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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

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Friday Forum

We had an incredible crowd at the first Friday Forum of the school year in mid-September. We hope to keep enthusiasm and attendance high as the school year continues.

The next Friday Forum will be on [October 22](#). The October forum is one week off the regular schedule so as not to conflict with the homecoming rally.

The September forum was absolutely packed with interesting discussions, too many to list. Traffic was a hot-button topic as we brainstormed various traffic-jam solutions. Traffic is so bad this year because everyone's arriving at school at exactly the same time. No more A-period classes to help get a few cars off the road.

In October, we'll get a "state of the union" update from Principal John Dwyer. We'll follow up on the traffic discussion and pick another topic to tackle from last month's meeting.

Friday Forums are a great, informal way to hear what's

Quick Calendar

Oct. 15 -- Last chance to buy homecoming dance tickets

Oct. 16 -- PSAT, 8 a.m. to noon, Foothill campus

Oct. 16 -- Homecoming dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m., large gym

Oct. 18, 19 & 20 -- Red Smoke Grill fundraiser for water polo, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Click [here for flier](#).

Oct. 20 -- UC application workshop, 2:45 p.m., room B-16

Oct. 22 -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., room C-6

Oct. 23 -- Foothill Band Review. Parade downtown from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Field show at Foothill starts at 4 p.m.

Oct. 25 -- Winter sports info night, 7 p.m., large gym

Oct. 25 -- Fall play ticket sales start

Oct. 29 & 30 -- Fall play: The Odd Couple, 7 p.m., MPR

Nov. 3 -- CSU application workshop, 2:45 p.m., B-16

Nov. 3 -- Sports physicals. Click [here for info](#).

Nov. 5 & 6 -- Fall

going on at Foothill. Parents get ample opportunity to share their thoughts and ideas about how to improve our school.

The forums are hosted by Mr. 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.

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

Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming is well under way with students taking part in all sorts of fun, spirit-building events this week.

Parents and students alike enjoyed the wild and wacky homecoming skits, performed on different evenings to delight parents one evening and students on another evening.

This year's homecoming game is tonight -- **Friday, Oct. 15**. The Falcons will take on formidable contender San Ramon Valley High School. The varsity game starts at 7 p.m.

The week's festivities wrap up **Saturday, Oct. 16** with the homecoming dance. Students in all grades are encouraged to attend. You do not need a date to attend. Many students go on their own or with groups of friends.

This year's homecoming theme is Disneyland with the sub-themes Fantasyland, Critter Country, Adventureland and Toon Town. Students are encouraged to choose outfits that go with the theme. The dress code is semi-formal. Click [here for the dress code for dances](#).

It's not too late to get dance tickets. Students may buy last-minute tickets Friday before school, at lunch and after school. Tickets are \$15 with ASB sticker and \$25 without ASB sticker. Absolutely no tickets will be sold at the dance.

Click [here for the dance agreement form](#) that must be signed and turned in when tickets are purchased. Click [here for the dance behavior form](#) students must read before signing the agreement form.

Students must have a completed and signed agreement

play: The Odd Couple, 7 p.m., MPR

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form and valid ID in order to buy tickets. Replacement students IDs are \$10, but they will not be issued the day of the dance.

Foothill Band Review

Fall means more than football season at Foothill. It marks that fabulous time of year when our school hosts one of the most highly revered band competitions in the entire county -- the [Foothill Band Review](#). This year's 36th annual review will be held on on [Saturday, Oct. 23](#).

The day starts at 8:45 a.m. with dozens of bands marching down Pleasanton's Main Street. The parade competition ends at 1 p.m. with awards given at the school stadium at 2:30 p.m. Concert competitions are held throughout the morning at Amador Valley High from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The spectacular field show competition starts at 4 p.m. at the Foothill stadium.

This is one of the largest and most prestigious reviews on the West Coast. The music and marching are dazzling. Our wonderful parents volunteer many hours to make this event a success. You won't want to miss it!

The parade and concerts are free. Admission to the field show is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids (12 and under) and senior citizens. You can buy a \$30 family pack that admits two adults and two kids.

Click [here for more info on this exceptional event](#).

Seniors: Get Community Service Hours

The Foothill Band Review has plenty of opportunities for seniors to rack up the community service hours they need for graduation.

There are plenty of jobs to go around -- sales positions, snack bar, parking, general help and much, much more. Shifts range from 2 hours to 5 hours or more. Work more than one shift to get lots of hours.

Student Spotlight

Freshman Annie Wu will play her flute at Carnegie Hall later this month.

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

Senior Daniel Kang and junior Jenessa Ponco were chosen to sing the national anthem for homecoming festivities.

Daniel will sing *The Star-Spangled Banner* at the rally, and Jessica will sing it at the varsity football game.

Thanks to the nearly two dozen talented students who auditioned for this honor.

Eat at Red Smoke Grill

Enjoy a delicious barbecue meal at Red Smoke Grill any time

Please contact Irene Meechan at i.meechan@comcast.net to sign up.

Band Review Sponsors & Advertising

Local businesses can sponsor trophies and buy advertising space in the band review program. Both of these avenues reach thousands of people. These are excellent ways to promote your business.

For more info, e-mail Terry Abbey at tabbey@comcast.net. You may also contact Terry, band review chairman, with other questions.

Fall Play: The Odd Couple

Foothill's fall play, a female version of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple*, opens [Friday, Oct. 29](#) and plays for two weekends.

Tickets go on sale [Monday, Oct. 25](#) at school for the advance price of \$5 per ticket. Tickets at the door are \$6.

Click [here for all the details](#), including a cast list, on the Foothill website.

Golf for Baseball

As confusing as it may sound, a relaxing game of golf at the picturesque [Sunol Valley Golf Club](#) will benefit Foothill's baseball program.

Enjoy a day on the greens at Foothill baseball's annual Golf Classic on [Friday, Nov. 12](#) at the Sunol course. This fantastically fun event is open to men and women.

Golfers register at 10 a.m. for an 11 am. shotgun start. Games will be played in a scramble format. Your \$130 entry fee includes a golf game with cart, lunch and post-game appetizers in the sports bar.

on [Oct. 18, 19 or 20](#) and Foothill's water polo team will get a few bucks.

Dine as often as you want between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. any of the three days of the fundraiser. The water polo team will get a refreshing 20 percent of your purchase price.

Click [here for the flier you must give the cashier](#) to ensure Foothill gets its cut.

You'll enjoy playing on these gorgeous greens with Foothill's baseball coaches, former players and fellow Falcon supporters. It's the perfect start to a great weekend.

Click [here to sign up](#) before this spectacular event sells out.

If you'd like to sponsor the tournament for \$500 or more, please contact Coach Angelo Scavone at ascavone@pleasanton.k12.ca.us. Sponsors get advertising at the tournament and a sign displayed at the Falcon Diamond for the year.

Winter Sports Info Night & Discount Physicals

Students interested in being on any winter sports teams must attend an information meeting on [Monday, Oct. 25](#) at 7 p.m. in the large gym. Parents should attend with their students.

This is the one time students and parents will get all the info they need about specific sports, tryouts and practice schedules. It is important that all athletes and their parents/guardians attend this meeting.

Winter sports include basketball, soccer and wrestling. Practice and tryouts for these sports start Nov. 8.

Students must have complete physicals and a signed physical release form before they are allowed to try out for a sport. Click [here to print the form](#).

Get your physicals completed and your forms turned in as soon as possible. It takes several days for paperwork to be cleared so that students can try out for sports.

Click [here for the forms you must fill out](#) before students can take part in sports.

Discount Physicals

Athletes can get sports physicals for the discounted fee of \$40 on [Wednesday, Nov. 3](#) at Tri-Valley Orthopedic Specialists, 4626 Willow Road, in Pleasanton.

Physicals are given on a first-come, first-served basis from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Athletes must be accompanied by a parent. Click [here for more info](#).

Don't get left out of tryouts and practice. Get your physical and paperwork completed ASAP.

Key College Dates

There are several key dates seniors should mark on their calendars to get vital information for applying to college.

Nov. 3 -- CSU application workshop, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., B-16 computer lab

Oct. 20 & Nov. 10 -- UC application workshop, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., B-16 computer lab

Nov. 18 -- UC/CSU combo application workshop, 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., B-16 computer lab

Dec. 9 -- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) & financial aid workshop, 7 p.m., MPR

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.

Senior Ads

This year it's easier than ever to take out a personalized yearbook ad for your special graduating senior. You can do everything online, including creating your copy, uploading photographs and paying for the ad.

Ads are \$110 each. The deadline to submit ads is **November 1**.

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 Photos

Seniors must have their photos taken no later than Nov. 3 to be included in the yearbook.

Photos must be taken at [Pro Image Studios](#) in Dublin. The studio will provide the outfit needed for senior yearbook photos. There is a small fee for having a yearbook photo taken.

Click [here for the Pro Image website](#) or call 803-8200 to schedule a photo appointment.

Just One More Volunteer Needed

The Grad Night and senior events committee needs just one more key volunteer to oversee the committee's fundraising efforts. This would be an ideal job to share with one or more friend.

Please e-mail Ellie Wrenn at k.wrenn@comcast.net to sign up as fundraising chair.

Senior Parent Facebook

Another way for parents to stay on top of senior events is with our new Facebook page for Class of 2011 parents.

When you go to Facebook, search for "Foothill High School Class of 2011 Parents." Thanks to senior mom Kate Jupina for being in charge of this informational page.

Save Big Bucks

Foothill has an embarrassment of riches with two groups offering two great and very different coupon books. Each one offers a multitude of coupons that saves huge money around the entire East Bay and beyond.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books are the best deal around when it comes to saving big bucks on movie tickets, restaurants, retail stores, hotels, rental cars and much more.

The Grad Night 2011 is selling these bargain books for the great price of \$30. You'll easily save more than that with the many coupons that comprise this hefty little money-saving tome. The Grad Night committee, in charge of all senior events, gets to keep a cool \$12 of each book sold.

Click [here for an inside peek at the many fabulous coupons](#) you'll get in this year's Entertainment Book.

Please contact Ellie Wrenn at k.wrenn@comcast.net to reserve your Entertainment Book before they're all sold out. Checks should be made to FHS Grad Night 2011.

Gift Checks Coupon Books

Save tons of money at local restaurants and businesses with Gift Checks coupon books offered by the AABC*.

The coupon books cost a mere \$10 each and are chockful of fabulous coupons from local businesses. These books pay for themselves with only one or two purchases.

In addition to restaurant and retail coupons, perhaps the best deals are the movie vouchers. You can order tickets for both Regal Hacienda and Livermore Cinemas for a mere \$7 per ticket. You can order eight tickets for Livermore and 16 for Hacienda.

There are nearly 100 coupons in this mighty little book. You'll save money while supporting the school. Foothill gets \$5 of each \$10 purchase.

For more info or to buy a book, contact Jill Thomas at jilldthomas@comcast.net or 216-6423.

* *The [Academics & Activities Booster Club](#) is a parent group that raises money to fund supplemental supplies and programs for the school.*

Last Chance for Bon Appetit Tickets

Don't be left out of the delicious fun and fellowship at this year's Bon Appetit food and wine fundraising event tomorrow -- [Saturday, Oct. 16](#).

Today -- [Friday, Oct. 15](#) -- is your last chance to buy tickets for this spectacular event.

The annual Bon Appetit: Toasts & Tastes of Fall fundraising event for Pleasanton Partnerships in Education is back for its sixth spectacular year. This year's event will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the CarrAmerica Conference Center, 4400 Rosewood Drive, in Pleasanton.

This is not your typical stuffed-shirt fundraiser. You move at your own pace through a room bursting with enough culinary delights to make Julia Child blush. Each delectable dish from Pleasanton's finest restaurants is exquisitely paired with a fine wine. There's also a martini bar, live music and silent auction.

Here's the really fun part: Each food station has a Pleasanton school principal who helps serve food and wine. You heard me right, folks. Mr. Dwyer will pour your wine!

Tickets are \$65 each for this fabulous fall fundraiser. This is an adults-only event. You must be at least 21 to attend. Click [here to reserve your tickets](#) before they sell out.

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Go Falcons!

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