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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Final Exams Next Week

First semester is almost over, so that can mean only one thing -- time for finals.

Final exams will be held **Jan. 20, 21 & 22**. School hours and class schedules are altered on test days.

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

Mock SAT & ACT Exams

Foothill students having a tough time deciding between which college entrance exam is best for them are in luck.

Foothill's [AABC](#) booster group is hosting a combination practice test on **Saturday, Feb. 6** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Foothill High. A minimal fee of \$20 per student will be charged. All funds go to the AABC, which directly benefits Foothill students. [Kaplan](#), the private firm running the workshop, is donating its services for this event.

Students will take portions of both the SAT and ACT during this workshop, set in a test-like environment and held under timed conditions. Students will get a comprehensive analysis of their test performance, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses, at a brief follow-up seminar on Monday, Feb. 8 from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Students are encouraged to attend

Quick Calendar

Jan. 18 -- No school.
Martin Luther King,
Jr. holiday.

Jan. 20, 21 & 22 --
Final exams

Jan. 22 -- End of
first semester

Jan. 25 -- No school.
Staff development
day.

Jan. 26, 27 & 28 --
Students get
scheduling info &
forms

Jan. 28 -- Incoming
freshmen: Parent info
night, 7 p.m., small
gym

Jan. 29 -- Report
cards mailed

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

Feb. 2 -- Freshman
scheduling night, 6-
8:15 p.m., MPR &
small gym

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

Feb. 5 -- [Band
boosters Crab Feed](#),
6 p.m., Veterans
Memorial Building

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

Feb. 15 -- No school.
Lincoln's birthday.

Feb. 22 -- No school.
Presidents Day
holiday.

with their parents.

This workshop will help students identify the specific skills they should work on before taking actual exams.

Please drop by Foothill's counseling office to sign up for this one-time event. The deadline to register is [Thursday, Feb. 4](#).

Scheduling Info for 2010-11 School Year

First semester isn't even over, yet it's already time to start planning for next school year. Please mark these important dates on your calendars.

[Jan. 26](#) -- Counselors will visit English classes to distribute scheduling materials to current juniors and discuss procedures. Completed schedules are due to English teachers no later than [Tuesday, Feb. 2](#).

[Jan. 27](#) -- Counselors will visit history classes to distribute scheduling materials to current sophomores and discuss procedures. Completed schedules are due to history teachers no later than [Wednesday, Feb. 3](#).

[Jan. 28](#) -- Counselors will visit history classes to distribute scheduling materials to current sophomores and discuss procedures. Completed schedules are due to history teachers no later than [Thursday, Feb. 4](#).

[Jan. 28](#) -- Info night for parents of incoming freshmen at 7 p.m. in the small gym. Parents will learn about high school and graduation requirements. There will also be info about various clubs and activities at Foothill.

[Feb. 1](#) -- Makeup scheduling info given and forms handed out to students who missed the regular sessions. Students will notified when and where to report.

[Feb. 2](#) -- Scheduling night for parents of incoming freshmen (current 8th-graders). Please come based on the first letter of the student's last name.

- A-I -- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., MPR
- J-L -- 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., MPR
- M-S -- 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., small gym
- T-Z -- 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., small gym

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Feb. 3 -- Makeup scheduling for incoming freshman from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. at either Hart or Pleasanton middle school.

Due to budget constraints, we will not be able to accept schedule changes after forms have been submitted.

NOTE: *There will not be information nights for parents of current Foothill students. Please read the materials your students bring home and contact counselors with any questions.*

Incoming Freshman Honors English Testing

Current 8th-graders who want to challenge themselves in freshman English can take a test to see if they qualify for the academically rigorous freshman honors English.

Foothill will hold freshman honors English testing on **Tuesday, Feb. 16** from 3:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Foothill High School. The makeup exam will be given **Feb. 24** at 3:45 p.m. at Foothill in room C-6.

Students should check in outside the front office for their testing location. Bring a No. 2 pencil.

Go Crabbing in Downtown Pleasanton

You won't need to muck around in mud or worry about getting wet at the band's annual Crab Feed on **Friday, Feb. 5** at the Veterans Memorial Building, 301 Main St. in beautiful downtown Pleasanton.

Crabbing has never been easier. Just shell out a few bucks for your meal, then come enjoy fresh Dungeness crab, cocktails and even pasta at this shellfish extravaganza.

A mere \$45 per person or \$85 per couple will get you all-

Student Spotlight

Foothill students are raking in honors on campus and at regional contests.

Click [here to read the full article](#) on the Foothill web site about DECA students' honors.

Click [here for the latest Face of Character honorees](#).

Click [here to read about a student-run charity to collect prom dresses](#).

Click [here for a full list of Foothill students selected for various honor bands](#).

Foothill Earrings

If you're searching for the perfect Valentine's gift for your sweetheart, we have just the thing - customized Foothill earrings.

Act fast before the limited supply of these earrings is gone.

Click [here for more info](#), including a photo of the five different earring styles.

you-can eat crab, pasta, salad and bread. You can also buy a table of 10 for only \$400.

No-host cocktails (bring money for drinks) and the silent auction start at 6 p.m. Dinner is served at 7:15 p.m., followed by the exciting live auction. The evening's entertainment will be provided by Foothill's award-winning jazz band.

This spectacular and delectable evening is one of the band's major fundraisers, not to mention one of the most exciting evenings of the year. You won't want to miss this fun event!

Please [click here for more details and the ticket order form](#). Seating is limited, so get your tickets before they're sold out!

Recycling Thanks

Foothill's wrestling team hosted a successful e-waste recycling event Jan. 10, helping community members properly dispose of electronics while raising money for the team.

The numbers are not yet tallied, but it looks as though the team will get a decent chunk of change from this event.

Thanks to these hard-working volunteers for making the recycling event so successful: Zac Wilner, Sam Vanderbilt, Kyle Batoy, Chad Carandang, Connor Johnson, Anthony Burchett, Max Johnston, Jake Thornton, Dylan Strangmeyer, Logan Wheatley, Jon Fernandez, Jon Burchett, Amy Burchett, Spencer Miller and Christian D'Adamo.

Thanks also to the many Foothill families who supported this fundraiser by dropping off recycling items or making donations to the team.

Senior News

College-Bound Info

Seniors applying to four-year colleges should check each college's web site for deadlines to file the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid), GPA verification form, institutional financial aid forms (if needed) and PROFILE (if required). Some deadlines are as early as [Feb. 1](#).

Save the Date

Mark your calendars now so that you don't miss these upcoming events hosted by the Foothill Athletic Boosters club.

March 13 -- Poker Night.

March 27 & 28 -- Spring meat sale.

More details to come!

Sports Physicals

Discount sports physicals will be offered **Feb. 3** at a local physicians' office.

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

The FAFSA requires that you apply for a personal identification number (PIN) before submitting the application. This can take time, so start now.

Grad Night Meeting

This month's Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held **Monday, Feb. 1** at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library.

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 ticket price goes up to \$185 in March. 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.

Essay Judges Needed

Get a peek into the hearts and minds of Foothill's creative students by volunteering to read and judge this year's Laws of Life student essays.

This year's reading and judging will be held [Wednesday, Feb. 17](#) from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Students have the option of entering this contest. They can choose to write about a life experience that relates to the positive character traits touted by the school and community.

Please let Terri Maxoutopoulos know by Jan. 22 that you'd like to help with reading and judging essay entries. You can reach her at tmaxout4@yahoo.com.

The Laws of Life awards celebration will be held March 5.

Driver Education Class

Students eager to get their driver's licenses can sign up for the spring driver education class offered by the school district's adult & community education department.

The class, approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles, starts [March 1](#) and is held at 3:20 p.m. at Amador Valley High School. The class will be held after school Monday through Thursday until March 11. The fee is \$85.

Click [here for more info and to register online](#).

Indian Ed Info

Students of American Indian heritage are encouraged to enroll in the local Indian Education Program and learn about

the benefits of being enrolled.

American Indian students are eligible for these free services:

- Native American culture class
- Academic tutoring
- College & career motivation activities
- Scholarships
- Summer outdoor education
- Pow-wows & field trips
- Weekly e-mail updates
- Parent-sponsored monthly meetings
- Referrals for social services & counseling

Please contact program coordinator Mary Puthoff at mputhoff@livermore.k12.ca.us or 925-606-3405 for more info and to enroll.

Open Enrollment in January

If you want to mix it up a bit by trying a different school in the district, then January is the month to make that move.

Technically, January is the month to apply for that move for the 2010-11 school year. **Families may apply for open enrollment Jan. 4 to Jan. 29.**

You must pick up the open enrollment application form from Foothill's counseling office or the district office. The form is not available online.

Open enrollment is allowed only if there is space available. Click [here for the full set of rules](#), including which proofs of residency are required and accepted.

Completed forms may be turned in at Foothill or at the district office.

Library News

Foothill students will take part in statewide voting for this year's winner of the [California Young Reader Medal Award](#) for best young adult novel.

Foothill's library will have 60 copies of each of the three young adult titles nominated for this year's award. Student

who take part will read all three novels and then vote along with tens of thousands of other students in California schools. The winner will be announced in May.

This year's young adult novel nominees are:

- [Saint Iggy](#) by K.L. Going
- [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie
- [Story of a Girl](#) by Sara Zarr

Funding to buy these books was provided by Foothill's [Academics & Activities Booster Club](#) (AABC).

Falcon Wing Student Store

The Falcon Wing student store, located in room A-14, is open daily from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The store is run by special needs students to teach them job skills. Please be patient if class activities mean the store is temporarily closed during regular business hours.

Drop by the store for classroom needs and Foothill spirit items, such as sweatshirts and car decals. The lost-and-found is now located in the student store.

Click [here for more info](#) about the student store, including details and photos of what the shop carries.

Trip of a Lifetime to Nation's Capital

Students in all grades are encouraged to sign up for the [Close Up](#) program's trip to Washington, D.C., May 16-21. This educational trip gives students a chance to see the nation's capital up close with the leadership of skilled guides.

The trip's cost of \$1,788 includes travel expenses, lodging and meals for this six-day, five-night trip. Teacher Michelle Jurich is the trip's sponsor. Students can also earn college credit for this trip.

Students will visit historical sites, tour nearby college campuses, take part in a mock congress and meet Washington insiders.

Please see Ms. Jurich in room B-8 or contact her at

mjurich@pleasanton.k12.ca.us for more info and to sign up for this trip before the deadline passes.

Chinese Restaurant Fundraiser

Enjoy a delicious meal at Shangri-La Chinese Cuisine, 6568 Village Parkway, in Dublin and Foothill will benefit with a few much-needed bucks.

The restaurant will donate 15 percent of your total purchase price to Foothill. This offer is good for dinner on Thursdays only from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The offer expires [Jan. 28](#).

Click [here for the flier](#) you must present to make sure Foothill gets its share of your meal purchase.

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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