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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Dear Founders Community,

Welcome to the 23-24 school year! What a fantastic start to the school year. We hope you all enjoyed your first week. I know several of you are experiencing busing concerns, we are frustrated too. Please know we are doing everything we can to support Founders families. We will keep you updated when we get updated information.

If you need any support or have any questions, please reach out. We are happy to help.

-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

Quote of the Week

"I am always ready to learn although I do not always like being taught."

-Winston Churchill-

SignUpGenius: \$5000 Back to School Giveaway!



Enter a favorite school in our back-to-school giveaway for a chance to win them \$5,000. The winning nominator will help make their school's year extra special, plus receive a \$100 gift card!

[VOTE FOR FOUNDERS!](#)

The Founders Academy School Store

Suit up with some Founders swag! **Our school store is open and taking orders through September 15th!**

Browse our options here: https://stores.inksoft.com/the_founders_academy/shop/home

Orders will be processed after the 15th and will be ready to be picked up the first week of October.
***Please review the size charts carefully prior to ordering as items cannot be returned.*

NEED TO KNOW

Important Dates

What:	When:
PTSG Meeting	Tuesday, September 12th, 6:30PM
Class of 2024 Senior Night	Thursday, September 14th, 6:30PM
Teacher Workshop No School	Tuesday, September 19th
Back to School Night and Family BBQ	Wednesday September 27th, 5-7pm

Medication

Students who need to take medication at school must have an updated [medication form](#) for the 23-24 school year. We cannot administer medication without an updated form.

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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Class of 2024 Senior Night

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All seniors and their families are requested to join us for a meeting to receive important information and expectations for the Class of 2024.

Save the Date!

September 14, 2023

6:30PM-8:30PM @ TFA



Back to School Night and Family BBQ

Join us on Wednesday, September 27th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM for our Back-to-School BBQ!

This event is in collaboration with our traditional back-to-school night. While you're here meeting teachers and seeing your child's classrooms, you can enjoy a community event simultaneously!

BBQ Price: \$10 per person.

Includes: (1) hot dog, (1) cheeseburger, or (1) hamburger and a bag of chips, a water, and a cookie.

Gluten-free options are available.

[Click here to purchase tickets for the BBQ!](#)

Tickets must be purchased BEFORE the event.

The deadline to order tickets is Tuesday, September 19th.

Questions? Contact susan.forsyth@tfanh.org

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

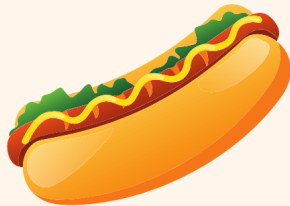
BBQ

**\$10/PERSON
TICKET
INCLUDES:
HOT DOG OR
CHEESEBURGER
CHIPS, WATER,
AND A COOKIE!**



**RSVP BY
SEPTEMBER
19, 2023**

**Connect
with other
TFA Families!**



**LET'S KICK OFF THE 2023-2024
SCHOOL YEAR!**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

5 PERIMETER ROAD, MANCHESTER, NH
03103

RSVP today!

No tickets sold at the door.

[Click here](#) to purchase tickets for the BBQ!
The deadline to order tickets is Tuesday, September 19th.

Questions? Contact susan.forsyth@tfanh.org

Welcome to Alma!

ALMA IS LIVE! After *months* of transferring information over from Rediker, we're finally able to open up Alma to our students and their families!

We're so excited about this new and user-friendly software that will make it easier to track our

students' progress and simplify communication between teachers & parents/guardians.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Once you activate your account, we are asking parents/guardians to review the account information for their students' accounts. This can be easily done by **clicking the “Alma Start Forms and Tasks”** button under each student’s account on your welcome page and then following the prompts (*see below*). By completing this task, you are helping to ensure that all information in Alma is up to date and accurate.

Students



Test Student
5th Grade

No classes Sep 6, 2023

Alma Start Forms and Tasks 

Please direct ***account activation or password questions*** to Kelsey Marot at kelsey.marot@tfanh.org

If you have any ***scheduling questions, changes or conflicts you need resolved***, please email your school counselor.

High School- Mrs. Smith
michelle.smith@tfanh.org

Grades 7&8- Mrs. Hillsgrove
autumn.hillsgrove@tfanh.org

Grades 5&6- Ms. Barrett
michelle.barrett@tfanh.org

5th Grade Hub

Attention Grade 5 Families!

The Grade 5 teachers have created a Hub for families to have information readily available about Grade 5.

If you have not received an email with the link to the Google Classroom Hub please email Ms. Robichaud at k.robichaud@tfanh.org. We can then make certain you have the link and are able to get connected with the Hub.

Before & After School Program 2023-24

Founders Academy is happy to announce the return of the After-School Program and the Before School Program for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The Before School Program allows parents to drop their children off to be supervised prior to the start of the academic day. The after school provides adult supervision and support for students.

PROGRAM HOURS

Before School Care: 7:00 AM – 7:20 AM

At 7:20am students will go to the cafeteria until the start of the school day.

After School Care: End of school day – 6:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Students who are not picked up by 6pm will be charged an additional fee of \$10 for every 5 minutes late.

If you would like to sign your student up, please fill out [this form](#) and send it to diane.bosia@tfanh.org

Attention: Looking for Substitutes

The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the 2023-2024 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://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 Lavalley 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

Nikki Haley at Founders!

We were excited to be a part of the presidential campaign process. On Wednesday, September 6th presidential candidate Nikki Haley held a town hall at Founders. Our students welcomed her and gave her a tour of our building. She was very impressed with their respect, responsibility and pride for our school.



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

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.

Raven the Rock Snake



Walk to End Alzheimer's



Founders is looking for team members for the Walk To End Alzheimer's this year!

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

While there is no fee to register for Walk, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

The Walk is being held at the Merrimack Premium Outlets on Saturday, October 14.

For more information, please visit [this link](#).

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!

LIMITED
SUPPLY!

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

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:





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