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## Talon Talk

# Foothill High School Newsletter

May 1, 2010

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### Quick Calendar

**May 1 & 2** -- Spring meat sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Foothill parking loop  
**May 3-14** -- AP testing

### CORE Fundraiser

Principal John Dwyer and AABC President Gillian Holmes team up in a letter encouraging families to support the CORE district fundraiser with donations of \$150 per student.

Click [here for the full letter on the Foothill web site](#).

### FABulous Meat Sale

Get your freezers cleared out and ready to stock up on the best meat this side of the Mississippi at the Foothill Athletic Boosters' annual spring meat sale **TODAY** and tomorrow -- [Saturday, May 1](#) and [Sunday, May 2](#).

Take advantage of fantastic market prices to stock up on filet mignon, New York steak, rib eye, top sirloin, ground beef, sausage, ham, lamb, chicken and bacon. A butcher will be on site to cut meat to specifications. Prices will be set on sale dates based on the going market rate.

The meat sale will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the high school. The sale is sanctioned by the Alameda County Health Department.

Be sure to buy enough meat to get you through the summer grilling season and to keep tummies full until the fall, when the next fabulous meat sale will be held.

**May 3** -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library

**May 4** -- Baccalaureate audtions, 3 p.m., room D-1

**May 5** -- School site council meeting, 3:30 p.m., room C-6

**May 6** -- Casa Orozco fundraiser for Grad Night, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

**May 7** -- Deadline for AABC scholarships

**May 10** -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

**May 12** -- College night, 6:30 p.m., small gym

**May 21** -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., room C-6

### Quick Links

[Foothill High web site:](#)

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## Juniors: Sign Up for College Boot Camp

Juniors can get a jump-start on their senior years and the entire college application process by signing up for a College Boot Camp session offered this summer by the school district.

The four-day course will help students better understand and get a head start in the college application process. Students will learn how to research colleges, prepare for the application process and learn about college testing. Students will learn how to get the best recommendation letters and financial aid. They'll also learn how to determine if a college is a good match for them.

The course costs \$105 per student. The deadline to sign up is [Friday, May 7](#).

College Boot Camp is offered [June 28 to July 1](#), [July 6-9](#) and [July 12-15](#). Additional courses may be offered if demand is high. Classes are held daily from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and taught by Foothill counselor Jennifer Friesen.

Click [here for the application form for College Boot Camp](#).

## Senior Ball: Midnight Mystique

This year's senior ball, dubbed Midnight Mystique, will be here before you know it on [Saturday, May 22](#) at the San Francisco Gift Center.

Ticket prices increase almost daily, so buy your tickets as soon as possible to save money. Ticket sale dates and prices are:

- [Friday, May 7](#) -- \$85
- [Monday, May 10](#) & [Tuesday, May 11](#) -- \$90
- [Wednesday, May 12 to Friday, May 14](#) -- \$95

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## Student Spotlight

Three Foothill students were awarded grants from the Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation.

Click [here for the full story](#) on the Foothill web site.

Falcon Pride recognition is back

The ticket price is **per ticket**. Each person needs his or her own ticket to get into the ball. Tickets will be sold at the main office activities window before and after school and during lunch.

**All students must present a senior ball agreement at the time of ticket purchase.** Click [here for that form](#).

Pictures will be taken in the Foothill small gym from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on **Saturday, May 22**. The ball is held from 8 p.m. to midnight.

Please contact Julie Battershell at [jbattershell@comcast.net](mailto:jbattershell@comcast.net) if you can help with the after-the-ball breakfast at Foothill. We need volunteers and donations of cash and food.

## School Calendar: Details Still Being Ironed Out

We wish we could tell you that the 2010-11 school year calendar has been set, but that's not yet the case.

The calendar is a negotiable item, so that means the school district is still working with the teachers and classified staff unions to iron out details. The district hopes to have the calendar set by mid-May, if not sooner.

It appears likely that the first day of school will be **Wednesday, August 25**. Thanksgiving break will be the week of **November 22-26**. Winter break will likely be **December 20-31**, with classes resuming **January 3**.

Spring break is a bit trickier. Spring break typically falls the week after Easter, but that is not set in stone. Easter falls rather late in 2011, putting the traditional spring break week close to important testing dates. There's a chance spring break will be moved to **April 4-8**.

The district and unions are also trying to determine when next year's three furlough days will be held.

Thank you for your patience.

after a first-semester hiatus. Click [here for the list of January and February honorees](#).

Senior Druthi Ghanta is honored as a Top Scholar. Click [here for the full story](#).

## Cop Corner

The very real dangers of drinking and driving are the topic of this month's Cop Corner.

Click [here for the full article](#) on the Foothill web site.

## Counseling News

### **Summer School**

Summer will be here before you know it, so don't delay signing up for classes you need to get ahead or keep you on track for graduation.

Click [here for more info about the full offerings at summer school](#). Classes fill up quickly, so sign up early to ensure your spot in the classes you need.

If your student currently has any D or F grades, it is wise to secure a spot in summer school, in case you need it.

***The deadline to register for summer school has been extended to [Friday, May 14](#).***

Summer school will be held June 21 through July 29. Classes are held Monday through Thursday with the exception of the week of July 4. Since Monday, July 5 is a holiday, school will be held that week on Friday, July 9 so that students may have a full week of education.

### **College Night**

You won't want to miss Foothill's fabulous college night on [Wednesday, May 12](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the small gym.

This is a sit-down event with speakers from UC, CSU, private college and community college. There's also a panel of Foothill seniors that will give advice regarding the college application process.

### **East Bay College Fair**

Representatives from more than 100 colleges will be on hand to provide tons of info about colleges at the spring college fair [Friday, May 7](#) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium at California State University, East Bay's Hayward campus.

Click [here for more details and directions](#).

## Gearing Up for Grad Night 2011: Volunteers Needed

That's right, folks. This year's Grad Night is still a couple of months away, yet we're already recruiting enthusiastic

volunteers to make sure next year's Grad Night is a rousing success.

Parents of current juniors are encouraged to attend the next Grad Night and senior events meeting on [Monday, May 3](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library to see how much fun it is to be involved with Grad Night.

Grad Night is organized completely by senior parents. The best time to get involved is now when you can shadow current volunteers and pick their brains for the most efficient ways to get jobs done.

We need to fill these spectacularly fun positions:

- Event chair or co-chairs (The more, the merrier!)
- Fundraising
- Ticket sales
- Senior awards night
- Senior barbecue
- After-ball breakfast
- Senior memory boards
- Treasurer

Please contact these current volunteers for more info or to nab your favorite job!

Kerry Sirotta -- [sirottaland@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sirottaland@sbcglobal.net)

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Ellie Wrenn -- [k.wrenn@comcast.net](mailto:k.wrenn@comcast.net)

## **Senior News**

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### **Grad Night Meeting**

The next Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held [Monday, May 3](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library. Everyone chairing a senior event *must* attend and provide an update on your event. Please include current plans for your event, any funding or fundraising you may need, plans for publicity or other issues that should be addressed.

### **Diploma Info**

Seniors may request that a specific Foothill teacher or staff member hand them their diploma at the graduation ceremony.

Sign-ups to request a specific staff member will be held

**Monday, May 4** through **Wednesday, May 12**. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the office before school, at lunch and after school.

### **Senior Memory Boards & Workshop**

Parents are encouraged to create memory boards for their students to be displayed at the senior breakfast and graduation. Click [here for more details about the boards](#).

Come together with your friends to create your memory board as fun workshop on **Tuesday, May 4** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Pleasant Memories, 7137-B Dublin Blvd., in Dublin.

### **After-the-Ball Breakfast: Help & Donations Needed**

This year's Senior Ball is scheduled for **Saturday, May 22**. In keeping with tradition, senior parents plan and provide a safe and sober celebration at the after-the-ball senior breakfast from 12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.

We need plenty of volunteers and donations, both cash and food, to make this special event a success. Everything is funded and staffed by senior parents, so we really need everyone to step up to the plate and do their fair share.

Please mail donations to Julie Battershell at 6322 Corte Esperanza, Pleasanton 94566. Checks should be made to FHS Senior Class 2010. Include your name, address and telephone number if you would like a receipt.

If you can volunteer your valuable time or donate food, please drop a note to Julie at [jbattershell@comcast.net](mailto:jbattershell@comcast.net). She'll let you know how you can help.

In these tough times, every little bit helps. Don't assume that other people will do all the work or make the donations. Please help as much as you can!

### **Grad Night Tickets**

The deadline to buy Grad Night tickets is rapidly approaching. Students can get tickets for \$185 each through **June 1**.

The price includes admission to the party, all activity fees and bus transportation (required) to and from City Beach in Fremont. The ticket also covers the cost of the senior pool party and picnic at the end of the school year.

Nobody will be left out. If tickets are too pricey for you, see Mrs. Shanker in the counseling office to ask about scholarship aid.

Click [here for the Foothill web site page with Grad Night info and details](#). Scroll to the bottom of that page to find the three forms that must be filled out before seniors can buy tickets.

**NEW!** Check the [Grad Night page](#) for a list of activities students will enjoy that evening, such as rock climbing, mechanical bull and robo-surfing. Click [here for the City Beach web site](#) to see what this awesome facility is all about.

Be sure to check the list posted on the office window to see who has already bought tickets!

Questions? Contact Patty Haykin at 998-0056 or [phaykin@aol.com](mailto:phaykin@aol.com).

### **Save the Dates**

Mark your calendars for the next senior class fundraiser and social event at Casa Orozco in Dublin on **Thursday, May 6** from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Click [here for the flier](#).

The senior barbecue and swim party will be held **June 3** from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Foothill pool and athletic field. Of course, we need donations of food and volunteer help. Please contact Lynley Payne at [ljpayne01@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ljpayne01@sbcglobal.net) to let her know how you can help.

### **Senior T-Shirts**

Get your senior T-shirts and hoodies before they're all sold out! These awesome T-shirts have a falcon graphic and the words "Senior 2010 I'm So Done." Click [here for prices and the order form](#).

### **Scholarships**

Seniors should check the Foothill web site regularly for up-to-date scholarship information. Scholarship info is posted in the counseling section of the web site. Look for the counseling link on the left side of the home page, and then click on "Scholarship Information." Click [here to go directly to the scholarship page](#).

**Deadline Extended:** The deadline for the six \$500 AABC

scholarships has been extended to May 7. Click [here for details on the AABC web page](#).

### **Gift Card Donations Needed**

We need lots and lots of gift cards to use as student prizes on Grad Night. We're looking for gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$25 for popular student hangouts, such as Starbucks, Jamba Juice, In-n-Out, Target, Walmart, nail salons and more.

Gift card donations may be dropped in the Grad Night box in the front office. Be sure to write the amount on the gift card. Include your contact information if you'd like a tax receipt for your donation.

Don't let those unused gift cards go to waste. Donate them to support Foothill's safe and sober Grad Night celebration.

### **Plan Ahead for Baccalaureate**

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, inspirational and voluntary senior celebration of graduation that includes speakers, music, readings and a memorable slide presentation -- all coordinated by seniors and their parents. This year's event is planned for [Sunday, June 6](#) at 5 p.m. at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton.

Students who want to perform may audition after school on [May 4](#) in D-1 with teacher JoAnn Koobatian.

Baccalaureate also features a slide show of seniors who attend. We need two photos of each senior. It's a good idea to get this out of the way ASAP before life gets too hectic.

Click [here for details](#) about what types of photos we need and how to submit your photos.

### **Save the Arts**

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Mark your calendars for art and musical extravaganzas on [Friday, May 21](#) and [Saturday, May 22](#) to help save music and arts in Pleasanton schools.

The benefit, dubbed *Celebrate*, will include an art show Friday evening, followed by five separate musical performances on Saturday to raise money for music and arts in the schools.

Tickets are not required, but a donation of \$15 per adult and \$10 per student is greatly encouraged. Donations are suggested for each separate performance.

A gala featuring student art will be held [Friday, May 21](#) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. All of the art on display will be for sale.

Musical performances start at 9 a.m. [Saturday, May 22](#) and continue until 6:30 p.m. Click [here for the schedule of school groups that will perform](#). You may print the form to order tickets or [order online at the Bankhead Theater web site](#).

The fundraiser is hosted by the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation (PSEE). Click [here for more info about PSEE and the Celebrate benefit](#).

Deadlines for Talon Talk article submissions are the 10th and 22nd of each month. Please include all pertinent info -- who, what, where, when, why and, if applicable, how much does it cost.

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Go Falcons!

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