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Talon Talk Extra

Graduation, Finals & More

Class of 2011 Graduation

Friday, June 10
6:30 p.m.
Sweeney Athletic Complex
Football Stadium
4375 Foothill Road

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Get Your Graduation News Here!

The day seniors have been eagerly anticipating since their first day of high school is almost here -- graduation day!



A ton of stuff is packed into the last few days of school. Please [click here for the Senior Information pages](#) on the Foothill website. This section is chockful of everything you need to know about the last week of school and graduation day. This section includes info about mandatory grad practice, senior clearance, proper attire and the graduation ceremony.

Please Carpool & Drop Off Seniors!

We are expecting roughly 5,000 people for graduation. As you know, parking is severely limited at and around the high school. Please carpool as much as possible. Be sure to obey traffic/parking regulations both on campus and on city streets. Do not block driveways.

Please, oh pretty please, ***drop off graduating seniors instead of having them drive their own cars.*** We cannot stress enough how severely limited we are on parking. We do not have access to the sand lot parking we had in past years, so parking will be even tighter this year. **Seniors must arrive no later than 5:30 p.m.**

Gates Open

The football stadium gates will open at 5 p.m. **You may save seats only if someone stays with the seats the entire time.** You will **not** be allowed to reserve seats with blankets, jackets, bleacher pads or other non-human devices.

Special Services for Elderly, Infirm & Disabled

People who need special assistance may request reserved parking and seating. If you have someone who needs assistance, please contact Coni Miller at cmiller@pleasanton.k12.ca.us to reserve parking and seating.

Water Donations Needed

We need lots and lots of bottled water to hand out to folks at graduation. If you can donate water or know of a company that would like to make a tax-deductible donation, please contact Judi Palin at jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Memory Keepers

On-Stage Photo -- Professional photos of seniors accepting their diploma covers will be available for purchase from [Len Conrad School Photography](#). Students will get order forms, but you may also view photos and place orders online at www.lcsp.net. You will need the code FHILL2011 to view and order photos after graduation.

Diplomas

Graduates will get their diplomas **after** the ceremony. They will

gather behind the stage at alphabetically marked tables. Diplomas will be handed out when the mortar board (graduation cap) with name label is presented.

Oh, Behave!

Seniors, we beg you to not jeopardize your participation in the memorable graduation ceremony by skipping finals or engaging in any shenanigans the last few days of school or at the ceremony. Please be on your best behavior. The finish line is within your grasp!

Grad Night

Buses taking seniors to the Grad Night celebration at City Beach in Santa Clara will leave campus immediately after graduation. We urge seniors to stay on campus after graduation so that buses are not delayed. Bring your change of clothes to campus so that you can change between graduation and Grad Night. Graduates should meet in the large gym to get organized for boarding Grad Night buses. You will have access to the gym bathrooms.

Click [here for more info on Grad Night](#). Students must ride buses to and from Grad Night. No private vehicles will be allowed.

Finals Schedule

The last three days of the school year are half days when students take their final exams.

Be sure to set your alarms and plan ahead for traffic so that you get to finals on time.

Wednesday, June 8

Period 1 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Period 2 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, June 9

Period 3 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Period 4 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Friday, June 10

Period 5 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Period 6 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Once finals are done, we can turn to philosopher Alice Cooper for inspiration: *"No more pencils, no more books ... school's out for summer!"*



Grad Practice & Senior Clearance

Graduation Practice

All graduating seniors are required to attend graduation practice on **Wednesday, June 8** from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the football stadium.

Graduation speakers must remain after the regular practice for a speakers-only practice from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Speakers must be at this practice to be allowed to speak at graduation.

If you absolutely cannot attend practice, you must get advance clearance from Vice Principal Jon Vranesh.

Senior Clearance

Seniors have a bit of paperwork to complete on the final day of school before they are given their 7 tickets for graduation and excused from campus.

Mandatory senior clearance will be held **Friday, June 10** from 9:45 a.m. to noon by the front office.

During the week of June 1, Foothill administrators visited the senior civics and economics classes to discuss graduation procedures and expectations. Seniors have been given senior checkout forms. During the last week of school, as seniors complete finals and turn in textbooks, each teacher will sign the clearance form to verify the student is cleared from that class.

Before the last day of school, seniors are responsible for getting a signature from a library staff member verifying that all borrowed library materials have been returned or paid for.

A completed senior checkout form is required from each graduating senior. All outstanding debts must be paid or materials returned before June 10.

You may check debt and outstanding materials status with Gretchen Piscotty in the main office (gpiscotty@pleasanton.k12.ca.us) or call her at 461-6623.

All seniors -- with their senior checkout forms -- must report to the the main office at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 10.

IMPORTANT:

- Seniors must bring an envelope addressed to the college they will attend.

- The envelope's return address must include the name and address of the student.
- Envelopes must be stamped (44 cents) and letter-sized.
- Bring \$2 to have a final transcript mailed to your college.
- Students attending a **common app** college do not need to request a printed transcript. There will be a sign-up sheet for students to specify where to send an electronic transcript.

Once paperwork is completed and seniors are cleared of all outstanding debts, they will receive their **7** graduation ceremony tickets.

Grad Volunteers Needed

We are desperately in need of non-senior parent volunteers to help on graduation day on [Friday, June 10](#).

We rely on non-senior parents to help on grad day because senior parents will be attending graduation. Volunteers are asked to dress nicely.

We need lots of general help before, during and after the 6:30 p.m. graduation ceremony -- monitoring gates and perimeter, directing traffic and more.

If you can help at graduation, please contact Judi Palin in the front office at jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Important Dates

Summer is but a fleeting 10 weeks, so mark your calendars now for important dates for the 2011-12 school year. Please check the Foothill website this summer for times not listed.

All walk-through registration forms will be posted this summer on the Foothill website.

[August 8](#) -- Mandatory fall sports meeting, 7 p.m., large gym

[August 15](#) -- Fall sports practice & tryouts begin

[August 15 & 16](#) -- Walk-thru registration, Noon to 7 p.m.

Aug. 15: Freshmen & Seniors


Aug. 16: Sophomores & Juniors

[August 17](#) -- Freshman orientation, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

[August 22](#) -- Make-up walk-thru registration, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[August 23](#) -- **First day of school**

[Sept. 5](#) -- No school. Labor Day holiday.



Sept. 14 -- Senior picnic at Waterworld
Sept. 16 -- Falcon Fest
Sept. 21 -- Back-to-school night

Walk-Through Volunteers Needed

We need tons of friendly folks to work at walk-through registration on [Monday, August 15](#) and [Tuesday, August 16](#). Shifts of varying lengths and times are available on both days. You're sure to find something to fit your schedule.

Please e-mail Gillian Holmes at giliholmes@sbcglobal.net to let her know when you can help.

Senior 2012 Photos

Next year's seniors should contact [Pro Image Studios](#) as soon as possible to set up a time to have their senior photos taken.

Pro Image takes the official Foothill senior portraits that will be used in the yearbook. The studio provides the graduation gowns worn for official senior portraits.

Please call Pro Image at 803-8200 soon as possible to schedule your portrait time. Time slots are filling quickly. The company's local office is located in Dublin.

The deadline to submit senior photos for the yearbook is Nov. 3.

Thanks for the Memories

If you're moving on from Foothill, congratulations and best of luck in the real world, college or wherever life takes you and your graduate.

Please take the time to remove yourself from the Talon Talk e-mail list. You're more than welcome to continue getting our pithy epistles, but our feelings won't be hurt if you choose to unclutter your inbox by ending your Talon Talk subscription.

You can use the [SafeUnsubscribe](#) feature at the bottom of this e-mail to remove yourself from the list. We will miss you at Foothill. Best of luck!

If you're staying at Foothill, please take a few moments to update your e-mail profile. You'll want to stay on the main "Foothill community-at-large" list to continue getting the Talon Talk. You

should also choose the year your student graduates so that you can get e-mails targeted at specific grade levels, especially during senior year.

State Funds Ease Budget Cuts

While California legislators still wrestle with the final 2011-12 state budget, preliminary numbers show the Pleasanton school district will get enough money to restore some programs that had been cut from next school year.

Programs being restored include the 25:1 class ratio in kindergarten through third grade, elementary school PE teachers, counseling and part-time Barton reading specialists.

Click [here for the full article](#), *Important Information About the June 3 Special Board Meeting*, on the school district's website.

Click [here for a more complete Pleasanton Weekly article](#) about the board's Friday vote to restore some programs.

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