deductible donation will go directly towards outfitting the theatre for both music and drama performances. The theatre is still in need of stage curtains, scenery workshop equipment, additional lighting tools, and acoustical panels for Ruby Scott.

Once these seats are gone you will never have this opportunity again. So don't wait, contact us today by phone or email. We accept checks or credit cards (arrangements can be made for your donation to be spread over time). Please join us and donate today!

Cindy McCauley: [msf49erfan@comcast.net](mailto:msf49erfan@comcast.net) or 381-5730

Ben Cleveland: [bcleaveland@tamdistrict.org](mailto:bcleaveland@tamdistrict.org) or 380-3570

## Junior, Sophomore, and Freshmen Parents Needed!

On June 14, the Tam High Class of 2008 will graduate and attend Safe & Sober Grad Night. This is always a time of great excitement and festivities for all of the Seniors and their families.

It is also a time when lots of volunteers are needed, especially underclassmen parents, to help with all the festivities. Just like the movie “Pay It Forward,” this is your chance to insure that the seniors and their families enjoy the day and remain safe while knowing that in the future when your child graduates someone else will do the same for you. Plus it's a lot fun to be a part of all the excitement.

- Graduation Reception at Tam: (bring food or work at the event 4-8 pm)
- Decorate the MV Community Center: (2-6 pm)
- Safe & Sober Event Volunteers: (1:30 – 4 am; lots of great entertainment!)

Please call or email us today and sign up as a volunteer. You won't regret it!

Bonnie Freiberg - [bkfreiberg@mac.com](mailto:bkfreiberg@mac.com) or 388-4785

Cindy McCauley - [msf49erfan@comcast.net](mailto:msf49erfan@comcast.net) or 381-5730

### Save the Date!

Tam High Foundation's Red & White Ball Committee  
presents

Cinco de Mayo  
on Friday, May 4



Mill Valley Philharmonic  
and

Tamalpais High School  
Arts Restoration Project

present

## MUSIC AND MURALS FROM THE WPA

March 11 at 4 pm

African American Art and Culture Complex,  
762 Fulton Street, San Francisco

March 16 at 8 pm and March 17 at 2 pm  
Tamalpais High School, Ruby Scott Auditorium

Mill Valley Philharmonic, an award-winning community orchestra of Marin County, is programming orchestral music from the Works Progress Administration. Our featured work is “Symphony Number 2” by Pulitzer Prize-winning composer Ernst Bacon. He also directed the San Francisco WPA Music Project and conducted the WPA Orchestra in San Francisco. Other works include Copland’s “Fanfare for the Common Man,” George Frederick McKay’s “From a Moonlit Ceremony” (based on Native American themes), and William Grant Still’s “Summerland.” Still is often referred to as the Dean of African American composers.

Mill Valley Philharmonic is collaborating with The Arts Restoration Project at Tamalpais High School, where 38-foot murals by WPA artist Maurice Del Mué were discovered and are being restored. In addition, the father of one of Mill Valley Philharmonic’s cellists was a WPA muralist, Jose Moya del Pino, whose murals are hanging in the African American Art and Cultural Complex in San Francisco.

Performances will be narrated by Liam Vincent, well-known local actor. Narration consists of WPA history and cultural context, how the culture of the 1930's is expressed in the music and the art of our performance program, and demonstration by the orchestra. David Levine, independent filmmaker and graduate of Tamalpais High School, is making a short film which portrays the work of Mill Valley Philharmonic, Tamalpais Arts Restoration Project, and the timely connection of the WPA to our present day communities.

The March 11 performance is free. Tickets to the March 16 and 17 performances will be available at the door/no advance tickets: \$10 general admission/ \$5 for children/seniors.

For more info, visit our website at

[www.MillValleyPhilharmonic.org](http://www.MillValleyPhilharmonic.org), email:

[info@MillValleyPhilharmonic.org](mailto:info@MillValleyPhilharmonic.org), call: 415-383-8013.

## Your Dollars at Work: CTE

By Cynthia Chiarappa



THE TAM HIGH FOUNDATION supports a wide variety of teachers and programs at Tam. This month, we feature the Foundation's support of the Conservatory Theatre Ensemble (CTE). Students run CTE like a theatre company, responsible (with coaching, instruction, and support) for all facets of the company work from budgeting to fundraising and event planning. Nearly 400 students are enrolled in the program.

Students also learn through guest artist workshops. These include theatre design technologies, computerized lighting and sound, stage combat, audition techniques, producing, playwriting, directing, Shakespeare and acting. CTE has won two Golden Bell Awards for innovative curriculum, one each from the State and County Boards of Education. Approximately 15 percent of CTE's budget is funded by the Tam High Foundation.

This year, CTE received a THF grant to support Heather Basarab, a guest artist in Production Management and Technical Direction. Heather studied theatre at UCLA and has been stage manager for national tours of Stomp. She has been a professional circus performer, dancer, singer and her lighting designs have won national awards.

Last spring, CTE received a separate THF major grant for a theatre production lab which covered computers, printers and software that is used in lighting and sound design, as well as set design. The new theatre was also the beneficiary of the \$15,000 Digitization Grant from the Tam High Foundation, covering two

projectors, sound equipment, and specialized lights to upgrade the performing arts facility.

Each year, the Tam High Foundation makes available the Classic Theatre or Family Theatre grant which this year is sponsoring \$4,300 for Macbeth. The donation goes to pay for guest artist fees, sets and costumes. The production runs from March 6-11, 2007. We hope parents as well as students throughout the Tam community will attend a performance. We know you will be amazed.

"We are very grateful to the parents and businesses that support CTE and the Tam High Foundation," says Ben Cleaveland, who teaches drama along with Susan Brashear. "Our students could not possibly have the rich experience of running such a company without them."\*

## Your Last Chance!

In April, the *Whole Tam Family* will feature a list of all the generous donors who have contributed to the Tam High Foundation. Will your name be on it?

The Tam High Foundation has funded many key programs and activities this year that your child is benefiting from now.

Giving is easy! You can give online at [www.tamhighfoundation.org](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org) or you can complete the form below and send in a check or credit card.

### Tam High Students Thank You for Putting Education First

Cut out and mail this pledge form to:

Tam High Foundation  
700 Miller Ave.

### 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](http://www.tamhighfoundation.org)

## Reel News

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



AIM IS PROUD to announce that three of its students, Justin Gordon, Aaron Wasserman, and Caitlin Wells, had their film, "Dream School," accepted into the San Francisco International Film Festival. Winner of last year's Best Use of Effects at the California Student Media Festival, "Dream School" combines creative cinematography and editing with the silent movie genre to examine the rigors and ethics of the college application process.

March is scheduling season, and Tam High sophomores are encouraged to apply to AIM for next year. Applications may be picked up from the counseling office or the Student Center and are due by Friday, March 9. Students can learn more about AIM and see representative films by attending an informational meeting on Wednesday, February 28, at lunch upstairs in the Student Center. Parents are invited to attend an evening informational meeting on the same day, February 28, at 7 pm, also upstairs in the Student Center.

Students and parents can learn more about AIM by visiting our website, [www.tamaim.com](http://www.tamaim.com).★

## Senior Class Auction

THE SENIOR CLASS will hold a silent auction at Open House on March 15 to raise money for the prom and graduation events. If you are willing to donate auction items, we are looking for items to create gift baskets. We are looking for: food items like wine & cheese, coffee, teas, chocolate/candy, cookies, gourmet foods; services such as manicure/pedicure certificates, salon certificates, babysitting services, gift certificates to restaurants, handyman/woman services, classes (dance, yoga, pilates, etc.); art items including photographs, paintings, drawings, ceramics, jewelry; event tickets for sports, plays, concerts, speaker series; and miscellaneous items such as candles, bath salts/soaps, vacation homes for weekends.

Please drop off your donations at Tam High on Wednesday, March 7, from 7:30 am - 8:30 am in front of the arches. We will have student runners ready to come to your car and collect the donated items. If this time is inconvenient, you may drop off your donations at the front office any time before Wednesday.

Please email Caitlin Bechelli at [cbechelli312@yahoo.com](mailto:cbechelli312@yahoo.com) if you have any questions and to let her know what items you will be willing to donate.

Thank you very much for your support!

Caitlin Bechelli, Class President

Lauren Lorenzi, Class Vice President

Natalie Lundgren, Class Secretary

Abby Rose, Class Treasurer

## Upcoming Leadership Activities

### March

- 9 Class meetings & Election Speeches (tutorial, various locations)
- 12 Spring Blood Drive
- 12-23 Spring Dance tickets on sale, Room 120, Wood Hall
- 15 Open house and Senior Class Benefit Auction
- 16 Powder Puff Football Game, 1pm
- 21 First dance off rally meeting (lunch)
- 24 Senior Car Wash (76 station)
- 27-28 Every 15 Minutes
- 30 Spring Dance, 8-11 pm, Ruby Scott Gym

### April

- 4 Dance Off Rally rehearsal (tutorial, Gus Gym)
- 6 Dance Off Rally (tutorial, Gus Gym)

## On the Shelf

### Mill Valley Public Library

Here's what's happening in March for teens at the Mill Valley Public Library. Remember, events at the library are always FREE.

On Thursday, March 8, from 7-8:30 pm, we will present "Legal Rights for Teens," a discussion with David Vogelstein (Mock Trial Team Coach) and Mill Valley Police Captain James Wickham. They will discuss legal issues affecting local teens and answer questions from audience members.

Then on Thursday, March 29, from 7-8:30 pm, we will present "Filmmaking for Reel Teens" where Editor Vivien Hillgrove will speak about her experiences working on feature films and documentaries with Directors Francis Ford Coppola, Phil Kaufman, Peter Weir, David Lynch, Milos Foreman, and Lourdes Portillo.

For more information about programs and services for teens at the library, contact Young Adult Librarian Donna Brown at 389-4292 x125 or email [dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:dbrown@cityofmillvalley.org).★

## College and Career Center

Susan Gertman

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380-3582



**Email list:** The best way to keep informed of College and Career Center events is to sign up for the Center's grade-specific emails. To do this, email [sgertman@tamdistrict.org](mailto:sgertman@tamdistrict.org) and put your student's class, for example "sophomore," in the subject line. In the text, include your student's name and up to three email addresses.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MARCH 26 & APRIL 2: JUNIORS VISIT THE COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

Juniors will come to the Career Center with their English class to discuss post-high school planning. Ask your student to share his or her thoughts with you as you both plan for the future.

#### MARCH 7: PRACTICE ACT

Tam and Compass Education Group will sponsor a practice ACT on Wednesday, March 7, 3-7 pm, in the Student Center. The ACT is a college admission test accepted as an alternative to the SAT by nearly all colleges. The test includes English, reading, math and science reasoning. To sign up, juniors should bring \$5 in cash or check made out to the Tam PTSA to the Career Center by March 2.

#### MARCH 21 – SAT SUBJECT TESTS

Tam and Compass will sponsor practice SAT Subject Tests on Wednesday, March 21, 3-5:15 pm in the Student Center. Juniors may sign up to take one or two tests in any subject. The \$5 fee supports a PTSA scholarship. The fee can be paid in cash or by check payable to the Tam PTSA. Signup deadline: March 16.

#### MARCH 21: COLLEGE OF MARIN REGISTRATION AT TAM

A representative from College of Marin will meet with interested seniors on Tuesday, March 21, during tutorial in the Career Center. Students will receive registration materials and hear about educational opportunities and transfer options.

#### APRIL 4: POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING NIGHT

Tam will hold its annual Post-High School Planning Night for sophomores, juniors and their parents on Wednesday, April 4, at 6:30 pm, in Ruby Scott Gym. Guest speakers will represent community colleges, the California State University, University of California and private colleges. Parents and students are urged to attend this extremely informative evening.

#### APRIL 27: COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS

Students planning to attend College of Marin will have an opportunity to take the required placement tests in English and math at Tam on Friday, April 26, 8 am - noon. Seniors will not miss class to take these tests because of STAR testing. Make-up tests will be given in May at COM. Seniors planning to attend another community college must take the placement tests at that school.

### TESTING

**SAT and ACT TEST DATES:** The SAT will be given three more times this school year in April, May and June. The ACT will be given in April and June. For registration deadlines and to signup online, go to [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) for the SAT and [act.org](http://act.org) for the ACT. Registration forms are also available in the College and Career Center. Register early for a convenient test site.

Most juniors who plan to apply to four-year colleges should take the SAT Reasoning Test this spring. Juniors may also want to take the ACT in the spring in addition to the SAT.

Juniors interested in the University of California will 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.

The College and Career Center has practice books and information on preparing for admissions tests.

### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The College and Career Center publishes a scholarship list, called the Green Sheet, nearly every week and posts it around campus and online. For the most recent listing, ask your student to drop by the Career Center or log on to [tamhigh.org](http://tamhigh.org), click Academics, College and Career Center, College Bound and Scholarships/Green Sheet. Seniors: Check the Green Sheet each week for new scholarships.

### COLLEGE VISITS

The timing of Tam's spring vacation is perfect for visiting colleges because students will be able to see the schools in session. For seniors, these visits are often the deciding factor in choosing which admission offer to accept. For younger students, visits help clarify preferences. Even students who do not think they want to remain in the Bay Area can start the college search by visiting nearby campuses to test their comfort level at schools that are large or small, urban, suburban, or rural; and public and private.

The College and Career Center has information on college visits. Students can also do some advance work on the web. For more information on college visits, go [tamhigh.org](http://tamhigh.org) and click on Academics, College and Career Center, College Bound and finally download a pdf entitled, "Information for Juniors."

### WEBSITE OF THE MONTH – [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

[Californiacolleges.edu](http://californiacolleges.edu) is an excellent one-stop source of information about planning for college, financial aid and careers. There is information on the UC, CSU, California community colleges and California independent colleges and universities.\*

## School to Career

### Internship News

Spring Internships are now underway! Students have been matched with many wonderful community professionals and are excited about their internships. The Spring Internship Program will continue through April 27. If your student is interested in a summer internship, applications will be available in May.

### Teen CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Teen CERT is a training taught by Marin County Firefighters for students who are interested in careers in emergency services. CERT stands for Community Emergency

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Response Team. The training is a mixture of lecture and some great "hands on" activities, including extinguishing fires, fire ladder usage, learning and practicing first aid techniques, and utilizing the "jaws of life" on old cars. The Teen CERT training was so successful last year that many students have requested this training once more. Any grade level is welcome. The application deadline is March 2. The training will be held on March 29 and March 31. Students need to attend both dates. Applications can be found in the College & Career Center.

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

### 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 am – 4 pm and Thursdays 7:45 am - 11:30 pm. 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.★

## SPORTS

By Tom Davey

### Girls' Basketball Finally Makes Playoffs

TAM'S VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM landed in the Marin County Athletic League playoffs for the first time in 19 years. The Hawks, with a 6-8 league record (10-17 overall), earned the final spot in the six-team tournament.

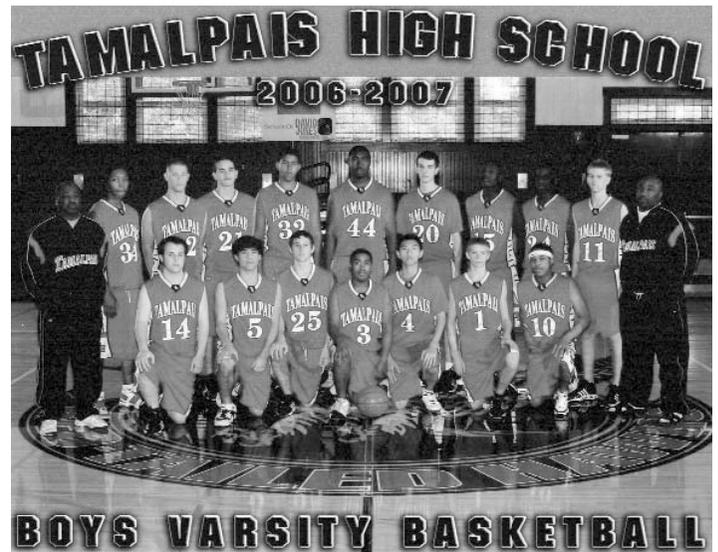
Despite a loss in the first round to Justin Siena, the team under coach Gene Ng has seen major improvement over the last couple of years. Tam won only three league games in 2006 and none in 2005.

Look for the quality of play to continue to improve in the coming years. Leading scorers Emma Washauer, Jamie Andreson and Molly Maloney will all be seniors next year. Players coming up from the junior varsity team, which went 12-2 in league play, should also make a contribution, especially twin sophomore guards Julia and Catherine Raney. And the frosh girls won the league championship with a 10-2 record.

Boys' varsity basketball finished in sixth place with a 5-9 record (10-17 overall) but didn't make the playoffs due to a scheduling mix-up. Senior point guard Nick Seraydarian led the team and junior Mike Mitchell was a key scoring threat.

The JV boys finished at 6-6 while the frosh boys came in second with a 12-2 record. Post player JaVan Hall and point guard Eli Washauer led the frosh team.

As of our February 16 deadline, Tam's wrestlers are in fourth place with a 5-4 record. Junior Charles Klag is leading the league in the 215-pound division and Yichao Mark is at the top of the 152-pound division. Tam is slated to host the MCAL wrestling championships February 17. The winners of each weight division will go to the North Coast Section championships.★



### Spring sports draw major interest

MORE THAN 100 BOYS AND GIRLS are participating in track this season. Thirty boys and 30 girls have gone out for swimming. Thirty girls are trying out for lacrosse and the boys' lacrosse team has become so popular with 40 kids trying out that Tam will field a JV lacrosse team for the first time.

Baseball will field three teams with a total of about 45 players. About 40 girls are trying out for the school's two girls' soccer teams and 18 have tried out for softball. The boys' tennis team has loaded up with 22 players. About 20 boys are trying out for the volleyball team and the boys' golf team has enlisted 10 players.★

