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Talon Talk

Foothill High School Newsletter

April 15, 2010

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Junior Prom: Location Change

The location for the junior prom has been changed. The prom will now be held at the [Robert Livermore Community Center](#), 4444 East Ave., in Livermore. The location was changed due to a labor strike at the previous venue.

Juniors won't want to miss a memorable *Night in Venice*, the theme for this year's junior prom on [Saturday, April 17](#).

Ticket sales continue through lunch on [Friday, April 16](#) with tickets costing \$75 each. No tickets will be sold at the dance.

NOTE: All students must turn in a completed and signed junior prom agreement form before being allowed to buy tickets. Click [here to print the form](#) or you may pick up the form in the front office.

The prom will be held [April 17](#) from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. at Robert Livermore Community Center in Livermore. Pictures will be taken in advance at the Foothill small gym from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Please note that the time for the prom -- 7 p.m. to 11

Quick Calendar

April 16 -- Friday Forum for parents, 9 a.m., room C-6

April 17 -- Junior prom photos, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Foothill small gym

April 17 -- Junior prom, 7-11 p.m., Rbt. Livermore Community Center, Livermore

April 19 -- Mandatory cheer info meeting, 7 p.m., MPR

April 20, 21, 22, 27 & 28 -- STAR testing, grades 9-11. Exams start at 8:12 a.m.

April 29 & 30 -- STAR makeup exams, 8:12 a.m., MPR

May 1 & 2 -- Spring meat sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Foothill parking loop

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p.m. -- is different from the time printed on the keepsake tickets.

Appetizers and hors d'oeuvres will be served at prom.

Foothill's special dance dress code must be followed for this event. Click [here for details](#).

Questions? Please contact the junior class officers at class11officers@yahoo.com.

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. In these tough fiscal times, the school needs more parent support than ever.

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.

This month's Friday Forum will be [April 16](#) at 9 a.m. in room C-6, just east of the library. Forums last about an hour.

Thank you to the [AABC parent group](#) for providing light snacks and coffee.

STAR Testing Next Week

Students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will have STAR testing [April 20, 21, 22, 27 & 28](#). Seniors do not take the STAR exams.

The STAR exams alter the entire school schedule on test dates.

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

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Student Spotlight

Foothill junior Rahul Doraiswami won top honors at the Tri-Valley Science & Engineering Fair.

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

FABulous Meat Sale

Get your freezers cleared out and ready to stock up on the best meat this side of the Mississippi at the Foothill Athletic Boosters' annual spring meat sale [Saturday, May 1](#) and [Sunday, May 2](#).

Take advantage of fantastic market prices to stock up on filet mignon, New York steak, rib eye, top sirloin, ground beef, sausage, ham, lamb, chicken and bacon. A butcher will be on site to cut meat to specifications. Prices will be set on sale dates based on the going market rate.

The meat sale will be held each day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the high school. The sale is sanctioned by the Alameda County Health Department.

Be sure to buy enough meat to get you through the summer grilling season and to keep tummies full until the fall, when the next fabulous meat sale will be held.

Homecoming for Books

The shelves of Foothill's library are once again teeming with tomes after students so graciously heeded the call to turn in long overdue books.

Thanks to the many students and parents who cooperated with the Big Book Roundup of 2010. Long-overdue books are back on the shelves or in the hands of students who have long been on waiting lists.

The flip side is that we still have many, many overdue books buried in backpacks or languishing on desks. We need those books returned as soon as possible.

Bear in mind that your end-of-year grades and/or diplomas can be held until you've returned any books you've checked out or paid for their replacement.

Once again, we beg you -- please return your overdue books!

Counseling News

Summer School

Summer will be here before you know it, so don't delay signing up for classes you need to get ahead or keep you on track for graduation.

Click [here for more info about the full offerings at summer school](#). Classes fill up quickly, so sign up early to ensure your spot in the classes you need.

If your student currently has any D or F grades, it is wise to secure a spot in summer school, in case you need it.

Counselors have mailed home summer school recommendation letters for students who need to make up courses either for graduation or to meet college entrance requirements.

Summer school will be held June 21 through July 29. Classes are held Monday through Thursday with the exception of the week of July 4. Since Monday, July 5 is a holiday, school will be held that week on Friday, July 9 so that students may have a full week of education.

College Night

You won't want to miss Foothill's fabulous college night on [Wednesday, May 12](#) from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the small gym.

This is a sit-down event with speakers from UC, CSU, private college and community college. There's also a panel of Foothill seniors that will give advice regarding the college application process.

East Bay College Fair

Representatives from more than 100 colleges will be on hand to provide tons of info about colleges at the spring college fair [Friday, May 7](#) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium at California State University, East Bay's Hayward campus.

Click [here for more details and directions](#).

Beat the Rush: Get Your Booster Passes Now!

Get a jump on next school year and save time at registration by getting your 2010-11 booster passes now! Not only will you save time, but the Foothill Athletic Boosters will throw in an awesome jacket as an extra

incentive for the family passes.

Booster passes are good for all regular season home sports events, except for playoff games. You won't have to stand in line to buy tickets. Best of all, your booster pass helps support Foothill's athletic program.

Click [here to see the fantastic fleece-lined, water-resistant jacket](#) you'll get if you buy your booster pass early.

Booster passes go for \$50 for one grandparent pass, \$100 for one individual pass, \$135 for a family pass and \$165 for a premium family pass.

Click [here to print out the flier](#) to order your booster passes today!

Gearing Up for Grad Night 2011: Volunteers Needed

That's right, folks. This year's Grad Night is still a couple of months away, yet we're already recruiting enthusiastic volunteers to make sure next year's Grad Night is a rousing success.

Parents of current juniors are encouraged to attend the next Grad Night and senior events meeting on [Monday, May 3](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library to see how much fun it is to be involved with Grad Night.

Grad Night is organized completely by senior parents. The best time to get involved is now when you can shadow current volunteers and pick their brains for the most efficient ways to get jobs done.

We need to fill these spectacularly fun positions:

- Event chair or co-chairs (The more, the merrier!)
- Fundraising
- Ticket sales
- Senior awards night
- Senior barbecue
- After-ball breakfast
- Baccalaureate
- Senior memory boards
- Publicity
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Please contact these current volunteers for more info or to nab your favorite job!

Kerry Sirotta -- sirottaland@sbcglobal.net
Denise Watkins -- denisewatkins@comcast.net
Ellie Wrenn -- k.wrenn@comcast.net

Cheer Tryouts

If you have the spirit to jump and yell for Foothill, then you may want to try out for next year's cheer team.

A mandatory student and parent meeting will be held [Monday, April 19](#) at 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room. A cheer clinic will be held April 26-30. Tryout dates will be announced later.

Cheer is open to students in all grades, including incoming freshmen.

Questions? Contact the coaches at fhsfalconscheer@hotmail.com.

DECA News

Business Leaders Invited to Share Ideas

Community members are encouraged to attend the annual marketing/business advisory meeting [Tuesday, April 20](#) from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Applebee's in Dublin.

This informal discussion allows participants to provide valuable insight to help ensure the success of career technical education, a program that links education with technical and occupational knowledge to prepare students for post-secondary education and careers.

For more info, please contact Tami Raaker at traaker@pleasanton.k12.ca.us.

DECA Custom Designs: Get Your Logo on Products

DECA students can help almost any organization create a brand identity by providing customized promotional materials.

DECA has more than 600,000 products to choose from, ranging from T-shirts and polos to mouse pads and

ink pens. The students will provide you with a competitive quote and exceptional service, all while helping to reinforce classroom learning. Funds raised help offset travel expenses for Foothill's DECA International competitors.

Click [here for more info](#), including an online catalog of products.

Graduation Leis

Graduation will be here before you know it, so don't delay placing your order for a customized graduation lei.

The senior class sells the colorful leis as a fundraiser for the class. The ribbon leis come in 11 different styles with prices ranging from \$22 to \$47. Click [here to see the different styles and prices and for ordering info](#).

The deadline to order is TODAY -- April 15. Leis will be handed out at school. You will be notified by e-mail regarding the delivery date.

Questions? Contact Jenni Lee at jenni_lee423@yahoo.com.

Senior News

After-the-Ball Breakfast: Help & Donations Needed

This year's Senior Ball is scheduled for [Saturday, May 22](#). In keeping with tradition, senior parents plan and provide a safe and sober celebration at the after-the-ball senior breakfast from 12:30 a.m. to 3 a.m.

We need plenty of volunteers and donations, both cash and food, to make this special event a success. Everything is funded and staffed by senior parents, so we really need everyone to step up to the plate and do their fair share.

Please mail donations to Julie Battershell at 6322 Corte Esperanza, Pleasanton 94566. Checks should be made to FHS Senior Class 2010. Include your name, address and telephone number if you would like a receipt.

If you can volunteer your valuable time or donate food, please drop a note to Julie at jbattershell@comcast.net. She'll let you know how you can help.

In these tough times, every little bit helps. Don't assume

that other people will do all the work or make the donations. Please help as much as you can!

Grad Night Meeting

The next Grad Night and senior events meeting will be held [Monday, May 3](#) at 7 p.m. in the Foothill library. Everyone chairing a senior event *must* attend and provide an update on your event. Please include current plans for your event, any funding or fundraising you may need, plans for publicity or other issues that should be addressed.

Grad Night Tickets

There's still plenty of time to grab tickets for the big Grad Night party, though prices are bumped up to \$185 per ticket starting today.

The price includes admission to the party, all activity fees and bus transportation (required) to and from City Beach in Fremont. The ticket also covers the cost of the senior pool party and picnic at the end of the school year.

Nobody will be left out. If tickets are too pricey for you, see Mrs. Shanker in the counseling office to ask about scholarship aid.

Click [here for the Foothill web site page with Grad Night info and details](#). Scroll to the bottom of that page to find the three forms that must be filled out before seniors can buy tickets.

Questions? Contact Patty Haykin at 998-0056 or phaykin@aol.com.

Save the Dates

Mark your calendars for the next senior class fundraiser and social event at Casa Orozco in Dublin on [Thursday, May 6](#) from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Click [here for the flier](#).

The senior barbecue and swim party will be held [June 3](#) from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Foothill pool and athletic field. Of course, we need donations of food and volunteer help. Please contact Lynley Payne at ljpayne01@sbcglobal.net to let her know how you can help.

Senior T-Shirts

Get your senior T-shirts and hoodies before they're all sold out! These awesome T-shirts have a falcon graphic and the

words "Senior 2010 I'm So Done." Click [here for prices and the order form](#).

Scholarships

Seniors should check the Foothill web site regularly for up-to-date scholarship information. Scholarship info is posted in the counseling section of the web site. Look for the counseling link on the left side of the home page, and then click on "Scholarship Information." Click [here to go directly to the scholarship page](#).

Senior band students can apply for a \$600 band scholarship. The deadline is **April 30**. Click [here for info on the band's web site](#).

Gift Card Donations Needed

We need lots and lots of gift cards to use as student prizes on Grad Night. We're looking for gift cards ranging from \$10 to \$25 for popular student hangouts, such as Starbucks, Jamba Juice, In-n-Out, Target, Walmart, nail salons and more.

Gift card donations may be dropped in the Grad Night box in the front office. Be sure to write the amount on the gift card. Include your contact information if you'd like a tax receipt for your donation.

Don't let those unused gift cards go to waste. Donate them to support Foothill's safe and sober Grad Night celebration.

Plan Ahead for Baccalaureate

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, inspirational and voluntary senior celebration of graduation that includes speakers, music, readings and a memorable slide presentation -- all coordinated by seniors and their parents. This year's event is planned for **Sunday, June 6** at 5 p.m. at Valley Community Church in Pleasanton.

Students who want to perform may audition after school on **May 4** in D-1 with teacher JoAnn Koobatian.

Baccalaureate also features a slide show of seniors who attend. We need two photos of each senior. It's a good idea to get this out of the way ASAP before life gets too hectic.

Click [here for details](#) about what types of photos we need and how to submit your photos.

Senior Memory Boards & Workshops

Parents are encouraged to create memory boards for their students to be displayed at the senior breakfast and graduation. Click [here for more details about the boards](#).

Come together with your friends to create your memory board as fun **workshops** on [Wednesday, April 28](#) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and [Tuesday, May 4](#) from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Workshops will be held at Pleasant Memories, 7137-B Dublin Blvd., in Dublin.

Save the Arts

Mark your calendars for art and musical extravaganzas on [Friday, May 21](#) and [Saturday, May 22](#) to help save music and arts in Pleasanton schools.

The benefit, dubbed *Celebrate*, will include an art show Friday evening, followed by five separate musical performances on Saturday to raise money for music and arts in the schools.

Tickets are not required, but a donation of \$15 per adult and \$10 per student is greatly encouraged. Donations are suggested for each separate performance.

A gala featuring student art will be held [Friday, May 21](#) from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Bankhead Theater in Livermore. All of the art on display will be for sale.

Musical performances start at 9 a.m. [Saturday, May 22](#) and continue until 6:30 p.m. Click [here for the schedule of school groups that will perform](#). You may print the form to order tickets or [order online at the Bankhead Theater web site](#).

The fundraiser is hosted by the Pleasanton Schools Educational Enrichment Foundation (PSEE). Click [here for more info about PSEE and the Celebrate benefit](#).

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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