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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

Each year we reach out to families for feedback on the school year. This year our High School Student Senate took on the task of creating the survey. Thank you to these students for taking the lead on this project! Please take the time to fill out [this](#) form. This is the feedback our students are looking to hear about from our community. Thank you in advance for your participation!

-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

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



What:	When:
Finals Testing	June 6th - June 9th
8th Grade Celebration	Wednesday, June 7th
Last Day of School	Friday, June 9th
Class of 2023 Graduation @ Tupelo Music Hall	Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 am

Final Exam Schedule

The end of the school year is fast approaching and class finals along with it! Below you will find links for each grade's testing schedules.

Please take the time to review these schedules with your students so that you can both be prepared for what is to come.

[Fifth Grade Schedule](#)

[6th-12th Final Exam Schedule](#)

8th Grade Celebration



8TH GRADE PROMOTION CELEBRATION

JUNE 7, 2023

6PM

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY

PLEASE BRING
CHAIRS FOR
OUTSIDE SEATING



RAIN DATE:
JUNE 8

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PUBLIC SCHOOL

2022-23 School Calendar

2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

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

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2023-24 Course Selection

Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the end of the 2022-2023 school year! With that in mind, 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 should be completed by **Thursday, May 25th** to secure your spot for next year.

For those families that plan on having students attend Founders next year for Grades 10-12, Mrs. Smith and I are meeting with each grade level to go over their instructions.

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 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.

What is the process to become a board member? Interested parents apply by sending their resume/CV to Kimberley Lavallee 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

Summer Camp Sign Ups

Summer is right around the corner and what better way to spend your days than with friends at Founders?! We have a variety of camps to offer your students this year and we cannot wait to find out who will be joining us! For more information and to sign up, please visit [this link](#).

Summer camps this year will run:

Session 1: July 17th - 21st

Session 2: July 24th - 28th

Hours:

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM *morning group*

12:00 PM -- 2:30 PM *afternoon group*

If you have any questions please contact Kelsey Marot at kelsey.marot@tfanh.org

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) 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.



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

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 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:

