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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 want to thank you all for an incredible school year. We overcame several challenges such as staffing issues, opening a new grade, and transition to a non-covid year. With the support of our strong community we made it through and had a very successful year!

The building will be open this summer from 8am-3pm if you need to stop by! Keep an eye on email for upcoming events and updates.

Happy Summer!

-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

Second Semester Student and Teacher of the Semester

Throughout the year, Founders students have the opportunity to submit nominations for our Teacher and Student of the Semester recognitions. We are so lucky to have multiple well deserved nominees in both groups. We are pleased to announce this semester's winners:

Teacher of the Semester: Mr. Healey

- "Mr. Healey is an amazing teacher. His classes are entertaining, and it feels like I learn a great deal. He is laid back, but still follows our school's mission."

- “Although Mr. Healey arrived later in the year, he is an exceptional teacher who has taught us a lot in a short span of time. He shows great ambition and is a great teacher overall.”
- “Mr. Healey is a really nice teacher who makes his classes fun.”
- “He makes history enjoyable and exciting to attend class. He is nice, and understands dilemmas that students have. He also respects students’ values and opinions.”

Middle School Student of the Semester: Bella C. (Grade 8)

- “She is an amazing friend and is very nice and inviting. She is so helpful and understands people. She is like a sister to me and is just an amazing person all around.”
- She is funny, kind, respectful, and helpful. She comes up with great ideas and has helped many people this year in many ways.”

High School Student of the Semester: Megan M. (Grade 9)

- “She is an avid role model and embodies the school’s code of conduct.”
- She is kind, helpful, respectful, and responsible. She is always willing to lend a helping hand and be a great friend.”

NEED TO KNOW

ATTN: Medication Pickup

Please note that if your child has medication at the school, you have until 3:00 pm on Wednesday, June 14th to pick it up. If it is not picked up by that time, the medication will have to be discarded.

Medication has to be picked up by a parent or guardian and will not be given to the student.

Please direct any questions to Mrs. Evans at judith.evans@tfanh.org

Important Dates

What:	When:
Graduation Rehearsal	Friday, June 16th, 11:00 am
Class of 2023 Graduation @ Tupelo Music Hall	Saturday, June 17th, 10:00 am

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://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 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 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

Student Spotlight: Academic Award Winners

Grade 5 Math	Linda Benavides	Biology	Kaleb Mead
Grade 5 Science	Brody Lafleur	Chemistry	Noelle McWhirter
Grade 5 History	Gemma Rotast	Physics	David Knight III
Grade 5 Writing	Carlee Boggs	Acoustics	Kaleb Page
Grade 5 Enrichment	Jacob Cobleigh	Aviation Science	William Scimemi
Grade 5 Literature	Devin Koczarski	Foundations of French I	Lizbeth Magara
English I	Isla Tsiatsios	Foundations of French II	Asher Haney, Asal Jalcel
English II	Lizbeth magara	French I	Zachary Bell
Logic	Amro Mohame Mousa-Makky	French II	Blest Kampayana
American Literature I	Max Diener	Advanced French	Rrona Qela
HS Composition	Keith Magara	Foundations of Spanish I	Madelyn Aiken
Rhetoric	Jillian Schmidt	Foundations of Spanish II	Kelly Ryan
American Literature II	Seth Chalbeck	Spanish I	Samantha Whitaker
World Literature	Evan Nelson	Spanish II	Alexis Hout
Creative Writing	Valerie Cameron	ASL I	Evan Lockwood
Utopian/Dystopian Lit	Francesca Vesey	MSCS	Piper Jamison
Young Adult Novel	Valerie Cameron	Tech I	Sofia Cabral
Heroes, Villains, & Monsters	Hannah Klemm	Economics	Julia Falco
History I	Seamus Brown	Ethics	Cameron Widtfeldt
History II	Carissa Libby	Art VI	Prapti Acharya
US History I	Yuliza Portillo-Rosario	Art VII	Carissa Libby
Civics & Leadership	Blest Kampayana	Art VIII	Starr Kaufman
US History II	Noah Fein	HS Art I	Megan McWhirter
Modern World History	Alexei Avakov	HS Art II	Graciela Vignart
Military History	Robert Wood	Ceramics	Isabella Wallace
Psychology	Kaitlyn Schimp	Fiber Arts	Julia Falco
Criminal History of America	Francesca Vesey	Band Level I - Beginners	Ruth Sarwark
Native American History	Theodore Smith	Band Level I - Experienced	Lizbeth Magara
Math I	Prince Sharma	Band Level II	Anne Goodwin
Math II	Nilay Manelkar	Band Level III	Johan Quintero-Salazar
Math III	James Algeo	Band Level IV	Christopher Saunders
Algebra I	Naomi Joseph	Chorus Level I	Finn Dickey
Geometry	Jada Grenier	Chorus Level II	Kaymara Freeman
Algebra II	Elissar Yazbek	Chorus Level III	Callianna Etnier
Probability & Statistics	Emmanuel Broulidakis	Chorus Level IV	Tobias Jones
Pre-Calculus	Isabella Cabral	Jazz Ensemble	Oliver Whitney
Calculus	Dylan Fung, Chris Saunders	Percussion	Adison Lord
Science I	Evan Ducas	HS Theatre	Bella Mulhern
Science II	Zachary Cammilleri, Lia Cobleigh, Aiden Miller	PE/Health VI	Abelardo Ortiz Menay
Science III	Cameron Muise	HS Health	Kameryn McGuire
Integrated Physical Science	Katherine Chase	HS PE	Lila Haney, Callum Bauer

Memorial Day Assembly Highlights



On May 23rd we held our Memorial Day Assembly. The Sweeney Post presented the colors, Francesca V gave a speech, there were musical performances and our ASL class translated the pledge of allegiance and national anthem! What a wonderful tribute to those who have given their lives for our country.

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

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

Please join us for our final General "All Hands" Meeting, **Monday, June 26th at 6:00 pm.**

This will be held at Backyard Brewery & Kitchen. We will have some meeting items, but mostly this will be a more casual event where you can meet the newly elected board and other TFA families and teachers.

RSVP here: <https://fb.me/e/8BfAfyn7u>

We will be discussing fundraising for the school, upcoming events for the SUMMER and the 2023-2024 school year, and ways to support those in our Founders community. Please bring your ideas! **We need YOUR help!** The more people we have involved, the more we can accomplish!

Your RSVP is kindly requested to be sure our dining reservation can accommodate everyone. All guests are responsible for their own tabs.

<https://backyardbrewerynh.com/food-menu/>

A gluten-sensitive menu is available - and delicious.

<https://fb.me/e/8BfAfyn7u>

Other

Senior Signs for Sale



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
- 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:

