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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Quick Calendar

Nov. 15 -- UC/CSU application workshop, 2:45 p.m., B-1

Friday Forum for Parents

Stay in the loop at Foothill by attending the fun and informative Friday Forums for parents every month.

This month's meeting will be held **Friday, Nov. 18** at 9 a.m. in room C-6.

Friday Forums are an informal way for parents to hear what's happening on campus while also sharing your thoughts and ideas about how to improve our school.

The forums are hosted by Principal John Dwyer and the three vice principals. The morning get-togethers start with a brief update from Mr. Dwyer before the floor is opened for parent feedback.

This month's main topic will be the recent Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC) visit. Foothill's in the midst of getting a new accreditation from the group.

Friday Forums are typically held the third Friday of each month. Each forum lasts about an hour. The next forum will be Dec. 16.

We look forward to seeing lots of folks at the Friday Forum. Thank you to the [AABC](#) school booster club for providing light snacks and coffee.

Nov. 15 -- Interact Club fundraiser at Sweet Tomatoes, 5-8 p.m. [Click here for flier.](#)

Nov. 18 -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., C-6

Nov. 21-25 -- **No school.** Thanksgiving break.

Dec. 6 -- Choir fundraiser at Chili's, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. [Click here for flier.](#)

Dec. 7 -- AABC school boosters meeting, 7 p.m., library

Dec. 12 -- Athletic boosters, 7 p.m., C-6

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

Dec. 23 -- Minimum day

Dec 26-Jan. 6 -- **No school.** Winter break.

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Calendar Change: Minimum Days Added

High school students will get to enjoy two minimum days that were previously scheduled only for younger students in the district.

The new minimum days are [Friday, Dec. 23](#) and [Friday, March 9](#). School will start at the regular time, but the day will end early. The exact dismissal time has not yet been set.

Please be sure to mark your calendars to include these new minimum days for high school students.

Flavorful Food Fundraisers

[Interact Club at Sweet Tomatoes Tonight](#)

Enjoy a delicious, healthful buffet at Sweet Tomatoes, 4501 Hopyard Road, this evening -- [Tuesday, Nov. 15](#) -- between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Foothill's Interact Club will get 15 percent of your meal purchase. You must buy a beverage with each meal for this offer to be valid.

Click [here for the flier to give the cashier](#) so that the club gets 15 percent of your purchase.

The [Interact Club](#), a service club for youths, is raising money for Mary's Meals and the Firelight Foundation.

[Choir at Chili's](#)

Take a break from the kitchen [Tuesday, Dec. 6](#) to enjoy yummy meals at Chili's, 4801 Hopyard Road, and Foothill's choir will get 15 percent of your meal purchase (alcohol not included).

This offer runs all day long, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. You can enjoy a leisurely lunch with your friends or colleagues and then return for dinner with the entire family. Offer good on

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Cheer Champions

Congratulations to Foothill's junior varsity cheer squad for winning first place at a regional tournament.

Click [here for more info about Foothill's award-winning cheerleaders](#).

dine-in or take-out.

Click [here for the flier to give your waiter](#) so that the choir gets 15 percent of your purchase.

The choir is raising money for a New York City performance tour in the spring of 2012.

College Application Workshop

Seniors are encouraged to attend today's college application workshop to get hands-on help in filling out applications for both the University of California and California State University systems.

A combined UC/CSU workshop will be **Tuesday, Nov. 15**. Each workshop will be held from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in room B-1.

Students must sign up in advance for workshops. A sign-up clipboard is located in the counseling office.

Students will get help from counselors in filling out applications. Students should complete their applications before the workshop, but do not submit them. Students should bring their transcripts with them.

Wanted: Committee Chairpersons

The [AABC](#) school booster group needs a few enthusiastic volunteers to take on some key roles.

We need chairpersons for these committees:

- eScrip coordinator
- Business directory 2012-13
- Spirit wear sales
- Alumni career day
- Laws of Life essay contest
- Facebook co-author

If you're super enthusiastic, feel free to take on one or more job by yourself. If you'd like to lighten the load, invite a friend to share a committee job with you.

Please drop a note to volunteer coordinator Kathy Soldati at fhsvolunteer@comcast.net to let her know which jobs you'd

like to take.

Foothill Products at Student Store

Drop by the student store to shop for an array of Foothill-branded items, everything from sweat pants and argyle socks to drink cups and license plate holders.

The Falcon Wing student store, located in A-14, sells an awesome variety of Foothill merchandise. One new item is a metal license plate holder for \$18. Sale items include sweat pants for \$28 and a stocking cap for \$8.50.

The student store also sells an assortment of school supplies, plus snacks and drinks. Drop by to check out the merchandise.

Senior News

There's a lot to keep up with senior year, so parents and students are encouraged to check out the Foothill website regularly for the latest senior news and events. Go to the [Foothill website](#) and click on "Senior Information" (on the left side of page) to find out what's going on and coming up.

Final Call for Senior Yearbook Ads

There are just a few spots remaining for parents to honor their graduating seniors with a personalized quarter-page ad to run in the 2012 Foothill yearbook.

Senior ads are a time-honored tradition at Foothill. Parents can gush about how proud they are of their graduating seniors. You can even embarrass seniors with baby photos (nude on a bearskin rug is always good) or maybe a shot from those awkward middle school years. Parents create the ads online, so you get to do pretty much what you want -- within the limits of good taste.

Click [here for more info about how to submit and pay for senior ads online](#).

Grad Night Tickets

It's never too soon to buy a Grad Night ticket for the biggest graduation party of the year -- Grad Night 2012.

Grad Night is a safe and sober way for Foothill graduates to celebrate in a secure location. This year's event will be at

Umigo Indoor Kart Racing in Livermore. Tickets are \$165 for this all-night party.

Click [here for more info and the forms you'll need to buy tickets](#).

Grad Announcement & Cap/Gown Orders

Students who did not turn in their cap, gown and graduation announcement orders at school must now mail their orders directly to Jostens, the company in charge of graduation items for Foothill.

The absolute final day orders will be accepted is [Tuesday, Nov. 22](#). All orders must be postmarked no later than Nov. 22.

Orders may also be placed online at www.jostens.com. The Nov.22 deadline also applies to online orders.

The mailing address for Jostens is on the order form all seniors were given at school. Extra order forms are available in the front office.

Career Center News

Foothill's [Career Center](#), located near the counseling offices, is a one-stop shop for information about college, the military, work and careers.

College Visits on Campus

Foothill's career center is hosting several upcoming on-campus visits from prestigious colleges. Colleges visiting campus include the University of Nevada, Reno on Nov. 16 and Whitman College on Nov. 17.

The best way to keep track of college visits is to check the calendar on the Career Center page of Foothill's website. Click [here to go directly to the calendar page](#). Check the calendar regularly. It is updated often as new college visits are scheduled.

Gates Millennium Scholarships: Male Initiative Event

Male minority students are invited to attend the Gates Millennium Scholars Bridge Builders Forum on [Saturday, Nov. 19](#) from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at California State University, East Bay in Hayward.

The forum is an educational and interactive event designed to provide young men of color with the tools and motivation needed to succeed in high school and move on to college. Students and their parents or guardians are encouraged to attend.

Click [here for more info and to register for this exciting event](#).

Las Positas College Concurrent Enrollment Program

Concurrent enrollment is an enrichment program that gives high school students the chance to benefit from advanced scholastic or vocational work. Students may use the program to explore courses not offered at Foothill, make up courses in which they got a D or F and/or complete high school graduation and college entrance requirements.

The application deadline for spring 2012 concurrent enrollment is Jan. 5. Click [here for more info and to apply online](#).

College Open Houses

One of the best ways to choose the right college is to visit the campus while classes are in session. The following colleges have upcoming preview days:

- [Dominican University of California](#), San Rafael, Nov. 19 & Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- [Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising](#), San Francisco, Nov. 19 (open house & runway show)
- [University of the Pacific](#), Stockton, Nov. 19, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Career Assessment Program

Students may visit an online website to get an assessment of careers that may interest them. Click [here to go to the career assessment page](#). The site ID number is 0008239 and the password is falcon.

The assessment program helps students identify careers and majors that correspond with their interests. Students can get in-depth info on jobs and careers and search for programs and colleges that offer the training/education needed. The program helps students research colleges and narrow down your list based on personal interests.

Dancers Raise Money

Nine Foothill students were part of a larger dance troop from Jazz N Taps dance studio that held a 24-hour dance marathon in late October to raise money for charity.

The 50 dancers raised more than \$13,200 for Project Roadrunner, a group that benefits the students and parents at Livermore's Marilyn Avenue Elementary School. An estimated 86 percent of the school's families live below the poverty line. The money the dancers raised will be used specifically to help fund holiday gifts for students.

Foothill students who danced and helped raise money are Kemi Kantor, Lauren Peterson, Carly Muller, Nicole Gilbreth, Alissa Greaney, Taylor Zevanove, Danielle Sullivant, Maddie Hager and Gabby Syed.

Alumni Soccer Games

Foothill soccer alumni are encouraged to take part in the 9th annual Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games to benefit the soccer programs at both schools.

The games will be held [Saturday, Jan. 7](#) at Foothill High School. The final day to register is Jan. 5. The fee to register is \$20 per player.

There will be two games featuring male and female players from the 1970s through the 2000s. Each game will be divided into periods for older players and younger players. (You know which one you are.) The event will also feature pre-game festivities with entertainment, games and food.

The gate receipts of \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and all snack bar proceeds will go directly to both schools' soccer programs.

Drop by the Hop Yard American Alehouse & Grill, 3015 Hopyard Road, after the games to celebrate. Fifteen percent of all purchases will be donated to both schools' soccer programs.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 Foothill graduate whose life was tragically cut short in a boating accident shortly after graduation. He played soccer at Foothill for four years and planned to continue playing at the college level.

Please contact Curt Gordon at curtgordon@comcast.net or drop by All-Star Sports to register for this fun and beneficial event.

PPIE Giving Fund

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education Foundation has announced the launch of its new Giving Fund to support programs at all schools throughout the district.

The Giving Fund is the foundation's new annual campaign to provide much-needed funding for Pleasanton schools during these tough fiscal times.

The foundation suggests a donation of \$150 per student by Jan. 31 to help raise funds for the 2012-13 school year.

Click [here for more info and to make your tax-deductible donation online](#).

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 Academic & Activities Booster Club in cooperation with school administration.

Go Falcons!

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