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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

I hope you are all enjoying your summer! Our staff is busy preparing for the next school year.

We are transitioning to a new student information system. You will no longer have access to the old portal but a new one will be available soon. We are excited for this upgrade!

In the past SAS test scores have been sent to parents. Now parents can view them at any time through this portal:

<https://nh.portal.cambiumast.com/families.html>

Please reach out to Ms. Evans at judith.evans@tfanh.org if you need your family access code.

-Cassie Hayes
Dean of School

The Founders Mission Statement

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 5 - 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person, and respects each student's journey.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

Link: http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission_vision

NEED TO KNOW

Important Dates

What:	When:
Founders Academy Students & Staff to Sing the National Anthem at the NH Fisher Cats Game	Sunday, July 16th 1:30 pm
Summer Camp: Week 1	July 17th - July 21st
Coffee with the Dean	Wednesday, July 19th
Summer Camp: Week 2	July 24th - July 28th
Credit Recovery	August 7th - August 18th

2023-24 School Calendar

2023/24 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2023						
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- x = First and Last Days of School
 - = 1 PSAT Fall Testing Day (Grades 9 & 11) - 10/26
 - = 4 SAS/SAT/PSAT Spring Testing Days (3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1)
- PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; TW = Teacher Workshop Days

Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/27; Q2 - 1/19; Q3 - 3/29; Q4 - 6/7
Graduation - 6/15

Note - The NH Primary date will not be decided until the school year begins. No school on that day.

Federal holidays 2023/24

Sep 4, 2023	Labor Day	Nov 11, 2023	Veterans Day	Jan 1, 2024	New Year's Day	May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Oct 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Nov 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day	Jan 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Day	Jun 19, 2024	Juneteenth
Nov 10, 2023	Veterans Day (obs.)	Dec 25, 2023	Christmas Day	Feb 19, 2024	Presidents' Day	Jul 4, 2024	Independence Day

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PAST DUE: 2023-24 Course Selection

Parents and Guardians,

The last day of the 2022/2023 school year has come and gone! With that, it is time to plan for the next school year and sign up for courses.

For those families who have students who will be **withdrawing from Founders** after this year and either going to a different school or will be homeschooled, please follow [this link](#) so that we can work to get your information ready to be sent out in a timely manner at the end of the year.

For those families that plan on having students **attend Founders** next year for Grades 5-9, please follow [this link](#) to confirm your spot(s) and to sign up for courses. This needs to be completed **as soon as possible** to secure your spot for next year.

Thank you!

Greg McKenzie
Registrar

Recruiting Parent Board Members

Dear Founders Families,

The Founders Board of Trustees is eager to welcome **two new parent members** to the board to increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Since its inception, our Board has put a great deal of effort into writing/approving policies, developing a strategic plan, and planning for the future of the school, and we need more parents' volunteers for the Board in order to succeed in reaching our goals.

As our board will attest, charter school board service is a personally and professionally rewarding opportunity to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend an excellent school.

If you are interested in sharing your business, grant writing, fundraising, financial or education expertise as a volunteer member of the Founders Board, our community would be very grateful.

Read on to learn why you should consider and how to join our board of trustees. We hope you'll join us!

-Robert Best

The Founder Academy Board of Trustees, Chairman

Why become a member of the Founders Academy board? Charter school boards play a critical leadership role in supporting and determining the quality of the education delivered to its students and the long-term sustainability of the school. Every charter school board is the governing body of a publicly-funded nonprofit organization with a multi-million-dollar budget. As with all charter school boards, Founders board is responsible for ensuring that the school has strong leadership, sound finances, effective fundraising, and high academic achievement.

Need further incentive? Here's a recent an article highlighting how joining a non-profit board can boost your career,

<https://diversitymbamagazine.com/career-development/how-serving-on-non-profit-boards-can-boost-your-career/>

Who can apply? Any parent or guardian of a Founders Academy student

What are the duties of a Founders Board member? We set policies, hire and evaluate the school director, work with our parent organization (the PTSG), oversee the budget, fundraise, community relations, and other tasks, as needed to ensure the continued strength and success of the school. We ask that you participate in monthly board meetings, join a minimum of one committee and attend as many community events as possible

Who is on the board today? John Bauer (parent representative), Frank Weiss, Kimberley Lavalley (co-founder and vice-chair), Kyle Fox (treasurer), Patricia Humphrey (co-founder and secretary)

and Robert Best (chairman).

When does the board meet? Every third Wednesday of the month at 6PM at our school. We encourage interested members to attend a Board of Trustees Meeting to observe what type of issues are discussed and how important decisions affecting The Founders Academy are made.

What is the process to become a board member? Interested parents apply by sending their resume/CV to Kimberley Lavalley kimberly.lavalley@tfanh.org.

For more information about the board of trustees including meeting agendas and minutes, visit the governance page of the website found [here](#).

School News

2022-23 Yearbooks

Yearbooks have arrived and are ready to be picked up!

Please note:

We do NOT have extra yearbooks for sale.

We are NOT able to ship them to you, please make arrangements for pick up.

Please call the front desk at (603) 952-4705 or email Mrs. Evans at judith.evans@tfanh.org with any questions.

Optional Summer Assignments

The Founders Academy Academic Challenges offer students an opportunity to maintain their academics through the summer. These are optional but recommended to keep your brain sharp! See the link below to find the assignments.

https://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/student_life/academic_challenges

Join PTSG!



What is PTSG?

Our Parent Teacher Student Group (PTSG) is a very active community, focused on supporting the school. Our purpose is to positively impact Founders Academy by providing support through volunteerism and fundraising for student and staff needs, leadership opportunities for students, and family and community engagement opportunities.

https://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/p_t_s_g

Other

NHDOE: Rekindling Curiosity Program



As a result of school closures and the need to implement remote and hybrid instructional models across the state, as well as the broader community disruption from the pandemic, there are growing concerns around the mental and behavioral health of New Hampshire students.

The preponderance of evidence indicates that students of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. Additionally, Psychology Today identified important factors to helping student mental health in its March 19, 2020 article, “Improving Student Mental Health During the COVID-19 Crisis.” Two of these factors directly related to this program include the benefits of exercise and appropriate social activity.

For many children, especially those from low-income background or with disabilities, accessing summer enrichment opportunities supporting social, emotional, and mental health is more important than ever.

During the summers of 2021 and 2022, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic’s impact on student social, emotional, and mental health, the Department of Education, using federal COVID-19 response funds, offered this program to help pay the youth recreation

camp fees of students from low-income households to improve student social, emotional, and mental wellness and support continued development of the whole child, especially by alleviating student anxiety and trauma resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. These experiences were designed to help New Hampshire students return to in-person school with a rekindled curiosity, excited and anticipating a return to academic instruction.

As a result of the success of this program during the summers of 2021 and 2022, the Department of Education will continue the program for summer 2023, and we are hopeful that many families will be able to take advantage of this opportunity.

Learn more at: RekindlingCuriosityEducation.nh.gov/

Walk to End Alzheimer's



Founders is looking for team members for the Walk To End Alzheimer's this year!

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

While there is no fee to register for Walk, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

The Walk is being held at the Merrimack Premium Outlets on Saturday, October 14.

For more information, please visit [this link](#).

Hats for Sale

There is a limited supply of school hats for sale! \$15 per hat. Contact Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org if you're interested in purchasing one to show your school spirit.



Founders Academy Car Magnets

Love The Founders Academy? Display your school pride on your ride when you purchase a Founders Academy car magnet for only \$5.00! These make great gifts for students, parents, and grandparents. Purchase one for every vehicle!
Supplies of these beautiful 4-inch round magnets are limited so...ORDER NOW!

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Founders Academy
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Only \$5 Each

4" x 4"

Get One For
Each Car In
Your Family!



**LIMITED
SUPPLY!**

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Remember:

- Never put your magnet on a dirty car (you could scratch your car's paint!).
- Clean both sides of your magnet whenever you wash your car (or more often!).
- Do not place on horizontal surfaces (such as automobile hoods!).
- Remove magnet by lifting entire magnet from surface (do not slide the magnet across the surface!).

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

of Magnets Ordered: _____ Payment by Check

Cash

Total Enclosed: \$

Make checks payable to The Founders Academy

Donations

Front Desk/Health Office Needs

The front desk is highly in need of the following:

- Pencils
- Ice packs
- Paper towels

We appreciate any help you can provide!

Bridge the Gap



[Annual Fund Letter From Dean Hayes](#)

Founders On Social Media

Be sure to follow Founders on **Facebook** here:



Founders' Facebook **Carpooling** Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Be sure to follow Founders on **Twitter** here:



Check out Founders **Youtube** Channel here:

