

# Tamalpais High School

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Dear 8th Grade Families (High School Graduating Class of 2014!)

We extend a warm welcome from the Tamalpais High School community. We know that this is a very exciting time in your lives and we want to encourage you to explore the excellent public education offered at Tam High. Below are various options for prospective Tam parents and students to learn about Tam, its staff, and student body. We look forward to meeting you soon.

• **Take A Tam Tour!** If you and your student would like to see Tam, this is the best option. Tours last about 2 hours and you'll have a chance to meet the principal and hear from other staff members. You will then take a walking tour of the campus and receive a packet with lots of additional information about Tam and all that we have to offer your student. Please meet outside by the clock tower of Wood Hall at 8:15 a.m. Tours dates are on Tuesdays: **September 15, October 6, 13 & 27, November 3 & 17, December 1 & 8, January 12 & 26, February 9, March 9 & 23.** Please call Barbara Borruso at 380-3509 to make a reservation or email her at [bborruso@tamdistrict.org](mailto:bborruso@tamdistrict.org). Beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>, please email: Allison Krivoruchko at [akrivoruchko@tamdistrict.org](mailto:akrivoruchko@tamdistrict.org).

• **Shadow a Tam Student.** If your student is considering attending a school other than Tam, you may request your student to shadow a Tam student on an individual basis. Shadowing dates are September 28, October 12 & 26, November 16, December 7, January 11, February 8, March 1 and 15. To set up a shadowing appointment, please call Barbara Borruso at 380-3509, or email her at [bborruso@tamdistrict.org](mailto:bborruso@tamdistrict.org). Beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>, please email: Allison Krivoruchko at [akrivoruchko@tamdistrict.org](mailto:akrivoruchko@tamdistrict.org).

**Morning shadow appointments:** Students arrive at **7:45 a.m.** in the Main Office, Room 141, Wood Hall, to meet the 9th grade shadow host. Please bring a lunch or lunch money. Eighth grade students will attend four classes and will be escorted to the front of the school after lunch at 11:55. Parents should make arrangements to pick up their child.

**Afternoon shadow appointments:** Please arrive at **11:10 a.m.** in the Main Office, Room 141, Wood Hall, to meet your 9th grade shadow host. Please bring a lunch or lunch money. Eighth grade students will have lunch with their host, then visit three afternoon classes and leave at 2:25 p.m. Parents should make arrangements to pick up their student after their visit.

It is a good idea for your student to bring a book to read in case a teacher is giving a test during class time. Enjoy your visit!

In addition to the tours and shadow dates, 8<sup>th</sup> grade families will be invited to ***All About Tam Night*** in February (date TBA). This is an evening program sponsored by the Tam High PTSA where you will learn about the classes, programs, and activities that make Tam the exceptional high school experience that it is. There will be students, faculty, administrators and parents representing the many varied campus groups stationed at tables throughout the gym and students and parents will have an opportunity during the evening to ask our principal and an assistant principal any questions they might have about our school. Also, incoming freshmen and their parents will be invited to attend an evening meeting in late spring to meet the counselors and learn about scheduling for the following year. Details on these events will be sent out later.

Again, we look forward to meeting you.

Best regards,

*The Team at Tam*