



Dean of School's Report ~ August 21, 2019

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- 1. Themes of the Year:** At Founders, there have been two themes of the year, one related to character and the other to curriculum. At the End of Year Convocation, the Dean announced that "Move Forward" is a (character) theme of the upcoming year. The Department Chairmen decided on "perseverance" as the curricular theme of the year.
- 2. Teacher Orientations '19-'20:** New Teacher Orientation: August 19th and August 20th; All Teacher and Staff Orientation: August 21st, August 22nd, August 26th, August 27th; Department Chair Orientation: August 8th (10am-12pm), August 15th (10am-12pm), August 29th (10am-12pm).
- 3. Special Education Staff:** Founders would like to welcome Melissa Moyer the Special Education Coordinator and Counselor and Becky Wright the Special Education Teacher starting this month.
- 4. From Director of Faculty (Mrs. Hayes):** Teachers have been meeting with the Dean every Thursday throughout the summer at Dean's Study. These conversations have been productive and informative for both teachers and administration. A variety of topics have been discussed such as professional development, Round Table, the mission, intercurricular topics, discipline and more.
- 5. From Director of Student Affairs (Mrs. Oliveira):** Student services has been working with students to make sure they complete mastery assignments, have all the classes they need for the coming school year, and know about enrichment opportunities. Student services has been meeting with incoming families to learn about their students' needs and has been reviewing transcripts to ensure accuracy. We are also working on contacting college and trade representatives to set up opportunities for students to explore different post-high school paths throughout the school year.
- 6. Department Chairman Report (Ms. Efraimson, World Language Department):** The World Language Department is adding a new elective course to our curriculum this coming school year. Miss. Efraimson is teaching, Spanish Culture and although it falls under the category of the Humanities Dept. Mr. Quigley will be teaching Eurovisions: The history and culture of modern Europe through the lens of the world's biggest song contest. Each class is a half credit one semester class. We are so eager to teach these creative electives to our students who have signed up. Read full report [here](#).
- 7. Central NH Youth Poet Ambassador:** The Youth Poet Laureate Committee chose Jessica Bell as the Central New Hampshire Youth Poet Ambassador for a one year term! Congratulations!
- 8. Internal Committees 2019-2020:** Each school year, internal committees and subcommittees are established comprised of teachers and staff to focus on specific areas. The Dean is on each. This year there are thirteen committees and subcommittees this year including curriculum, safety,

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scheduling, admissions, standardized testing, field trip, new student orientation and "Back to School" night (September 19, 2019).

9. **New Student Orientation:** New Student Orientation is August 23, 2019. Incoming students in all grades are asked to attend. A special thank you to the New Student Orientation Subcommittee.
10. **THANK YOU:** We would like to THANK the teachers who led Summer Camps, Stephen Fernandes and Christine Sones for leading Title I instruction; Cassie Hayes for authoring and coordinating Title Grants; summer staff for working throughout the summer to prepare for next year; Lauren Brouillette for helping to change the policies; and parent volunteers helping during the summer on various projects including Operation Drop off this Friday (8/23) and Saturday (8/24).

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