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# Talon Talk

## Foothill High School Newsletter

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### Vaccine Proof Due Tomorrow

The deadline to turn in proof that your child has had the whooping cough vaccine or booster is tomorrow -- **Monday, May 2.**

Students in grades 7-12 must turn in proof they've had a current whooping cough vaccine or booster before they'll be allowed to attend school in August.

**NOTE:** There are still hundreds students who have not turned in vaccine proof to the health office. These students will not be allowed to start school in August unless their vaccine proof is turned in. There are absolutely no exceptions.

Proof of vaccine is due to the Foothill health office no later than tomorrow -- **Monday, May 2.**

Click [here for more info](#) on the Foothill website.

### Friday Forum for Parents

Come one, come all for the final Friday Forum of this school year on **Friday, May 20** at 9 a.m. in room C-6.

## Quick Calendar

**May 2** -- Deadline: Grad Night scholarship requests  
**May 2** -- Makeup STAR testing, 8 a.m., P-10  
**May 2** -- Baccalaureate tryouts, 2:36 p.m., D-1  
**May 2** -- Deadline to apply for AABC scholarship  
**May 3** -- AABC (school booster) meeting, 7 p.m., library  
**May 4** -- School site council meeting, 3:30 p.m., C-6  
**May 4** -- Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser, 5-8 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).  
**May 4** -- Band boosters meeting, 7 p.m., C-6  
**May 4** -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library  
**May 6** -- Final day to turn in senior memory collages  
**May 9** -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., C-6  
**May 12** -- College night, 6:30 p.m., MPR  
**May 13** -- Final day to submit

Friday Forums are a popular and informal way for parents to find out what's happening on campus and share their ideas for improving our school.

The forums are hosted by Principal John Dwyer and the three vice principals.

May's topics will include:

- Update on budget & staffing
- Follow-up on teen stress workshop/presentation
- Traffic update
- School accreditation update
- Open forum for discussion

These informal meetings are a great way to ask questions or address concerns regarding the school. Please limit discussions to broad school topics and not specific issues with your student.

The [AABC](#) (school booster group) will provide coffee and morning snacks.

## Pitch In for Teacher Luncheon

We need the support of lots of outstanding parents to put on a wonderful appreciation lunch for Foothill's teachers on [Friday, May 6](#).

This year's teacher appreciation lunch is a multicultural pot luck affair. That means we need lots of talented parents to fix their favorite dishes to share at the luncheon. Don't like to cook? No worries. We'll gladly accept store-bought dishes.

We also need parents to help set up, serve and clean up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please [click here to sign up to bring a dish and/or help at the luncheon](#).

Questions? Contact our fabulous luncheon hostess, Gillian Holmes, at [giliholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giliholmes@sbcglobal.net).

baccalaureate photos

**May 13** -- Flock Party, 2:36-6 p.m., Foothill campus

**May 16** -- Requests accepted for graduation

handicapped parking

**May 18** -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., library

**May 20** -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., C-6

**May 21** -- Senior ball photos, 4-6 p.m., small gym

**May 21** -- Senior ball, 8 p.m., Oakland

**May 22** -- After-the-ball breakfast, 12:30 a.m., MPR

**May 25** -- Senior awards night, 6:30 p.m., MPR

**May 30** -- No school. Memorial Day.

**June 1** -- Senior BBQ & swim party, 5 p.m., Foothill pool/field

## Quick Links

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## Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser

Take a well-deserved break from the kitchen on [Wednesday, May 4](#) to enjoy a fresh, delicious meal at Sweet Tomatoes to benefit Foothill's WISER club.

This scrumptious fundraiser will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. The club will get 20 percent of your meal purchase price, but you must give a flier to the cashier for the club to get its cut. Click [here for the flier](#). You must also buy a beverage with each meal for the offer to be valid.

[WISER](#) (Women's Institute for Secondary Education and Research) is a non-profit organization started at Duke University. It fights poverty in Muhuru Bay, Kenya through a multi-pronged approach: health promotion, HIV/AIDS education, clean water programs and education programs for the youth.

The WISER club made more than \$800 at its successful rummage sale in April. That puts the club within reach of its goal of raising \$3,000 this school year.

Please contact WISER club president Mollie Richardson at [mollieakela@comcast.net](mailto:mollieakela@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## Be a School Booster

Foothill's school booster club -- the Activities & Academics Booster Club (AABC) -- needs a few good people to fill key roles for next school year.

The booster club meets just once a month to support Foothill students and staff, mainly by allocating much-needed funds for classroom supplies and events.

Here are the roles we need to fill:

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Spirit wear coordinator
- Directory team

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## **Student Spotlight**

Foothill students swept the top four prizes and won several honorable mentions in a Bay Area art contest.

Click [here for more info](#), including images of the winning entries.

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Pair up with a friend to share a job to make it more fun and half the work.

Please contact AABC president Gillian Holmes at [giliholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giliholmes@sbcglobal.net) to let her know which job is the perfect fit for you or you and a friend.

The next AABC meeting is **Tuesday, May 3** at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library. Drop by to see how easy and fun it is to be part of the booster club.

## **Graduation Help Needed**

We rely on non-senior parents to fill volunteer shifts for graduation on **Friday, June 10** since all senior parents will be watching their students graduate. Volunteers are asked to dress nicely.

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 can help at graduation, please contact Judi Palin in the front office at [jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jpalin@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

## **Flock to Help at Flock Party**

We need lots of dedicated parents to help at Foothill's end-of-year Flock Party on **Friday, May 13** from 2:36 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the outdoor quad area.

We need parents to help barbecue, make sno cones/cotton candy and help at the backpack check-in booth so that students may drop off their backpacks in a safe location while they enjoy the big party.

The Flock Party is an end-of-year celebration for all current Foothill students and faculty. There will be jump houses, a Guitar Hero competition in the gym, henna tattoo artists, a mechanical surfboard, lots of great food and much more carnival fun.

Foothill sophomore Alexandra Italiano has a lead role in the Pleasanton Civic Arts' upcoming presentation of *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*.

Alexandra plays Rebecca's mother. The play opens May 6 and runs for two weekends, including matinees.

Click [here for show dates and tickets](#).

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Art student Vivian Hare's life-sized cow art project is on display at the Pleasanton Safeway, 1701 Santa Rita Road.

The cow will next be displayed at Safeway's corporate headquarters in Pleasanton.

Click [here for more info](#), including photos.

This event is free for all students who turn in the proper waiver. Leadership students will pass out waivers to students during third period classes the week of May 9.

Please contact the senior class leaders at [fhsasb2011@gmail.com](mailto:fhsasb2011@gmail.com) to volunteer to help at this event.

## **Easing Traffic Around Foothill**

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### **Important Traffic Survey**

Don't miss your chance to possibly ease the crazy hectic traffic Foothill by taking just a few minutes to complete an online survey.

Foothill is working with the city of Pleasanton to figure out ways to ease traffic woes around the school. There are two links for the survey -- one for parents and one for students. It's a brief survey that takes just a few moments of your time -- far less time than you spend in traffic at Foothill each day.

Please [click here for more info and for the links to the surveys](#). The last day to take the survey is this **Friday, May 6**.

### **Free Bus Rides**

Foothill students can get free bus rides to and from school every Wednesday through the end of May.

Foothill is working with the city of Pleasanton and the Wheels bus system to offer Free Ride Wednesday. The goal of the program is to promote awareness of the two Foothill bus routes and to increase ridership. Taking the bus is an inexpensive and environmentally friendly way to get to and from school. If more students ride the bus, fewer cars will clog the roads around Foothill.

Students who ride the bus on Free Ride Wednesdays will have their names entered in weekly drawings for food, entertainment and movie gift cards. There will be grand prize drawings at the end of each month for an Apple iPod.

Click [here for the two bus routes](#) that take students to and from Foothill. You'll need to scroll down until you find the two Foothill High School routes.

### **More Free Bus Rides**

Wheels will offer free bus rides for high school students the second and third weeks of the new school year. Riding the bus is easy, inexpensive and helps ease traffic congestion around Foothill.

Bus rides to and from school will be absolutely free [August 29 through Sept. 9](#). All students have to do is show a valid student ID to get their free rides.

We encourage all Foothill students who live on or near bus routes to take the bus to school to help ease traffic.

### **Senior Ball: Fire & Ice**

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Senior Ball tickets go on sale next week at the low introductory rate of \$95 **per person**. Tickets will be sold before school, during lunch and after school starting [Wednesday, May 4](#). Tickets will remain at this price through [May 6](#).

The ticket price jumps to \$100 per person the following week, starting on [Monday, May 9](#). The last day to buy tickets is [Friday, May 13](#).

The ticket price includes admission to the ball, dinner, open beverage & dessert bar and activities at the event.

Students must have a completed senior ball agreement and student ID before they will be allowed to buy tickets. The agreement requires signatures of both students attending the ball (if going with a date), plus the signature of the parent of the student buying the ticket.

Click [here for the senior ball agreement form](#) . Students should also read the [dance behavior agreement](#).

The dress code for prom is different from the regular school dress code. Click [here to view the dress code for ball](#).

The Senior Ball will be held [Saturday, May 21](#) from 7 p.m. to midnight at the [Scottish Rite Center](#) in Oakland. The theme for the evening is *Fire & Ice*.

Photos will be taken before the ball from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the small gym. Students will get info at the time about photo prices and how to buy pictures.

### **Senior Ball**

Saturday, May 21  
7 p.m. to midnight  
Doors open at 7 p.m.  
Dinner starts at 8 p.m.  
[Scottish Rite Center](#), Oakland  
Pictures: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in small gym  
Tickets will be sold at school May 4-13

### **After-the-Ball Breakfast**

Sunday, May 22  
12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.  
Foothill multipurpose room  
Free for all seniors

### **Get Involved at Foothill**

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Foothill parents are encouraged to get involved on campus by joining the school site council. We need two enthusiastic parents for two-year terms for the council.

The school site council is involved in monitoring and evaluating Foothill's school site plan and budget. Click [here for more info about the council's responsibilities](#).

The council consists of parents, school administrators, teachers, classified staff and students. The team meets after school the first Wednesday of each month. Meetings start at 3:30 p.m. and last an hour to 90 minutes.

If you'd like to be part of this influential and important team, please write a short biography about yourself and e-mail it to Foothill Vice Principal Lori Vella at [lvella@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:lvella@pleasanton.k12.ca.us). The deadline to apply is May 31.

Applicants will be put on a ballot for the school community to vote on before next school year.

### **Counseling Corner**

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#### **Apply for Summer School**

Students have until **Friday, May 13** to apply for summer school. Students with a D or F in any class required for graduation or college entrance should re-take those classes

in summer school.

The high school summer school program will be held June 20 and through July 28 at Amador Valley High School. Click [here for more info about summer school](#).

Click [here for the form](#) that must be completed and turned in to the counseling office no later than May 13. Late applications will not be accepted.

### **College Night in May**

Get a jump start on the college search process by attending Foothill's helpful college night on **Thursday, May 12** at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Representatives from Stanford, Oregon State, UC Berkeley, Cal State East Bay and Las Positas Community College will be on hand to provide plenty of great info and to answer all of your questions.

The evening will also feature an ever-popular panel of current seniors who've successfully navigated their way through the college admissions maze. These students will share helpful hints and answer questions.

### **Senior News**

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Graduation is just a few weeks away, so that means lots of important dates and deadlines are coming up.

We're sending e-mails specifically to senior parents. Click [here for the May 1 issue of the senior info Talon Talk](#).

If you have not gotten a senior edition of the Talon Talk, it's easy to sign up. Simply scroll to the bottom of this e-mail and click on "Update Profile/Email Address." The system will verify that you're already on the list and will mail further instructions to you.

All you have to do is click on "Update your Profile" for a list of e-mail lists you can join. You should already be on the Foothill community-at-large list for receiving the Talon Talk.

Please click "Graduation Year 2011" to sign up for the senior newsletters. The final step is to click on "Save Profile Changes" to make sure your updates are saved.

**Remember, you can always find the latest senior news on the Senior Information pages on the Foothill website.**

## **Scholarships**

Seniors are encouraged to check the Foothill website regularly for the latest news about the many scholarships available for graduating seniors.

You can find scholarship info on the Career Center page on the website. Click [here to go directly to the scholarship page](#).

The Activities & Academic Booster Club is offering six \$500 scholarships for students going to a four-year college or two-year college/vocational training. The deadline to apply has been extended to **Monday, May 2**. Click [here for more info on the Foothill website](#).

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 Activities & Academics Booster Club in cooperation with school administration.

Go Falcons!

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