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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Quick Calendar

Nov. 15 -- Grad Night & senior events

Friday Forum for Parents

We have enjoyed incredible support from parents this school year at the monthly Friday Forum hosted by Principal John Dwyer and the vice principals.

Parents have turned out in droves to discuss such timely topics as traffic, homework loads and posting grades on Zangle. Discussions have been lively and informative.

This month's Friday Forum will be held this week on **Nov. 19** starting at 9 a.m. in room C-16.

If you've never been to a Friday Forum, you are missing out on a great, informal way to hear what's going on at Foothill. Parents get ample opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about how to improve our school.

The morning get-togethers start with a brief update from Mr. Dwyer before the floor is opened for parent feedback.

Thank you to the [AABC school booster club](#) for providing light snacks and coffee.

meeting, 7 p.m., library

Nov. 18 -- UC & CSU application workshop, 2:45 p.m., B-16

Nov. 19 -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., C-6

Nov. 22-26 -- No school. Thanksgiving break

Nov. 29-Dec. 3 -- Sophomores register for PLAN exam

Dec. 1 -- Carols by Candlelight choir concert, 8 p.m., MPR

Dec. 3 -- Deadline to submit senior yearbook quotes

Dec. 9 -- College financial aid & FAFSA workshop, 7 p.m., MPR

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Carols by Candlelight

Celebrate the holiday season with Foothill's award-winning choir at the Carols by Candlelight concert on [Wednesday, Dec. 1](#) at 8 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The admission fee of \$10 includes desserts served after the concert. The event is a fundraiser for the choir to help close a budget gap that's left the choir without enough money to fund a classroom piano accompanist.

The concert will feature the entire choir, plus several student solos and duets.

Usher in the holiday season by listening to the glorious sounds of Foothill's talented vocalists.

School Newspaper Goes Electronic

If you're discouraged that your student's copy of the *InFlight* school newspaper never makes it home for you to peruse, fret no more.

InFlight is now published online with news stories updated in a timely manner. Check out the latest news about campus events, sports and much more at www.fhsinflight.com.

Read and enjoy!

Sophomores: Sign Up for Pre-ACT

Sophomores can get a head start on college exams by taking the [PLAN assessment test](#), a pre-ACT test that will give you a good idea about how well you might do when taking the ACT college prep exam. Students typically take the ACT during their junior year.

The PLAN test will be given at Foothill on Dec. 4.

The cost of the test is \$25 with checks payable to Foothill High School. Students should drop by the counseling office the week of [Nov. 29](#) to register for the exam.

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[Student Spotlight](#)

Student journalist Evelyn Minaise's column about school dances is published in local newspapers.

Click [here for the full story](#) on the Foothill website.

Andres Oswill, Ayesha Zarah Omareli and Alec Kron took part in a regional debate event at UC, Berkeley.

Click [here for the full story](#) on the Foothill website.

[Spring Musical Tryouts](#)

The hills will be alive with the *Sound of Music* when Foothill and Amador Valley high schools present the always-anticipated spring musical.

The spring musical is a rich annual tradition in Pleasanton, combining the most talented young actors from both schools to present a Broadway-quality performance right here in our humble hometown.

Auditions for acting, vocal and dance roles in the *Sound of Music* will be held after school **Dec. 6, 7 & 8** with call-backs posted on Dec. 10. The second week of auditions will be **Dec. 13, 14 & 17**.

Click [here for more details](#) about how you can audition for the spring musical.

[Senior News](#)

There's a lot to keep up with senior year, so parents and students are encouraged to check out the Foothill website regularly for the latest senior news and events. Go to the [Foothill website](#) and click on "Senior Information" to find out what's going on and coming up.

[Grad Night & Senior Events Meeting](#)

It's time to get busy with the hard work of raising money to foot the bill for this year's Grad Night party and senior events.

We'll have a brainstorming session **Monday, Nov. 15** at 7 p.m. in the library to discuss ways to raise money.

Everyone is invited to attend. You do not have to be a senior parent to take part. In fact, it's a good idea for junior parents to get involved for when they take over next year's planning.

[Senior Ads](#)

If you missed the Nov. 8 deadline for ordering an ad honoring your special senior, don't fret -- at least not yet. There are still a few coveted ad spaces remaining, but you have to act quickly.

You must submit your ad online ASAP for this last-minute offer. You can do everything online, including creating your copy, uploading photographs and paying for the \$110 ad.

Here are the easy steps to follow to take out an ad honoring your senior:

1. Log on to www.yearbookordercenter.com
2. Enter 7378 as the order number. You may also search by city and state for Foothill.
3. Follow the directions to create and purchase your senior message online.

Ads may be ordered by family members only, please. Ads are one-quarter page and in full color.

Click [here for a flier with more info](#).

Senior Quotes

Seniors may submit a special quote to be published under their photo in the yearbook. There is no fee for senior quotes. Quotes must be appropriate. Anything that is offensive, obscene or joking will not be used. Seniors will not get a second chance to submit quotes if their first quotes are not acceptable.

Click [here to submit your quotes online](#). The deadline to submit quotes is **December 3**.

Senior Favorites

Seniors have until Dec. 17 to submit votes for senior favorites. Click [here to submit your votes online](#).

Counseling College News

Seniors who picked up secondary school report materials at the private college workshop need to fill out those papers and return them to their counselors ASAP.

Seniors: Ask your teachers right now to write letters of recommendation for colleges. The sooner, the better.

Leverage Your Buying Power for Foothill

Helping Foothill bring in big bucks is as easy as going about your daily chores at the grocery store and mall, but you have to take just a couple of minutes to register your cards online.

The eScrip program is an incredibly easy way to bring in much-needed funds for Foothill. There are absolutely no obligations and no expense to you.

A few easy steps are all it takes, and you're on your way to a fast, free and painless way to reap rewards for Foothill.

- Go to www.escrip.com and click on members/supporters
- Click on "register now" on the right side of the page
- Search for Foothill High School (ID # 144046752)
- Enter your info and follow directions on each page to complete registration

Be sure to register you Safeway card, plus any credit and debit cards you use. Registration is 100 percent secure through the VeriSign secure site. Your personal info is not sold, nor is purchase activity shared in any way. Merchants merely submit eScrip purchases and the school gets a percentage of all your purchases.

We beg you to take a mere couple of minutes to register for this beneficial program. You can do it during a commercial break from one of your favorite TV shows. Once you've registered, the money literally starts rolling in for Foothill.

Questions? Contact Foothill's eScrip coordinator, Maureen Zatorski, at razi@comcast.net and she'll walk you through the steps.

Can't find your Safeway red card? Call toll-free 1-877-723-3929 to get your Safeway card number. Don't forget to renew your Safeway eScrip account each year.

Alumni Soccer Games

Foothill soccer alumni are encouraged to take part in the 8th annual Ryan Gordon Foothill-Amador Alumni Soccer Games to benefit the soccer programs at both schools.

The games will be held **Saturday, Jan. 8** at Amador Valley High School. The final day to register is Jan. 6.

There will be two games featuring male and female players from the 1970s through the 2000s. Each game will be divided into periods for older players and younger players. (You know which one you are.) The event will also feature

pre-game festivities with entertainment, games, raffles and food.

The gate receipts of \$7 for adults and \$4 for students and all snack bar proceeds will go directly to both schools' soccer programs.

Ryan Gordon was a 2003 Foothill graduate whose life was tragically cut short in a boating accident shortly after graduation. He played soccer at Foothill for four years and planned to continue playing at the college level.

Please contact Curt Gordon at curtgordon@comcast.net or drop by All-Star Sports to register for this fun and beneficial event.

Foothill-Rotary Speech Contest

One talented Foothill student has the chance to win \$100 and advance to bigger competitions in the Rotary speech contest, promoted at the school level by Foothill's Interact Club.

Interact and Rotary are both service clubs that work hand in hand to promote and support worthy causes.

The high school speech contest will be held locally on Dec. 10. Click [here for a flier with all the details](#).

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.

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Go Falcons!

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