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# Talon Talk

## Foothill High School Newsletter

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### Friday Forum for Parents

Foothill's monthly Friday Forums have become a popular way for parents to learn what's happening on campus and share their ideas for improving our school.

The next Friday Forum for parents will be **April 15** at 9 a.m. in room C-6. The forums are hosted by Principal John Dwyer and the three vice principals.

April'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.

### Get Involved to Make a Difference

## Quick Calendar

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**April 4-8** -- No school. Spring break.

**April 11-15** -- Foothill art show, library

**April 11** -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

**April 12** -- School boosters (AABC) meeting, 9 a.m., library

**April 12 & 13** -- Jamba Juice fundraiser at lunch

**April 13** -- Art show reception & awards, 7 p.m., library

**April 13** -- Grad Night & senior events meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

**April 14** -- Sweet Tomatoes fundraiser for breast cancer, 5-8 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

**April 15** -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., room C-6

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

**April 16** -- SAT

If you're looking for a way to donate a little bit of time to make a huge difference at our school, then the school booster club is tailor-made for you.

The booster club -- the [Academics & Activities Booster Club](#) (AABC), to be precise -- is the only booster group that supports all students and teachers on campus. The booster club collects donations, mainly through the highly successful Dollar-A-Day campaign, and distributes those funds to support much-needed programs and supplies. Click [here for details on what the booster club funded last fall](#) alone -- a whopping \$113,000 in support for our school.

The booster club also works closely with the school administration to promote and support every aspect of our school.

There are tons of jobs, big and small, to be done within the booster club. Please contact AABC president Gillian Holmes at [giliholmes@sbcglobal.net](mailto:giliholmes@sbcglobal.net) to find the perfect volunteer job to fit your schedule and talents.

## WISER Rummage Sale

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Find the best treasures and trinkets [Saturday, April 16](#) at a rummage sale hosted by Foothill's WISER club.

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

practice exam, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Foothill campus

**April 19, 20 & 21** -- STAR testing

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

**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

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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](mailto:mollieakela@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

### **Thank You for Your Support**

Thanks to everyone who visited Panda Express and Yogurtland in March for the WISER club's fundraiser. The club collected \$200 from both venues. So far this school year, the Foothill club has collected an impressive \$2,000 for the WISER organization.

### **Jamba Juice & Sweet Tomatoes Fundraisers**

Foothill's Health & Bioscience Academy students are hosting two delicious fundraisers in April to raise money for the Susan G. Komen [Passionately Pink for the Cure](#) campaign to raise breast cancer awareness.

Students can buy 16-ounce Jamba Juices -- mango mantra and berry fulfilling (both light flavors) -- for only \$4 each to help this cause. \$1 of each purchase will be donated to the cancer fund. The drinks will be sold during lunch on [Tuesday, April 12](#) and [Wednesday, April 13](#).

Plan to eat dinner at Sweet Tomatoes on [Wednesday, April 14](#) from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and 15 percent of your meal purchase will be donated to Passionately Pink for the Cure. You must buy a meal and beverage for this offer to be valid.

Click [here for the flier to present to the Sweet Tomatoes cashier](#) to ensure that your meal will benefit this worthwhile cause.

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## [Student Spotlight](#)

Dozens of students were honored for their personal stories and stellar writing skills in the recent Laws of Life essay contest.

Click [here for more info](#), including a full list of winners.

The percussion team

## [Foothill Art Show](#)

There's no need to go into the big city to see impressive works of art. Outstanding artwork of many types will be displayed in the school library [April 11-15](#) for Foothill's annual art show.

A reception will be held [Wednesday, April 13](#) at 7 p.m. to announce various awards. Refreshments will be provided.

Art displayed includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, digital art and literary art. Some artwork will be for sale.

Click [here for a Facebook page with more info](#), including images of art that will be in the show. You must have a Facebook account to view this page.

Please drop by the library during school hours (sign in at the front office) or come to the Wednesday reception to see the work of our talented students.

## [SAT Practice Test on April 16](#)

Hone your college entrance test-taking skills with an SAT practice test on [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. Registration is limited, so sign up early.

won a highly coveted sweepstakes trophy at a regional contest.

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

DECA students ranked high at a state contest. Some students will advance to the international competition.

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

Vivian Hare is painting a life-sized cow model in hopes of winning a \$30,000 grand prize.

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

Senior Kortnie Maxoutopoulos will represent Foothill and California in a national homecoming queen contest.

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

## **Vaccine Proof Due by May 2**

## **Teen Drug Abuse & Getting Rid of Old Medications**

Teens are increasingly abusing prescription and over-the-counter drugs, which are often easily obtained in their own homes.

Click [here for a full article on this growing trend](#) and the warning signs of which every parent should be aware. There's also a support group for parents whose teens are struggling with substance abuse.

### **Prescription Drug Turn-In Event**

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.

## **Recycle Clothes to Help Foothill**

You may have noticed the large green-and-white metal bin in front of the school for dropping off your used clothes and shoes.

Foothill is hosting the drop-off bin to help the environment by recycling used items for use in other places around the world. Foothill gets 2 cents for every pound of clothing or shoes donated.

The drop-off bin is provided by [USAgain](#), a for-profit enterprise that collects used clothes and resells them worldwide to conserve precious natural resources and greenhouse gases.

Questions? Contact Vice Principal Jon Vranesh at [jvranesh@pleasanton.k12.ca.us](mailto:jvranesh@pleasanton.k12.ca.us).

## **Senior News**

Graduation is a little more than two months away, so that

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](#).

means lots of important dates and deadlines will be happening in the next few weeks.

In order to not bore non-senior parents with tons of senior-only news, 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 most likely will not be available for pickup on campus until May.*

If you did not get the senior info Talon Talk today, 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.

### **STAR Testing in Mid-April**

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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.

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

### **PPIE Luncheon & Dream Getaway**

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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](mailto:rajsfam@comcast.net). We're hoping to get an entire Foothill table. The deadline to buy tickets is April 13.

## Scholarships

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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](#).

## Junior Prom & Senior Ball

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The school year's biggest dances are just around the corner. The junior prom will be held **Saturday, April 30** and the senior ball will be held **Saturday, May 21**. The senior ball will be followed by the after-the-ball breakfast at Foothill.

Tickets will be sold at school two weeks prior to each dance. Ticket prices have not yet been set.

### **Junior Prom**

Saturday, April 30

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

[Robert Livermore Community Center](#), Livermore

### **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

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

Sunday, May 22

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

Foothill multipurpose room

Free for all seniors

### **Keeping Bugs Off Campus**

Keeping pesky pests off the expansive Foothill campus is a lot of work, as you might expect. It also requires a lot of pesticides.

This is the time of year when the Pleasanton school district posts its annual pesticide notice, as required by law.

Click [here for all of the exciting news](#) about how annoying insects are kept from overrunning our schools.

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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