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## **Senior News & Events**

*for parents & students*

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Welcome to the May 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](http://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 2](#) -- Baccalaureate auditions after school, room D-1

[May 2](#) -- Deadline to apply for Grad Night scholarships

[May 2-6](#) -- Request teacher to give diploma

[May 6](#) -- Deadline to turn in senior memory collages

[May 12](#) -- Pick up caps & gowns during lunch

[May 13](#) -- Deadline to submit baccalaureate photos

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

[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

*\* Students will pick up caps & gowns on campus in May. Watch the Foothill website for pick-up date.*

## Graduation Leis

Parents and students may order blue and gold leis for students to wear at graduation. These are the only accessories allowed at graduation.

Click [here for more info about how to order leis online](#). If you order online, you must still pay for your lei by dropping off a check to the Foothill office. Leis may also be ordered on campus this week ([May 2-6](#)) during lunch.

Prices range from \$22 to \$52, depending on which style you choose.

## 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.

The deadline to apply for scholarships to cover the ticket price is tomorrow -- [Monday, May 2](#). The application form, which requires a parent's signature, is available in the counseling office.

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.

There will be two meetings in May -- [May 4](#) and [May 18](#). The meetings start at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library.

Please bring along non-senior parents to these meetings, too, especially those who may want to be involved with planning events for next year's graduating class.

**May 4 at 7 p.m.**  
Foothill library

### Diploma Info

Seniors may request that a specific Foothill teacher or staff member hand them their diploma at the graduation ceremony.

Sign-ups to request a specific staff member will be [Monday, May 2](#) through [Friday, May 6](#). Students may sign up before school, at lunch or after school. A sign-up sheet will be on the counter inside the office, near the middle of the room.

### Sign Up to Volunteer

We are going to 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](mailto: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 just three weeks away on [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.

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

## Gift Card Donations Needed

We're making a last-minute plea for more gift card donations for Grad Night.

We need literally hundreds of small-denomination gift cards to use as prizes for seniors attending Grad Night.

Gift cards ranging in value from \$5 to \$25 are greatly appreciated. Popular gift cards for graduating teens include Jamba Juice, Starbucks, Cold Stone Creamery, Bed Bath & Beyond, Target, Regal Cinemas, restaurants and Stoneridge mall. Costco offers some gift cards at a discount.

All donations are tax deductible. You may drop gift cards in the Grad Night box in the front office. Be sure to include your name and address so that you can get a tax receipt.

If you know of any businesses that would like to make a tax-deductible donation to support Grad Night, please contact Ellie Wrenn at [k.wrenn@comcast.net](mailto:k.wrenn@comcast.net).

## Redeem Points for Gift Cards

If you have points piling up on your credit cards, how about redeeming a few for much-needed gift cards to donate to Grad Night? These points are like found money. If you redeem them for gift cards to donate, you'll get to write off that donation on your

taxes. It's a win-win proposition.

## Baccalaureate

### Kindergarten Photos Needed

Parents have just a few more days 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.

Click [here for instructions about how you can easily submit photos by e-mail](#). The deadline to turn in photos is May 13.

### Baccalaureate Tryouts

Seniors are encouraged to share a special song, poem or reading at baccalaureate. Tryouts to perform at baccalaureate will be held after school on [Monday, May 2](#).

Click [here for details about tryouts, rehearsal and performance](#).

## Baccalaureate

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

## After-the-Ball Breakfast: Volunteers & Food Needed

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'll start by setting up around 9 p.m. The majority of volunteers will be needed between 10 p.m. and 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 donations of both cash and food. 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 the full list of food donations](#).

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](mailto:soldati5@comcast.net). She'll let you know how you can help.

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### After-the-Ball Breakfast

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

### 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 [May 6](#).

### 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](mailto:k.wrenn@comcast.net) with any thoughts or comments you have about the video proposal.

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