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Senior News & Events *for parents & students*

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Welcome to the May 15 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 just a few weeks away. That means there are tons of important dates and events coming up for our seniors. Mark your calendars so that you don't miss any events or deadlines.

[May 16](#) -- Requests accepted for handicapped parking/seating

[May 16](#) -- Deadline to turn in senior memory collages

[May 17](#) -- Deadline to submit baccalaureate photos

[May 21](#) -- Senior ball, Scottish Rite Center, Oakland

[May 22](#) -- After-the-ball breakfast, Foothill MPR

[May 25](#) -- Senior awards night

[May 25 & 26](#) -- Sign up for Grad Night buses

[May 31](#) -- Last day to buy Grad Night tickets

[May 31](#) -- Grad Night bus lists posted

[June 1](#) -- Senior BBQ & swim party, Foothill pool/sports field

[June 5](#) -- Baccalaureate ceremony, Valley Community Church

[June 8](#) -- Mandatory graduation practice

[June 10](#) -- Graduation ceremony

[June 10](#) -- Grad Night party, City Beach, Santa Clara

** Graduation leis will be delivered to students' 6th-period classes on or before May 25.*

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.

Grad Night Tickets

Time is running out to get Grad Night tickets before the **Tuesday, May 31** deadline. Absolutely no tickets will be sold after the May 31 deadline, so get your tickets before it's too late.

The \$185 ticket will get your senior admission to the all-night safe-and-sober Grad Night party at City Beach in Santa Clara. The ticket price includes bus transportation to and from the venue, plus fun games and scrumptious food all night long.

The Grad Night ticket also gets your senior admission to the senior barbecue and the after-the-ball breakfast.

Click [here for info about how to buy Grad Night tickets](#).

Bus Transportation to City Beach

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 may request bus assignments during lunch on **Wednesday, May 25** and **Thursday, May 26**. There will be a table set up in front of the office. Students must be present to sign up for buses. If you want to sign up with friends, be sure everyone is together at the sign-up table. Students who do not sign up will be assigned to a bus. The completed bus lists will be posted **May 31**.

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 next meeting will be [Wednesday, May 18](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library. The final meeting will be [Thursday, June 2](#).

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.

May 18 at 7 p.m.
Foothill library

Sign Up to Volunteer

We need lots of friendly folks to help with various senior events, especially at graduation.

We have plenty of pre-graduation events at which we'll need lots of cheery senior parent volunteers. Please help us spread the word to non-senior parents that we'll need their help during graduation while we're watching our kids graduate.

If you'd like to help at a pre-graduation event, please check the senior information pages on the website and contact the person in charge of the event.

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.

Senior Awards Night

Senior awards night is **Wednesday, May 25** in the multipurpose room.

This is the night graduating seniors are recognized for special honors, scholarships and other achievements. Seniors receiving awards and their families will receive invitations to this event. However, anyone in the Foothill community may attend.

This is a special occasion for families with a reception after the ceremony. Dressy attire for students is recommended.

Food & Water Donations

The refreshments at the post-ceremony reception are donated. Please contact Carol Richardson at carol.richardson@comcast.net if you'd like to donate cookies, brownies and/or bottled water. Once you sign up to donate, Carol will contact you with specifics about what you should take to the event.

Baccalaureate

Kindergarten Photos Needed

Parents have until this **Tuesday, May 17** to turn in kindergarten photos for baccalaureate.

If your senior plans to attend baccalaureate, we need a kindergarten shot of your child. School photos work the best. Photos will be included in a slide show at baccalaureate. Pro Image Studios will provide all the senior photos needed for the slide show.

If you do not turn in your student's kindergarten photo by the May 17 deadline, he/she will not be included in the slide show at this event.

Click [here for instructions about how you can easily submit photos by e-mail](#). The deadline to turn in photos is **Tuesday, May 17**.

Baccalaureate

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

After-the-Ball Breakfast: Volunteers & Donations

This year's Senior Ball is scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**. In keeping with tradition, senior parents plan and provide a safe and sober

celebration at the after-the-ball senior breakfast from 12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m., in the wee hours of [Sunday, May 22](#).

We need more than 50 volunteers to make the night a success. We need volunteers to work from midnight until 4 a.m. Please consider working a shift. Encourage your friends to work with you. You'll have a blast working at this super fun event for seniors.

We also need cash donations to cover last-minute food purchases. Everything is funded and staffed by senior parents, so we rely on parents and donations to make this special event a success.

Please [click here for more info, including volunteer shifts](#) .

Please mail monetary donations to Kathy Soldati at 3122 Devereaux Court, Pleasanton 94588. Checks should be made to FHS Senior Class 2011. Include your name, address and telephone number if you would like a receipt for tax purposes.

If you can volunteer your valuable time or donate food, please drop a note to Kathy at soldati5@comcast.net. She'll let you know how you can help.

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.**

After-the-Ball Breakfast

Foothill multipurpose room
Sunday, May 22
12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Senior BBQ & Swim Party

We need just a few more donations and some volunteer help for the senior barbecue and swim party on [Wednesday, June 1](#).

Donations

- 3 - 16-count Boca veggie burgers (Costco)
- 5 - Tillamook sliced cheddar cheese (Costco)
- 4 - Macaroni salad (Costco)
- 5 - Potato salad (Costco)
- Fruit -- watermelon, pineapple, grapes, strawberries
- Desserts -- brownies, cookies and other finger foods

NOTE: *No food items should contain nuts, due to potential allergies*

Volunteers

- Volunteers needed from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. to help with food preparation
- Volunteers needed for serving and cleaning up from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Volunteers needed to watch over activities from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please contact Sandy Trevor at sandy@mrsavon.com to let her know how you can help.

Senior Clearance Volunteers Needed

We need lots of 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.

Here's what we need:

- Two volunteers [Wednesday, June 8](#) and [Thursday, June 9](#) from 8 a.m. to noon to help with office paperwork
- 23 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 when you can help.

Senior Memory Collages

Take a stroll down memory lane as you put together a memory collage for your senior for display at the after-the-ball breakfast on May 21.

Making senior memory collages is a longstanding tradition at Foothill, though participation is entirely **optional**. Some parents enjoy putting together the collages that reflect your student's childhood and school career.

Click [here for lots of great details about how to make the collages](#). Collages should be made on an 11x17 piece of heavy stock paper. The deadline to turn in collages is tomorrow -- [Monday, May 16](#).

Grad Night Video Approval

The folks who run City Beach, the enormous venue where the Grad

Night party will be held, have asked for permission to videotape Foothill's Grad Night festivities for use in the company's promotional videos.

While City Beach's managers will make every attempt to make videos that do not show students' faces, it is not a guarantee.

We realize this is a sensitive issues for some families. Students will be Foothill graduates and technically, no longer students at Foothill. Thus, the do-not-photograph contracts some parents submitted at the start of the school year will no longer be valid.

We are bringing this proposal to the attention of senior parents so that if you have any objections, you will have time to voice your concerns.

Please contact Grad Night coordinator Ellie Wrenn at k.wrenn@comcast.net with any thoughts or comments you have about the video proposal.

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