



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 5-12

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

I hope you all had a great week! As many of you know, we have put a new support structure in place for our students. This year, instead of one Assistant Dean, we have 5 Deans of Students. They are each matched with a grade or grade level span. If your student has an academic or behavior issue that needs to be addressed, the Dean of Students will be the primary point of contact. Their bios are below. What a great group we have!

-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

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

BACK TO SCHOOL FORM

At this point, you should have received an email with a link to the back to school form, which needs to be completed by September 16. Please take a few minutes to fill out and submit that form. If you have any questions or issues, please email jayda.ragas@tfnh.org.

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.

2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2022						
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February 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:
School Picture Day	Wednesday, September 21
NHHEAF Presentation	Monday, September 26

School News

Picture Day

Picture Day is on Wednesday, September 21. To prepay, click on [this link](#) and use the code **Founders22**.

Meet the Deans of Students!

Mr. Andrew Mihaly Dean of Students Grades 11-12



Teacher, History
Dean of Students
Senate and House of Representatives Advisor

B.A., History, Franciscan University of Steubenville
B.S., Education, Franciscan University of Steubenville

Mr. Andrew Mihaly graduated Cum Laude in 2013 from Franciscan University of Steubenville, OH with a double major in History and Secondary Education. He is a NH state-certified teacher with an Experienced Educator License to teach grade 5-12 Social Studies.

Before coming to Founders, he worked for 8 years at Mount Royal Academy in Sunapee, NH, serving as an upper school Social Studies teacher as well as the school's Athletic Director and National Honor Society advisor.

Mr. Mihaly lives locally with his wife and young son, Noah. Outside of school, Mr. Mihaly can usually be found spending quality time with his family, riding his motorcycle, exercising, and adventuring around New Hampshire.

Mrs. Jackie Meilleur Dean of Students Grade 8



Teacher, Spanish & Dean of Students

B.A. Spanish concentration in Secondary Education from Keene State College

This is Mrs. Meilleur's 8th year at Founders. Alongside teaching Mrs. Meilleur is excited to take on the role as one of the Dean of Students for this school year. Her passion has always been making connections with students, working with them to problem solve, and helping them reach their best potential.

In her free time, Mrs. Meilleur enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Mrs. Meilleur loves dogs, making people laugh, being outdoors, and traveling. Mrs. Meilleur lives in Manchester with her husband, her new baby boy, Auggie, and their dog, Bernard.

Ms. Jane Cormier Dean of Students Grade 7



Teacher, Choral Director, Dean of Students

B.A. Creative Arts, Bradford College
Graduate Studies, Boston Conservatory

With over 30 years of experience in music education, Ms. Cormier has taught in public, private, parochial and boarding schools throughout New Hampshire. She loves to bring the joy of music to students of all ages and enjoys sharing her gifts of teaching and music with The Founders Academy.

Graduating from Bradford College with a BA in Creative Arts with a minor in Psychology, Jane also studied at the Boston Conservatory. Ms. Cormier has performed leading roles with many regional and international opera houses, including Ashlawn Highland Summer Festival, Indianapolis Opera, Opera Iowa, Des Moines Metro Opera, Vienna Chamber Opera, St. Petersburg Opera (Zazerkalya) in St. Petersburg, Russia, and Cape Cod Opera. Jane also performed in the Andrew Lloyd Webber's Vienna production, "Das Phantom der Oper" in the role of "Carlotta."

Ms. Cormier has been blessed to work with some of the finest professionals in the opera and musical theatre world, including Stage Directors Hal Prince, Frank Corsaro, Febrizio Melano, and Boris Goldovsky; Joan Dornemann, Assistant Conductor and Prompter, and Nico Castel, International Diction Coach, both of the Metropolitan Opera in New York City. Jane studied voice with Cynthia Hoffmann, Former Director of Voice at the Juilliard School and Barbara McClosky of the McClosky Voice Studio in Boston.

Today, Jane is Founder/Director of Piccola Opera, a 501©(3) organization dedicated to educating, enlightening, and entertaining the public with regard to the opera/musical arts. Ms. Cormier brings her extensive performance experience and music expertise to all Founders Academy students, heightening their awareness, knowledge, and enjoyment of the musical arts.

Mr. Marc Belanger Dean of Students grades 5 and 6

Ms. Lois Horan Dean of Students grades 9 and 10

NHHEAF Presentations for Seniors

High School Seniors:

Mrs. Smith, our new school counselor, will be hosting NHHEAF seminars for Senior parents and students over the next few weeks. Please make it a priority to attend.

Monday, September 26th @6:00PM

Senior College Night- IN PERSON at Founders Academy

This session is intended to educate high school seniors and their families about the college admission process. Whether you need a quick refresher after the summer or whether this is the first time you are thinking about college applications, you will find this session helpful.

Monday, October 3rd @ 6PM

Financial Aid 101- on ZOOM (check back here for the link coming soon)

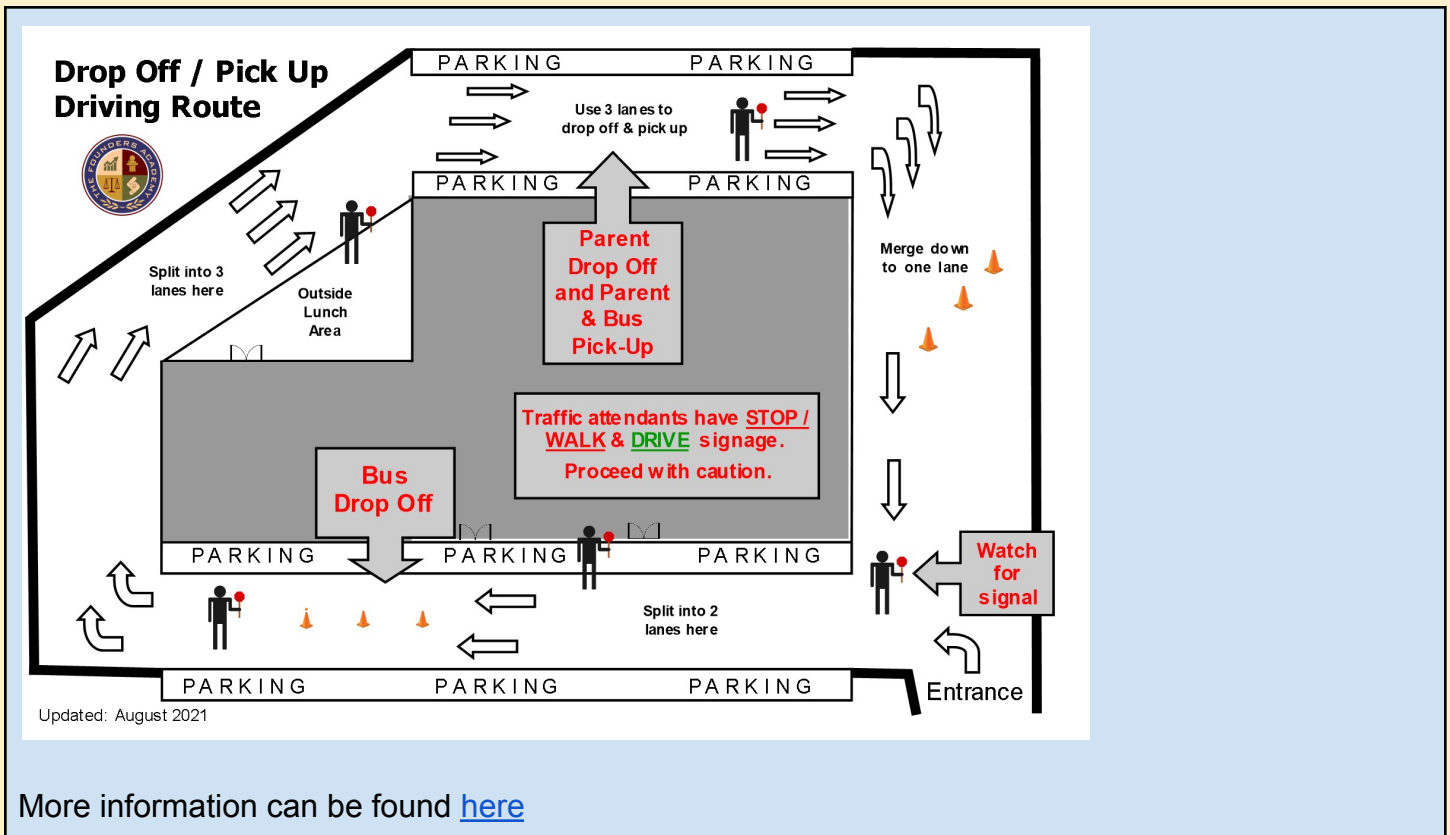
In collaboration with the NH Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NHASFAA) Speaker's Bureau, this evening presentation helps families navigate through the financial aid process. Emphasis is placed on how to apply for aid and the types of aid available. Funding options, scholarship searches and the importance of deadlines are also discussed. Attendees will receive a copy of the Financial Aid Insider. This is an excellent opportunity to hear about any changes to the FAFSA and get tips on how to complete the necessary forms for your student.

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:
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Let us know if you have any questions!



SASS Consent to Testing

Convenient MD offers free, asymptomatic COVID testing to our students and staff. Click [here](#) to fill out the consent form if you would like your student to participate in the bi-weekly testing. **Even if you registered last year, you need to register again!**

2nd Annual Character and Leadership Run

The Founders Academy Public Charter School is hosting its 2nd Annual Character and Leadership Run on Saturday, September 24, 2022, and we'd love for you to sponsor this amazing family-friendly community event!

Some of the benefits of sponsorship include:

- Acknowledgment of your support on our website, social media, and several school newsletters!
- Live acknowledgment at the event!
- Two free runners!
- Get your company name in front of hundreds of students and families!
- The Founders Academy is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible!

The link to the race roster can be found [here](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Thank you in advance for your support of The Founders Academy Public Charter School!



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2nd Annual Founders Academy Character and Leadership Run
Become a Race Sponsor Today!

Race Day: Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 10:00 am

Race Location: The Founders Academy

Race Length: 1 Mile

Corporate Leadership Sponsorship \$100

- Name and logo on The Founders Academy website
- Live acknowledgment over the PA system at the race
- Logo along race route
- Table at the race for the company to give out info/materials
- 2 Free runners

Company Name: _____

Personal Name or Company Representative:

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

*Please return this form with payment to: The Founders Academy Public Charter School,
5 Perimeter Road, Manchester, NH 03103 attn: Sue Forsyth*

Senior Class Parent Group

A Founders parent would like to start a senior parent committee to help give our children the best senior year possible, build traditions and help grow the Founders community. The hope is that we can create a binder of ideas and traditions to pass off to the next group of senior parents for them to build upon.

The hope is to have an initial meeting in early August with the seniors and parents that want to attend to get an idea of what they would like to see happen in their senior year. Knowing that there is no budget, come up with some fundraisers that could help support these goals.

Some ideas for the seniors

- decorate their lockers
- senior parade
 - have those who have cars, decorate them and parade around school. Kids that do not, have them join their friends
- Senior Tshirts
 - have the seniors design a tshirt
- Senior week
 - senior sunrise and breakfast
 - time capsule

Some fundraising ideas:

Fall Mums - most people buy mums so it isn't asking a lot for people to buy but I would need to know this before mid August to get our name in with Dave the Mum guy (same as the other flowers we get).

Fall car wash - the kids could do this and it is mostly all profit and time

Again, it is about making our seniors have the best year possible!

If you are interested, please email Toni Cabral at toni.cabral@tfanh.org

Senior Walks

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. Here is more information on the program:

The Manchester Police Community Affairs Division announces the 2022 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.

September 19, 2022 Rock Rimmon

Meet behind Northwest Elementary School on Youville St, in the parking lot next to the baseball Fields

September 26, 2022 Livingston Park
Meet in parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln.

October 3, 2022 Manchester River Walk - West
Meet at the rear of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St.

October 11, 2022 Weston Tower
Meet at the parking lot near the baseball field across from Trinity High School

October 17, 2022 Manchester/Goffstown Rail Trail
Meet at the front of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St

October 24, 2022 Rockingham Rec Trail
Meet at the old CVS, 271 Mammoth Rd. Please do not park against building

October 31, 2022 Livingston Park
Meet in parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln

November 7, 2022 Massabesic Lake Trail
Meet in the paved parking lot off Londonderry Turnpike
Just south of the Massabesic Traffic Circle

November 14, 2022 Manchester Cedar Swamp Preserve
Directions: Countryside Boulevard is off of Hackett Hill Rd in Manchester. The trail head is about a half a mile upon the left. There is adequate parking in the parking lot or along the street.

Admissions

2023-2024 Admissions Info Nights

Mark your calendars and join us at one of our upcoming Admissions Info Nights to learn more about The Founders Academy! No RSVP is required.



October 5, 2022
November 2, 2022

January 11, 2023

February 1, 2023

All info nights will be held in-person at The Founders Academy.
Self-guided tours from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Presentation 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm.
Everyone is Welcome!

Features

25th Anniversary of NHSVC Event

The New Hampshire State Veteran Cemetery is having its 25th anniversary event on Saturday, September 24 from 10am-3pm. One of our Founders students, Sophia W., is the cemetery's youngest volunteer, and she has also been selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at this event. We're very proud of her!

In addition to the commemoration ceremony, there will be other events geared towards young people. To learn more about it, click [here](#).

Other

Yes Education Scholarship

Click [here](#) to see the scholarship opportunities available to students!

School Supplies

General school supplies are needed for all students. Specific supplies for individual classes can be found [here](#) if applicable.

Pumpkin Raffle



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeiS7zZjhvgfaQ1wUKfID1NUh7twoy62CCRBidRkexci7OXQw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

The Walk to End Alzheimer's

It was estimated that 500,000 people would be diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2021. The Walk To End Alzheimer's is September 24 in Manchester. A team only needs to be as big as 2 people. There is no fee to register, no minimum fundraising level, and the Walk is the largest fundraiser held to allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support, and advance research towards methods of prevention, treatment, and ultimately... a cure!

To learn more and to sign up, click [here](#). NEW: Join The Founders Academy Team!!

Graduation Video

We are looking for a copy of the graduation if anyone video taped the event. Please let Dean Hayes know ASAP. Thank you!

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

A Founders Family Could Use Your Help!

Just last week, one of our 5th grade students and his family lost their house and their possessions to a fire. We are accepting any type of donation, big or small, to help this family out. Thank you for your generosity!

Board Game Donations for 6th Grade

The 6th grade is looking for donations of gently used board games and card games for their Round Table fellowship days. Thank you in advance for your donation!

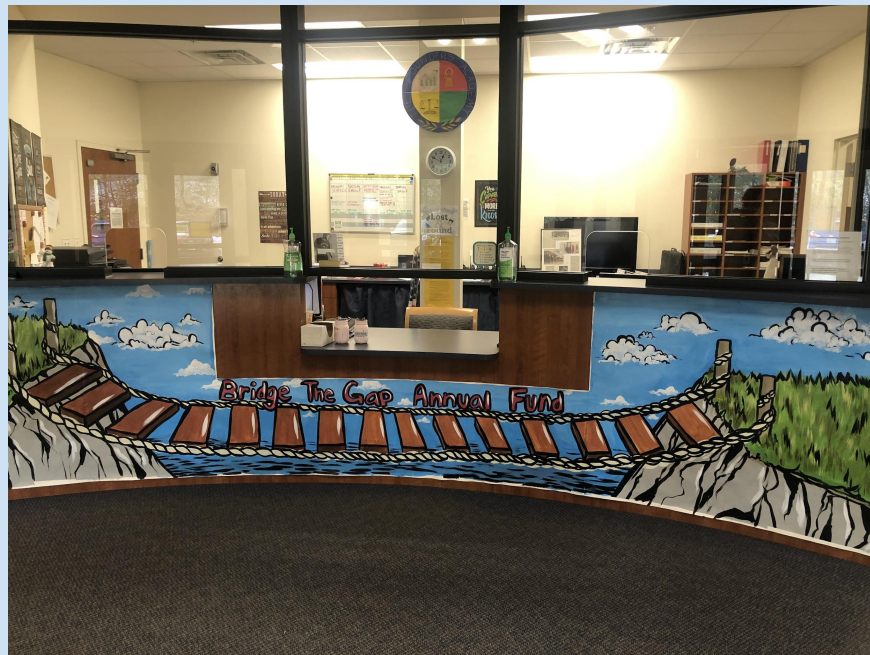
Playground Ball Donations

Our well-loved playground basketballs, soccer balls, and footballs have reached the age of retirement and could use some replacements to help the kids have fun during recess and to let out all of their energy! If you have any playground balls that are in good shape and would like to donate, we would greatly appreciate it!

Highly Needed Items

We are currently in need of **ramen cups, mac and cheese cups, paper towels, paper bowls, and tissues**. Thank you in advance!

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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