

Tamalpais High School Final Exam Schedule December 17-21, 2012

Monday, December 17

1st period	8:00-9:30 am
Break	9:30-9:40 am
2nd period	9:45-11:20 am
Lunch	11:20 am-12:05 pm
3rd period	12:10-1:40 pm
Break	1:40-1:50 pm
4th period	1:55-3:25 pm

Tuesday, December 18

1st period	8:00-10:00 am (final)
Break	10:00-10:10 am
5th period	10:15- 11:25 am
Lunch	11:25 am-12:10 pm
6th period	12:10-1:20 pm
Break	1:20-1:30 pm
7th period	1:35-2:45 pm

Wednesday, December 19

2nd period	8:00-10:00 am (final)
Break	10:00-10:15 am
3rd period	10:25 am*-12:25 pm

Thursday, December 20

4th period	8:00-10:00 am
Break	10:00-10:15 am
5th period	10:25 am*-12:25 pm

Friday, December 21

6th period	8:00-10:00 am
Break	10:00-10:15 am
7th period	10:25 am*-12:25 pm

News from PTSA

by Gwen Hubbard, PTSA President

As 2012 draws to a close, the PTSA would like to thank you for your support – through membership, donations, volunteering, participating in our Parent Education conference and attending our meetings. We strive to make a meaningful difference at Tam High, and rely on the parent community to help us succeed.

Our December Fireside chat was well attended, and Principal Drescher provided us with a candid update on the state of the school, accomplishments to date and some of the challenges going forward. TUHSD board member Cindy McCauley spoke about the Principal selection process that will begin in January, and Counselor Evelyn Dorsett presented an overview of the counseling department, and the services and resources available for helping Tam students through the ups and downs of high school life.

We wish you a wonderful holiday season, and hope that the coming break is filled with fun, relaxation and connecting with family.

Feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments at gwenhubbard@comcast.net.

Your Gift to the Tam High Foundation Makes a Difference

by Barbara Sobel, Tam High Foundation Communications Chair

Engaging, inspiring, creating, exploring, experimenting, discovering...

Your Tam student might not come home and describe his or her day using one of these words, but the Tam High Foundation funds the programs that give these gifts to your children. Each and every student at Tam High is touched by a grant from the Tam High Foundation. As we near the end of 2012, the Tam High Foundation Annual Campaign has \$100,000 more to raise to fund important programs and supplies for our students and teachers.

So far only 29% percent (358) of Tam families have donated to the Foundation. Thank you to those families who have already donated. If you have not yet given, please consider making a gift to the Tam High Foundation of \$600 per student. Although the Foundation asks for a suggested gift per student, any gift at any level is significant and appreciated.

In October, the Foundation approved grants that included classroom calculators, iPads and computers for various departments, fine arts equipment, table tennis tables and a sound system for Gus Gym, a significant upgrade in physics lab equipment and auto technology library resources. These funds are already starting to make a difference in classrooms across campus. Teachers are invited to apply for another set of grants this spring.

Still not sure what impact your donation to the Tam High Foundation has? Click on this link to watch a new inspiring student-made video that shows how programs funded by the foundation have changed the lives of our students. http://youtu.be/KyRwMLIXc_U



None of this is possible without parent support.

Thank you if you have already made a donation to the Tam High Foundation. If not, this is the perfect time, at year-end, to support Tam students by making a tax deductible donation to the Tam High Foundation.

Donate by Mail:

Tam High Foundation, 700 Miller Avenue Mill Valley, CA 94941

Donate Online:

www.tamhighfoundation.org

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The Tam High Foundation will receive up to 10% of the amount you purchase when you use the following link to shop at Amazon.com. Bookmark the link AND share it with your friends and family.

Shop at Amazon.com

When you enter Amazon.com through the link above, you will notice no difference in your Amazon.com page. As long as you entered Amazon through this link, Tam High will get credit for your purchases during that purchasing session. So bookmark this link and use it when you shop on Amazon.

December is Tam High Foundation Month at Mill Valley Market!

Did you know that Mill Valley Market provided over \$5,000 dollars to Tam High Foundation last year? When you shop at **Mill Valley Market** and mention Tam High Foundation, 2% of your total receipt is donated to our school.

1% more in December!

In December, they will feature the Tam High Foundation in a special promotion where 3% of your total receipt is donated to the school.

Mill Valley Market has been a partner with Tam High Foundation for many years and we want to recognize the positive impact their contributions have had on our school community. Thanks to Mill Valley Market's Shop & Give Program, Tam High Foundation was able to provide additional teacher-initiated mini-grants for many of Tam High's fantastic programs touching all areas of student life and academics.

The more you shop the more we all benefit!



Tam High Art Students Take to the Road

Tam's visual arts program teaches more than the technical skills necessary to create art. It also aims to give students a real world understanding of what it means to be an artist.

Once back in the classroom after a field trip, Tam students often have a burst of creative energy. This doesn't surprise their teachers. Ms. Ouse-Hicks explains, "Seeing artwork at a professional level and experiencing a variety of art making methods and techniques elevates the ideas and expectations the students have for what they want to create." Art stimulates art, as it always has, from cave painting to the Renaissance to the present. And this—the impulse for creative expression that artists everywhere draw from participating in their community— may be the most important thing that comes from these out-of-the-classroom adventures.

To help achieve this goal, PATH funds field trips that introduce students to great works of art and working local artists. Here is a sampling of trips taken this year:

ICB Studios:

Lisa Ouse-Hicks' Art Exploration students met with 15 working artists at the ICB Studios in Sausalito. As part of their final project, students are required to create an artist statement that puts their art in context. Students must explain their art in terms of what it aspires to say, what it represents, and why they made certain choices in its creation and this trip helped them learn how to do that.

The artists explained how they bring focus to their work to better communicate with the public, and what it's like to make a living creating art. Speaking to these working artists and experiencing the places they make their art "puts all the learning in art class into a real world context," explains Ms. Ouse-Hicks. Students learn that artists must have dedication, discipline and drive to make art a success both creatively and financially – but that, if they do, the life of an artist is a rewarding one with constant opportunity for personal expression.

di Rosa Preserve:

Mixed Level Draw/Paint students went to the di Rosa Preserve in Napa to see installations in all media by Bay Area artists such as William Allen, Wally Edrick, Lynn Hershman-Leeson, and others. These pieces were of such scale and variety that no photograph could do them justice.

It's also important for students to see artworks on display. As art teacher Lynne Klein explains, when students see art installed in museums or studios, "they can see first-hand the variety of approaches, subjects, scales, and textures that would be hard to comprehend by looking solely at books or projected images."

de Young Museum:

Ms. Klein's AP Studio Art 2D and AP Studio Art Drawing students saw the visiting William Paley exhibition. Mr. Paley, a pioneering figure in the modern entertainment and news industries, was a founder of the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) and amassed a large collection of paintings, sculpture, and drawings that span the late 19th century to the 1970s. The collection includes works by Cezanne, Matisse, Picasso, Degas, Toulouse-Lautrec, and Gauguin. The AP students are beginning the "Concentration" section of their portfolios, in which they will produce 12 artworks based on a personal theme. The museum visit gave them an opportunity to see how established artists use themes in their work.

Asian Art Museum:

Ms. Klein's Art Exploration class toured the temporary "Out of Character: Decoding Chinese Calligraphy" exhibit. Chinese calligraphy is a visual art that uses the fluid strokes, dots, and lines of Chinese characters to make profound statements through subtle choices made within the strict confines of calligraphic tradition. Art Exploration students are working on a variety of projects based on the elements of design, and the museum offered students exposure to a non-Western approach to creating artwork.

Mill Valley Potters' Studio:

Ms. Ouse-Hicks' AP Ceramics class visited the new potters' studio at Grow Art and Garden in Mill Valley. There they witnessed Raku, a firing technique they have been studying. Raku is a traditional Japanese technique that uses extreme heat and a reduced-oxygen atmosphere to give clay a unique, crackled-bronzed finish. The process requires working in a closely choreographed group, which contrasts with other, more individual ceramic processes. Students learn that art can be created not only for, but by, a community.

PATH is grateful to all whose donations have made it possible for it to fund these and other field trips that allow Tam's studio art students to relate classroom learning to real-world applications. If you would like to donate to PATH, please visit our website www.tamdistrict.org/domain/697



Musician's Showcase is a Jewel

Tuesday evening, November 20, marked the beginning of Thanksgiving break, and the music students at Tam High were ready to celebrate by performing in the fifth annual Musician's Showcase in the intimate Caldwell Theater. This annual concert is unique in that it is entirely planned and executed by the students, and is audition-based, the performances being chosen by both Music Director Spiro Tsingaris and the Student Music Council.

The high caliber of talent was evident, as was the eclectic tastes of the performers. Vocal and instrumental performances, both solo and ensemble, spanned classical, jazz, bluegrass, rock and pop. It was truly an impressive and thoroughly engaging evening of music!

(Photos courtesy of Laurie Mandigo-Stoba and Jennifer Turpin).

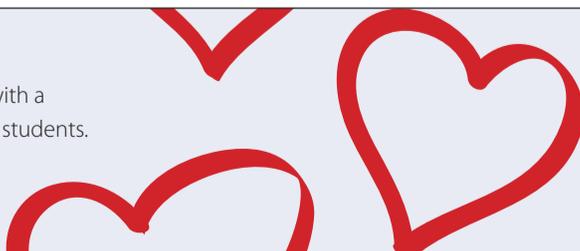


Valentine Dinner and Concert

Mark your calendars for this annual event. A dinner theater atmosphere is created with a delicious meal catered by Focaccia and entertainment provided by Tam High music students.

Friday, February 8, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.



News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist
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Admissions Testing Night

Thurs., Jan. 10, 6:30pm. Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist Church

Bruce Reed, regional director of Compass, will review PSAT results and give an in-depth explanation of college admissions tests: the SAT, ACT and Subject Test. Students who took the PSAT should receive their results later this month. Reed will also discuss Score Choice, a reporting option offered by the College Board. Sophomores, juniors and their parents are encouraged to attend this very informative, once-a-year presentation.

Mt. Tamalpais United Methodist is located at 410 Sycamore Ave., across from Mill Valley Middle School.

Mock SAT at Tam

Wed., Feb. 6, 1:15-5:15pm (a minimum day)

Sign-up between January 10 – February 1

This full-length on-campus practice test is a great opportunity for students to increase their familiarity with the SAT. The fee is a \$10 donation (cash or check payable to Tam High PTSA). Donations fund the PTSA Academic Scholarships given to graduating seniors. No one is turned away for lack of funds. Signup deadline: February 1.

National Portfolio Day for Visual Artists - San Francisco Art Institute

Sat., Jan. 19, noon-4pm

Prospective art and design students can receive feedback on their visual arts portfolio and learn more about the different majors from representatives of art colleges from across the country. For more information about this free event, go to www.portfolioday.net.

SAT and ACT

You can download the 2012-2013 SAT and ACT testing calendars and register for either test online. Sign up early for a convenient test site. Tam is not a test site.

SAT: www.collegeboard.org

ACT: www.actstudent.org

Attention: UC Applicants

The University of California expects all applicants to complete the courses listed for senior year with a grade of "C" or better. It is the student's responsibility to notify the university if he or she has received or expects to receive a grade lower than "C" for the first or second semester. Students must also notify the university if they drop a class listed on the application or add a new one.

Students must also notify the University if their mailing or e-mail address changes.

ROP Programs

The Marin County Office of Education's Regional Occupational Program offers three late afternoon and evening programs that may be of interest to Tam students.

Construction Technology: This evening class is offered in partnership with the Marin Builders Association and will begin at Redwood High School in January. The course covers framing, plumbing, electrical, roofing, green building practices and more. Students learn by observing demonstrations from volunteer master craftsmen and by participating in construction projects and summer internships. High school elective credit is available.

Media Center: ROP has opened a technology center for high school students to learn state-of-the-art sound, video, multimedia, and engineering robotics skills. The ROP media center is located at 1115 Third St., San Rafael and is open Monday through Friday, 3:30-7:30pm.

Automotive Technology: ROP offers an automotive technology class that allows students to earn both high school credit and transferable credits at College of Marin. The class is held at San Rafael High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-6:30pm. All you have to do to register is go to the class and meet with the instructor.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the ROP office at 499-5860,

Share Your Good News:

Every year a few seniors receive good news from colleges in December. If your student is one of the lucky ones, please share your good news with the College and Career Center.



One Acts Are Coming! One Acts Are Coming!

As we move into the winter semester it is that time of year again. The popular CTE Winter One Act Festival will be held January 16 through February 2. This festival features many plays by established playwrights such as Anton Chekov, Horton Foote, and Thornton Wilder.

One Acts involve all CTE students

The process involves all CTE students. Advanced students in Honors Theatre Directing choose one act plays to direct and all first and second year students are cast in these plays. Next lights, sound, costumes and simple set pieces are added to the mix. All advanced students, whether in the honors course or not, produce the festival and cover all behind the scenes aspects such as scheduling, and technical logistics. When the festival opens, they will also work the front of house duties, put out the programs, and provide scene changes. These performances are a culmination of the first semester courses at every level.

The one act plays are enormously popular and are attended by many students, friends and family in packed performances. Please keep the following in mind when you are making plans to attend:

'Need to knows' for attending the festival

- This festival is intended for high school-aged audiences and older.
- Come early. There are no advanced ticket sales online or over the phone. The box office opens at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Performances start at 7:00 pm. Latecomers may have to wait to be seated.
- Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. No reserved seating or saved seats.
- Ticket prices: Adults - \$12; Students and Senior Citizens - \$5.
- All performances are held in Caldwell Theatre, located off the back parking lot.
- Final performances will be posted on the CTE website at www.cte.org.

And a few things to keep in mind the on day of the performance.

- Please support ALL performers by refraining from conversation or calling out during the show. Cell phones must be turned off during the show.
- Our audience space is very intimate so it is a great distraction when people arrive late or leave during a performance. Please wait for a break to leave or use the restrooms. Latecomers will be seated by CTE staff when there is a break between acts.
- Taking videos or photographs of any kind of the performances is not allowed.

BASKETBALL

BOYS' VARSITY:

Coach Michael Coffino thinks he has a winning formula: a deep and talented blend of seniors and juniors on this season's basketball team.

"They are highly motivated and hungry to succeed," Coffino said. "What distinguishes them is a sense of purpose, having endured a very disappointing campaign last year, rife with injuries and difficult individual adjustments that they do not want to repeat."

The Hawks lost their high-scorer from the 2011-12 but return four starters: co-captains Jackson Floum and Joe Laland, Michael Thomas and Brendan Austin. Also returning is senior co-captain Austin Arnold, who Coffino describes as a "constant lightning rod igniting the team." The roster of 14 includes several key newcomers, such as Lorenzo Jordan, Sammy Huffman and Eric Nogueiro.



The Boys Varsity Basketball team at Morro Bay for the Harding Invitational Tournament. They won three of four games and enjoyed a great weekend of team bonding.

"Energy has been high and infectious," Coffino said. "They know the road ahead will be arduous, but they seem especially poised to meet any challenges they will face."

GIRLS' VARSITY:

Even though the Hawks lost a lot to graduation – seven seniors from the 2011-2012 team departed – coach Michael Evans is optimistic that he has the foundation for success. The Hawks finished both of the past two seasons with 19-11 records and made the MCAL and NCS playoffs. Seven experienced varsity players return: seniors Kaitie Gillespie and Izzy Dahlke, juniors Amanda Barriscala, Elizabeth Archer, Yasmine Bakhtiari and Catie Byrne and sophomore Veronica Bowen.

Newcomers include seniors Taylor Bontz and Laine Kendall, juniors Emily Billings and Allison Woodworth, sophomores Lauren Lampl and Katie Hawkins and freshmen Amari Allison and Chiara Pompanin.

"We feel the team will develop into one of the top four in MCAL and could potentially repeat as a NCS playoff team as well," Evans said.

JV BOYS

The 2012-2013 boys' junior varsity team is focused on aggressive defense, transition and rebounding. The team returns Anthony Lavezzo, Kyrie Bryan and Colin Galeste from the team that finished last season 15-11 and had key victories against Marin Catholic and Drake. Newcomers include junior John Bell, sophomores Rayshawn Austin, Quinn Civik, Jack Elias, Ben Harris, Anthony Mazzini, Yoav Pantilat, Zach Thomas, Asher Wenig, and Nick Yahid and freshman Chip Moore.

"These boys have great character and integrity and are true team players," said Coach Ricardo Capretta. "Early this season, the team has embodied impressive passion and commitment."

Capretta's goal is that each player has memorable high school sports experience. He notes that assistant coach Nate Severin, a Tam physical education teacher, is a key part of the team.

JV GIRLS

Without enough numbers to field separate freshmen and junior varsity teams, coach Matt Gillespie has the benefit of a deep junior varsity roster. He returns junior Tania Hernandez from last year's team and has a strong new cast that includes sophomores Bella Amyx, Megan Tanel, Aja Foster, Jackie O'Boyle, Lilah Yob, and Tatum Robach, and freshmen Miki Dahlke, Collette Lowry, Adrienne Lee and Ali Merkl.

"This is an athletic group that is excited and still has a lot to learn about basketball," Gillespie said. "We're looking to find a rhythm and chemistry."

Assisting Gillespie are coaches Dave Heneghan and Mike Deeb.

FRESHMEN BOYS

Coach Eddie Donnelly believes the 2012-13 Freshman Boys are poised for a big season.

"The players put in a lot of hard work and effort over the summer and the off-season to set them up for success," Donnelly said. "Our goal is to compete for and win the MCAL championship."

Guards include Kimo Karp, Colin Lowe, and RJ Cutkelvin, who Donnelly says can all handle the ball, run the offense, and play pressure defense. Wings include Walker Sapp, Wanya Williams and Kirk Rider, who Donnelly describes as stout defenders and can shoot from long range. Post players include James Finn, Joe Kim and Zeke Somers. Sam Whittemore and Trevor Bukowski are the inside/outside players. Coach Nate Riley is assisting Donnelly.

WRESTLING

The Tam Wrestling Team is optimistic for 2013, with a good balance of experienced and novice wrestlers.

Returning wrestler include Zed Yalom, Maz Sheikh, Dave Peters, Sebastian Tamblyn, and seniors Olivier Duler, Ryan O'Boyle, Steve Peters, and Nate Boutwell. First year wrestlers are Brian Rivas, Trenten Francis, Luke Rider, Elliot Jacobs, Henry Duler, Zac Epstein, Harley Berman, Kroeksak Anchan, Trent Waltz, Antonio Resta, and senior Dylan Krings.

The returning coaching staff is Kelley Charlton, Jose Rico, and Andre Salinas.



SAVE THE DATE! BOOSTERS CRAB FEED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2013



Join us for a night on the town.
Ticket information coming soon.

If you would like to help with this event please contact

Nicole Ferguson:

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'Tis the Season to Support Tam Athletics!

We Need Auction Items

TAM BOOSTERS is looking for items for the 9th annual Crab and Pasta Feed Auction to raise money for Tam Athletics and all Tam sports. We welcome all items including sports tickets and memorabilia, tickets for shows, wine and spirits, a week or weekend at your vacation home, a hosted themed dinner party, a theme basket (a great way to re-gift) or come up with a once-in-a-lifetime experience. If you don't have time to put something together but would like to contribute, give us a dollar amount and we will create an original basket for you!

Please [click here](#) to download the donation. If you have any questions regarding auction donations, please contact Nicole Ferguson at rnferguson@comcast.net. Please send your donations as soon as possible but no later than January 21st.

We also encourage you to attend this festive and fun event.

Please look for your invitation in the mail soon (or in the January Tam Family).



Happenings at the Mill Valley Library

Late Night Study Hall

The best part of Finals Week is back! The Mill Valley Library will stay open an extra two hours Tuesday December 18 through Thursday December 20, just for high school students studying for finals. Bring coffee and a friend!

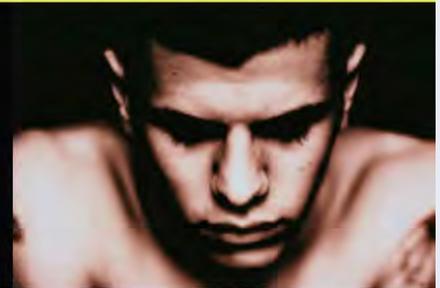
First Thursday: January 3

Joe Loya held up 24 banks before he was arrested and sent to San Quentin. After serving seven years, two in solitary confinement, Joe was able to find clarity, cultural insight and redemption through writing. Today, Joe is a writer and performer. He will share how owning his story changed his life. Register to attend this event here: <http://conta.cc/Ttcfzk>

Creative Writing Workshops for high school students are held every Wednesday night from 7-8:30 pm in the Creekside Room.

For more information about any of these events, please contact Katie MacBride at 415-389-4292 X 4727.

**First Thursday:
Joe Loya: Tales from a
Former Bank Robber**



**Thursday January 3rd,
2013 from 7:00 PM to 9:00**

**Mill Valley Public Library
375 Throckmorton Ave. Mill Valley, CA 94941**

**High School Students Only
Register online at millvalleylibrary.org or call (415) 389-4292 x4727**



Calendar

December/January/February

DECEMBER 2012

Date	Time/Event	Location
18 - 21	FINAL EXAMS	
24 - Jan 8	WINTER BREAK/TEACHER WORK DAY/STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY - NO SCHOOL	

JANUARY 2013

Date	Time/Event	Location
9	First Day of School	Monday bell schedule, periods 1-7
9	7:00 pm - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
9	7:00 pm - BOOSTERS MEETING	Tam High Library
10	6:30 pm - COLLEGE TESTING NIGHT - Sophomores/Juniors & parents	Mt. Tamalpais Methodist Church
Jan. 16 - Feb.2	CTE WINTER ONE-ACT FESTIVAL	Caldwell Theatre
21	MLK DAY - NO SCHOOL	
21	LAST DAY TO DONATE TO THE BOOSTER CRAB FEED AUCTION	
23	7:00 pm - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
24	5:30 pm - PATH MEETING	Tam High, Phoenix Room 400

FEBRUARY 2013

Date	Time/Event	Location
1	BOOSTERS CRAB FEED	
4	SPRING SPORTS START	
6	MINIMUM DAY	12:35 pm release
6	7:00 pm - Solo & Ensemble Concert 1	Caldwell Theatre
6	7:00 pm - TUHSD BOARD MEETING	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
8	6:30 pm - THUMB VALENTINE DINNER & CONCERT	Ruby Scott Gym
11	7:00 pm - JOINT PTSA & TH FOUNDATION MEETING	Caldwell Theatre
13	7:00 pm - Solo & Ensemble Concert 2	Caldwell Theatre
13	7:00 pm - BOOSTERS MEETING	Tam High Library
18 - 22	FEBRUARY BREAK - NO SCHOOL	

For details and updates, check the calendar on the Tam High website: www.tamhigh.org