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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Friday Forum CANCELED

Today's April 15 Friday Forum for parents has been canceled due to a scheduling conflict. There is no school next Friday, so we'll simply skip the April Friday Forum.

The next Friday Forum -- and the final one of this school year -- will be **May 20** at 9 a.m. in room C-6.

STAR Testing Next Week

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will have STAR testing **April 19, 20, 21, 27 & 28**. Seniors do not take the STAR exams, but they must report to school late on test dates.

The STAR exams alter the entire school schedule on test dates. Sophomores have tests every day tests are given. There are days when freshmen and juniors do not have tests, so check the schedule closely to see which days sophomores and juniors will report late to school.

Click [here for more info](#), including detailed schedules for testing dates.

Easing Traffic Around Foothill

Important Traffic Survey

Quick Calendar

April 15 -- Friday
Forum CANCELED

April 16 -- WISER
club rummage sale, 7
a.m. to noon, front
loop

April 16 -- SAT
practice exam, 9 a.m.
to 1 p.m., Foothill
campus

April 18 -- Cheer
info meeting, 7 p.m.,
MPR

April 19, 20 & 21 --
STAR testing

April 21 -- SAT
practice exam results,
6:30 p.m., library

April 22 -- No
school. Holiday.

April 25 -- No
school. Furlough day.

April 26 -- Rigatoni's
fundraiser for senior
events, 11 a.m. to 9
p.m. Click [here for
flier](#).

April 27 & 28 --
STAR testing

April 29 -- Makeup
STAR testing

April 30 -- Junior
prom

Quick Links

If you've been eager to give someone a piece of your mind regarding the crazy traffic around Foothill, here's your chance.

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.

Please [click here for more info and for the links to the surveys](#). Thank you for taking part. Your input is vital.

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.

WISER Rummage Sale

Find the best treasures and trinkets this **Saturday, April 16** at a rummage sale hosted by Foothill's WISER club.

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The rummage sale will be held from 7 a.m. until noon in front of the school. It's a fantastic way to find the best bargains on books, clothing, children's toys, kitchen items, home decor and much more.

[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.

You may donate items for the rummage sale by dropping them off in room B-13. Please limit your donations to gently used items that are in top-notch shape. Puzzles and games should have all parts intact.

Please contact WISER club president Mollie Richardson at mollieakela@comcast.net if you have any questions.

SAT Practice Test TOMORROW

Today is the last day to sign up for the SAT practice test that will be given this [Saturday, April 16](#) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The practice exam is given by the Kaplan company. There's a \$20 fee to take the exam and get comprehensive test results. The entire exam fee will be donated to the school booster group (AABC).

Parents will get a full report on their student's test results on [Thursday, April 21](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the school library.

Students can pay by check (made to AABC) or cash in the counseling office.

Student Spotlight

The percussion team won the season's championship title, while the winterguard came in second.

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

Vaccine Proof Due by May 2

All students must have a current whooping cough vaccine or booster before they'll be allowed to attend school in the fall.

Proof of vaccine is due to the Foothill health office no later than May 2.

Click [here for more info](#).

Rigatoni's Fundraiser

Enjoy tender pasta dishes topped with your choice of delicious sauces at Rigatoni's Italian restaurant and Foothill's Grad Night and senior activities committee will get 20 percent of your meal purchase price.

The Rigatoni's fundraiser will be held [Tuesday, April 26](#) from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. That means you can enjoy a delicious lunch with your friends or colleagues, and then return for dinner with the entire family.

Click [here for the flier you must present](#) to ensure that Foothill gets its share of your meal purchase. This offer is good for lunch and dinner -- dine-in or take-out. It's even good on the purchase of gift cards, which never expire. (Alcohol purchases not included in this offer.)

This deal is good at the Dublin Rigatoni's location only, 7350 Dublin Blvd.

Junior Prom Tickets & Senior Ball

Junior prom tickets go on sale next week at the low introductory rate of \$70 **per person**. Tickets will be sold before school, during lunch and after school starting [Monday, April 18](#).

The ticket price jumps to \$80 per person the following week, starting on [Tuesday, April 26](#). (There is no school that Monday.)

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

Click [here for the prom 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 prom](#).

The junior prom will be held Saturday, April 30 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the [Robert Livermore Community Center](#) in Livermore. The theme for the evening is *Enchanted*.

Photos will be taken before the prom from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Foothill's 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 the small gym

Tickets will be sold at school two weeks before the ball

After-the-Ball Breakfast

Sunday, May 22

12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Foothill multipurpose room

Free for all seniors

Bring it On for Foothill Cheer

Spirited students who would like to be part of Foothill's cheer program are encouraged to attend the parent and student informational meeting [Monday, April 18](#) at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

Students with lots of enthusiasm or interest in dance and/or gymnastics should consider being part of the cheer squad. Tumbling is not a requirement for game cheer squads.

Questions? Contact coaches Cheryl Holy at

choly@pleasanton.k12.ca.us or

Kim DeJoy at kdejoyfhscheer@comcast.net.

Counseling Corner

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 Transition Group

A five-week college transition group for seniors in starting in late April.

The group will provide information and support about college life, classes, academic help and social life. Students will also get specific college resources to help them as they transition to college.

Please sign up with your counselor ASAP to be a part of this group. Space is limited.

The group will meet once a week during school. The day and time will depend on the participants' schedules.

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

Graduation is less than two months away, so that means lots of important dates and deadlines are coming up in the next few weeks.

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

NOTE: *Graduation caps and gowns will be available for pickup on campus until May.*

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.

Deadline for Grad Night Scholarships

Students who need scholarships to cover the cost of Grad Night tickets have until [Monday, May 2](#) to apply. Drop by the counseling office to pick up scholarship request forms, which require a parent's signature. Scholarship requests are confidential.

Baccalaureate Photos & Tryouts

The date for baccalaureate tryouts has been changed to [Monday, May 2](#). Tryouts will be held after school in the choir room. Click [here for more details](#).

We need kindergarten photos of students who will attend baccalaureate. The deadline to submit photos is [May 13](#). Click [here for details about how to submit your student's photo](#).

Memory Collages

Many of you are working on the senior memory collages that will be displayed at the after-the-ball breakfast on May 22. The deadline to turn in collages is [May 6](#).

Please [click here for all the details and info](#) about how to make a memory collage for your student. This is an optional activity for senior parents.

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 during lunch the week of May 2.

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 is [April 18](#). Click [here for more info](#) on the Foothill website. The Foothill Athletic Boosters is offering four \$1,000 scholarships for Foothill athletes. The deadline to apply is [April 22](#). Click [here for more info on the Foothill sports website](#).

PPIE Luncheon & Dream Getaway

The Pleasanton Partnerships in Education will hold its 24th annual Salute to Partnerships luncheon on [Wednesday, April 20](#) at 11:15 a.m. at the Hilton in Pleasanton.

Tickets for this fundraising luncheon are \$40 each. You may sponsor a table, complete with signage for your company, for an extra \$50.

The highlight of the luncheon is a drawing for an oceanside dream getaway for two. Tickets for the drawing are \$2 each, three for \$5, 10 for \$15 or 20 for \$25.

The oceanside trip include two nights in a penthouse ocean-view suite at the Beach House Hotel at Half Moon Bay. The package includes dinner for two, a bottle of wine, two one-hour massages and transportation to/from the hotel.

Additional baskets full of goodies will be raffled. You need not be present to win.

Click [here for the form to order luncheon and drawing](#)

[tickets](#). All tickets are tax deductible. You may also buy tickets from Foothill's PPIE ambassador, Elizabeth Rajs, at rajsfam@comcast.net. We're hoping to get an entire Foothill table. The deadline to buy tickets is April 13.

Getting Rid of Old Medications

The Dublin police department is hosting a free prescription drug collection day on **Saturday, April 30** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dublin police department parking lot, 100 Civic Plaza, in Dublin. This free event is open to anyone in the area. You do not have to live in Dublin to drop off prescription and over-the-counter drugs.

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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