



Dean of School's Report ~ October 16, 2019

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1. **Mission in Action (From The Fine Arts Department):**

The Fine Arts faculty routinely conferences about classroom activities that specifically address our schools' Mission. Following are brief examples from a music perspective: Level 1 Band students sing and perform solos on their instruments for the class; developing courage and confidence in a conspicuously respectful environment. By modeling and leading their sections, Level 1 Band students help each other learn executive skills and new songs. Jazz Ensemble students teach an American Jazz history lesson to the class once per quarter. Student presentations convey the facts about the musical evolution of their selected artists with contextual reference to both national and world-wide historical events.

2. **Round Table Feature (From Ms. Cormier):** "Pierce House has been active and meeting this academic year. We met on the first day of school to go over the mission of our school and review all the important policies of The Founders Academy. We also met as a House to produce our Pierce House "Flag" for the Exhibit Room this week, and we also met outside this past Wednesday during RT to enjoy sports and games together as a group. We look forward to working together as a House to work on the important RT activities and missions here at Founders Academy."

3. **Student Feature:** This summer Allison Ouellette spent two weeks living at Harvard University participating in their Pre-College Program. The class she took, *How Geography Affects Politics*, opened her eyes to a new understanding of the world of international politics. She spoke with our teachers during their latest teacher development day about how Founders allowed her to excel in their demanding collegiate environment.

4. **From Director of Faculty (Mrs. Hayes, Director of Faculty):**

The Founders Academy receives grant money from the state each year under Title 2a, 4a and 1a. Each of these specify how the money can be used and require descriptions for each activity to be approved in advance. At this time, Mrs. Hayes primarily manages the grants. A description of each grant and how Founders is using the grant money can be found [here](#).

5. **From Director of Student Affairs (Mrs. Oliveira, Director of Student Affairs):**

Student Services has hosted a number of college representatives, including ones from Plymouth State University, University of Hartford, and SNHU. Many more visits are scheduled. Round Table teachers for sixth grade, eleventh grade, and twelfth grade were given materials from NHHEAF to assist in discussions about college and career awareness, the college application process, and financial aid opportunities.

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6. Department Chairman Report (Mr. Tellier, Fine Arts Department Chair):

The Fine Arts curriculum provides students with knowledge, skills, experiences and ways of learning unobtainable from any other subject. The Fine Arts curriculum targets and develops musical, visual and dramatic aptitudes all essential to achieving a balanced education of the whole person. Fine Arts students significantly contribute to our school culture via an array of public performances, including, but not limited to: Open House events, four winter concerts, January Jazz Night, District and All-State concerts, five spring concerts, and several middle and high school drama/musical productions.

Throughout the year, student artwork is displayed in the halls of our school. Pictures are commonly taken of our Visual Art students engaged in the creative process. Completed artwork is frequently shown on social media.

7. Curricular Presentation: The Math Department will present on curriculum.

8. Volunteers of the Month: Mr. Joe Longval is the *Volunteer of the Month* for [September](#). Mrs. Allison Gosztyla is the *Volunteer of the Month* for [October](#).

9. Employees of the Month: Mrs. Ragas is the *Employee of the Month* for [September](#). Mr. Gracza is the *Teacher of the Month* for [October](#).

10. Annual Fund: Ticket sales for the Calendar Raffle in November 2019 are on sale. The Calendar Raffle makes up efforts to raise money for the Annual Fund.

11. THANK YOU: We would like to THANK Mrs. Goncalo for thinking of Founders to write Jon's Platoon; Mr. Kline for giving an assembly on the letters for soon-to-be Marines; Volunteer substitute teachers; Ms. Nichols for hosting an assembly on the Calendar Raffle this Friday; the PTSA for planning the Fall Festival this Saturday, and Senior Project teacher mentors.

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