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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 week begins the final descent into the end of the school year. With that comes a lot of excitement, activities and celebrations. It is important for students to keep the code of conduct and the mission of our school in mind as we go through the next few weeks. Please take some time this weekend to review the expectations with your students and the importance of demonstrating good character and leadership.

-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:
Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 17th
Field Day/ High School Field Trip	Friday, May 19th
TFA PTSG Presents: Summer Send-Off!	Saturday, May 20th
Admission Open House	Saturday, May 20th
Memorial Day – No School	Monday, May 29th

Standardized Test Schedule

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

SAS Science_ 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.

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

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

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..

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

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

8th Grade Celebration

Each year we celebrate our 8th graders. In recent years, a group of 8th grade parents organized the event. If there are any parents interested in working on this celebration, please reach out to

Dean Hayes. We will make sure there is a celebration one way or another but the best way to make the event as detailed as possible is for a group of passionate parents to take the reins!

TFA PTSG Presents: Summer Send-off

A vibrant summer-themed poster for a 'Summer Send-off' event. The background is a light blue mosaic pattern. At the top, a wooden sign reads 'TFA PTSG PRESENTS' in gold, followed by 'SUMMER' in large, colorful, block letters (S: red, U: blue, M: yellow, M: green, E: blue, R: red) and 'Send-Off' in large, dark grey letters with a white outline. To the left of the sign is a slice of watermelon, and to the right is a green monstera leaf. Below the sign, a yellow sunburst contains the text '\$5 A PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY INCLUDES PIZZA AND DRINK'. To the right, a red and white lifebuoy is partially visible. The date and time are listed as 'SATURDAY MAY 20 5:00 PM'. Below this, a red banner reads 'LIVE MUSIC | HUGE RAFFLES'. Two red starburst shapes contain the following text: 'ALL FAMILIES INVITED! NEW 2023-2024 FAMILIES TOO!' and 'HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$3000 FOR COMPUTER LAB AND OTHER TECH UPDATES'. At the bottom, a white banner reads 'AT THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY' and 'rsvp: tinyurl.com/summersendoff23'.

TFA PTSG PRESENTS

SUMMER Send-Off

**\$5 A PERSON
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MAY 20
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**AT THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY
rsvp: tinyurl.com/summersendoff23**

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.



May 15, 2023 Manchester/Goffstown Rail Trail
Meet at the front of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St

May 22, 2023 Rock Rimmon
Meet behind Northwest Elementary School on Youville St, in the parking lot next to the baseball fields

May 30, 2023 Livingston Park
Meet in the parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln

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

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.

Memorial Day Flag Fundraiser



This Memorial Day, The Founders Academy will be honoring our deceased military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces with a [Flag Fundraiser](#).

With a donation of \$20, we will place an American flag around our school tied with a yellow ribbon containing the name of your loved one. 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Yellow Ribbon Fund charity that helps returning American servicemen and women, injured during active service, who are recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital.

*Please note that you do not have to include the name of a loved one to participate. If the name of a loved one is not provided, we will choose the name of a service member buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Flags will be displayed around the school May 22, 2023 -June 3, 2023. If you would like to purchase more than one flag, please fill out an additional form(s) for each flag you wish to purchase.

PTSG Scratch Ticket Raffle



The Founders Academy is offering their first ever NH Lottery Scratch Ticket raffle! Enter to win \$400 worth of scratch tickets PLUS \$100 in cash! Tickets are available for purchase through [this Google form](#). You can pay by Paypal/credit/debit or by check. Tickets are \$10 for 1 chance and \$20 for 3 chances. The winner for that will be drawn on May 20th at our Summer Send-off.

**You do not need to be present to win and this is open to anyone and everyone, so please share with your family and friends!

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:

