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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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CORE Fundraiser

The school district is asking parents to donate \$150 per student to ease budget cuts and help maintain certain school programs.

Click [here for all the details on the Foothill web site](#).

Beat Inflation: Buy Grad Night Tickets Now

You may not be able to dodge inflation at the grocery store, but you can certainly avoid it at Foothill by buying your Grad Night tickets before the [April 15](#) price hike.

Grad Night tickets are a mere \$170 each if you buy early. 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.

The price hike on [April 15](#) will bring ticket prices to \$185 each. Scholarships are available through Mrs. Shanker in the counseling office.

Click [here for the Foothill web site page with Grad Night](#)

Quick Calendar

April 1 -- No school.
Teacher furlough day.

April 2-9 -- No school. Spring break.

April 12 -- Back to school after spring break

April 12 -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

April 12 -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library

April 13 (*Date change*)-- AABC meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

April 14 -- Grad Night fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes, 5-8 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

April 16 -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., room C-6

April 17 -- Junior prom photos, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Foothill

April 17 -- Junior prom, 7:30-11 p.m., Castlewood Country Club

Quick Links

[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.

Questions? Contact Patty Haykin at 998-0056 or phaykin@aol.com.

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.

Counselors are mailing home summer school recommendation letters for students who need to make up courses either for graduation or to meet college entrance requirements.

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.

Books Missing in Action

We are tickled pink that Foothill students take full advantage of our school's fabulous library and check out books for research or sheer pleasure. However, we'd sure like to see these books returned to the shelves in a timely manner.

Students currently have hundreds -- yes, hundreds! -- of overdue books checked out from the school library. Some of

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Foothill students continue to get

overdue books checked out from the school library. Some of these books have been held hostage since September. If these books are lingering at your home, then other students are robbed of these wonderful tomes by not having access to them.

We urge you to search your backpacks, rooms and, indeed, your entire home to track down any Foothill books that may be loitering in your possession. Some of the worst offenders are keeping popular titles for which there are long lists of students eager to get their mitts on these fabulous works.

Please take a look around for any Foothill books you may have in your possession and return them ASAP. The due dates are stamped on the inside front cover.

Thank you for your complete cooperation in returning books so that our library collection can remain vibrant and fluid!

Beat the Rush: Get Your Booster Passes Now!

Get a jump on next school year and save time at registration by getting your 2010-11 booster passes now! Not only will you save time, but the Foothill Athletic Boosters will throw in an awesome jacket as an extra incentive for the family passes.

Booster passes are good for all regular season home sports events, except for playoff games. You won't have to stand in line to buy tickets. Best of all, your booster pass helps support Foothill's athletic program.

Click [here to see the fantastic fleece-lined, water-resistant jacket](#) you'll get if you buy your booster pass early.

Booster passes go for \$50 for one grandparent pass, \$100 for one individual pass, \$135 for a family pass and \$165 for a premium family pass.

Click [here to print out the flier](#) to order your booster passes today!

impressive rankings at competitions.

DECA students did incredibly well at a state competition in March, leading some top students to the national conference.

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

Click [here to read how Latin students fared](#) at a regional contest in March.

Click [here for info about drama students winning four trophies](#).

The spring musical, *Seussical*, was a huge success. Click [here to read all about it](#).

Junior Prom: Ticket Sales Extended

Juniors won't want to miss a memorable *Night in Venice*, the theme for this year's junior prom on [April 17](#).

Prom tickets will be sold the week before prom on [April 12, 13 & 14](#). Tickets sold that week will be \$75 per person.

[April 14](#) is the final day to buy tickets. No tickets will be sold at the door.

The prom will be held April 17 from 7:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Castlewood Country Club. Pictures will be taken in advance in Foothill's small gym from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be served at prom.

Foothill's special dance dress code must be followed for this event. Click [here for details](#).

Questions? Please contact the junior class officers at class11officers@yahoo.com.

Keep Health Office Healthfully Stocked

Foothill's health office is in sore need of supplies to keep the office fully stocked to help all the kids on campus.

Here's what's needed:

- 2 No. 2017 lithium batteries for Thermoscan ear thermometer
- Benzylkonium wipes
- Latex-free 1-inch by 3-inch bandages
- 5 ounce Dixie cups
- 3-inch ACE ankle wraps
- Lysol spray
- Lysol surface wipes
- Cotton balls

Thank you for your generous support during these tough fiscal times.

Questions? Contact health clerk Chris Faubion at cfaubion@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or 461-6605.

Calling All Artists

Foothill's talented artists are invited to submit their best work for the annual Congressional Art Competition hosted locally by Congressman Jerry McNerney. The deadline to submit artwork is [April 12](#).

One lucky student from McNerney's district will get his or her art chosen to be displayed on Capitol Hill for nearly a full year. The winner also gets a free trip for the artist and one guest to Washington, D.C., in June to attend the awards ceremony.

The national art exhibit, staged in the corridor between the Cannon House Office Building and the Capitol, features exceptional artwork from all 435 congressional districts throughout the country.

Art must be two dimensional and no larger than 30 inches wide and high, plus 4 inches deep.

Please see art teachers Trish Fenton or Caroline Fields for more info.

Poker Tournament Boosts Athletics

The Texas Hold 'Em tournament hosted by the Foothill Athletic Boosters on March 13 was a resounding success, bringing in much-needed bucks for the school's athletic program.

Everyone in attendance enjoyed a fun and exciting evening of cards and camaraderie.

Special thanks to Alameda & Pleasanton Pediatric Dentistry for sponsoring the grand prize of \$500. The grand prize winner, who wishes to remain anonymous, donated back \$400 of the winnings to the booster club.

Thanks to everyone who attended and supported this fantastic event. Thanks also to Fiesta Taco for donating delicious food for the evening.

Graduation Leis

Graduation will be here before you know it, so don't delay

placing your order for a customized graduation lei.

The senior class sells the colorful leis as a fundraiser for the class. The ribbon leis come in 11 different styles with prices ranging from \$22 to \$47. Click [here to see the different styles and prices and for ordering info.](#)

The deadline to order is April 15. Leis will be handed out at school. You will be notified by e-mail regarding the delivery date.

Questions? Contact Jenni Lee at jenni_lee423@yahoo.com.

Senior News

Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser is April 14

Get out of the kitchen and join other senior parents at Sweet Tomatoes this [Wednesday, April 14](#) for a Grad Night fundraiser from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Click [here to print the flier](#) you must present for Foothill to get its share of your purchase price. Forward the flier to all of your friends, neighbors and relatives. The more, the merrier.

Mark your calendars for the next fundraiser:
[May 6](#) -- Casa Orozco senior class celebration
All events are to raise funds for Grad Night

Grad Night Meeting

The next Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held [Monday, April 12](#) 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.

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.](#)

Senior band students can apply for a \$600 band scholarship. The deadline is [April 30](#). Click [here for info on the band's web site](#).

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

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](#).

T-Shirts & Cookie Dough

Keep Ptown Blue T-Shirts

Foothill's sophomore class is selling awesome Falcon-blue T-shirts with the logo "Keep P-Town Blue." Click here to see the design on the front of the T-shirt.

The short-sleeved T-shirts feature the FHS initials on the left sleeve and the back reads "This Is Our Town."

The T-shirts are a great deal at only \$10 each. Please state the shirt sizes you want and include a check made to Foothill High School. Put an envelope with your contact info, shirt sizes and check in teacher Stephanie Maimoni's mailbox in the front office.

Sophomore Fundraiser

This fundraiser for the sophomore class offers one-stop shopping for all your magazine, cookie dough and restaurant coupon needs. What more could you want?

Click [here to place your orders online](#) for a wide variety of magazines, two levels of restaurant coupon books and three delicious flavors of cookie dough. All orders are shipped directly to your home. Shipping fees may apply.

Both promotions are fundraisers for the Class of 2012.

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.

Talon Talk is a twice monthly online publication brought to you the 1st and 15th of each month by the Foothill Activities & Academics Booster Club in cooperation with school administration.

Go Falcons!

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