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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER**

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## **From the Dean of School**

## Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

This time of year can be challenging for students. The days are short, the business of holidays has settled down, and the end of the school year is not quite in sight yet. Please know we are here to help! We have 3 amazing school counselors who can support students in many ways. Feel free to reach out any time. Opening up the lines of communication between home and school creates the best pathway to success possible!

This week is counselor appreciation week. We truly appreciate our counselors!!

-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)

## Need to Know

### 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).**

## BELL SCHEDULE

### BELL SCHEDULE (2022-2023)

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

	<u>Delayed Opening</u>
<b>C</b> (Rnd Tbl)	9:45-10:25
<b>A</b>	10:25 - 10:55
<b>B</b>	10:55 - 11:25
<b>D</b>	11:25-11:55
<b>E</b>	11:55-12:25
<b>F</b>	12:25-12:55
<b>G</b>	12:55-1:25
<b>H</b>	1:25-1:55
<b>I</b>	1:55 - 2:25
<b>J</b>	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](mailto:j.meilleur@tfanh.org).

## 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

September 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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December 2022						
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January 2023						
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February 2023						
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March 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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## SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
Middle School Winter Games Night	February 10th
No school - President's Day	February 20th

No school - February vacation

February 27- March 3rd

## School News

### NJHS Application

Students in Grades 6 - 8 who are interested in becoming National Junior Honor Society Members for the 2023-2024 school year need to see Ms. Robichaud in room 210 (5th grade wing) to obtain an application. Applications and all paperwork are due by March 15th. Email Ms. Robichaud with any questions at [k.robichaud@tfanh.org](mailto:k.robichaud@tfanh.org).

### Bingo Night Fundraiser

Family Fun Night

Money raised will go towards the senior class end of year celebration.

Lots of prizes!

Snacks and drinks available to purchase

Gather your family and come to the lower cafe on

2/22/23 at 6:30pm!



## Student Spring Craft Fair

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY FIRST ANNUAL  
**Spring Craft Fair**  
WHEN: Saturday, April 1, 2023 from 9am-3pm  
WHERE: Hosted here at The Founders Academy  
5 Perimeter Rd, Manchester, NH

**GET INVOLVED!**  
Showcase your talents by getting involved! This fair is a perfect opportunity to sell products that you enjoy making, and want to share with your community!! If you don't have something to sell, volunteer or help advertise!!



**SPREAD THE WORD!**  
Tell your friends and family! A big goal of this craft fair is to connect the incredibly creative Founders community with the creative community of New Hampshire. Help make this craft fair a success by telling people you know!!



**HOW TO BE A VENDOR:**  
To be a vendor, fill out the form posted on the Founders Academy website and Facebook. The form requires your contact information, what you are planning to sell, and the payment for your space at the event. All spaces are 10' by 4' and cost \$30. If you need electricity and/or a table, there is additional cost. Forms are due March 1st, 2023.

**HOW TO VOLUNTEER:**  
To be a volunteer, contact Isabella Cabral and Kate Robichaud. There are several different volunteer roles available, and any help that you are able to give is greatly appreciated!

Contact Isabella at: [isabella.cabral@tfanh.org](mailto:isabella.cabral@tfanh.org)  
Contact Ms. Robichaud at: [krobichaud@tfanh.org](mailto:krobichaud@tfanh.org)

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!**



Thank you for supporting my senior project! - Isabella Cabral

Click [here](#) for the vendor form if you're interested!

## 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?** 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.**

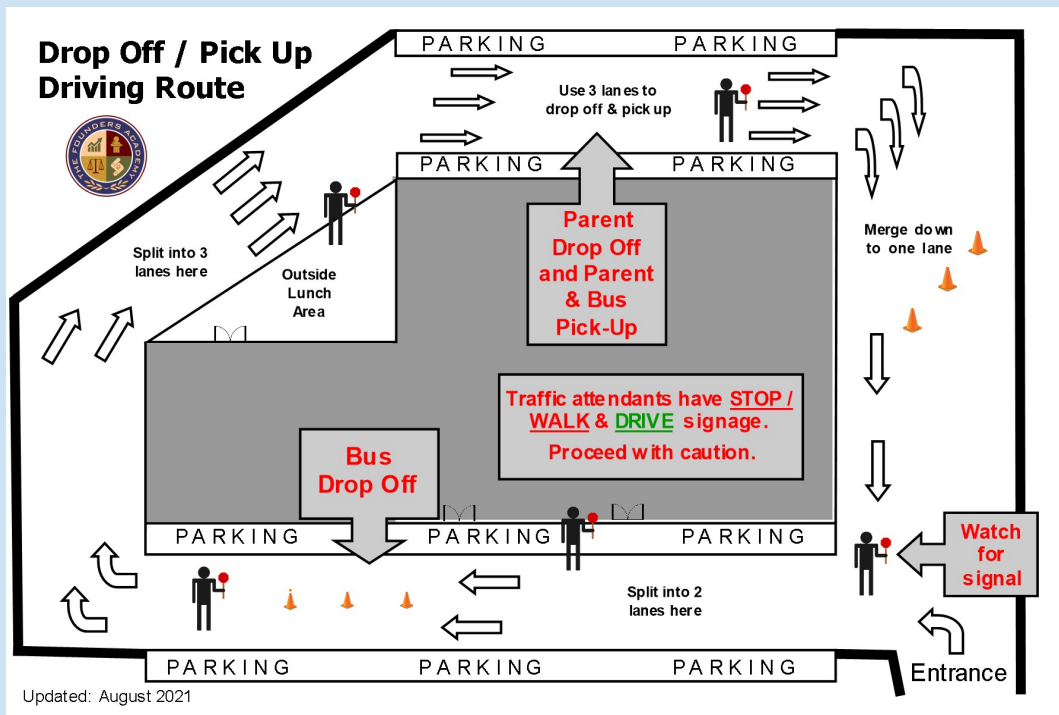
**What is the process to become a board member?** Interested parents apply by sending their resume/CV to Angela Seggie [angela.seggie@tfanh.org](mailto:angela.seggie@tfanh.org) or Kimberley Lavallee [kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org](mailto:kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org) by November 11th. The Parent Advisory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

## 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](#)

If you see any issues in this process, please contact administration immediately and do not approach the vehicle yourself.

## 8th Grade DC Trip Option

This opportunity is open to all 8th grades, it is not a school sponsored event. Please ignore the deadlines and contact Capital Tours Directly if you are interested.



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July 1

## MANCHESTER AREA SCHOOLS "PROPOSED" WASHINGTON, DC ITINERARY

Day 1 Sunday April 23, 2023	7:00 AM	Departure from Derryfield Park (Bridge & Highland Streets)
	12:30 PM	Lunch enroute (at student's expense) Meet with escort at the Museum of American History Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Korean War Veterans Memorial, Washington Monument, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts
	5:30 PM	Check in at the Hilton Springfield, Springfield, VA* and meet with escort
	7:00 PM	Pizza and games at the hotel
Day 2 Monday April 24, 2023	7:00 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
	8:30 AM	International Spy Museum - <b>Appt.</b>
	10:30 AM	U.S. Capitol Building Tour (if available), with group picture
	12:00 PM	Lunch at L'Enfant Plaza
	1:00 PM	Ford's Theatre and the Petersen House (if available)
	2:30 PM	Professionally guided tour to include: Arlington National Cemetery, Iwo Jima Memorial
	5:00 PM	Depart for Baltimore
6:30 PM	Arrival and viewing of the halls at Medieval Times	
7:30 PM	Medieval Times & Dinner Tournament begins	
Day 3 Tuesday April 25, 2023	6:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel
	8:00 AM	World War II Memorial, Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial, FDR Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, White House for picture taking
	10:30 AM	Embassy Row, National Cathedral (drive-by)
	11:15 AM	National Zoological Park with boxed lunches
	1:30 PM	Museum of Natural History, National Air & Space Museum
	3:30 PM	National Museum of African American History & Culture (if available)
	5:30 PM	9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Air Force Memorial, Law Enforcement Memorial
7:00 PM	Baseball Game - based on 2023 season schedule (dinner stipend to be included)	
Day 4 Wednesday April 26, 2023	6:30 AM	Breakfast at the hotel and check out
	7:45 AM	Depart for home Lunch enroute (stipend will be provided)
	6:30 PM	Estimated time of arrival in Manchester

Possible Addition: National Archives (if time allows)

\* Hilton Springfield  
6550 Loisdale Road  
Springfield, VA 22150  
Tel. (703) 971-8900

# CAPITAL TOURS, INC.

200 Merrimack Street, Suite 401 • Haverhill, Massachusetts 01830 • Tel. (978) 373-9140

Dear Parents:

[www.capitaltours.net](http://www.capitaltours.net)

Capital Tours, Inc., in conjunction with Ms. Erin Valenti, is pleased to announce our **39<sup>th</sup> Year** of providing students with both an educational and memorable experience of incomparable value. From Sunday, April 23, 2023 to Wednesday, April 26, 2023, eighth grade students will be given the opportunity to participate in a 4 day/3 night tour of Washington, DC (see attached itinerary).

**The tour is not sponsored by or affiliated with Manchester School District. A minimum chaperone ratio of one adult for every ten students will be maintained enroute to and from Washington.**

**The group coordinator is:**

Mrs. Erin Valenti ([erinvalenti84@gmail.com](mailto:erinvalenti84@gmail.com))

Phone: 603-289-4468

Students and chaperones will be picked up at the Derryfield Park on Sunday morning by motor coach, air conditioned with lavatory facilities, to begin one of the most fascinating and rewarding experiences of their lives. While in Washington, DC, their tour will be conducted by experienced, licensed tour escorts and guides. All meals on tour, as well as transportation, lodging, chaperonage, admissions, escort and guide services, complete insurance, evening activities, taxes and tips are included in the tour fare.

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to extremely tight scheduling, we will be unable to allow time for religious services on Sunday.**

The cost for this tour, including transportation, is \$839.00\*\* per person, based on capacity for the motor coaches. **Accommodations will be on a quadruple occupancy basis for students, double occupancy for adults.** Participants will be signed up on a first come first served basis, with additional students placed on a waiting list. **In addition, the group coordinator has established November 1, 2022 as the registration date. Registrations will be accepted beyond November 1<sup>st</sup>, based on capacity of the trip.**

**Again, since this is not a school or city sponsored trip, please do not call the school.**

**If you have any questions, please call Capital Tours, Inc. Monday through Friday from 9:00AM to 4:00 PM at (978) 373-9140.**

**To Register:** please complete the attached registration card (along with the medical information form) and mail it with a \$260.00 deposit (of which \$125.00 is non-refundable) by November 1, 2022 **OR** you can go to [www.capitaltours.net](http://www.capitaltours.net) and register on-line. **Non-refundable amounts include annual operating expenses of Capital Tours, Inc. as well as any deposits paid to airlines, hotels, restaurants, etc. that cannot be recovered in the event of trip cancellation by the parent, school, natural disaster or declaration by any federal, state or local government entity and must be strictly enforced.** Second payment of \$250.00 is due by January 13, 2023. Final payment of \$329.00 is due by February 28, 2023. Please notify our office of any change in medical information prior to the trip, and we will provide you with a new form to be returned to our office.

Please make all checks payable to Capital Tours, Inc. and **MAIL** to:

Capital Tours, Inc.

200 Merrimack Street, Suite 401

Haverhill, MA 01830

## **DEPOSITS MUST BE PAID IN ORDER TO CONFIRM YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION**

Parents wishing to pay by credit card or via their Pay Pal account **must first register their child.** (Credit card payments will be subject to a convenience fee established by our payment partner Axe Payments.) You will then receive an e-mail confirming your child is registered. **Once you receive the second e-mail containing your log-in information, you will be able to make your payment securely on-line by logging onto [www.mycapitaltours.com](http://www.mycapitaltours.com).**

**An optional Travel Protection Plan is provided by Travel Insured International for an additional fee. The cost is determined by which Protection Plan you purchase - STUDENT DELUXE OR CANCEL FOR ANY REASON. You will receive a link upon registration where you can go and make your purchase. Please contact Capital Tours at 978-373-9140 if you have any questions.**

**PLEASE NOTE: The following cancellation policy will be strictly adhered to:**

Cancellations postmarked prior to February 28, 2023 - Forfeiture of \$125.00

Cancellations after February 28, 2023 will be subject to additional expenses incurred.

**THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR CANCELLATIONS WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE TRIP DEPARTURE DATE.**

— A Parent Meeting will be held in early April. Announcements will be made with the specific date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a \$20.00 fee for checks returned for any reason. Capital Tours is not responsible for items left at the hotel or on the motor coaches.

\*\*Capital Tours reserves the right to modify the trip cost should the number of paying students (per bus) deviate significantly either higher or lower or in the event that motor coach fuel prices increase sufficiently to cause a fuel adjustment to the motor coach portion of the trip.

## Other

### Girls Lacrosse

**GIRLS  
LACROSSE  
REGISTRATION  
NOW OPEN**

**U8, U10, U12, U14**

**MANCHESTER  
THUNDER**

**REGISTER  
FOR SPRING  
TODAY!**

**BY VISITING**  
[mbgcnh.org/lacrosse](http://mbgcnh.org/lacrosse)

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
OF MANCHESTER**

I'm reaching out on behalf of Manchester Thunder girls lacrosse. We are looking for girls in grades 1-6 to join our teams! The girls must live in Manchester or in a town that doesn't have a team.

Also looking for u8 coaches- we provide training and certification through USA lacrosse.

Registration goes up \$35 after the end of the month.

We are also looking for referees- they get trained and get paid for games on Sundays! Cash at the field :-)

### **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](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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SUPPLY!**

**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:

- Ibuprofen
- Tiny paper cups (for taking meds in health office)
- Ice packs
- Forks

We appreciate any help you can provide!

## Art Class Donations

Ms. Deeley needs some art supplies for her super fun Fiber Arts class! Here is a list of items she still needs to help her students be successful. Any help is much appreciated!

- Disposable non-vinyl gloves size medium, large - [Amazon.com: Lya Vinyl 65 Pack Permanent Vinyl, Self Adhesive Vinyl Sheets for Cricut, Permanent Outdoor Vinyl for Party Decoration, Sticker, DIY Mug, Car Decal : Arts, Crafts & Sewing](#)
- Rubber bands
- Old newspapers
- Plastic wrap
- Reusable shopping bags

## Bridge the Gap



[Annual Fund Letter From Dean Hayes](#)

## 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:



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