



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 5-12

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

Wow! What a busy time of year! I am blown away by the giving spirit in our community. Below you will find several opportunities to give back. This week we are running a paper drive competition, we have a few gift drives going on, AND did you hear we raised \$5,088.88 on the day of giving!? You are all a valuable part of our community. Thank you for all you do.

-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

PLEASE SUBMIT BACK TO SCHOOL FORM

The back to school form was due on September 16. If you haven't yet, **please fill it out ASAP**. The information is important to keep your student safe. You should have received an email with another link this week, if you haven't submitted a form yet.

Please do not use your phone to fill out the form; it will not work unless you're using a computer/laptop. If you have difficulty attaching the immunization records, you can send in a hard

copy to school with your student.

If you have any questions or issues, please email jayda.ragas@tfanh.org.

CALL LIST FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school delays, unplanned early dismissals, or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system.

Please fill out [this form](#) to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **We begin each school year with a blank call list, so if you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

ABSENCE PROCEDURE

If your student is going to be absent, please email attendance@tfanh.org or call (603) 952-4705.

BELL SCHEDULE

BELL SCHEDULE (2022-2023)

| | <u>NORMAL DAY</u> | <u>BELLS</u> |
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| A | 7:45 - 8:40 | 8:40 |
| B | 8:40 - 9:25 | 9:25 |
| C (Rnd Tbl) | 9:25 - 9:55 | 9:55 |
| D | 9:55 - 10:40 | 10:40 |
| E | 10:40 - 11:25 | 11:25 |
| F | 11:25 - 12:10 | 12:10 |
| G | 12:10 - 12:55 | 12:55 |
| H | 12:55 - 1:40 | 1:40 |
| I | 1:40 - 2:25 | 2:25 |
| J | 2:25 - 3:15 | 3:15 |

| | <u>Delayed Opening</u> |
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| C (Rnd Tbl) | 9:45-10:25 |

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| A | 10:25 - 10:55 |
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| H | 1:25-1:55 |
| I | 1:55 - 2:25 |
| J | 2:25 - 3:15 |

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 Jackie Meilleur at j.meilleur@tfanh.org.

2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

| September 2022 | | | | | | |
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| November 2022 | | | | | | |
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| January 2023 | | | | | | |
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| February 2023 | | | | | | |
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| March 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

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| 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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SAVE THE DATES

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| What: | When: |
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School News

Paper Drive Competition

Next week we will hold a copy paper drive across our school community from Monday-Friday. We are going to have a Round Table competition. The Round Table that brings in the most white copy paper over the course of next week will receive a pizza celebration to enjoy in their Round Table the

week before Christmas break.

Spirit Week!

Spirit Week goes from December 12-16!

- MONDAY: SPORTS DAY
(hats may be worn IF they are sports related)
- TUESDAY: PAJAMA DAY
(MUST be school appropriate)
- WEDNESDAY: BRING A STUFFY (STUFFED ANIMAL) DAY
- THURSDAY: FANCY DRESS UP DAY
- FRIDAY: UGLY SWEATER DAY

Toy Collecting

Ms. Nichols and Ms. Robichaud are collecting toy donations for the giving season from December 7-14. Please bring in your donations to them!

UPDATE: TFA Ski/Ride Club

REGISTRATION IS OPEN THROUGH DECEMBER 19, 2022

Lessons are at McIntyre Ski Area, Manchester, NH on FRIDAYS starting January 6, from 4-6pm.

Registration is open for ages 6-16 (not 6-12). All skill levels are welcome. We LOVE having teens try out skiing/riding for the first time and this is a great place to learn!

Siblings are welcome to sign up using our TFA link. They do not need to be TFA students.

Transportation is not provided.

Students who are at Level 4+ can opt OUT of lessons and get an "Open Ski" pass for only \$100.

The registration link has answers to most other questions. If not, please reach out to me by DM, text 603-315-1947, or email jacqueline.lianos@tfanh.org.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Founders!

December 12 - 15, 2022.

The book fair is geared towards grades 5-8 however high school students will be able to check it out as well.

Students will have scheduled times to come to the book fair during their English courses. If a child does not have an English course this semester then there are evening time slots available for families to come and enjoy the fair as well.

There will be times from 2:30-3:00 for students to make appointments to come to the Book Fair on Monday the 12th, Wednesday the 14th, and Thursday the 15th. Appointments need to be made with Ms. Robichaud via email (k.robichaud@tfanh.org)

Evening Times:

Monday, December 12th 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 13th 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 14th 5:00 - 6:30 PM

There is a way for parents/guardians or family members to place money onto an account for your child. Click on [this link](#) to learn more.

If there are any questions please do not hesitate to contact Kate Robichaud at k.robichaud@tfanh.org.

2022 Angel Tree Program

The National Junior Honor Society, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and school administration, is proud to sponsor The Founders Academy 2022 Angel Tree Program for the upcoming holiday/winter season. There are two ways that families can participate - as a donor, or as a recipient.

For recipients: We are currently accepting requests for the 2022 program. Please fill out this [form](#) if you would like to be considered for assistance. Participation is confidential and gift delivery will be coordinated through school administrators and the student services department. Your privacy will always be respected. The deadline to get the information from parents is November 17.

For donors: For every item requested from the recipients in our community, an "ornament" will be placed on our Angel Tree in the front lobby of the school. Please sign up here to indicate your interest and ability to be a donor Angel and Ms. Robichaud will contact you.

If you are interested in helping families on the NJHS Angel Tree this Holiday Season please contact Kate Robichaud (k.robichaud@tfanh.org) to set up a time to come and get an Angel from the tree. At that time you are able to pick an Angel or two from the tree, you will be given the specific instructions as well as your name and tag number will be logged so that we are aware of which families have taken Angels.

Ms. Robichaud will be available at Founders on Tuesday, November 22nd from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM if you are interested in picking out an Angel that morning.

Together, we can make this upcoming holiday season and winter a little brighter, and warmer, for those in need. Now is the time to come together as a community to show our children that citizenship and service are alive and well at The Founders Academy!

If you would like to pick up an Angel Ornament from the tree in the front lobby then Ms. Robichaud will be available Tuesday, November 22 at Founders from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM for families to come and pick up a tag and be given instructions.

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!

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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? Angela Seggie (parent representative), Frank Weiss, Kimberley Lavallee (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. **The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 16th, starting at 6:00 PM in the room to the left of the hallway after you pass through our main entrance.**

What is the process to become a board member? Interested parents apply by sending their resume/CV to Angela Seggie angela.seggie@tfanh.org or Kimberley Lavallee kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org by November 11th. The Parent Advisory Committee formed by the

board, will invite the interested parents to meet with our parent advisory committee November 14th and/or 15th to learn more about you and answer your questions. On November 16th we invite all nominees for a parent board seat to the board meeting to meet current board members and participate in a short question and answer period. The board will conduct a vote that evening and the new term will start at the January board meeting.

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!

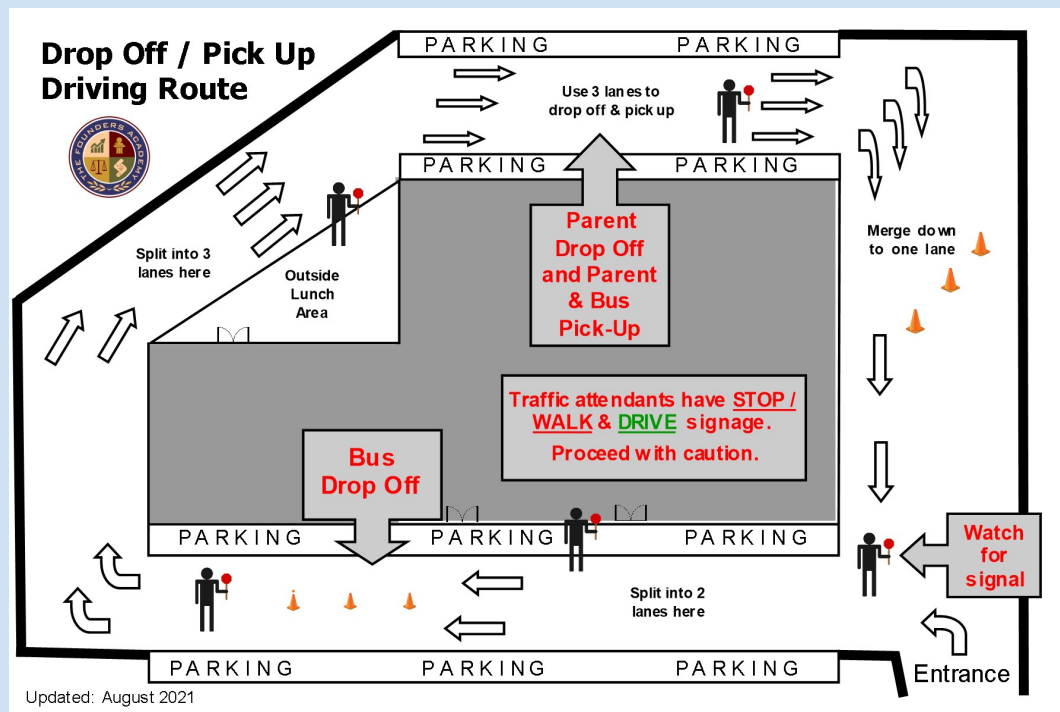
Please review this [link](#) for more information about the portal

Traffic Pattern

1. Do not let your child out of the car until they see a traffic attendant with the "walk" sign showing. Safety is a top priority.
2. Students should be dropped off and picked up in the back of the building only, except for 2:25 dismissal.
3. All cars should pull up as far as possible in the back of the building. Do not stop until you cannot go any further.

Please review this graphic for more information:
image.png

Let us know if you have any questions!



More information can be found [here](#)

SASS Consent to Testing

Convenient MD offers free, asymptomatic COVID testing to our students and staff. Click [here](#) to fill out the consent form if you would like your student to participate in the bi-weekly testing. **Even if you registered last year, you need to register again!**

Admissions

2023-2024 Admissions Info Nights

Mark your calendars and join us at one of our upcoming Admissions Info Nights to learn more about The Founders Academy! No RSVP is required.



January 11, 2023

February 1, 2023

All info nights will be held in-person at The Founders Academy.
Self-guided tours from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Presentation 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Everyone is Welcome!

Other

Amazon Smile

As you are doing your shopping this holiday season, don't forget to use Founders' Amazon Smile! We appreciate the many hours of hard work and time parents, guardians, family members and friends all contribute to our school. Thank you!

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.

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!

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

Donations for PE

The 6th grade PE class is in need of some items for the upcoming winter months, when class won't be able to go outside for fun activities. We appreciate anything you are willing to get for these students. Thank you!

Amazon links:

[Ultimate Frisbee](#)
[Agility Dots](#)

[Traffic Cones](#)

[Rubber Chicken](#) (x4)

[Soccer Ball](#) (x4)

[Mesh Ball Bag](#) (x2)

[Disc Golf Set](#)

[Dodgeballs](#) (x4 sets)

[Parachute](#)

A Founders Family Could Use Your Help!

One of our 5th grade students and his family lost their house and their possessions to a fire. We are accepting any type of donation, big or small, to help this family out. Here is the link to the GoFundMe page: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fire-relief-for-the-solis-family>. Thank you for your generosity!

Board Game Donations for 6th Grade

The 6th grade is looking for donations of gently used board games and card games for their Round Table fellowship days. Thank you in advance for your donation!

Playground Ball Donations

Our well-loved playground basketballs, soccer balls, and footballs have reached the age of retirement and could use some replacements to help the kids have fun during recess and to let out all of their energy! If you have any playground balls that are in good shape and would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

Highly Needed Items

We are currently in need of **ramen cups**, **mac and cheese cups**, **paper towels**, **paper bowls**, and **tissues**. Thank you in advance!

Bridge the Gap



Founders On Social Media

Follow Us!

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:

