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# Talon Talk

## Foothill High School Newsletter

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### Friday Forum for Parents -- Tomorrow

It's time to get to up close and personal with Foothill at this school year's first Friday Forum tomorrow -- **Friday, Sept. 16** -- 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.

Topics at this week's Friday Forum include:

- State of the campus
- Brainstorming topics for future forums
- Community of character -- suggestions for focus areas for this year
- Parent issues and concerns

Friday Forums are typically held the third Friday of each month. Each forum lasts about an hour. The next forum will be Oct. 21.

We look forward to seeing lots of folks at tomorrow's Friday Forum. Thank you to the [AABC](#) school booster club for

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

## Quick Calendar

**Sept. 16** -- Friday Forum, 9 a.m., room C-6

**Sept. 16** -- Falcon Fest, 4-7 p.m., near football stadium

**Sept. 20** -- Private & out-of-state college application workshop, lunch, MPR

**Sept. 21** -- Back-to-school night. 5:30 p.m. BBQ  
6:15 p.m. rally, large gym  
7-9 p.m. classroom visits

**Sept. 22** -- Casa Orozco band fundraiser, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

**Sept. 23**-- Makeup school pictures, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., MPR

**Sept. 27** -- Private & out-of-state college application workshop, 2:45 p.m., MPR

**Sept. 29** -- Tri-Valley college fair, 6:30-8:30 p.m., large/small gyms

providing light snacks and coffee.

## Celebrate at Falcon Fest 2011

Paint the town blue at Foothill's fifth annual Falcon Fest tomorrow -- **Friday, Sept. 16** -- from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the field next to the football stadium.

This is a free event for the entire family. Be sure to bring your wallet to buy meals, snacks and lots of fantastic Foothill merchandise. There will be plenty of fun for students, parents and kids of all ages.

Falcon Fest is a spirit-building event open to the entire community. All three major booster groups, several athletic teams and lots of student clubs will have booths selling spirit items and delicious food like cotton candy, Jamba Juice, refreshing iced tea, cupcakes and See's Candies.

A few of the cheerleaders' *Home of a Foothill Falcon Fan* yard signs are left. The 12x18 signs are only \$11 each. Be sure to get yours at Falcon Fest before they sell out.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. It's a festive spirit event scheduled before the home football game against Union City's James Logan High School.

Be sure to bring lots of spirit and plenty of cash to stock up on Foothill merchandise and to fill your tummy with lots of great-tasting food. Stick around for the post-Falcon Fest football game to cheer the Falcons to a winning season.

This year's Falcon Fest is hosted by the Foothill Athletic Boosters and the Associated Student Body.

## Back-to-School Night & BBQ

gym

**Sept. 30** -- Deadline to get senior photos in yearbook

**Oct. 1 & 2** -- Athletic boosters' fall meat sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Foothill parking lot

**Oct. 3-7** -- Sign up for PSAT, counseling office

**Oct. 5** -- School boosters (AABC) meeting, 7 p.m., library

**Oct. 15** -- PSAT, 8 a.m., campus

### Quick Links

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Back-to-school night is next week on [Wednesday, Sept. 21](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's teachers and get back in touch with other parents. You'll also get a feel for what your students will learn in each class this year.

The fifth annual barbecue for parents starts at 5:30 p.m. at the outdoor lunch quad. Enjoy your meal, and then dash over to the parent rally at 6:15 p.m. in the large gym. Classroom visits run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Start at your child's first period and follow his/her class schedule.

Tickets for the barbecue are a mere \$6. This bargain price gets you a hamburger or veggie burger, soda, chips and a cookie. It's the best dinner deal in town.

Don't be left out. Click [here to order your meals](#) before they're all sold out. The deadline to order meals is [Friday, Sept. 16](#). Order forms and payments must be turned in to the front office.

Back-to-school night is for parents only. Please leave your kids at home to do their homework and a few light chores.

Back-to-school night runs on an extremely tight schedule. You'll have only a few minutes in each class. Wear comfortable shoes for sprinting between classrooms. This is not a time to discuss particular issues or concerns with teachers. You may [contact teachers by e-mail](#) to set up appointments to discuss your student.

Click [here for the back-to-school night schedule](#). Parents of students with A or B periods will meet in those classrooms at the end of the evening.

### School Booster News

The Academic & Activities Booster Club (AABC) is moving its regular monthly meetings from Tuesdays to the first Wednesday of each month.

That means the next booster meeting will be [Wednesday, October 5](#) at 7 p.m. in the library. Topics to be discussed at

[FOHHS](#)

[MyNutriKids Lunch Program](#)

[Scholarships](#)

[Senior Activities](#)

[SAT Test Dates](#)

[ACT Test Dates](#)

## **Student Spotlight**

We're all about spreading the good news about Foothill students and their outstanding achievements, but we need your help.

If your student did something spectacular this summer or achieves something wonderful this school year, please send that positive news our way. We'll make note of it on the Foothill website and in the Talon Talk.

Send your Student Spotlight news to [foothillnews@me.com](mailto:foothillnews@me.com).

## **Casa Orozco Fundraiser**

The dedicated parents behind Foothill's

the October meeting include:

- Grants for teacher wish list requests
- Fundraising efforts
- Assembly bill 165 -- a proposed law limiting how school districts can fundraise and request donations

Two drawings were held at the September meeting. Everyone who donated \$2 per day was placed in a drawing for an iPad2. The lucky winner is Helen Eberle. Kathy Soldati won a Foothill sweatshirt from a drawing of everyone who signed up to volunteer this year.

## **Double Your Dollars**

It's never too late to donate to the booster group's Dollar-A-Day campaign to benefit all students and teachers at Foothill. Click [here for more info about Dollar-A-Day](#), including the link to make an online donation.

Don't forget to ask if your company offers matching funds for non-profit donations. It's an easy way to double your donation dollars.

## **Preliminary SAT -- The Real One**

The school booster club is offering a practice SAT (see below), but the College Board -- the group that administers the SAT -- is the only group that offers the real preliminary SAT, also called the PSAT/NMSQT.

The [PSAT/NMSQT](#) is the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. This year's PSAT will be given at Foothill on **Saturday, Oct. 15**. *Students may sign up in the counseling office Oct. 3-7*. The fee is \$25 with checks payable to Foothill High School.

Students will get an info packet when they register with all of the important details they'll need to know for test day.

The test is open to sophomores and juniors, but the score counts toward National Merit status only when taken during a student's junior year. Sophomores may take the PSAT as a practice exam.

award-winning band and colorguard plan to host monthly restaurant fundraisers.

These regular fundraisers will be a great way to socialize while supporting the school's outstanding music program.

The next fundraiser will be [Thursday, Sept. 22](#) from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Casa Orozco, 7995 Amador Valley Blvd., in Dublin

Click [here for the flier](#) you must present to make sure the band gets 15 percent of your purchase.

Thank you for supporting the band and colorguard.

## Practice SAT/ACT

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Hone your college-prep test skills by taking a practice exam that combines the SAT and ACT, plus a follow-up session to help evaluate test scores.

The practice [SAT](#) (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and [ACT](#) (American College Testing) will be given at Foothill on [Saturday, Oct. 8](#) from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The deadline to register is [Thursday, Oct. 6](#). Make checks to AABC and deliver to the counseling office.

Students and their parents must return to school [Tuesday, Oct. 18](#) at 7 p.m. to get test results, analyze scores and learn how the SAT fits into the college admissions process.

The test fee is \$20, which includes a drink and light snacks. All fees collected will be donated to Foothill. Space is limited, so stop by the counseling office soon to reserve your spot.

The practice SAT/ACT is offered by Foothill's [AABC school booster group](#) and the [Princeton Review](#) test prep firm.

Questions? Contact AABC vice president Gillian Holmes at [giliholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giliholmes@sbcglobal.net) or 462-2256.

## Oh, Say Can You Sing?

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If you have the pipes to belt out the National Anthem, one of the trickiest tunes for any singer, then step up to the microphone and give it your best shot at Foothill's 13th annual Homecoming National Anthem Competition.

Soloists, duets and groups are welcome to try out for the prestigious honor of singing that National Anthem at the Oct. 14 homecoming rally and game against Livermore's Granada High School.

Tryouts will be held after school in the choir room (D-1) on [Wednesday, Oct. 5](#). Students must sign up in advance starting Monday, Oct. 3. A sign-up list will be posted outside the choir room. Results will be announced Friday, Oct. 7.

Students must be available to perform at the rally or the

game on Oct. 14. Two winning singers or groups will be chosen -- one for the rally and one for the game.

Questions? Drop by JoAnn Koobatian's choir room at lunch or after school or e-mail her at [jkoobatian@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jkoobatian@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

## **Tri-Valley College Fair**

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Get info on dozens of colleges, both public and private, at the annual Tri-Valley College Fair on [Thursday, Sept. 29](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Foothill's large and small gyms.

Colleges from California and beyond will have booths set up to hand out info and answer questions. All of the top colleges will be represented. Also on hand will be the military, career tech schools and apprenticeship schools. There's something for everyone.

Plan to arrive early. This event is open to students in Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. It routinely draws more than 3,000 people. Please pack plenty of patience. There will be long lines at the most popular colleges.

The college fair is open to students in all grades. It's never too early to start considering your post-high school options.

## **Turn Groceries Into Greenbacks**

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Helping Foothill's many sports programs is as easy as shopping at Gene's Fine Foods and turning in your receipts.

This is the second year the Foothill Athletic Boosters club has signed up for a deal that could earn the sports program up to \$1,000, depending on how many receipts are turned in by the January 31 deadline.

The school give-back offer is a bit of a competition among any Pleasanton schools or school groups that have signed up for the offer. The school or group that collects the highest dollar total of receipts dated between now and Jan. 31 will get:

- 1st place -- \$1,000
- 2nd place -- \$500
- 3rd place -- \$250

Last year, Foothill Athletic Boosters won the second-place price -- behind Walnut Grove Elementary School. The Falcons got beaten by a bunch of grade-school kids! We have to do better this year, folks.

When you've made your purchase, be sure to let the cashier know that you'd like your purchase to benefit Foothill Athletic Boosters.

Questions? Contact Mary DeRossett at [maryde99@yahoo.com](mailto:maryde99@yahoo.com).

### **College Application Workshops**

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Seniors who plan to apply to any private or out-of-state colleges should attend one of the college application workshops being offered by Foothill's counseling department.

The first workshop will be held during lunch **Tuesday, Sept. 20** in the multipurpose room. The second workshop will be Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 2:45 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Parents are welcome to attend either session.

These workshops are essential for all seniors who plan to apply to private or out-of-state colleges. Seniors will be given essential forms and tips for understanding the application process. Please see your counselor if you have any questions.

### **Let Us Entertain You**

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The ever-popular Entertainment coupon books are back and being offered to you by Foothill's award-winning choirs.

Choir members will sell the money-saving 2012 East Bay Entertainment books through the end of September. Each book is only \$30. Checks should be made to FHS Choirs.

Click [here for a preview of the fabulous savings](#) you'll get in this mighty little book. Anyone who's ever bought an Entertainment book can vouch for that fact that these books pay for themselves in no time at all. The movie theater coupons alone are worth the purchase price.

If you have friends and relatives outside the East Bay, just

let choir teacher JoAnn Koobatian know. She can order Entertainment books for anywhere in the country. Just drop her a note at [jkoobatian@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jkoobatian@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

If you don't know one of Foothill's highly talented choir members, e-mail Mrs. Koobatian to find out how to get your hands on your very own Entertainment book. The more books that are sold, the higher the choirs' cut of the profit.

Let the savings begin!

## Senior News

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### Grad Night & Senior Events Meeting

Graduation may seem like a long time from now, but it will be here before we know it. That's why our fabulous Grad Night and senior events committee will meet on [Thursday, Nov. 3](#) at 7 p.m. in room C-6. It's never too early to start planning for the exciting graduation events.

All senior parents are encouraged to attend Grad Night meetings to share ideas and sign up for key volunteer positions. We have plenty of volunteer jobs to go around.

### Baccalaureate Photos

It's great that so many senior parents are planning ahead and already sending in their child's kindergarten photo for baccalaureate. However, please remember to ***put your child's name in the e-mail subject line*** when you submit your photo. There are hundreds of 2012 graduates, and we cannot possibly know them all.

Click [here for more info about how to submit your child's kindergarten photo](#) for the baccalaureate service.

### Grad Night Tickets

It's never too soon to buy a Grad Night ticket so your senior can take part in 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](#).

## Senior Yearbook Ads

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Parents can 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](#). The deadline to submit ads is Nov. 1. Get your ad done early so that you're not up at midnight on Halloween, toiling feverishly to design a creative ad.

***NOTE: The yearbook company's create-your-own ad website is currently not working. It should be working again by Sept. 30, if not sooner. Thank you for your patience.***

## Needed: Volunteers & Gift Cards

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It may take a village to raise a child, but it takes an entire school community to plan events for those children when they graduate from high school.

Yes, we need the help of all parents -- not just senior parents -- to make the Grad Night party a success.

### Volunteers

We need lots of volunteers to help before Grad Night when kids are gathering for the big party and loading buses, then we need a few hearty parents to help at the event.

Please contact volunteer coordinator Sharon Pilarski at [todashto@aol.com](mailto:todashto@aol.com) to sign up for a volunteer gig that fits your personality and schedule. Invite friends to volunteer with you to make the evening more fun.

### Gift Cards

Students win gift cards throughout the evening at Grad Night to make the whole event more fun and exciting. That's

why we need dozens upon dozens of small-denomination gift cards, ranging from \$10 to \$25, for places teens like to go -- Target, Jamba Juice, In-N-Out, Bed Bath & Beyond and much, much more.

Gift card donations are tax deductible. Please drop your donations in the Grad Night box in the front office.

## **Fall Meat Sale**

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The Foothill Athletic Boosters' wildly popular fall meat sale is right around the corner on [Saturday, Oct. 1](#) and [Sunday, Oct. 2](#). You can choose from premium quality USDA choice meats and FDA seafood -- all at warehouse prices.

The meat sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days in the Foothill parking lot. Selections include filet mignon, rib eye, New York steaks, top sirloin, ground beef, sausages, bacon, chicken, scallops and shrimp.

Clear your freezers and fridges in anticipation of this sale. You won't want to miss out on the best meat and seafood at the best prices in the Bay Area.

## **Student Collects Items for Troops**

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Foothill senior Jack Reed is collecting much-needed supplies to send to Foothill alumni who are serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reed, of [Boy Scout Troop 908](#), is collecting the items as part of his work toward getting his Eagle Scout badge.

Donations of everything from snacks and toiletries to DVDs and games. Click [here for a list of suggested donation items](#). You may have some of these items around your home. Others are inexpensive to buy. It doesn't have to be much. Every little bit adds up to a big donation for our dedicated troops.

Items may be dropped off in the Foothill library through [Friday, Sept. 16](#). Various teachers will also have drop boxes in their classrooms.

Questions? Contact Jack Reed at [jnr126@gmail.com](mailto:jnr126@gmail.com).

## Shopping for Foothill

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Raising money for Foothill is sometimes as easy as shopping at your favorite stores, a point that hit home recently when Target sent Foothill a \$1,650 check through the company's Take Charge of Education program.

Foothill families who have a red Target charge card can request that 1 percent of their purchases be donated directly back to the school. Click [here for more info](#).

While some individual stores offer incentive programs for shoppers, the biggest bang for your buck comes through the eScrip program. It allows you to register your charge cards and store loyalty cards, like Safeway Rewards, in one easy location. There's no fee to sign up, and the program is 100 percent secure.

Click [here for more info on how you can sign up for eScrip](#) to help Foothill's various booster groups.

## Bon Appetit: Wine & Dine for Education

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If you enjoy sampling an array of gourmet foods and sipping a selection of fine wines, then be sure to mark your calendar for [Saturday, Oct. 22](#).

The annual *Bon Appetit: Toasts & Tastes of Fall* fundraising event for Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is back for its seventh spectacular year. This year's event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, in Pleasanton.

This is not your typical stuffed-shirt fundraiser. You move at your own pace through a room bursting with enough culinary delights to make Julia Child blush. Each delectable dish from Pleasanton's finest restaurants is exquisitely paired with a fine wine. There's also a martini bar, live music and silent auction.

Here's the really fun part: Each food station has a Pleasanton school principal who helps serve food and wine. You heard me right, folks. Mr. Dwyer will pour your wine.

Tickets are \$65 each for this fabulous fall fundraiser. This is an adults-only event. You must be at least 21 to attend. Click [here \(and scroll down\) to reserve your tickets](#) before

they sell out.

*\* PPIE is a nonprofit group that uses its funds to enrich programs at various schools and award grants to students and teachers.*

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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