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Senior News & Events *for parents & students*

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Welcome to the April 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 Talk each month

until graduation on [Friday, June 10](#).

Important Dates & Deadlines

Graduation is just a couple of months 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 3](#) -- Baccalaureate auditions after school, room D-1

[May 13](#) -- 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

[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, probably in April. Watch the Foothill website for pick-up date.*

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.

Rigatoni's Fresh Italian Grill

7350 Dublin Blvd., Dublin

Month, Year

8:00AM-5:00PM

Grad Night Tickets

Get your Grad Night tickets now for the low introductory rate of \$170 per ticket. ***The price goes up to \$185 on April 15, so buy early to save a few bucks.***

The 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.](#)

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 & Events Meetings

All senior parents are encouraged to come to the monthly Grad Night and senior events meetings. We target different topics each month to make sure we're on track for providing our graduating seniors with great events and a fantastic Grad Night celebration.

The next meeting will be [Wednesday, April 13](#) at 7 p.m. in room C-6 (southeast of the library). We will get updates about upcoming senior events, the latest numbers for Grad Night ticket sales and scholarships and a fundraising. We'll also discuss how school administration is supporting senior events. Bed Bath & Beyond representatives will discuss the company's pack-and-ship program for seniors.

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.

Meetings are typically held the first Wednesday of each month. The April meeting is April 13 due to spring break.

April 13 at 7 p.m.
Room C-6

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.

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 a few 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 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 don't want to sound too needy, but we are in desperate need of gift cards 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.

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 Photos Needed

Avoid the rush by getting your senior's kindergarten photo turned in right now 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 Tuesday, May 3.

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

Baccalaureate

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

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