

## Dr. Julie Synyard: Tam's New Principal



Dr. Julie Synyard

The Tamalpais Union High School District's Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. Julie Synyard as the new principal of Tamalpais High School. She will assume the role of principal on July 1, 2013.

Dr. Synyard, a native of Marin County, currently serves as principal of St. Helena High School and has held this position since 2009. She has also held a variety of leadership roles in education, including principal, vice principal, athletic director, and student activities director. In the classroom, Dr. Synyard has taught both English and social science. She earned a doctorate in educational leadership from the University of Southern California, an M.A. in educational administration from St. Mary's College of California, and a B.A. in history from the University of California, San Diego.

We are very excited about Dr. Synyard's appointment; she is a great fit for the school, the community, and the district. In addition, plans are currently being formulated to ensure a seamless transition for staff, students, and parents.

Thank you to everyone who helped with our search to find the best new principal for Tam High School. As you know, we utilized a rigorous and comprehensive selection process that was driven by input gathered during focus group meetings and from our online survey. I would also like to give a special thanks to those of you who also gave your time to participate in the finalist interviews. Your feedback, based on first-hand knowledge of the school and community, was immensely helpful.

~ Superintendent Laurie Kimbrel

## Tamalpais High School STAR Schedule April 2013

Monday, April 15: Regular 7-period schedule		
DAY 1: Tuesday, April 16 (Seniors report at 12:10)		
8:00 – 9:25	ELA Part 1	12th do not test
9:25 – 9:40	Break	
9:45 – 11:25	ELA Part 2	12th do not test
11:25 – 12:05	Lunch	
12:10 – 1:40	<b>1st Period</b>	
1:40 – 1:50	Break	
1:55 – 3:25	<b>2nd period</b>	
DAY 2: Wednesday, April 17 (9th graders report at 10:20, seniors report at 11:00 for Senior Class Meeting)		
8:00 – 8:55	Social Studies - Part 1	Sophomores & Juniors
9:00 – 9:55	Social Studies - Part 2	Freshmen do not test
9:55 – 10:15	Break	
10:20 – 11:20	Science Part 1	12th do not test
11:25 – 12:25	Science Part 2	12th do not test
12:25 – 1:05	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:45	<b>5th Period</b>	
DAY 3: Thursday, April 18 (Seniors report at 12:10)		
8:00 – 9:30	Math -Part 1	12th do not test
9:30 – 9:45	Break	
9:50 – 11:35	Math – Part 2	12th do not test
11:35 – 12:05	Lunch	
12:10 – 1:40	<b>3rd Period</b>	
1:40 – 1:50	Break	
1:55 – 3:25	<b>4th Period</b>	
DAY 4: Friday, April 19		
8:00 – 10:10	Science Parts 1 & 2 (includes a 10 min break)	Sophomores only; 9th, 11th, and 12th do not test
10:10 – 10:15	Break	
10:20 – 11:50	<b>6th period</b>	
11:50 – 12:30	Lunch	PTSA BBQ Lunch!
12:35 – 1:15	<b>Tutorial</b>	
1:25 – 2:55	<b>7th period</b>	

Make ups: Monday, April 22, 23

As of 2/28/13

## Tamalpais High School Open House



**Date:** Thursday, April 25, 2013

**Location:** Gustafson Gym

**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm

- Jazz Band
- Refreshments
- Senior Class Silent Auction
- Student Schedules

**Classroom Visits:** 7:00-8:00 pm

(Open Format)

Dr. Robert Vieth, Principal

Brian Lynch, Assistant Principal

Kim Stiffler, Assistant Principal

**Note:** Friday, April 26 is a minimum day

## News From The PTSA

by Gwen Hubbard, PTSA President  
gwenhubbard@comcast.net

### Drug & Alcohol Meeting

Our meeting on the topic of Drug & Alcohol was very informative – the Director of Marin County Youth Court, Don Carney, spoke about drug and alcohol use, interventions, and impacts of the Youth Court. Two very brave teens shared their stories with us, and explained how the Youth Court system had changed their lives.

### Annual Tam Staff Luncheon

The PTSA also hosted the annual luncheon for Tam staff on March 22nd in Ruby Scott gym. Many thanks to Lisa Donahue, and all of her volunteers, for the beautiful and delicious buffet they put together!

### We could use some help...

#### STAR Testing and Safe & Sober Grad Night

Yes, April brings break week, but also STAR Testing when the students return and the PTSA will be providing snacks for the students and staff. If you would like to help out, just send me an email. We are also gearing up for graduation and our Safe & Sober event. If you would like to assist with any of the grad festivities, please email Leslie Wachtel at [mvleslieann@yahoo.com](mailto:mvleslieann@yahoo.com).

### Plus a few other things...

The Tam High community thrives because of all the volunteers that help in so many ways. We have lined up some great volunteers for next year, but still need assistance in a few areas:

- Back to Tam Day – organization & BBQ
- Newsletter
- Safe & Sober and graduation festivities.

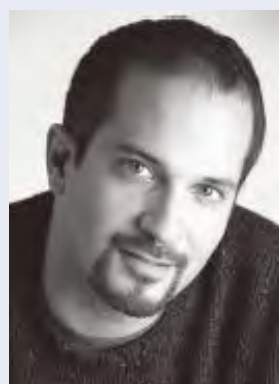
The PTSA always has a place for your talents and your time, so get involved and help us make a difference at Tam – we know you will find it extremely rewarding!

### Please join us for our next meeting:

**Date:** Wednesday, April 3

**Time:** 7 pm

**Location:** Student Center



We are excited to bring speaker Jeffrey Leiken to Tam High. His presentation "From the Back of their Head to the Center of the World: Being the Rare Adult Teens Listen To" is compelling and thought-provoking. Using humor and practical examples, Jeff will illustrate how you can remain a voice your teen still listens to, at an age when they are least likely to.

For the full description [click here](#).

To help with our planning, we ask that you [register](#) for this event.

As always, feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or comments at [gwenhubbard@comcast.net](mailto:gwenhubbard@comcast.net), and PTSA wishes you a wonderful, relaxing April break!



## Congratulate a Tam High Graduate!

### HONOR TAM'S 2013 GRADUATING CLASS BY PRESENTING A BALLOON BOUQUET TO A GRADUATING SENIOR

- ★ Display it in your front yard, on your mailbox or use it to decorate your living room!
- ★ Celebrate our seniors
- ★ Blanket our town with Tam High's red & blue
- ★ Each \$25 bouquet will have **seven** mylar balloons

*This is a fundraiser for the Tam High PTSA. Please help us continue to provide parent education, community forums, academic and community service scholarships for our seniors, and much more.*



## Pre-Order Balloon Bouquet Form

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ balloon bouquets @ \$25 each.  
Quantity

Purchaser \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Please Print Clearly

Attach gift card to bouquet.  I have enclosed cash or a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

When ordering bouquets, please indicate if you would like to attach a gift card and fill out "To, From, and Message" below. If you need additional bouquets, indicate on a separate piece of paper. Thank you.

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Full Name

Message \_\_\_\_\_

To \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name Full Name

Message \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make check payable to Tam High PTSA*

Drop off or mail to: Tam High PTSA, 700 Miller Avenue, Mill Valley, CA 94941

**ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 7, 2013**

## Thank You Tam High Foundation Supporters: We Met Each of Our Fundraising Goals

by Barbara Sobel, Tam High Foundation Communication Chair

"Congratulations to the Tam Community for this outstanding fundraising achievement! We are so fortunate to live in a community that steps up every year and invests in our students, teachers and administration. Your commitment enriches the high school experience for every student. We appreciate all of our parent donors and business partners and I am personally very grateful for the wonderful Tam High Foundation board members that work so hard to make this all happen. Thank you!"

-- Julie Kertzman, Tam High Foundation Chair

**Thank you to the 442 families who donated to the Tam High Foundation this year and helped us reach our \$400,000 Parent Campaign goal.** A special thank you to our extremely generous senior class for their strong support this year. If you have made a pledge, but have not sent in your donation, please do. We are awarding our major grants this week and our students and teachers are counting on you!

**Thank you to our 42 Business Campaign donors whose donations exceeded our \$35,000 goal.** Thank you to both our continuing donors and a host of new contributing businesses who together are responsible for helping us significantly exceed our campaign goal. Business campaign donors are listed in the school directory. If you patronize these businesses, take a minute to thank them for their support!

**Thank you for supporting the Tam High Foundation by shopping at Amazon, Mill Valley Market, Safeway, and Mollie Stones.** We are anticipating \$25,000 in donations from the shopping programs this year, a 35% increase over last year. Please remember to use the [Amazon Link](#) on our website, register your Safeway and Mollie Stone cards, and say Tam High Foundation when you shop at Mill Valley Market. These simple things you do really add up. **Your shopping makes a difference!**

Thank you again parents, community members and businesses for your generous support of the Tam High Foundation this year. **From calculators and computers to guest artists and innovative teaching programs your financial support enriches and improves academic and student life at Tam.**



## TamPalooza! Mark your calendars: Thursday May 9, 2013



Tam High Foundation Spring Fundraising Event

**Get your friends together and plan an evening of music, food and fun to benefit a great cause - our Tam High Student Center.**

The work that has been completed so far, including fresh paint, a lap-top bar, water bottle filling station and new seating areas, is already attracting more students than ever to use the space - and classes are using it, too. Next up is a set of large, sliding Nana doors to open up the space to the outdoors and new landscaping and seating areas.

Sweetwater Music Hall will be rocking for the Tam High Foundation's TamPalooza fundraiser to raise money to complete the renovation of the Student Center. Invitations have been mailed and tickets are available online at [www.tampalooza.com](http://www.tampalooza.com) for \$125.

It will be a night of great music, with the Machiavelvets and Olive and the Dirty Martinis, as well as student performances. The open bar will be serving cocktails from Laughing Glass Cocktails and Charbay Vodka, beer from Mill Valley Beerworks and wines from Garnet Vineyards. Sweetwater chef Gordon Drysdale is creating the food menu, Nothing Bundt Cakes will be serving delectable desserts and there will be lots of fun auction items to bid on and raffle tickets with great prizes.

A brick campaign is also part of the fundraising and personalized bricks for the new outdoor space can be bought at [www.tampalooza.com](http://www.tampalooza.com) as well. Go to the website for all the details and to buy your tickets!

## Support Tam High When You Shop At Amazon

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](http://Amazon.com). Bookmark the link AND share it with your friends and family.

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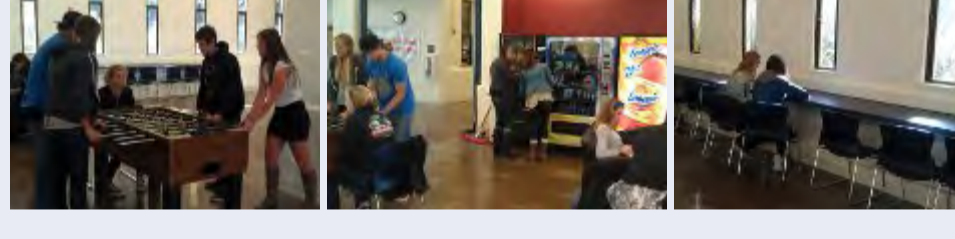
When you enter Amazon.com through the link above, you will notice no difference in your Amazon.com page. As long as you entered Amazon through this link, Tam High will get credit for your purchases during that purchasing session.

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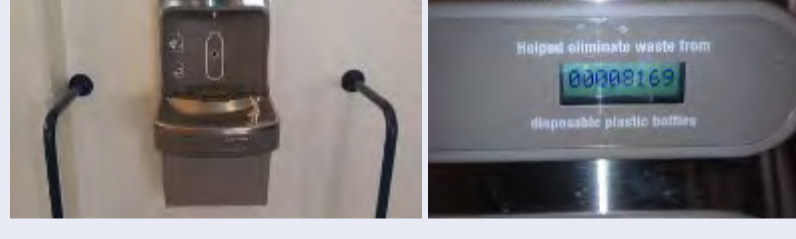
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**HAVE YOU SEEN THE STUDENT CENTER LATELY? LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW!** The new and improved Student Center is bustling with student activities. Many teachers are also using the new layout for group discussions and workshops. Come and check it out!



The new water bottle filling station has already saved over 8000 plastic bottles from landfill (and our kids are drinking more water!) check it out!



**DON'T LOSE OUT ON A PRIME LOCATION FOR YOUR BRICK! ORDER BY JUNE 1ST BEFORE PRICES GO UP.**

ENGRAVED BRICKS are now on sale to fund our summer project: the installation of a Nana Door System and renovated courtyard. LEAVE YOUR PERMANENT MARK AT TAM by ordering a personalized brick for the new courtyard.



To order go to [www.tamhighbricks.com](http://www.tamhighbricks.com) where you can order online or download the order form.

THESE PERSONALIZED BRICKS WILL MAKE GREAT BIRTHDAY, GRADUATION AND TEACHER THANK YOU GIFTS!



## PATH SOIREE A SUCCESS

PATH's second annual Art Salon and Soiree, held on March 2, was a huge success. Over 100 attendees raised \$11,000 to support Tam's visual arts programs.

This year's Soiree was held at Studio 333 in Sausalito. The main studio was filled with tables displaying the silent auction, plus an open bar serving wine and beer donated by Frantoio, Beerworks and Marin Brewing Company. Art pieces by Tam students and teachers were on display and the outdoor patio was transformed into a sophisticated eatery, with heat lamps, standing tables, and a buffet of pasta, salmon and other delicacies donated by Frantoio.

As guests mingled and placed their silent bids, Tam orchestra students provided an elegant string accompaniment and servers passed appetizers donated by Nica Roy. Later, the band Queen's Funk launched into a bluesy set that turned the studio into a dance club and the servers reappeared, this time with cookies provided by Miette.

While the party was undeniably elegant, the mood was celebratory, and the sense of a common cause overrode the air. Guest Nancy Puckett,



mother of an AP draw/paint student, described it this way: "I felt it was so welcoming, friendly and warm. The outdoor area was fabulous and comfortable, and the food was delicious. It was just a great event."

The Soiree is PATH's single biggest fundraiser of the year. The money raised is used to purchase art supplies and equipment, fund student field trips and art shows, and more. We at PATH are deeply grateful to the Tam community, and to all of our generous donors and business supporters. Thanks to you, PATH will continue to support the teachers and students who make Tam's visual arts program so vibrant.

If you'd like to see what Tam's art students have been up to lately, visit Noci Gelato, where Mary Manukin's photography students have an exhibit. Coming in May, Lynne Klein's Draw/Graph students will have a reception and exhibit at the Mill Valley Library.

**Tam High Music Presents**  
**Wednesday, April 3**  
**7:00 pm**  
**142 Throckmorton Theatre**  
**Adults \$5 | Kids, Students & Seniors \$3**

## News from the College and Career Center

by Susan Gertman, College and Career Specialist  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL 17: COLLEGE OF MARIN PLACEMENT TESTS

Seniors planning to attend College of Marin next fall will have an opportunity to take the mandatory placement tests in English and math at Tam on Wednesday, April 17, from 9 am -noon in the computer lab. Make-up tests will be given at COM. Seniors planning to attend other community colleges should contact the school now for its placement test policy. Seniors may sign up for the COM Placement Test in the College and Career Center.

Students must have registered to attend COM and have received a COM student identification number in order to take the placement tests.

#### MAY 6: MARIN COUNTY COLLEGE FAIR

More than 150 colleges and post-secondary programs will be represented at the Marin County College Fair on Monday, May 6 from 6-8 pm at Dominican University of California in San Rafael. There will also be workshops on financial aid and college admissions tests. The college fair is free and open to the public.

Save time at the fair and the bother of filling out contact cards for different colleges by pre-registering online at [www.wacaccollegefair.com](http://www.wacaccollegefair.com).

#### SAT and ACT REGISTRATION DATES

The last SAT exams for this school year will be given on May 4 and June 1. Sign up online at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). The last ACT will be on June 8. Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Sign up early for a convenient location. Tam is not a testing site.

Juniors applying to four-year colleges are encouraged to take the SAT this spring. In addition, many juniors choose to take the ACT, which is accepted equally with the SAT. Juniors planning to apply to highly competitive colleges are advised to take two Subject Tests. Although the University of California no longer requires Subject Tests, some campuses recommend that "students vying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to demonstrate subject proficiency." For more information on the UC Subject Test policy, go to: <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/requirements/examination-requirement/SAT-subject-tests/index.html>.

Students who will complete a subject such as biology or US history this year are strongly advised to take the Subject Test in that area this spring instead of waiting until senior year when they will have forgotten some of the material.

Students may borrow practice books from the College and Career Center to prepare for the SAT, ACT, Subject Tests and AP exams. Free SAT and ACT test preparation is also available online at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) as well as the College Board and ACT websites.

#### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SENIORS

Each week the College and Career Center publishes the Green Sheet, a list of local scholarships, which is emailed to seniors and their parents. It is also available in the College and Career Center.

Students do not need to have a 4.0 or attend a four-year college to receive a scholarship. Awards may be based on need, merit, community service, talent (such as sports or art), interests (such as engineering or gardening), ethnicity, where the student lives, where a parent works or a combination of any of these factors. Some scholarships are just for Tam seniors.

**College Acceptances:** Following is a list of college acceptances that have been reported to the College and Career Center as of March 14.

Andrews, Arizona State, Cal Maritime, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Chico, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Monterey Bay, Chapman, Claremont McKenna, Clark, Colorado College, Colorado State, Cornell, Cornell College, DePaul, Drew, Eckerd, Emerson, Fresno State, Georgetown, Hampshire, Humboldt State, Iowa State, Ithaca, Lewis and Clark, Loyola New Orleans, McGill, Middlebury, Montana State, Michigan State, Northern Arizona, Oregon State, Pacific Union, Portland State, San Diego State, San Francisco State, Stanford, Santa Clara, Sonoma State, Sweet Briar, Trinity (TX), Tufts, Tulane, U of Arizona, UC Berkeley, UC Merced, UC Riverside, U of Colorado, U of Denver, U of Durham (UK), U of Edinburgh (UK), U of Idaho, U of Kentucky, U of Montana, U of New Hampshire, U of New Mexico, U of Oregon, U of the Pacific, U of Pennsylvania, U of Portland, U of Redlands, U of San Francisco, U of Southern California, U of Utah, U of Vermont, U of Wisconsin, Walla Walla, Washington State, Washington U St. Louis, Western Washington and Willamette.

## Meet Your Facebook Friends Day April 24 – Ruby Scott Gym during lunch

by Sebastian Tamblin

I can guarantee you that your son or daughter has friends on Facebook that he or she does not know. "Meet your Facebook Friends" day is an event designed to allow our students to open their hearts and get to know other students in all grades and backgrounds. It's common for high school student to have "cliques" or groups. By holding this event, we are trying to break down the barriers between cliques and groups at Tam. Students will be given the opportunity to get to know individuals they normally would not interact with. Activities and food are key elements to making this event a success. Encourage your son or daughter to come and make some new friends!



## Wicked Fun! *The Witches* Closes CTE's 2012-13 Season!

by Avery Stray and Susan Brashear  
Glyn Peterson and Jackson Strike- Student Publicity Directors

After a fall season that brought us a whirlwind of Arabian storytelling, high-toned gossip, small town loneliness and an apocalypse, CTE/TAM Drama closes their season with the imaginative, action-packed, and fun production of *The Witches*, directed by Kathryn Zdan. The script, adapted by David Wood, is from a book by famous author Roald Dahl. Performance dates are April 19-23 at 7 pm at the Caldwell Theatre.

Roald Dahl first published *The Witches* as a children's novel in London in 1983. Dahl, known for children's classics such as *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory* and *James And The Giant Peach* began writing his later stories with edgy humor such as *Matilda* and *The BFG*. *The Witches* was part of this shift and soon became a favorite among his fans, leading to the movie version in 1990 and a radio play. The story centers on a young British boy who loses his parents in a car crash. He goes to live with his grandmother in England who comforts him by telling the boy many stories about witches. Their harmless fantasizing soon becomes more realistic than they expected as the "witches" gain power, revealing them to be a real threat to global security. While they look and act like normal women, they are secretly plotting to turn every single child in England into mice. The play is full of secrets and mysterious puzzles, sure to delight children while keeping older audiences entertained with humor and wit.

The innovative direction of guest director Kathryn Zdan is the heart of CTE's production. Zdan's previous plays for CTE include *Wind In The Willows*, *In The Dark* and *The Eiffel Tower Wedding Party*; all utilized her strong expertise in physical theatre and ensemble work. Actors develop character choices that deeply personify a strong type that is sometimes satirized. Kat's personal relationship with each cast member creates a strong bond of respect and discipline reflected in the high quality of work she achieves with her actors. Because of her background in physical theatre, she adds different twists providing a lot of physical humor. Her approach supplies the ingredients for great family entertainment!

*The Witches* opens on Monday, April 19 and plays through Friday, April 23 at the Caldwell Theatre, located at the back of Tam's campus. Tickets are \$5 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults and can be purchased on the day of the performance at 6:00 pm. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at [ctetam.org/tickets](http://ctetam.org/tickets) up to eight hours before curtain time. Doors open at 6:30 pm; seating is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The show begins promptly at 7:00 pm. For further information visit [www.ctetam.org](http://www.ctetam.org).

Please join us for this exciting and imaginative show that will close our 2012-13 season of remarkable productions at CTE!

#### The Witches Cast:

Sarah N. Berman  
Avery Stray  
Iman Bengana  
Hayley Murphy  
Trevor Guyton  
Britt Haegglund  
Adam Sultan  
Adam Brier  
Casey O'Brien  
Kate Schlough  
Jessie Kim  
Alec Williams

#### The Witches Designers & Crew:

Julia Atkin/ Stage Manager  
Emily Malmquist/ Stage Manager  
Glyn Peterson/Set Designer  
Lucy Petterson/ Lighting  
Caitlin O'Shei/ Costumes  
Kiera Atashkarian/ Sound  
Hugo Maldonado/ Props  
Tucker Nichols/ Tech Director  
Mac Parker/ Master Electrician  
Jason Kirsten/ First Hand  
Dylan DeCotis/ Run Crew  
Emelia Michel/ Run Crew  
Devon Lawrence/ Run Crew

## BOOTERS: SPRING SPORTS ROUNDUP

### VARSITY BASEBALL

After enjoying its best season in many years in 2012, the Tam varsity baseball team is looking to make another successful run, according to coach Mike Terry. The Hawks started the season in exciting fashion with a global studies trip – along with Varsity Softball – to Cuba, posting a 2-1 record and interacting with many Cuban baseball dignitaries.

The program lost ten seniors to graduation and returns just six varsity players, including seniors catcher Kevin Jordan, shortstop Chris Hayman, third baseman Jonathan Wachtel, pitcher Kenny Rosenberg, outfielder Jay Hopelain and junior Geoffrey Mohn.

Tam closed out its non-conference early season schedule with a 4-3 win over Miramonte, a rematch of last year's NCS game. The Hawks started out conference play in strong fashion with wins over Justin Siena and Redwood.

"We hope to stay competitive in the early season while new players learn the system and their roles," Terry said. "We expect to make a strong push during the second half and compete for the league championship."

### JV BASEBALL

Coach John Buchholz is excited about the JV team, which he describes as a group "who just love playing the game together." In the early part of the season, the Hawks showed solid pitching – led by freshman Ethan Lawrence – and key hitting from players, including sophomore captain Kiefer Dickson.

### GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER

Coach Shane Kennedy lost nine seniors to graduation, but returns several key players to a team he calls "the fastest and most athletic team I have coached." Key returning players include senior co-captains Kaitlin Gillespie (center back/midfield) and McCall Hoyt (forward), juniors Olivia Heitz (midfielder), Elizabeth Archer (goalkeeper) and Annie Ganz (outside back) and sophomores Lauren Lampl, Hannah Monroe and Michaela Firmage. Also returning to varsity are senior Taylor Bontz and junior Rachael Ferroni. Among the newcomers is speedy sophomore forward Isabella Amyx. Juniors Gabby Salas and Emma Boyle and sophomores Jackie Flax, Tatum Robach, Alyssa Urban, Jackie O'Boyle, Brooke Moorberg, Shoshanna Barnett and Veronica Bowen join the team this year as well.

The team got off to an undefeated start in MCAL play and Kennedy – who is assisted by Mike Carbone – expects them to be competitive.



"We have speed everywhere and good depth, but we are also young and inexperienced," he said. "I look forward to improvement throughout the season."

*Bella Amyx goes for the ball. Olivia Heitz and Kaitie Gillespie are in the background.*

*Coach Shane Kennedy talks to the team.*



### GIRLS' JV SOCCER

New JV coach Casey Gibson is excited about his squad, which he calls, "very talented and hard-working." His four sophomores include goalkeeper Kara Waluk, Elisa Goldberg, Maddy DeCarlo and Anabel Burton-Wehr. The strong freshmen class is led by midfielder Kendall Islam. The JV team also started the MCAL season undefeated. Gibson is assisted by Erik Anderson.

### BOYS' GOLF

The Tam Varsity Boys' golf team started the season 3 and 6. Among the standout performances are a narrow loss to Branson by just four shots. According to coach Mark Campagna the team is in a rebuilding year but he expects this season's juniors and sophomores to be key contributors in the future.

### BOYS' SWIMMING

After winning their 4th consecutive MCAL Championship and losing nine key swimmers, the Hawks are young and rebuilding, according to

coach Ken Weber. The team is led by returning seniors and co-captains, Elliot Ordway, Sam Osburn, and Luke Shepherd, returning 500 free county champion Miguel Mattox and fly specialist Sean Haechler. Notable juniors include Sam Miekley, Dillon Schow, Nicky Chan and Julian Del Castillo. Standout sophomores include Luca Osburn, Daniel Carroll and Cooper Bontz. The strong freshman class includes Theo Andrews and Jackson Hettler. The Hawks started the season with a challenge, losing their opening meet to rival Terra Linda by two points, and responding with defeats of Drake, Marin Catholic, Justin Siena and Branson. Dive coaches Nate Severin and Ken Light are working with divers Shane Allen and Ethan Daniels. Weber's staff includes Bob Kustel and along with new assistant coaches, Chris Latimer, Dan Frost and senior club swimmer Richard Clarke, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

### GIRLS' SWIMMING

The Hawks return two MCAL Champions, Brigitte Winkler (committed to swim at UCLA) and Kim Baca. Other returning seniors include captains Kristie Lee and Natasha Harvey. According to girl's head coach Lara Corkrey, the team is working very hard to make a run at Redwood's winning streak of nine consecutive MCAL championships. The team's strength this year is in its talented sophomore and freshman classes. Top sophomores include Grace Dougherty and Amanda Faubel, freestyle sprinters Annapurna Holtzapple and Kendra Carr, breast and back specialists Ariel Cacic, Maddie Pratt, Maddie Hess and Grace Hansen. The freshmen class is led by Marin Swim League Champions Miki Dahlke and Annie Whalen as well as Alexa Zener and Hannah Chorley. Dive coaches Ken Light and Nate Severin are working with divers Anouk Thomas and Georgia Ordway. Corkrey's staff includes Grace Chin, Leslie Lewczyk and Paige MacLeod.

### SOFTBALL

Head coach Erin Lawley, in her first year as sole head coach, expects the Hawks to continue the momentum from last year's standout campaign. Despite the losses of three key players, including pitcher Kim Scarsella, the team returns a strong cast. Junior slugger Aria Pogni (3B/C) (who won MCAL triple crown honors in 2012) leads a team that includes juniors Becca Fong (1B), Shannon Lee (CF) and sophomores Chloe Jacobs (SS) and Katie Yee (LF). Lawley will rely on three freshmen pitchers, Christy Gusif, Marley Townsend and Jessie Scarsella.

The team had an exciting and successful trip to Cuba in February, but struggled in early non-conference season with four losses to start. But the Hawks rebounded with four MCAL wins. Pogni was leading the team in hitting, with a .684 average and 1.079 slugging percentage. Crawley is assisted by Lindsay Haynes and Jackie Graf-Reis, both MVPD officers.

### GIRLS' VARSITY LACROSSE

The Girls' Varsity Lacrosse team returns ten players: seniors captains Amanda Catherine and Casey Fritz and Anna Lipman, junior captain Georgie Kirn and juniors Bridget Lowry, Amanda Moe, Emma Savino, and Lauren Young, plus sophomores Laura Uzes and Story Vreeland. New to the team are seniors Annie Maloney and Claire Schulze, and sophomores Prentice Fairbrother, Sammy Herdman, Joelle Rosenberg, Kate Plessas, and Lilah Yob. Freshmen include Avi Cahn, Sam Garrett, and Kate Vangelos. Head coach Valerie Feldman and assistant John Vreeland focused the early part of the season on building stick skills and finding strengths. Mid-way in the season Vreeland and Young each have scored seven goals and Savino has added six goals. Uzes and Lipman are sharing the goalie spot and rounding out the team on defense are Fritz, Garrett, Herdman, Moe, Rosenberg and Yob.

### BOYS' VARSITY LACROSSE

The Hawks' lacrosse program started the season with fewer players than usual; a total of 29 making it unclear whether the program could field both a Varsity and JV team. However, according to coach Mike Smith, the team's enthusiasm has been infectious and Tam players were able to recruit additional players to fill out two rosters with a total of 43 players.

Many players are playing lacrosse for the first time. Just one out of seven defensemen have any substantial varsity game experience. Three players have volunteered to man the net, as the team had no returning goalies available.

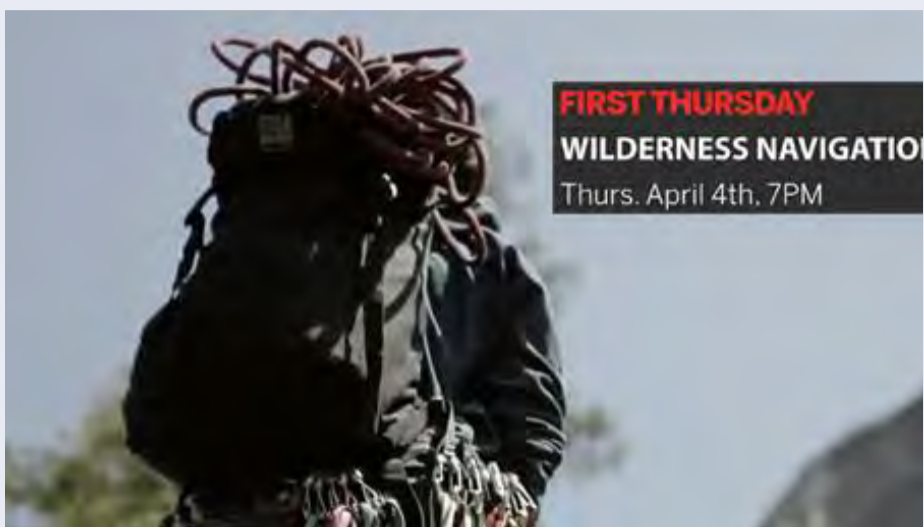
The Hawks, predictably, got out to a slow start. But Smith expects that to change as the team heads into the second half of the year and the heart of the MCAL schedule. The team is experiencing substantial growth and is becoming increasingly stronger in the first half of the season.

### BOYS' VOLLEYBALL by Coach Chris Glave

Boys' volleyball at Tam has grown in participation this year... in 2012 we had 7 players and the strength of that team graduated – Aqil Bassa, Ebrahim Azam and Gavin Woods. The 2013 team has 10 players with incoming freshman Blake Killingsworth leading the way with years of club experience. Joining the team after their basketball season – seniors Joe Laland, Jackson Floum and Michael Thomas have brought an abundance of energy and excitement for the season. With only a few practices before league play started, our early season matches have been competitive. The team looks forward to the remaining matches to even the score against schools that bettered us early in the season.

## First Thursday at the Mill Valley Public Library: Wilderness Navigation and Survival April 4th, 2013; 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Love the great outdoors? Expert climber and outdoor junkie Michael Febbo will teach you the essential tools of wilderness navigation. You'll then test your newfound skills (or prove your old ones) by completing a scavenger hunt through the library, using only a compass as your guide. Food, beverages and prizes will be provided. If we're lucky, Michael will tell us about some of his insane rock climbing experiences and his other outdoor shenanigans. This event is open to high school students only.



Registration is REQUIRED, register at <http://conta.cc/12MkiRP>

Questions? Contact Katie at [kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org)

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## Creative Writing Workshops

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm

High School Students Only

Contact [kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org](mailto:kmacbride@cityofmillvalley.org) or call (415) 389-4292 x4727  
Mill Valley Public Library, Creekside Room | 375 Throckmorton Ave

## "4-20" Drug Summit!

**At the Marin County Office of Education on 4-20-13!**

If you don't yet know what "4-20" means for too many of our young people, just ask them. Legend has it, that a group of students, at one of our local high schools, began it in 1970.

To top it off, the term "Medicinal Marijuana" has become confusing for many. After all, if it is "Medicinal", it must be okay for you. Correct? Well, in a young mind, the effects on Brain Development & Body Chemistry can greatly alter a student's educational path. In addition, if a student is already struggling in school & life, adding Alcohol, Tobacco, MJ or other Drugs into their system, can lead to detrimental results. So, what is the best 4-20 antidote?

A Broad Spectrum Substance Abuse Presentation & Discussion covering: Alcohol, Tobacco, Marijuana & over-the counter, prescription & illicit-Dangerous Drugs

**Please join several Experts & community partners for a jam-packed Day!**

- Ralph Cantor - THC expert presents the effects of Marijuana on the adolescent brain.
- Paul W. Lofholm, Pharm. D., FACA - discusses OTC & Prescription Drug Abuse.
- Don Carney, YMCA Youth Court - explains "DUI - Decisions Under the Influence".
- Harry Barbier, retired School Resources Officer (SRPD), covers various dangerous drugs.
- Alissa Ralston, MS Project Director, Tobacco Free Youth, Bay Area Community Resources, shares why new Tobacco products are still of a major concern and problem for our youth.
- Special Guests, who will share their own perspectives & difficult experiences.

**We want you to leave with a Brain full of knowledge, so we can all better help our kids!**

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 2013

**Time:** 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. (Doors Open at 8:30 a.m.)

**Where:** Marin County Office of Education  
1111 Las Gallinas Ave., San Rafael

Spanish Translation ~ Yummy Snacks ~ Drug Take-Back & Tons of info!

Special Support provided by PPSI & the Marin County Pharmacists Assn.

**Limited Space: Please RSVP to [mark@Families4SaferSchools.org](mailto:mark@Families4SaferSchools.org)**



## Calendar

April & May 2013

### APRIL

Date	Time/Event	Location
1	Spring Blood Drive	Student Center
3	<b>7:00 pm</b> - PTSA Meeting - with Guest Speaker Jeffrey Leiken	Student Center
3	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Tam Music Broadway Revue	142 Throckmorton
5	End of Reporting Period 5	
8 - 12	<b>SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL</b>	
16 - 19	<b>AP Exams</b> - Arrive at school no later than 7:55 am <b>Freshman only:</b> report at 10:20am on April 17 and April 19 <b>Juniors only:</b> report at 10:20am on April 19 <b>PTSA-sponsored lunch: April 19</b>	Report to tutorial unless otherwise notified
16	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Safe & Sober Grad Night meeting (Senior parents)	Library - Wood Hall
17	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Boosters Meeting	Tam High Library
18	<b>5:30 pm</b> - PATH Meeting	Tam High, Phoenix Room 400
22	<b>9:45-10:45 am</b> - College of Marin Registration at Tam (Seniors)	Computer Lab
24	<b>7:00 pm</b> - TUHSD Board Meeting	Kreps Conference Center - Redwood HS
25	<b>6:00 - 8:00 pm</b> - Open House	Gustafson Gym
26	<b>MINIMUM DAY</b>	12:35 dismissal
26	<b>Jr.-Sr. Prom</b>	S.F. City Hall

### MAY

Date	Time/Event	Location
1	<b>7:00 pm</b> - PTSA Meeting	Student Center
6	<b>6:00 - 8:00 pm</b> - Marin County College Fair	Dominican University
8	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Boosters Meeting	Tam High Library
9	<b>TamPalooza! Fundraiser</b>	Sweetwater
14	<b>7:00 pm</b> - Safe & Sober Grad Night meeting (Senior parents)	Library - Wood Hall
14 - 15	<b>CAHSEE make-ups</b>	Library - Wood Hall

For details and updates, check the calendar on the Tam High website: [www.tamhigh.org](http://www.tamhigh.org)