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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

John Dwyer, principal

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Welcome Back Dance

Enjoy the first dance of the school year with the Welcome Back dance on **Friday, Sept. 9** from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the large gym.

The dance theme is Sock Hop. Students are encouraged to wear their best *Happy Days* clothes, in keeping with the 1950s sock hop theme.

The dance is open to all students. Tickets are \$5 with an ASB* sticker or \$10 without the sticker. Tickets will be sold during lunch and after school starting Sept. 6.

* *Associated Student Body*. ASB stickers are sold for \$70 each in the front office.

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Quick Calendar

Sept. 5 -- No school.
Labor Day holiday.

Sept. 6 -- AABC meeting, 7 p.m., library

Sept. 6-9 -- Senior picnic tickets on sale at front office.

Sept. 6-9 -- Welcome back dance tickets on sale, front office

Sept. 9 -- Welcome back dance, 7-10 p.m., large gym

Sept. 12 -- Athletic boosters meeting, 7 p.m., room C-6

Sept. 14 -- Senior picnic, Waterworld, Concord. Breakfast at

We all know you'll never hear anything from your kids about what's going on at Foothill. That's why parents should drop in each month for the always informative Friday Forum for parents.

Friday Forums are a great, informal way to hear what's going on at Foothill while you also share your thoughts and ideas about how to improve our school.

The forums are hosted by Principal John Dwyer and the three vice principals. The morning get-togethers start with a brief update from Mr. Dwyer before the floor is opened for parent feedback.

Friday Forums are typically held the third Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in room C-6, just east of the library. Some dates vary due to scheduling conflicts. Forums last about an hour.

This year's Friday Forums will be held on these dates:

[September 16](#)

[October 21](#)

[November 18](#)

[December 16](#)

[January 20](#)

[February 17](#)

[March 16](#)

[April 27](#)

[May 18](#)

Mark your calendars so you'll be sure to join in these great round-table discussions. Thank you to the [AABC](#) school booster club for providing light snacks and coffee.

Zangle for Grades & School Info

Zangle, the school district's online student information center, has been updated for the new school year.

7 a.m. Buses leave Foothill at 8:15 a.m. and return at 3:15 p.m.

Sept. 15 -- Private & out-of-state college application workshop, lunch, MPR

Sept. 16 -- Friday Forum, 9 a.m., room C-6

Sept. 16 -- Falcon Fest, 4-7 p.m., near football stadium

Sept. 21 --
Back-to-school night.
5:30 p.m. BBQ
6:15 p.m. rally, large gym
7-9 p.m. classroom visits

Sept. 23-- Makeup school pictures, 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., MPR

Sept. 29 -- Tri-Valley college fair, 6:30-8:30 p.m., large/small gyms

Sept. 30 -- Deadline to get senior photos in yearbook

Oct. 1 & 2 -- Athletic boosters' fall meat sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., location TBA

Quick Links

Parents and students may use Zangle to check student grades, assignments, attendance and more.

Parents can use the same access codes they were given when their students entered middle school. Those codes will remain valid for the student's entire school career.

Click [here for the parent connection to Zangle](#).

Students all have the same format for accessing their school info. Your PIN is your student ID number (5 digits). Your password follows this pattern: mmddf!

- mm = the two-digit month of your birth
- dd = the two-digit date of your birth (add zero before single-digit birthdates)
- f = first letter of your first name
- l = first letter of your last name
- The final character is an exclamation point (!)

Click [here for the student connection to Zangle](#).

Questions or problems? E-mail zanglehelp@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Back-to-School Night & BBQ

Be sure to mark your calendars for back-to-school night on [Wednesday, Sept. 21](#). This is a fantastic opportunity to meet your child's teachers and get back in touch with other parents. You'll also get a feel for what your students will learn in each class this year.

The fifth annual barbecue for parents starts at 5:30 p.m. at the outdoor lunch quad. Enjoy your meal, and then dash over to the parent rally at 6:15 p.m. in the large gym. Classroom visits run from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Start at your child's first period and follow his/her class schedule.

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We're all about
spreading the good

Tickets for the barbecue are a mere \$6. This bargain price gets you a hamburger or veggie burger, soda, chips and a cookie. It's the best dinner deal in town.

Don't be left out. Click [here to order your meals](#) before they're all sold out. The deadline to order meals is **Friday, Sept. 16**. Order forms and payments must be turned in to the front office.

Back-to-school night is for parents only. Sort of like a date night, but not nearly as romantic. Please leave your kids at home to do their homework and a few light chores.

Back-to-school night runs on an extremely tight schedule. You'll have only a few minutes in each class. Wear comfortable shoes for sprinting between classrooms. This is not a time to discuss particular issues or concerns with teachers. You may [contact teachers by e-mail](#) to set up appointments to discuss your student.

NOTE: Parents of band students with A/B periods should meet in the band room after back-to-school night. Parents with students in other A/B periods, we'll have info for you in the Sept. 15 Talon Talk.

[Celebrate at Falcon Fest 2011](#)

Paint the town blue at Foothill's fifth annual Falcon Fest on **Friday, Sept. 16** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the field next to the football stadium.

There's no admission fee, but bring your wallet to buy meals, snacks and lots of fantastic Foothill merchandise. There will be plenty of fun for students, parents and kids of all ages.

Falcon Fest is a spirit-building event open to the entire

spreading the good news about Foothill students and their outstanding achievements, but we need your help.

If your student did something spectacular this summer or achieves something wonderful this school year, please send that positive news our way. We'll make note of it on the Foothill website and in the Talon Talk.

Send your Student Spotlight news to foothillnews@me.com.

Be a Foothill Booster

Get involved at Foothill with the school's [Academic & Activities Booster Club](#) (AABC), the school-wide booster group that supports both students and teachers.

The school year's first AABC meeting will be held **Tuesday, Sept. 6** at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library.

community. All three major booster groups, several athletic teams and lots of student clubs will have booths selling spirit items and delicious food like sno cones, root beer floats and popcorn.

TEAMS: Reserve a booth at Falcon Fest by contacting Lucia Holman at fab4falcons@yahoo.com. The deadline to reserve a booth is Tuesday, Sept. 6.

CLUBS: Reserve a booth by contacting Andrew Lobrano at tahoefisherman@comcast.net.

This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. It's a festive spirit event scheduled before the home football game against Union City's James Logan High School.

Be sure to bring lots of spirit and plenty of cash to stock up on Foothill merchandise and to fill your tummy with lots of great-tasting food. Stick around for the post-Falcon Fest football game to cheer the Falcons to a winning season.

This year's Falcon Fest is hosted by the Foothill Athletic Boosters and the Associated Student Body.

Senior Picnic

Get your senior year off to a rollicking start at the annual senior picnic on **Wednesday, Sept. 14** at [Waterworld](#) in Concord.

The fun starts early at 7 a.m. with breakfast in the multipurpose room. Breakfast is free for all seniors.

Chartered buses will leave Foothill at 8:15 a.m. for the drive to the water park. Students must ride a bus to the park. No private vehicles will be allowed. Buses return to Foothill at 3:15 p.m.

Agenda items include the iPad drawing for Dollar-A-Day donors, sweatshirt drawing for volunteers, allocation of funds, budget discussion and much more.

Booster meetings are a great way to meet parents and staff while you get involved with the Foothill community and support your child's education. We look forward to seeing lots of new faces at the Sept. 6 meeting.

Casa Orozco Fundraiser

The dedicated parents behind Foothill's award-winning band and colorguard plan to host monthly restaurant fundraisers.

These regular fundraisers will be a great way to socialize while supporting the school's outstanding music program.

The next fundraiser will be **Thursday, Sept. 22** from 11 a.m. to 9

Tickets are \$55 with an ASB* sticker and \$65 without a sticker. Tickets will be sold Sept. 6-9 at the front office window before and after school and during lunch. The ticket price includes bus transportation, park admission and lunch. Checks should be made to Foothill High School.

Students are encouraged to leave their valuables, such as iPods, cell phones and expensive shoes, at home. Waterworld and Foothill are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Students who do not go to the picnic must attend classes as usual that day.

** Associated Student Body. ASB stickers are sold for \$70 each in the front office.*

Get Your ASB Sticker

Avoid sticker shock all school year by getting an ASB* sticker for your student.

An ASB sticker is a fantastic deal at only \$70. The sticker, stuck directly on a student's school ID card, offers many discounts.

An ASB sticker will get students ticket discounts for dances, homecoming skits, yearbooks and other select events, such as the senior picnic at Waterworld. The sticker also gets students into all home sporting events for absolutely no charge.

Buying an ASB sticker supports all student activities, including assemblies, rallies, graduation, lunch events, dances and much more.

Please see Cheryl Holy in the front office to buy your ASB sticker.

** Associated Student Body*

p.m. at Casa Orozco,
7995 Amador Valley
Blvd., in Dublin

Click [here for the flier](#)
you must present to
make sure the band
gets 15 percent of
your purchase.

Thank you for
supporting the band
and colorguard.

Show Your Pride with Falcon Yard Signs

Show your Falcon pride with an awesome yard sign being sold by the competition cheerleaders.

The 12-inch by 18-inch full-color sign reads "Home of a Foothill Falcon Fan." The weatherproof sign comes complete with metal legs, making it easy to display in your front yard.

Click [here to see how cool the signs look](#).

The durable signs are only \$11 each. Pre-orders are being taken now. Signs should arrive in a couple of weeks. Please e-mail fhscmpcheer@comcast.net to order your signs.

Money raised will be used to pay for competition fees throughout the year. Thank you for supporting Foothill's cheerleaders.

Share Photos with Yearbook

Students and parents can be a part of the yearbook by submitting your best photos to be included in the 2012 Halcyon.

Students are encouraged to submit photos that represent summer, sports, band and student life. Please identify all students in each picture.

Do not submit any inappropriate shots. Photos should be candid and not posed.

Students may submit photos online by following these steps:

- Go to www.hjeshare.com
- Enter school code 2051968
- Complete the submission page
- Upload photos

Click [here for a flier with more details and instructions](#).

Questions? Contact yearbook adviser Lindsay Franco at lfranco@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

Subscribe to InFlight Newspaper

We are all about spreading the news at Foothill in almost every conceivable way. One great way to stay up-to-date on campus news is to subscribe to [InFlight](#), the school's student newspaper.

InFlight is produced monthly by Foothill's journalism students. There's probably no way in heck your students will ever show you their copy, so the best way to get all the news that's fit to print is to get a home delivery subscription.

A mere \$30 will get you a year's worth of monthly newspapers, plus a photo journal each semester and a quarterly literary magazine featuring works of fiction created by Foothill students.

Checks should be made to FHS InFlight and delivered to newspaper adviser Mary Crawbuck's box in the front office.

Questions? Contact the newspaper staff at inflighteditor@gmail.com.

Senior Yearbook Ads

Parents can honor their graduating seniors with a personalized quarter-page ad to run in the 2012 Foothill yearbook.

Senior ads are a time-honored tradition at Foothill. Parents can gush about how proud they are of their graduating seniors. You can even embarrass seniors with baby photos (nude on a bearskin rug is always good) or maybe a shot from those awkward middle school years. Parents create the ads online, so you get to do pretty much what you want -- within the limits of good taste.

Click [here for more info about how to submit and pay for senior ads online](#). The deadline to submit ads is Nov. 1. Get your ad done early so that you're not up at midnight on Halloween, toiling feverishly to design a creative ad.

Directories & Dollar-A-Day

Fundraising for the entire school and publishing the two directories are among the many tasks tackled each year by the AABC -- [Academic & Activities Booster Club](#). It's like the PTA, PFA or PFC at other schools, but with a different name.

If you have not yet donated to the AABC to support a multitude of Foothill programs and supplies, it's never too late. It's also not too late to get in the directory and order a directory for your home.

It's super easy to make an online Dollar-A-Day donation. Simply look for the Dollar-A-Day donate logo on the left side of [Foothill's website home page](#).

Click [here for the directory order and donation form](#). You can use your computer to fill out the form. Hit "print" to print the completed form. You cannot save edited forms.

Don't forget to ask if your company offers matching funds. It's a super simple way to double your donation. Click [here for more info](#).

Please turn in your completed forms and donations to the front office.

Get to know the AABC by attending the school year's first meeting on [Tuesday, Sept. 6](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library. Get in on the ground floor to help the AABC decide how best to spend funds on campus.

Sports Corner

Check out the Foothill Athletic Boosters' all-sports website at [foothillsports.com](#). All of the sports news that's fit to print can be found at this fabulous website.

Be sure to sign up for the [Falcon Insider](#) e-newsletter. Look for the yellow sign-up box on the left side of the Foothill sports home page.

Fall Meat Sale

Be sure to mark your calendars for [October 1 & 2](#) for the athletic booster club's annual fall meat sale. You can choose from premium quality USDA choice meats and FDA seafood - - all at warehouse prices.

The meat sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days in the Foothill parking lot. Selections include filet mignon, rib eye, New York steaks, top sirloin, ground beef, sausages, bacon, chicken, scallops and shrimp.

Clear your freezers and fridges in anticipation of this sale. You won't want to miss out on the best meat and seafood at

the best prices in the Bay Area.

Booster Meetings

Mark your calendars for [Sept. 12](#) for the booster club's first meeting of the new school year. Meetings are typically held the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in room C-6. Drop by to meet lots of great people and help plan booster fundraisers and other fun events.

Join the Federation

Do some good in the world by joining the [California Scholarship Federation](#), a community service club that meets once per month during lunch on Wednesdays.

The CSF is a great way for students to get involved at Foothill and in the community. Members must perform at least 10 community service hours per semester, either through monthly club activities or on your own. In the past, the club has supported UNICEF, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, canned food drives and the local Alviso Adobe Park.

Students must meet a specific grade point requirement to qualify for CSF. Membership is \$5. Applications to join are due by Sept. 9.

Click [here for more info and the club application](#).

Questions? Drop a note to csf.fhs@gmail.com.

If you want to join the United Federation of Planets, please contact Capt. Kirk.

Tri-Valley College Fair

Get info on dozens of colleges, both public and private, at the annual Tri-Valley College Fair on [Thursday, Sept. 29](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Foothill's large and small gyms.

Colleges from California and beyond will have booths set up to hand out info and answer questions. All of the top colleges will be represented. Also on hand will be the military, career tech schools and apprenticeship schools. There's something for everyone.

Plan to arrive early. This event is open to students in

Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. It routinely draws more than 3,000 people. Please pack plenty of patience. There will be long lines at the most popular colleges.

The college fair is open to students in all grades. It's never too early to start considering your post-high school options.

Practice SAT/ACT

Hone your college-prep test skills by taking a practice exam that combines the SAT and ACT, plus a follow-up session to help evaluate test scores.

The practice [SAT](#) (Scholastic Aptitude Test) and [ACT](#) (American College Testing) will be given at Foothill on [Saturday, Oct. 8](#) from 9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room.

The deadline to register is [Thursday, Oct. 6](#). Make checks to AABC and deliver to the counseling office.

Students and their parents must return to school [Tuesday, Oct. 18](#) at 7 p.m. to get test results, analyze scores and learn how the SAT fits into the college admissions process.

The test fee is \$20, which includes a drink and light snacks. All fees collected will be donated to Foothill. Space is limited, so stop by the counseling office soon to reserve your spot.

The practice SAT/ACT is offered by Foothill's [AABC school booster group](#) and the [Princeton Review](#) test prep firm.

Questions? Contact AABC vice president Gillian Holmes at giliholmes@sbcglobal.net or 462-2256.

Update Your Talon Talk Subscription

We've updated the Talon Talk subscription process just a bit so that you can choose to get the main school newsletter, plus any newsletters targeted at your student's grade level.

It's super easy to update your subscription. At the bottom of this e-mail, click on "Update Profile/Email Address." Follow the instructions to make sure you're on the main newsletter list (Foothill community at large), plus the list for your child's graduation year.

If you no longer have students at Foothill, please use the "Safe Unsubscribe" feature below to remove yourself from the mailing list.

If you know of any incoming Foothill families, please forward this e-mail to them so that they can sign up for the Talon Talk, Foothill's main form of school news for parents.

You Say Goodbye, and I Say Hello

There was quite a bit of shakeup in Foothill's staff this year as we lost many teachers due to budget cuts. Some teachers lost their jobs, while others landed positions elsewhere in the district or in other school districts.

These are the staff members we lost to reassignments, transfers, layoffs and retirements:

- Brian Blake (to Amador)
- Tori Johnson (to Amador)
- Jamie DaSilveira
- Alex Holst
- Dave Travers
- Kirsten Depenbrok
- Jacque Barker
- Carol Bradley
- Faye Gabriel
- Lorraine Hetherington
- Susan Cooper

Please welcome these staff members who are new to Foothill:

- Heather Richey -- English
- Mary Zahuta -- social studies
- Nathan Parrish -- social studies
- Carolann Carter -- counselor
- Casciano Delabarrera -- custodian
- Jennifer Blackman -- special day aide

Student Collects Items for Troops

Foothill senior Jack Reed is collecting much-needed supplies to send to Foothill alumni who are serving in the military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Reed, of [Boy Scout Troop 908](#), is collecting the items as part of his work toward getting his Eagle Scout badge.

Donations of everything from snacks and toiletries to DVDs and games. Click [here for a list of suggested donation items](#). You may have some of these items around your home. Others are inexpensive to buy. It doesn't have to be much. Every little bit adds up to a big donation for our dedicated troops.

Items may be dropped off in the Foothill library Sept. 12-16. Various teachers will also have drop boxes in their classrooms.

Questions? Contact Jack Reed at jnr126@gmail.com.

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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