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## Talon Talk

# Foothill High School Newsletter

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### Here He Is -- Mr. Foothill!

Miss America is a mere amateur gig when compared to the sheer talent and testosterone on display at the upcoming Mr. Foothill competition.

Get ready for the best beauty pageant ever when a dozen of Foothill's white-hot seniors take the stage to duke it out for the coveted title of Mr. Foothill. You'll laugh yourself silly at this annual tongue-in-cheek competition to determine the best senior male at Foothill.

This year's contest will be held [Wednesday, March 3](#) at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The pageant includes talent, dance numbers, interviews, formal wear and casual wear.

Advance tickets will be sold on campus for \$5. Tickets at the door are \$7 each. Buy your tickets and show up early. This is always a standing-room-only event.

Calendars featuring the 2010 Mr. Foothill candidates will be sold for \$15 each after the show.

**NOTE:** *The date for Mr. Foothill has been changed from what was previously published.*

New "In This Issue" items (above) are marked with asterisks.

## Quick Calendar

**March 1** -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library

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

**March 3** -- Mr. Foothill contest, 7 p.m., MPR

**March 4** -- Round Table fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

**March 5** -- Sadie Hawkins dance, 7 p.m., large gym

**March 8** -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

**March 18** -- Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser, 5-8 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

## Quick Links

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## Sadie Hawkins Dance

Get ready for the one time a year when the gender tables are turned and ladies are in charge of inviting dates to a school dance.

This year's Sadie Hawkins dance is this week on [Friday, March 5](#) from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the large gym. The theme is *Decades*. Students are encouraged to dress in clothes from their favorite decade, like poodle skirts from the '50s or groovy tie-dye from the '60s.

[Sadie Hawkins](#) was a homely comic strip character who finally got her chance to catch a beau when a special Sadie Hawkins Day was declared in her honor. The chance for gals to chase guys became a cultural phenomenon beyond the comic pages.

Tickets are \$5 with an ASB sticker and \$10 without the sticker. Tickets will be sold at school this week. The regular [school dress code](#) applies, so be sure your outfits are appropriate.

## Register for AP Exams

Students currently enrolled in AP courses may register [March 2-12](#) to take AP exams. There is an \$86 fee per exam. Checks should be made to Foothill High School.

Students may register in the counseling office with Mrs. Bing before school, at lunch or after school. Students will get a registration form and booklet with information about the exams, schedules, policies and procedures on March 1 in their AP classes.

Exams are given at Foothill May 3-14. Click [here for the College Board web site](#) for more info about AP exams and sample questions.

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## **Seussical the Musical**

The annual spring musical presented by Foothill and Amador Valley students is coming in March.

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

## **Art Exhibit**

Foothill students are

## ***Live Out Loud Benefits Charity***

Foothill's *Live Out Loud* charity talent show on Feb. 16 brought in more than \$3,500 for the American Red Cross' Haiti earthquake relief fund.

The talent show featured 20 student acts from Foothill and neighboring schools. The evening also included a silent auction and ticket raffle.

Students who performed were given 2 minutes after their acts to collect donations from the audience. While all participants were outstanding, the three students who raised the most money were given special recognition. Those students are:

- Arianne Olarig, first place for her singing and guitar playing
- Jessica Sin, second place for her exotic Tahitian dance
- Mia & David from Dublin High for their Lady Gaga compilation

Thanks to all the performers, sponsors and audience for supporting the talent show, hosted by Foothill's DECA club.

## **Crab Feed Hits High Note for Band**

Foothill's supportive community came together for a night of fun, friendship and fresh crab at the band's annual Crab Feed on Feb. 5.

This fabulous feast and spirited gathering brought in an impressive \$15,000 for Foothill's award-winning band. Special thanks to Pepsi for the company's extraordinary generosity.

Additional thanks to Mama Rosa's and De la Torre's Trattoria restaurants for their generous donations. Not to be left out is the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the group that oversees the Veterans Memorial Building where the spectacular event was held. And, of course, none of this would be possible without the tremendous support of the many Foothill parents who donate their time and money to make the Crab Feed such an overwhelming success.

using their artistic skills to highlight the need for students to keep the campus clean.

Click [here for more info on the art exhibits](#) currently on campus.

## **Junior Prom: Volunteers Needed**

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Parent volunteers are needed to help make this year's junior prom a success. While the junior class is seeking a "Prom Mom Committee," dads are more than welcome -- and encouraged -- to lend a helping hand.

This year's junior prom will be held **April 17** at the Castlewood Country Club. The prom theme is *Night in Venice*.

Parents are needed to help with several aspects of prom night, including decorations and coat check. Please contact the junior class officers at [class11officers@yahoo.com](mailto:class11officers@yahoo.com) if you'd like to help.

## **Texas Hold 'Em**

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Calling all card sharks to one of the most exciting fundraisers of the entire school year -- the no-limit Texas Hold' Em tournament hosted by the Foothill Athletic Boosters.

This year's card extravaganza will be held **Saturday, March 13** from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St., in beautiful downtown Pleasanton.

This is the best deal in town, folks. A mere \$50 buy-in gets you dinner, drinks and a whopping \$1,000 in chips. Optional unlimited re-buys are available for \$10 and there's a one-time \$20 add-on.

All skill levels are welcome to take part in this fun event. Players will compete for Visa gift cards ranging from \$500 for first place to \$50 for fourth place.

Click [here to register online](#) or contact Theresa at [tvjrose@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tvjrose@sbcglobal.net) or Carrie at [cebartelt@aol.com](mailto:cebartelt@aol.com).

The deadline to register is **March 10**, so hurry before all the slots are taken!

## **P-Town T-Shirts & Sophomore Class Fundraiser**

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### **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.*

### **Pizza & Coupons**

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#### **Round Table Fundraiser**

Enjoy a family pizza night to help raise money for Foothill on **Thursday, March 4** from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the downtown Round Table, 530 Main St.

The AABC will get 15 percent of all purchases accompanied by the Foothill flier. Click [here to print the flier](#).

#### **Coupon Books**

Save big bucks at local restaurants and businesses with Gift Checks coupon books offered by the AABC\*.

The coupon books cost a mere \$10 each and are chockful of fabulous coupons from local businesses. These books pay for themselves with only one or two purchases.

Here are some of the great offers:

- Dublin Regal & Livermore Cinemas -- movie tickets for only \$7 each (cheaper than Costco)
- Vic's All-Star Kitchen -- buy one menu item, get one

free

- Girasole Grill -- buy one meal, get one free
- Gene's Fine Foods -- \$3 off a \$10 deli purchase
- Mahalo Grille -- \$20 off a dinner
- Casa Madrid -- \$10 off two meals
- Dublin Auto Wash -- \$2 off
- And much more!

There are nearly 100 coupons in this mighty little book. You'll save money while supporting the school. Foothill gets \$5 of each \$10 purchase.

For more info or to buy a book, contact Jill Thomas at [jilldthomas@comcast.net](mailto:jilldthomas@comcast.net) or 216-6423.

*\*The [Academics & Activities Booster Club](#) is a parent group that raises money to fund supplemental supplies and programs for the school.*

## **Graduation Leis**

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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](mailto:jenni_lee423@yahoo.com).

## **Senior News**

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### **Save the Date: Fundraisers**

**March 18** -- Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser. Click [here to print the flier](#) you must present for Foothill to get its share of your purchase price.

**April 14** -- Sweet Tomatoes senior parent night

**May 6** -- Casa Orozco senior class celebration

*All events are to raise funds for Grad Night*

Top 7 Reasons to Support Grad Night Fundraisers:

- 15 percent of all purchases go toward a safe and sober Grad Night celebration for seniors
- Time with your family
- Buddy time with Foothill friends
- Relax & enjoy yourself
- No cooking
- No dishes to clean

*OK, so we couldn't come up with 10 reasons. We're not late-night TV writers. Cut us some slack.*

### **Grad Night Meeting**

This month's Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held tonight -- [Monday, March 1](#) -- 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.

### **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.

### **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](#).

Special thanks to parent volunteer Maureen Kyer and our counseling staff for working so diligently to make sure students have the latest scholarship news.

## **Grad Night Tickets On Sale Now**

Get your Grad Night tickets now while prices are low!

Tickets for Grad Night '10 are \$170 each. 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 hike in ticket prices, up to \$185, has been delayed until April 15. Scholarships are available through Mrs. Shanker in the counseling office.

Click [here for the Foothill web site page with Grad Night info and details](#). Scroll to the bottom 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](mailto:phaykin@aol.com).

## **Counseling Corner**

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### **Mid-Year Reports**

Seniors who need mid-year reports and/or senior year grades should see Mrs. Willy in the counseling office as soon as possible. Bring a stamped, self-addressed envelope for each college and \$2 per request. Most private and out-of-state colleges require these reports, as do all CSU colleges.

### **College Night**

Students and parents interested in college planning are invited to attend College Night on [May 12](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Representatives from UC and CSU systems, private colleges and community colleges will be on hand to give out info and answer questions.

### **Sophomore Meetings**

Counselors will meet with all sophomores between now and the end of the school year. Meetings were delayed due to early scheduling for next school year.

### **College Financial Aid**

Seniors should check with colleges regarding their financial aid application process. Most colleges require the FAFSA and GPA verification forms. Some colleges require the PROFILE. Be sure to check college web sites to see if the college requires additional forms to apply for financial aid. Foothill's counselors encourage all students to apply, even if you think you will not qualify for needs-based financial aid.

## **Auf Wiedersehen! Goodbye, German Students**

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Foothill students bid farewell to their new German friends Feb. 13 when the exchange students headed back home

after more than three weeks in Pleasanton.

Fifteen German students and two teachers made the educational trip as part of the German-American Partnership Program.

During their visit, the students enjoyed excursions to acquaint them with Bay Area culture, history and environs. Students visited Alcatraz Island, UC Berkeley, Mission Santa Clara, the Tech Museum and Monterey. Retired Foothill German teacher Cindy Jackson led a tour of historical Pleasanton.

The cornerstone of GAPP is the home stay, with each student spending their entire time with a Foothill German student's family. The chaperoning adults were hosted by Foothill German teacher Heather Fleming and French teacher Valerie Rossman.

Another facet of GAPP is classroom participation, with students attending Foothill classes and spending time at Hart Middle School and Lydiksen Elementary School. Thanks to the teachers and administrators at those schools for hosting the German students.

Special thanks to Principal John Dwyer and the entire Foothill staff for so graciously accommodating the German students into the Foothill program.

Foothill German students will travel to Germany in the summer of 2011 as part of the partnership program.

Click [here for a Tri-Valley Herald column](#) about the exchange program.

### **Student Grants**

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Time is running out for students to apply for grants to support co-curricular or extracurricular activities. The deadline to apply is [Tuesday, March 9](#).

The grants are sponsored by [Pleasanton Partnerships in Education](#). Students are encouraged to apply for grants to support school-related activities and events. Past grants have been awarded as start-up funds for new clubs or to pay for travel and competition fees for existing clubs. Some students request funds for much-needed supplies for

classrooms or clubs.

Students may request up to \$500 per grant. Proposals must be entirely developed and written by students.

Click [here for more grant info](#), including past award recipients and the grant application packet.

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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