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Senior News & Events *for parents & students*

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Welcome to the June 1 issue of the Talon Talk targeted especially at senior parents and students. The goal of these senior information Talon Talk issues is to keep everyone informed about upcoming events and deadlines.

You can always find the latest senior information on the Foothill website. Go to www.foothillfalcons.org and look on the left side (in the blue box) for the Senior Information link.

You can expect to get special senior edition Talon Talks twice monthly until graduation on [Friday, June 10](#).

Important Dates & Deadlines

Graduation is in just a few days. There are a few important dates and events remaining up for our seniors. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss any events.

- June 1** -- Senior BBQ & swim party, Foothill pool/sports field
- June 5** -- Baccalaureate ceremony, 5 p.m., Valley Community Church
- June 8** -- Mandatory graduation practice, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- June 10** -- Mandatory senior clearance, 9:45 a.m. to noon
- June 10** -- Graduation ceremony, 6:30 p.m.
- June 10** -- Grad Night party, City Beach, Santa Clara

Graduation Tickets & Handicapped Parking/Seating

Graduation Tickets

Family and guests will be admitted to the graduation ceremony by ticket only, regardless of age. This rule will be strictly enforced.

- Each student will receive **7** guest tickets. Tickets will be given to students during senior clearance on [Friday, June 10](#).
- If your family needs more than seven tickets, please check with other seniors who may not need all their tickets. The school office will not have extra tickets.

Click [here for more info about the graduation ceremony](#).

Handicapped Parking & Seating

There will be handicapped parking close to the football stadium for anyone who needs assistance. Golf carts will be used to transport those in need from the handicapped parking area to the stadium.

Handicapped parking is extremely limited, so you must request handicapped parking to reserve a space. Your name will be placed on a list so that you may enter the handicapped parking area.

You must also request handicapped seating at graduation.

Please contact Coni Miller at cmiller@pleasanton.k12.ca.us to request handicapped parking and seating. Only one request is needed for both parking and seating. You must reserve handicapped parking and seating *before* graduation.

Senior BBQ & Swim Party

All seniors are invited to celebrate the end of high school at the senior barbecue and swim party today -- [Wednesday, June 1](#) from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Foothill swimming pool and athletic field. This event is free and open to all seniors.

Plenty of food, entertainment and games will be provided. Thank you to all of the senior parents who've made donations and worked so hard to make this event a success.

Grad Night

The deadline to buy Grad Night tickets has already passed. A list of students who've bought tickets and a seating chart for Grad Night buses are posted in the front office window.

Please [click here for lots of great details and info about Grad Night](#).

The Grad Night ticket price includes safe bus transportation for students to and from City Beach in Santa Clara. Students attending Grad Night must ride buses. No private vehicles will be allowed.

Students attending Grad Night should not leave campus after graduation. Report to the large gym as soon as you get your diplomas. Students will have access to gym bathrooms to change clothes. No backpacks or purses allowed at Grad Night. Please leave all electronic devices at home, except for cell phones.

Grad Night 2011

City Beach, 2911 Mead Ave.
Santa Clara (busing provided)
Friday, June 10 into Saturday, June 11
9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m.

Grad Night & Senior Events Meetings

We're down to the wire on planning all the great events for our seniors with two more meetings before graduation day. Senior parents are invited to attend to see how you can help with senior events. We also need junior parents involved to take the reigns for next year.

The final meeting will be [Thursday, June 2](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library.

Please invite non-senior parents to these meetings, too, especially

junior parents who may want to be involved with planning events for next year's graduating class.

June 2 at 7 p.m.
Foothill library

Sign Up to Volunteer

We need lots of friendly non-senior parents to help at graduation. Here's how you can help:

- Monitor gates in parking lot from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Take tickets at graduation entry points from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
- Drive golf carts for handicapped attendees from 5 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.
- Help with reserved seating from 10 a.m. to noon (time may vary)

If you know someone who'd like to work at graduation -- shifts are available before, during and after the ceremony -- please have them contact Judi Palin at jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Click [here for the volunteer clearance form](#) to fill out and turn in to the front office. **Everyone must be cleared by the district before they can volunteer at any school events.**

Thank you, in advance, for turning in your volunteer clearance form and being so eager about helping at Foothill. We appreciate your enthusiasm.

Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, inspirational and voluntary senior celebration. The program includes speakers, music, readings and a memorable slide presentation -- all coordinated by seniors and their parents.

Everyone is welcome to attend. No tickets are needed for this event.

Seniors should wear their graduation gowns. Boys should wear a collared shirt and slacks. Girls should wear a dress shorter than the gown. There is no dressing room, so please dress at home. No graduation caps.

Seniors should arrive at the church no later than 4:30 p.m.

Baccalaureate

Valley Community Church
4455 Del Valle Parkway, Pleasanton
Sunday, June 5
5 p.m.

Mandatory Graduation Practice

All graduating seniors are required to attend graduation practice on **Wednesday, June 8** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the football stadium.

Graduation speakers must remain after the regular practice for a speakers-only practice from 1:30 p.m. to 2 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.

Mandatory Senior Clearance

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

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

During the week of June 1, Foothill administrators will visit the senior civics and economics classes to discuss graduation procedures and expectations. Seniors will be 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 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.

Senior Clearance Volunteers Needed

We need a few more smiling, enthusiastic parents to help with senior clearance. That's when eager seniors turn in required paperwork and, in exchange, get seven tickets for graduation.

We need just a few more volunteers [Friday, June 10](#) to help with senior clearance from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please drop a note to Diane Phillips at diane.phillips@sbcglobal.net to let her know you can help.

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