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by Jayne Greenberg

PTSA Executive Vice President—Communications

First Parent Ed Meeting of the Year— Teen Panel For Parents

Monday, November 5, 7-9 pm

Ruby Scott Theater

This evening offers a wonderful opportunity for parents only (especially parents of freshmen and sophomores) to hear from Tam students about what they feel about the social world they inhabit. A panel made of Peer Resource students along with the Peer Resource teacher and a Tam High counselor will talk about what really goes on in the life of our Tam High students. The bulk of the evening is given over to answering questions from the parent audience.

A PTSA business meeting will precede the panel at 6:30 p.m.

The Famous Leadership Pie Day— Friday, November 16

Leadership is looking to serve 130 pies worth this year – enough for every student and staff member. If you can donate a pie (homemade or store-bought), please contact Claire Courtney, student relations commissioner, via email at clairecourtney@gmail.com.

It's that Time of Year: College News

November 30 is the deadline for UC applications, as well as for some CSUs and first consideration application date for the rest the CSU schools. Colleges visiting in November: Colby, Harvard, Nichols (MA), Ohio Wesleyan, St. Mary's (CA), UC Santa Barbara, Western New England College (MA) and Willamette (OR). See the College and Career Center section of the Tam High website for the most up to date information.

Newsletter Delivery

Since the newsletter is sent by bulk mail, it could take up to 10 days to reach your address. Please go to the tamhigh.org website for the most up to date information.

Are You on the Tam High e-mail List?

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CTE Brings the Inevitability of Reality to the Stage with 'Alice' and 'Dead Man Walking'

by Kelly Witwicki, CTE Advanced Drama Student

Alternate perspectives of very different realities will be presented in both productions performed by CTE students in November. Following the success of "The Diary of Anne Frank" as the opening show of the season, these two productions continue the trend toward presenting audiences with ambitious and bold choices from the student-run theatre company, Conservatory Theatre Ensemble.

"Alice" (adapted from "Alice in Wonderland" by Lewis Carroll) will open November 6, playing through November 10. Later in the month, "Dead Man Walking" opens November 30 and runs through December 3. All performances begin at 7 pm.

"If I had a world of my own, everything would be nonsense."

Alice, "Alice in Wonderland"

by Lewis Carroll

Alice's "Wonderland" is a dream world of the ridiculous and unlimited possibility. Traditionally "Alice in Wonderland" is seen as an innocent, lighthearted story of a young girl's escape into her imagination. Director Sheila Lopez uses a different approach to explore the underlying meanings of this beloved tale.

"The story is about trying to overcome difficult situations and about this young girl trying to make her way through the world," comments Dominic Williams (the King of Hearts).

"There's a lot of chaos, loneliness,

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Students enjoy rehearsals for "Alice" playing November 6-10 at the Daniel Caldwell Theatre.



Principles from the Principal

By Chris Holleran

Progress Reports

The first progress reports (R1) were mailed home recently. Please review them with your student. If you have questions or concerns about your student's progress, please contact the student's teacher(s) and/or counselor. The next progress report (R2) will be sent home in November and the final semester grade will be mailed in mid-January. Each progress report and the semester grade impact extra curricular eligibility.

Binge Drinking

The Tam district has received a \$1.2 million grant from the state to address this critical issue. More information about this grant and its programs will be coming soon.

Tam Centennial

Keep Memorial Day weekend 2008 open for activities to celebrate Tam's first century. The centennial website tam100.org will soon have details about the festivities.

National Merit Scholars

Every year the National Merit Scholarship Corporation conducts a competition that recognizes students throughout the nation for their exceptional academic promise. From the more than 1.4 million students who entered the 2008 competition by taking the 2006 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), the top five percent are selected to receive letters of commendation.

A spokesperson for NMSC comments, "The young people named Commended Students in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program are distinguished by their strong academic performance in this rigorous competition. We hope this recognition will contribute to their educational opportunities and encourage all students to strive to realize their potential."

Tam High is very proud of these accomplished commended students: Robert Bruens, Jeeheh Choi, Ben Courtney, Christine Khademi, Alex Kithas, Adam Leuin, Katherine McNeil, Lisa Mithun, Max Ramirez, Anna Russell, and Rebecca Wheeler.

Of the 50,000 Commended Students, 16,000 are chosen as semifinalists. This year Tam has three semifinalists: Eric Brandon, Charlie Hartford, and Megan Orlando. These students may go on to become finalists in the competition and qualify for scholarships.

Congratulations to these stellar students! ❖



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Did You Know?

Tam's Academic Performance Index (API) score went up 51 points this year to an all-time high of 857. This was due mostly to the fact that students performed so well on last year's STAR tests. If all Tam students participate in testing and try their best this year, we might surpass Redwood's score of 871.

STAR testing is important! All 9th – 11th grade students will be tested April 21-25, 2008.

Donations Requested for Annual Staff Party

The Tam staff will have its annual holiday party in December. Donating a small gift is a great way to show your appreciation to teachers and staff. The gifts are distributed through a raffle. If you'd like to make someone's day, please bring your gift to the principal's office by December 14. Thank you for your support!

Missing Something?

Parents, please remind your students to check in the Main Office for all lost items. All clothes not claimed by winter break will be donated to a local charity.

Tamalpais Union High School District Board Update

John Carroll was announced as the new principal at Tamascal High School. Mr. Carroll was vice principal at Drake and Mill Valley parents will remember him as a past vice principal at MVMS.

Two new programs were introduced and will be implemented in the district high schools:

Teen Screen – a national mental health and suicide risk screening program.

The Teen Screen program was developed at Columbia University. Locally the program is being sponsored and promoted by UCSF. UCSF has invited the district to participate at no cost except for staff time in assisting the implementation.

The program will launch in January. The goal is to get students connected with the appropriate help person and to make the student strong and confident. The one-year pilot will begin at Tam and eventually be expanded to encompass all of the district sties.

Safe and Drug-Free Communities Grant

The Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Program for the county of Marin was awarded a \$1.1 million grant for a period of five years to work with

the district. The project will launch an anti-drinking program at the three large campuses (Redwood, Drake and Tamalpais). The targets will be 9th and 11th grades and binge drinking.

Surveys have shown that teen drinking in Marin is higher than both the state and national averages. The grant will bring in individual experts and agencies to work with students, parents and staff over the five-year period. Existing groups such as PTSA, Peer Resource, and Leadership will be invited to engage in the effort and will benefit from the resources. Teachers will receive current information, updated and evaluated instructional resources, and broad-based support.

The proposed outcomes are:

1. Reduce the number of students engaged in binge drinking.
2. Reduce the number of settings where youth engage in binge drinking.
3. Increase the number of students referred to community resources to address drinking behavior. ❖

PTSA

Parent Ed Evening

Monday, November 5 7 - 9 pm Ruby Scott Theater

Come to Hear Tam Teens Talk About Life as a Teenager in This Day and Age

Each year Tam High hosts a teen panel comprised of students who talk about the pressures and issues they face today – what they deal with socially, at school, from parents, pressures in the larger community and pressures from within themselves. This evening is a rare opportunity for the audience of parents who attend to ask frank questions and to get honest answers. Tam Counselor Alex Hunt will be on the panel contributing her view as a counselor and past Peer Resource teacher, of what teens face today and how many of them

both cope and flourish. Questions about sex, drugs, parenting ... all questions are welcomed if respectfully asked. The evening is primarily an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions and the students to give answers and opinions and, often, advice.

This is a great evening so take full advantage of the opportunity it presents and come. This is a free event. Questions? Call Gail Mason 389-6636 or agmbean@comcast.net. ❖

Tam PTSA Agenda— November 5, 2007 6:30 pm

1. Call to order
2. Announcements
3. Approve Minutes – October
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approval of checks
5. PTSA event dates
6. Membership Committee Report
7. Parent Ed Program—Tam High Teen Panel

We're Better Together

By Cynthia Chiarappa

By participating in the Tam High Foundation's Annual Parent Campaign, each of us can do our part to create a better learning environment for our children. The Tam High Foundation has just received grant requests submitted from Tam High teachers totaling over \$175,000 to expand their curriculum and "light the minds" of their students. The more money we raise, the more of their ideas become reality!

Visit tamhighfoundation.org to see the many ideas and programs we have funded in the past. This year we are especially excited about the variety and the enriching possibilities the current grants will bring to your students' classrooms.

Imagine the power generated by the many parts contributing to "lighting their minds." Together, we can provide funding for:

- Language lab computer replacement
- Math white boards
- Science mobile computer lab
- Library collection, laptops and extended after school hours (4-7 pm)
- CTE technical guest artist
- Auto four-wheel alignment machine
- Literacy support tutors
- Website development
- Camp Everytown
- Special day classes
- Link Crew
- Ongoing support for administration, career counseling, Tam Family newsletter and Safe and Sober Grad Night

Your child can have all this and more, for about \$1.40 per day per child this academic year. And funds raised this year are spent this year. So give as generously as you can.

You can help! The annual campaign is on its way. Our goal is \$350,000 and 100% participation. **Please complete the pledge below and see the difference you can make in your child's education.**

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 (415) 380-3565



TAM HIGH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Name: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Telephone: _____

I pledge: \$100 \$300 \$500 \$1,000
 \$2,500 \$5,000 \$10,000 other

My company participates in a matching fund program. THF id#63-0385326

Please check appropriate boxes:

My check for \$_____ is enclosed payable to:
TAM HIGH FOUNDATION

Charge to my credit card Visa Mastercard

Signature: _____

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charge entire amount now

charge montly, divide now until June

charge in \$_____ increments until pledge is met

News from Parent to Parent Connection

By Sandra Tanner Mack and Janet Miller

p2p Coordinators

Our first meeting of the year was very well-attended by 40 parents, in spite of technical difficulties that prevented us from getting a reminder out to our database!

Diane Provo was our speaker on September 19; she spoke on “A cooperative model for advocating for your special needs student: planning for high school success.” To follow are the highlights and the most important “take aways” from her talk.

- ☞ Learn who the “point people” are at your school. Who you should go to for guidance?
- ☞ Create a binder on your child. Include any academic testing results, correspondence with teachers and support staff, IEPs (Individualized Education Plans), and notes about how your child learns.
- ☞ Learn what accommodations are available to your child without an IEP or a 504 plan.
- ☞ If your child has an IEP or a 504, learn what additional accommodations are available.
- ☞ If you do not know what an IEP or a 504 is, contact your child’s guidance counselor. He/she will direct you.

At this point, Diane stressed that it is the parents’ job to help their child navigate through high school. She challenges the traditionally held philosophy that we should “train our students to be independent learners.” Rather, they should be “interdependent, creative learners, who know their own strengths and weakness and know how to get help.”

In taking this approach, Diane states that if the parents are organized and work in an active partnership with the school, they will be teaching their children how to map strategies for success that they will carry forward with them in college and beyond.

Diane ended with a few words of advice for parents of kids with learning disabilities: Parents must never convey anger to their children. That is very damaging. She also encouraged us to remember that kids with learning disabilities are not in control of it. They are not willfully trying to be difficult. It is fitting into school that is difficult for them.

Upcoming p2p 2007-08 Meetings

(2nd Wednesday every month, 6:30 pm-9pm, Kreps Conference Center, Redwood High School; Program at 7 pm, Informal parent meeting time, 6:30 -7pm.)

November 14: 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. ❖

Checks and Pledges Lost in the Shuffle!

The Tam High Foundation has become aware that some donations to the Foundation have gone missing. These checks or credit payments were sent to school with students in the registration packets on schedule pick-up day. It is possible that they were not removed from the registration envelope, but were accidentally discarded with the seemingly empty

envelopes. If you made a donation or pledge at that time and you are still getting requests to donate or have not received an acknowledgement for your donation or pledge, we would be very grateful if you would contact our office at 380-3565. We will ask you to verify that the check remains un-cashed or the credit card has not yet been billed and, if so, to replace your lost donation. We thank you very much for your understanding! ❖

High Notes

from the Music Department

The Advanced Band and Jazz Horns had fun playing in the Homecoming parade.



Thanks to Nancy Rumsey and other volunteers for decorations and food, and to Michael Jeffries for driving the truck.

There was a good turnout at our first THUMB meeting on September 20. We learned from Music Director Spiro Tsingarlis that acoustic tiles will be installed in the ceiling of Ruby Scott over Thanksgiving, which will help with the sound problems we have had in the past. The Music Department, with help from THUMB, is searching for guest artists to help the music students on a regular basis. This will greatly enhance the learning for our students.

On October 5, many music students went into San Francisco and enjoyed the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival in Golden Gate Park. The Jazz Combo played at the Mill Valley Library on October 18. The Concert Choir may sing at the Mill Valley Library in December.

Our fabulous Winter Concert will be on December 13, with required dress rehearsal on December 12. Please make a note of the date.

The next THUMB meeting is November 8 at 7 pm, in the Band Box (Music Building). All parents of music students are encouraged to come! ❖



Members of the jazz band add music to the Homecoming Parade.

Reel News

News from The Academy of Integrated Humanities and New Media

By Chloe Erskine, AIM Student Author

AIM To Embark on DC Trip

New York City, London, Spain, Mexico and France are just a few names on the long list of enlightening locations Tam students travel to during the school year with their band, drama, French and Spanish classes. This year, another remarkable city will be added to the roll: Washington, DC. That's right, AIM has decided to participate in a weeklong trip to the capital in order to study government through tours of the White House and Supreme Court, debates with Congresspeople, seminars with policymakers, and visits to the numerous museums, monuments and historical sites there. The AIM students (and teachers!) will travel with the Close Up Foundation, an educational travel program for high school students, in early March. Said Sharilyn Scharf, AIM social science teacher, "It's easy for high school students, especially those who live 3000 miles away, to feel disconnected from their government or cynical of its work. We hope to give students an appreciation for democracy and to watch it in action. Oh yeah—and we want to ride the secret underground congressional train."

Movie Madness

Before the AIMsters head off to DC, we first participated in AIM's first annual Movie Madness. On Friday, October 19, the AIM students had ten hours to make an original three-minute film based on the three-item prompt, "a vision, tasty snack, and artificial limb." Teams of nine practiced their writing, acting, filming, and editing skills to produce a coherent and entertaining film that was then shown at 8 pm the same night. This presented a great opportunity for the students to bond, work together and hone their filmmaking skills before we move into our first documentary project of the year.

P.S. Did you guess the AIM parent whose music was featured in the Mandy Project? It was Jerry Harrison and his song, "Road Runner."



Tam Centennial: Tam on the Worldwide Web

by Frank Gold, former Tam Principal and Centennial Co-Chair

Have you ever Googled the history of Tamalpais High School? My goodness what a wealth of information there is online. The first entry you will see is Tam100.org, the site for developing centennial news. Check it out.

A recent search produced a Wikipedia entry highlighting various school programs, notable alumni and faculty, and important events. One entry describes a 1989-90 event I recall with pride when "members of the student body petitioned to formally remove the school's original mascot 'Indians' at the interdiction (sic) of Native American activist and Marin County resident Sacheen Littlefeather (a guest speaker at a school assembly who expressed her concern about her people being used as a school mascot)."

The Wikipedia entry on sports brings to mind the enormous impact the passage of Title IX in 1972 and the distinguished response of Tam PE teachers and coaches. Without hassle, PE classes became coed and athletic opportunities for girls mushroomed from virtually nil to a dozen teams.

Tam grad Skip Lacaze (1967) has assembled an excellent list of other Tam alumni including actress Eve Arden (1926), star of the TV show "Our Miss Brooks," Pat Paulsen (1945) of the "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour" and perennial presidential candidate, prominent jazz all-star George Duke (1963), actress Kathleen Quinlan (1972) recipient of a 2007 Milley Award, and some of my own former students: actor Merritt Buttrick (1977) son of Captain Kirk in "Star Trek" movies, academic all-star Peter Shor (1977) of MIT and a MacArthur Fellow, and Joe Breeze (1972), one of the central figures in the development of mountain biking. Check out his website for more: kaboodle.com/skip.

Plans for Memorial Day Weekend 2008 include efforts to gather some of Tam's prominent grads to participate in the centennial celebration. Hold the date and plan to participate in the climax of our centennial activities next Memorial Day weekend.

College and Career Center Services

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Upcoming Events

November 14: College planning evening for juniors and parents. Juniors planning to attend a two- or four-year college and their parents are invited to preview what is ahead on Wednesday, November 14, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. The counseling staff will provide a general overview of the college admissions process and review the timeline for admissions tests, college visits, filing applications and financial aid.

December 4: College of Marin Representative to visit Tam. A College of Marin representative will come to Tam Tuesday, December 4, to talk with seniors who are thinking about attending COM next fall and to any students who may want to register for free classes there next semester. The representative will review the application process, describe the placement tests and explain how to transfer from COM to the UC and CSU systems and to private colleges.

December 1: Sophomores take PLAN. Sophomores may take the PLAN, a practice test for the ACT, at Redwood High School on Saturday, December 1, at 7:45 am. The PLAN tests English, math, reading, and science reasoning and includes a questionnaire on career interests. This test is good practice for the ACT, which is accepted equally with the SAT. The results are helpful in evaluating a student's interests and performance. The PLAN is given once a year. A letter has been mailed home to all sophomore families explaining the registration procedure.

December 6: Financial Aid Night. Olga Tapia, Ph.D., assistant director of financial aid at UC Berkeley, will be the guest speaker at Tam's Financial Aid Night on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 pm in the Student Center. Dr. Tapia will give an overview of the financial aid process and review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). All Tam families are welcome; seniors and their parents are encouraged to attend.

The FAFSA worksheet and GPA verification form for Cal Grants will be available in the College and Career Center in December. Parents who want a head start on the FAFSA may apply online now for a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN will serve as your electronic signature when you apply online in January. The FAFSA web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov. The website for the PROFILE, a financial aid form used by many private colleges, is profileonline.collegeboard.com. The PROFILE may be submitted now.

The Green Sheet, Tam's list of local, general and school-specific scholarships, has gone online and is available on PrepHQ. To access PrepHQ, go to tamhigh.org, click on Academics and then Counseling. Follow the link to PrepHQ, sign in and click on Scholarships. The list is updated weekly.

College Applications

November 30 is the application deadline for all UC campuses and for CSU campuses at Fullerton, Long Beach, Pomona, San Diego and San Luis Obispo. November 30 is also the priority or first consideration deadline for all other CSU campuses. Make a copy of all completed applications for your files. UC and CSU strongly prefer online applications. The UC application is available at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. To apply to the CSU, go to www.csumentor.edu.

Each year the UC computer network is jammed during the last few days of the filing period. UC and CSU accept no excuses for late filing. File your applications before Thanksgiving so that you can enjoy the holiday.

Help with applications is available throughout November in the College and Career Center. The Center has a guide to the UC application and paper copies of the Common Application.

SAT & ACT

You can download the 2007-2008 SAT and ACT testing calendars and register for either test by going online. For the SAT, go to www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT go to www.act.org. Register early for a convenient test site.

Students applying to the University of California must complete all testing by the December test date.

College Visits

Representatives from Colby, Harvard, Nichols (MA), Ohio Wesleyan, St. Mary's (CA), UC Santa Barbara, Western New England College (MA) and Willamette (OR) will visit Tam this month. All interested students are invited to attend. The list of college visits is updated weekly and is available online at www.tamhigh.org and PrepHQ. In addition, an Army recruiter will be on campus November 18.

Community Service

Are you passionate about the environment, helping those less fortunate or promoting the arts? The College and Career Center has a list of community service opportunities to satisfy nearly every desire to get involved and help the community. In addition to the list, which is also online, the Career Center receives frequent requests for volunteers to help staff special events.

ROP Construction Class

Interested in the building trades? The county's Regional Occupational Program's construction class will begin Wednesday, January 16, at Redwood High School. The course covers foundation, flooring, framing, plumbing, electrical, sheet rock, windows, doors, cabinetry, roofing, blueprint reading and use of hand tools. Master craftsmen will give demonstrations and there will be construction projects and employment opportunities. The class is held from 5-9 pm. An added bonus: dinner is provided. Call 499-5860 for more information.

Website of the Month: finaid.org

Finaid.org provides financial aid calculators that allow families to estimate their expected contribution for public and private colleges. There is also information about scholarships, grants, loans and military aid. ❖

Marin County School to Career Partnership

Nancy Westreich, School to Career Liaison

College and Career Center

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The Marin County School to Career Partnership provides a link between high school students and the world of work. Since 1997, the School to Career program has created opportunities for students to “test out” possible career options by participating in internships, job shadows, informational interview- and career-related field trips and activities. Through our programs, we inspire students to think about and plan for their future in school and in the world of work.

Internships are offered three times a year; students can intern after school for eight weeks in the spring or fall or for six weeks in the beginning of the summer. Internships are available in a wide range of fields including health, business, art, automotive, environmental, architecture, education, technology, community groups and law.

In addition to internships, School to Career offers many field trips and other career-related activities. Activities planned for this year include tours of Marin General and Kaiser, architecture, engineering and construction job shadows, Law Day in conjunction with the Marin Bar Association, Grammy in the Schools, Buck Institute, and public safety careers and emergency preparedness training. Our goal is to help students catch a glimpse of their future and help them take the first steps toward realizing their dreams.

Internships

By the time you read this, students will be about half way done with their fall internships. This semester Tamalpais students are interning at Acqua Med Spa, RoCo Films, Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Frank Howard Allen Real Estate, and the Tamalpais Centennial Documentary. Students must be available to work a minimum of six hours after school for the eight-week internship. Spring internships will begin at the end of February. Applications will be available in January.

Field Trips

Students interested in the healthcare profession spent the day on October 22 at Kaiser Hospital learning about possible career paths and opportunities as presented by doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals. Another Youth Health Forum at both Kaiser and Marin General will be offered in the spring. On November 29, the School to Career Partnership, in conjunction with the Marin Builders Association and the Regional Occupational Program, will offer job shadows for students interested in architectural, engineering and construction-related fields.

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. I assist students with internship placement and preparation, finding job shadows and informational interviewing opportunities. I also help students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and provide opportunities for students to participate in career-related field trips and activities throughout the year.

Leadership News

by Peter Berkhout, Activities Director

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This month, Tam Leadership students are representing students across the state at the five-day Student Advisory Board on Education (SABE) conference in Sacramento. The California Association of Student Councils (CASC) convenes student representatives from all over the state to identify issues facing California public school students, brainstorm solutions to those problems, and then present their findings directly to the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent. I'm proud to have these students representing Tam!

The Leadership class would like to repeat our successful Thanksgiving Pie Day from the last two years. Friday, November 16 is the date, and we are looking to serve 130 pies worth this year – enough for every student and staff member who wants one to have a piece. If you are interested in donating a pie (homemade or store-bought), please contact Student Relations Commissioner Claire Courtney via email at clairecourtney@gmail.com.

Our Fall Blood Drive was a rousing success! We hosted Blood Centers of the Pacific on October 15, and 65 people donated, nearly double our numbers from last spring. Of those, 21 donated “double red” blood cells, essentially twice as much blood. Thanks for all your participation, Tam High, and congratulations to the Leadership Outreach Committee for a well-publicized and well-organized event.

Our Outreach Committee continues to be leading the way with warm clothing and food drives planned for early this month. Keep an eye out for details in the school bulletin, the marquee in front of school, and on the ASB website at staff.tamhigh.org/berkhout/asb.htm.

The ASB-PTSA Holiday Tree Sale continues! We are taking tree orders (you choose your tree type and height) until November 16.

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and confusion,” agreed Kyra Hoge-Habekoss (Humpty-Dumpty) and Carson Schultz (the Caterpillar). As the story unfolds, Alice becomes very frustrated with her nonsensical world. She finds that she can no longer use her lessons, personal experience or conventional logic to make sense of the problems facing her. Many of the encounters in her Wonderland are unexpected and absurd as Alice comes across problems that have no solutions. Gigi Bustamante (the Rose) remarks, “She is facing the unavoidable difficulties of growing up, and trying to find herself and her way home.”

Director Sheila Lopez has created various methods to attain these perspectives. Williams says, “Sheila has changed the traditional performance by using five Alice characters, each with different looks and personalities. We have a very large cast, and the performance is a really abstract movement piece. In rehearsals, we focus more on physical emphasis and blocking than anything.”

Patrick Phillips (the Cheshire Cat) adds, “The characters and personalities of the show are very complex. We are trying to bring out traits in the characters that may not be visible from the start. For example, the Cat has become a very intensely bi-polar character, and the Mad Hatter has a very adult side to him that is masked by immaturity.”

For those who are familiar with Ms. Lopez’s previous productions, this performance will use visual images and group movement that is often startling and provocative such as were seen in last year’s CTE performance of “Silent Movie” and “Phillip Glass Buys a Loaf of Bread.”

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Tree pickup dates are November 30 and December 1 this year. Find an order form in this issue of the WTF or download one at www.tamhigh.org/trees.

As always, to get involved with Tam’s Leadership and Student Activities program, please contact me at pberkhout@tamdistrict.org.

Reality is inescapable in the next play offered in November, “Dead Man Walking.” This play is based on the book and the Academy Award-winning film of the same title and was adapted for the stage by Tim Robbins. CTE guest artists John Warren and Julia Mueller will direct the play that deals with the harsh reality of issues surrounding the death penalty. Collaborations with Social Studies and English departments have widened the scope of the production to include guest speakers addressing this issue and curriculum designed to culminate with “witnessing” the performances.

The story is based on real events and real characters. While “Alice” experiences the hardships of changing and growing up, the central character in “Dead Man,” Matthew Poncelet (Eric Andrews), faces the death penalty for murder. He has to deal with the miserable consequences of his actions with

the help of Sister Prejean (Kate Marcom), a real-life nun who works closely with inmates on death row. The rest of the cast rounds out all the people affected by Poncelet’s actions and the inevitable consequences. “Dead Man Walking” attempts to convey the complexity of death penalty issues involving social injustice, inequity and biases reflected in the application of lawful judgment we live under presently. This harsh reality is balanced in the story by human love, caring and understanding that is thought-provoking and often stirs our emotions.

All ticket prices are \$5 for students or seniors and \$10 for adults. Same-day tickets are available for purchase up to one hour before the performance. The Daniel Caldwell Theatre is located at the back of Tam’s campus, near Almonte Boulevard. For more information, go to www.ctetam.org or call at (415)380-3535.


Tamalpais High School Christmas Tree Fundraiser

What: Tam is having its second annual Christmas tree sale.

When: The Tamalpais lot will be open on November 30 and December 1 (Fri./Sat.) for customers to choose the tree that they pre-ordered and paid for by November 16.

Why:

- ★ THE TREES ARE FRESH, delivered 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!)
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Hawks Water Polo Teams Splash Their Way into Playoffs

By Tom Davey

Showing consistent improvement over the last couple of years, both of Tam's varsity water polo teams reached the Marin County Athletic League playoffs. As of our October 20 deadline, both teams are in third place at the end of the regular season.

The boys, with a 5-2 league record, will face Redwood in the first round of playoffs. They have goalie Gus Stout, a junior, to thank for the team's stingy defense. Among the team's leading scorers are seniors Ben DeBenedictis and Seamus Pettigrew and junior David Phillips.

The girls, with a 17-7 overall record, had more wins than any previous girls' water polo team at Tam, according to Coach Neal Rayner. They will also play Redwood in the first playoff round. Senior Katie Schlueter is the team's leading scorer while juniors Amelia Harvey and Avery Mosser lead in defense. With three Marin teams typically qualifying for the North Coast Section tournament, Rayner feels his team has an excellent chance to reach that level.

Future years should be bright for both teams as the junior varsity boys tied for first place and the JV girls came in second.



Top photo: Tam girls' varsity water polo team at the Contra Costa Invitational Tournament.

Below: Erin Schlueter goes for the ball in the MCAL v. MVal tournament.

Left: Tam goalie Sarah Emory blocks a shot during a varsity game.



Cross country sprints toward finals

The boys' cross country team is charging toward the MCAL finals in second place, at 7-1. The one loss was against league leader Redwood. Junior Cory Rand recently clocked the fourth fastest time ever run on the Hawk's home course. In several races, senior Cody Chapman and freshman Dan Milechman have been right on Rand's heels.

Girls' cross country is in the middle of the pack this season after graduating some top runners. The 4-4 Hawks are led by junior Devin Patrick and sophomore Monica Milstein.

The girls' volleyball season is in a rebuilding mode with a youthful squad after the loss of some top players due to graduation. Winless so far this season, the team is led by sophomore Jessica Floum and junior Cameron Cressman.

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Tam once again has a cheerleading team. Many of the 14 girls, who will perform at football and basketball games, have extensive gymnastics and dance experience...Try-outs for basketball and wrestling begin November 5...Tam parents are encouraged to attend Boosters meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm in the library on the second floor of Wood Hall.

Tennis and golf teams rally

The girls' tennis team is approaching the playoffs with gusto. A recent 8-1 win over Justin-Siena gave the team a 10-4 MCAL record. The team, which has improved dramatically over the last two years, beat Redwood for the first time ever this season. Top singles players include junior Ariel Sultan and sophomore Haley Bronstein.

The girls' golf team's third place season finish sent them to the MCAL playoffs where Senior Angie Funnell placed fourth overall. She is now headed to the North Coast Section tournament.

Although the Hawks football team is 0-5 in league play, the squad looks much more in synch than it has in recent years. That was evidenced by a recent comeback game against Redwood in which Tam fell short 19-13. A year ago, the Giants pummeled the Hawks 45-0.

With its youngest team in recent history, the Hawks are putting more points on the board in most of their games compared with last year. Dramatic improvement has come recently after moving sophomore Alex Richie to quarterback and junior Colton Danz to running back. Junior Jake Orlick has been impressive as a receiver.

The boys' soccer team, which started out strong, had a couple of heartbreaking losses at the end of the season to miss the playoffs by a single game. Three seniors led the team: Call Nichols and Adam Bailey-Kalk on offense and Braden Hoyt at goalie. The future may be brighter, as the JV soccer team is one of the best in the league.



Tam Varsity on the offensive in their game against Justin Sienna.

Tam Varsity girls, Emily Prescott, top and Janet Rumsey, below play Marin Catholic



Lower Left. Tam has formed a strong sailing team this year. Kate Andersen and Emily McNeil, in a regatta at Encinal Yacht Club.





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6-10	7 PM – CTE PRESENTS "ALICE"	DANIEL CALDWELL THEATRE
6	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
7	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY
8	7 PM – THUMB MEETING	BAND BOX
12	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	
14	6:30 PM - COLLEGE PLANNING EVENING FOR JUNIORS AND PARENTS	STUDENT CENTER
14	7 PM – P2P MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
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16	ASB-PTSA HOLIDAY TREE ORDERS DUE	
20	7 PM – TUHSD BOARD MEETING	KREPS CONFERENCE CENTER REDWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
22-23	THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY – NO SCHOOL	
29	7 PM – "ALL ABOUT TAM" FOR 8 TH GRADERS AND PARENTS	GUS GYM
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3	8:45 AM – PTSA MEETING	HAWK'S NEST
5	7:30 PM – BOOSTERS MEETING	LIBRARY