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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

As a reminder we have quite a few days off for teacher workshops and state testing over the next few weeks. Please review the school calendar and the schedules in this newsletter to know when your student should come to school.

Let us know if you have questions!

-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

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

Staff in Public and Private Schools: bit.ly/nhedstaff

Community Members*: 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..

BELL SCHEDULE

BELL SCHEDULE (2022-2023)

	<u>NORMAL DAY</u>	<u>BELLS</u>
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>
C (Rnd Tbl)	9:45-10:25
A	10:25 - 10:55
B	10:55 - 11:25
D	11:25-11:55
E	11:55-12:25
F	12:25-12:55
G	12:55-1:25
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 Kelsey Marot at kelsey.marot@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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October 2022						
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November 2022						
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February 2023						
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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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SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
Admissions closes for 22-23	

No School - Teacher Workshop	Monday, March 20
SAT's only 11th graders report to school	Wednesday, March 23
Bingo Night	Thursday, March 23
No School- Teacher Workshop	Friday, March 31

School News

Standardized Test Schedule

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

SAT/PSAT/SAS (ELA & Math)

- **3/22 (Wed)** - ; **Grade 11 (SAT)** - Only 11th grade students need to attend school
(ALSO WIDA TEST FOR EL STUDENTS)
- **4/12 (Wed)** - **Grade 7 (SAS)**; Grade 10 (PSAT)- Only 7th and 10th grade students attend school
- **4/19 (Wed)** - ; Grade 8 (PSAT); Grade 9 (PSAT); Grade 11 (**SAT** makeup) - Only 8th and 9th grade students attend school
- **5/3 (Wed)** - **Grade 8 (SAS)** - Only 8th grade students attend school
- **Anytime in April/May** - **Grades 5 & 6 (SAS)** - Rest of school will have normal school. See information from the team.

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.

Apparel Store Now Open!

The Founders Academy apparel store is now open until March 26 with delivery a week before April break. Click [here](#) to shop!

Important Dates For High Schoolers!

Save the Date:

Applying to College 101 (Juniors and Parents)

Date: Wednesday, May 10

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: In-person at Founders

This presentation is intended to educate the student and family about the college admission process and is most appropriate for high school juniors and their family supporters. 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.

Student Spring Craft Fair

Hi Parents,

The Founders Academy will be hosting it's First Annual Spring Craft Fair, student Isabella Cabral's senior project. The event will take place on Saturday, April 1st from 9am to 3pm. There will be a variety of vendors at the event, a raffle, food, and music. We hope you can come, and please don't forget to tell your family and friends! Help support this student's project, as well as the school. Thank you!

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
Contact Ms. Robichaud at: 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!

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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? 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](#).

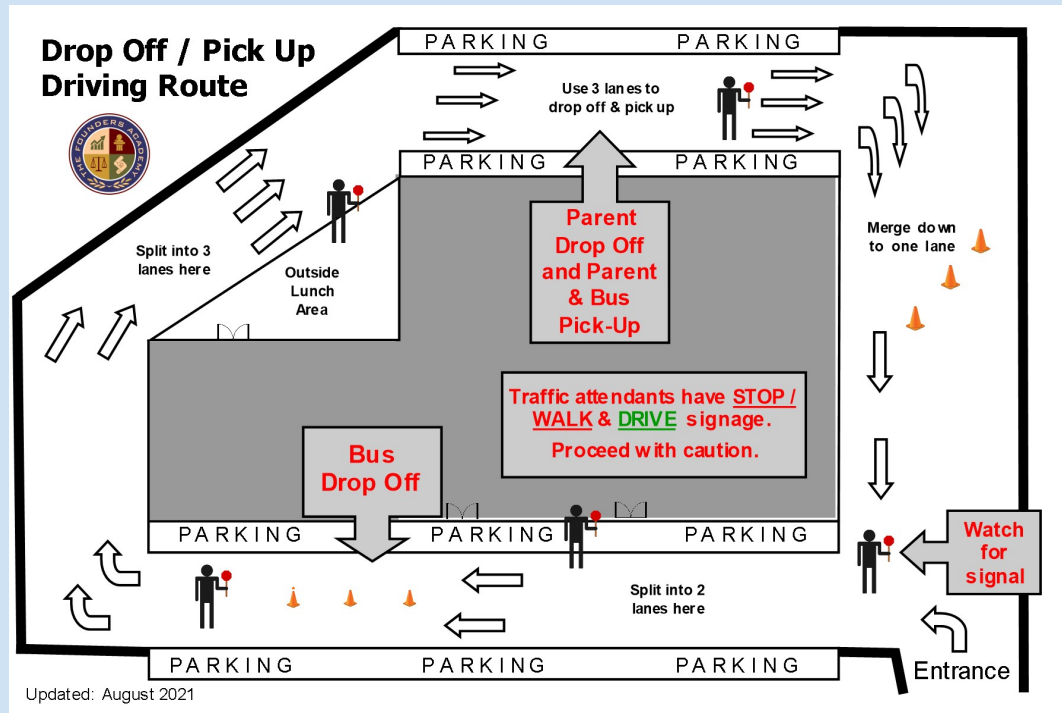
Traffic Pattern

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.

John Stark Day

Here at The Founders Academy Public Charter School, our students are the embodiment of the words that are painted above our front door: Through these doors walk the leaders of our future...the guardians of our liberty.

In 2017, a group of students at The Founders Academy Public Charter School lobbied to have John Stark Day changed so that it was celebrated during the school year instead of during April Vacation. On April 13, 2017, Governor Chris Sununu signed Founders Academy student-led bill HB91 into law at the Founders Academy Public Charter School! Since that day, because of the leadership skills of our students, John Stark Day is recognized on the second Monday of April in the state of New Hampshire.

This year to raise awareness of what the students of The Founders Academy accomplished and to commemorate General John Stark's illustrious service to New Hampshire, our school will be holding

a John Stark Day Scavenger Hunt and School Assembly! [Visit the website to learn more!](#)

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.

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:

- 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](#)

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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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