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# From the Dean of School

## Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

As we enter into our spring break, we are really feeling the pull of the end of the school year. This is a time of year that everyone needs to stay focused on a strong finish. We are asking you, as parents, to be a part of our team. Over these next few weeks please check the parent portal for grades and reach out to any teachers you have questions for. Encourage your child to stay focused on their academics and positive behaviors. The code of conduct is a perfect guide to a strong finish!

-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](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission_vision)

## Mission in Motion

Our teachers and staff are dedicated to the mission here at Founders. From now on, we will be sharing a [presentation](#) weekly with you to share what we are doing in the classroom to further the mission of The Founders Academy.

# NEED TO KNOW

## Important Dates

| <b>What:</b>                 | <b>When:</b>            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| No School - April Vacation   | April 24th - April 28th |
| Grade 8 (SAS)                | Wednesday, May 3rd      |
| Teacher Workshop - No School | Friday, May 12th        |

## Standardized Test Schedule

Tests requiring Computers are in **PINK**. All other tests are paper/pencil.

### **SAT/PSAT/SAS (ELA & Math)**

- **5/3 (Wed) - Grade 8 (SAS) - Only 8th grade students attend school**

### **SAS Science** (During normal school day; Held during normally scheduled Science classes)

- Grade 5
  - Any day in May not taken already by Grade 8 or 11
- Grade 8
  - 5/10 & 5/11 (Wednesday/Thursday)
- Grade 11
  - 5/17 (Wednesday) - A/B Periods (during Chemistry class)

**If you do not want your child taking any of the required tests (SAS or SAT) you must submit [this form](#) (you need to make a copy) to the front desk.**

## Family Portal for SAS Testing

There is now an electronic portal for parents to see state testing results. Families need a unique ID-stay tuned for more information on how to get yours!  
Please review [this link](#) for more information about the portal

# 2022-23 School Calendar

## 2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

| September 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| 11             | 12 | TW | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17  |
| 18             | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24  |
| 25             | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |     |
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| October 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| 9            | V  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15  |
| 16           | 17 | 18 | TW | 20 | 21 | 22  |
| 23           | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29  |
| 30           | PC |    |    |    |    | *18 |

| November 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| 20            | V  | V  | V  | V  | V  | 26  |
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| December 2022 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| 18            | V  | V  | V  | V  | V  | 24  |
| 25            | V  | V  | V  | V  | V  | 31  |
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| January 2023 |    |     |     |     |     |     |
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| 22           | 23 | 24  | 25  | 26  | TW  | 28  |
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| February 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| 26            | V  | V  |    |    |    |     |
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| March 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| April 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| May 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |     |
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| June 2023 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/28; Q2 - 1/20; Q3 - 3/30; Q4 - 6/9

Graduation - 6/17

PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; TW = Teacher Workshop Days

Updated 4/20/22

### Federal holidays 2022/23

|              |                  |              |                      |              |                        |              |                  |
|--------------|------------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Sep 5, 2022  | Labor Day        | Dec 25, 2022 | Christmas Day        | Jan 1, 2023  | New Year's Day         | May 29, 2023 | Memorial Day     |
| Oct 10, 2022 | Columbus Day     | Dec 26, 2022 | Christmas Day (obs.) | Jan 2, 2023  | New Year's Day (obs.)  | Jun 19, 2023 | Juneteenth       |
| Nov 11, 2022 | Veterans Day     |              |                      | Jan 16, 2023 | Martin Luther King Day | Jul 4, 2023  | Independence Day |
| Nov 24, 2022 | Thanksgiving Day |              |                      | Feb 20, 2023 | Presidents' Day        |              |                  |

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## PSA: School Devices

Founders Academy prides itself on being able to assist its students and provide devices when available and appropriate. This, however, often results in devices getting lost in the shuffle.

Over the course of the next few weeks, we ask that students and guardians alike take the time to double check for Chromebooks, chargers, headphones, etc. in your possession that belong to the school so that they can be returned following vacation.

Thank you for your help!

## 603 Bright Futures Survey

The New Hampshire Department of Education values your feedback and wants to hear from you! The 603 Bright Futures Survey is available for you to complete now through April 28. This survey will gather actionable feedback around learning models, school climate, family and community engagement and other topics in order to understand the successes and challenges of the recent school year and plan for the upcoming school year.

Families in K-12, Preschool, and Private Schools: [bit.ly/nhedfamily](https://bit.ly/nhedfamily)

Staff in Public and Private Schools: [bit.ly/nhedstaff](https://bit.ly/nhedstaff)

Community Members\*: [bit.ly/nhedcommunity](https://bit.ly/nhedcommunity)

\* Please note that "Community Members" are those who do not have students enrolled in New Hampshire public schools. Those who do should complete the family surveys instead..

## Looking for Substitutes

The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the 2022-2023 school year!

Subjects covered can vary. Full day and half day opportunities available. hours are 7:30 AM until 3:30PM. The rate is \$75/per day.

If interested please contact Kelsey Marot at [kelsey.marot@tfanh.org](mailto:kelsey.marot@tfanh.org)

## 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://diversitybomagazine.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 Lavalée (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 Lavalée [kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org](mailto:kimberly.lavallee@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

### Applying to College 101

Families of Juniors:

On **May 10th at 6PM** at Founders we will be having a presentation about all the things that you will need to know going into your senior summer, and as you prepare for your final year at TFA. Mrs. Smith will be presenting along with a representative from NHHEAF.

**This presentation has CRUCIAL information for Juniors and their families. Please make it a priority to attend.**

We'll cover how to build your college list, questions to ask on a college tour, college essay pointers,

the application timeline and the basics of financial aid. Also, we will talk about specific TFA procedures that students will need to follow to be able to complete the paperwork necessary for their applications.

Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect.

[College 101 RSVP Link](#)

## 8th Grade Celebration

Each year we celebrate our 8th graders. In recent years, a group of 8th grade parents organized the event. If there are any parents interested in working on this celebration, please reach out to Dean Hayes. We will make sure there is a celebration one way or another but the best way to make the event as detailed as possible is for a group of passionate parents to take the reins!

TFA PTSG Presents: Summer Send-off



The poster features a light blue background with a white cracked-glass pattern. At the top, a wooden sign reads 'TFA PTSG PRESENTS' in gold, followed by 'SUMMER' in large, multi-colored letters and 'Send-Off' in white with a black outline. To the left is a watermelon slice and to the right is a green monstera leaf. Below the sign, a yellow sunburst contains the text '\$5 A PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY INCLUDES PIZZA AND DRINK'. To the right, a red and white lifebuoy is partially visible. The date and time 'SATURDAY MAY 20 5:00 PM' are in black. Below that, a red banner says 'LIVE MUSIC | HUGE RAFFLES'. Two red starburst shapes contain the text: 'ALL FAMILIES INVITED! NEW 2023-2024 FAMILIES TOO!' and 'HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$3000 FOR COMPUTER LAB AND OTHER TECH UPDATES'. At the bottom, a white banner reads 'AT THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY' and 'rsvp: [tinyurl.com/summersendoff23](https://tinyurl.com/summersendoff23)'.

TFA PTSG PRESENTS

# SUMMER

## Send-Off

**\$5 A PERSON  
OR \$20 PER  
FAMILY  
INCLUDES  
PIZZA AND  
DRINK**

**SATURDAY  
MAY 20  
5:00 PM**

**LIVE MUSIC | HUGE RAFFLES**

**ALL FAMILIES  
INVITED!  
NEW 2023-2024  
FAMILIES TOO!**

**HELP US REACH  
OUR GOAL OF  
\$3000 FOR  
COMPUTER LAB  
AND OTHER TECH  
UPDATES**

**AT THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY**  
**rsvp: [tinyurl.com/summersendoff23](https://tinyurl.com/summersendoff23)**

Senior Walk with Manchester Police Department

The Manchester Police Department hosts senior walks once per week with seniors in the community. They have invited The Founders Academy to partner with them so the participants are able to chat with current middle and high schoolers. We are looking for student volunteers to



participate in this community service event. Additionally, we are looking for 1-2 parent drivers to help transport the students to and from school. Please know this event takes place during the school day. Please reach out to Dean Hayes ([cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto:cassie.hayes@tfanh.org)) directly if you are able to volunteer!

Here is more information on the program:

The Manchester Police Community Affairs Division announces the 2023 Spring Senior Walks. These walks allow seniors to exercise, socialize and experience Manchester with Manchester police officers. Walks are held Monday mornings at 9am unless otherwise noted. The walks are approx. 2-3 miles and take about one hour to complete.



**May 1, 2023** Manchester River Walk - West

Meet at the rear of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St.

**May 8, 2023** Weston Tower

Meet at the parking lot near the baseball field across from Trinity High School

**May 15, 2023** Manchester/Goffstown Rail Trail

Meet at the front of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St

**May 22, 2023** Rock Rimmon

Meet behind Northwest Elementary School on Youville St, in the parking lot next to the baseball fields

**May 30, 2023** Livingston Park

Meet in the parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln

**June 5, 2023** Massabesic Lake Trail

Meet in the paved parking lot off Londonderry Turnpike. Just south of the Massabesic Traffic Circle

**June 12, 2023** Manchester Cedar Swamp Preserve

Countryside Boulevard is off of Hackett Hill Rd in Manchester. The trail head is about a half a mile up on the left. There is adequate parking in the parking lot or along the street.

## Other

### Free Access to Tutoring

NHED and Tutor.com have partnered to provide 24/7 online tutoring for students in grades 6-12 throughout the state. School districts are being encouraged to [register](#) for Tutor.com's free access for their students.

### PTSG Scratch Ticket Raffle



The Founders Academy is offering their first ever NH Lottery Scratch Ticket raffle! Enter to win \$400 worth of scratch tickets PLUS \$100 in cash! Tickets are available for purchase through [this Google form](#). You can pay by Paypal/credit/debit or by check. Tickets are \$10 for 1 chance and \$20 for 3 chances. The winner for that will be drawn on May 20th at our Summer Send-off.

\*\*You do not need to be present to win and this is open to anyone and everyone, so please share with your family and friends!

## Drama Club Savers FUNdrive

The Drama Club is hosting a Savers FUNdrive! By donating gently used clothing, shoes, and other household items, you can help support the Drama Club!

**Saturday, April 29th** will be a drop off day at the school. From **10AM - 2PM**, Drama Club members will be at the school to receive your donations for the Savers FUNdrive.

You can bring in gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, and accessories in garbage bags. Used kitchen items, DVDs, and knick-knacks can be brought in boxes.

Items can also be brought to the front desk. If you have any questions, contact Ms. Mote:  
[k.mote@tfanh.org](mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org)

**\*\*Please note:** the Savers FUNdrive cannot accept the following items: mattresses, baby gear, large appliances, auto parts, building materials, cleaning products, tires, or flammable materials\*\*

## Senior Signs for Sale

**Attention Class of 2023 Parents, Guardians, and Students!**



Celebratory Graduation Lawn Signs now are available for the Class of 2023!! Honor your senior with this momentous reminder of their academic achievement!

Signs are \$15 each. Cash, Check (made payable to The Founders Academy) or [PayPal](#) accepted. Please drop off money at the front desk (attention Mrs. Forsyth).

Fill out [this form](#) to purchase a sign(s) today!

## Hats for Sale

There is a limited supply of school hats for sale! \$15 per hat. Contact Dean Hayes at [cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto: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!

## Show Your Support!

Purchase a  
Founders Academy  
Car Magnet!

### 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

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:

