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# From the Dean of School

## Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

I hope you are all enjoying a nice fall weekend. At this time your student should have some grades in the portal. Please keep an eye on student progress and reach out to the teacher directly if you have any questions or concerns.

-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](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission_vision)

## Need to Know

### PLEASE SUBMIT BACK TO SCHOOL FORM

The back to school form was due on September 16. If you haven't yet, **please fill it out ASAP**. The information is important to keep your student safe. You should have received an email with another link this week, if you haven't submitted a form yet.

Please do not use your phone to fill out the form; it will not work unless you're using a computer/laptop. If you have difficulty attaching the immunization records, you can send in a hard copy to school with your student.

If you have any questions or issues, please email [jayda.ragas@tfanh.org](mailto:jayda.ragas@tfanh.org).

### CALL LIST FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school

delays, unplanned early dismissals, or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system.

Please fill out [this form](#) to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **We begin each school year with a blank call list, so if you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

## ABSENCE PROCEDURE

If your student is going to be absent, please email [attendance@tfanh.org](mailto:attendance@tfanh.org) or call (603) 952-4705.

## BELL SCHEDULE

### **BELL SCHEDULE (2022-2023)**

	<b><u>NORMAL DAY</u></b>	<b><u>BELLS</u></b>
<b>A</b>	7:45 - 8:40	<b>8:40</b>
<b>B</b>	8:40 - 9:25	<b>9:25</b>
<b>C</b> (Rnd Tbl)	9:25 - 9:55	<b>9:55</b>
<b>D</b>	9:55 - 10:40	<b>10:40</b>
<b>E</b>	10:40 - 11:25	<b>11:25</b>
<b>F</b>	11:25 - 12:10	<b>12:10</b>
<b>G</b>	12:10 - 12:55	<b>12:55</b>
<b>H</b>	12:55 - 1:40	<b>1:40</b>
<b>I</b>	1:40 - 2:25	<b>2:25</b>
<b>J</b>	2:25 - 3:15	<b>3:15</b>

	<b><u>Delayed Opening</u></b>
<b>C</b> (Rnd Tbl)	9:45-10:25
<b>A</b>	10:25 - 10:55
<b>B</b>	10:55 - 11:25
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<b>E</b>	11:55-12:25

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<b>H</b>	1:25-1:55
<b>I</b>	1:55 - 2:25
<b>J</b>	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 Jackie Meilleur at [j.meilleur@tfanh.org](mailto:j.meilleur@tfanh.org).



## 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendar

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Your source for calendars

September 2022						
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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

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#### 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:
No School - Indigenous People's Day	Monday, October 10
Picture Retake Day	Thursday, October 20

## School News

### Picture Retakes and Orders

Picture Retake Day will be on Thursday, October 20. Currently, ordering school pictures is

unavailable. Students will get a proof with "it's not too late to order" instructions when the packages are delivered to the school. The preorder will open again before retake day.

### **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

### **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**





### Teacher, History & Dean of Students

Mr. Marc Belanger grew up in Whitefield, New Hampshire. In his junior year of high school, he enlisted in the New Hampshire National Guard as a Military Police Officer. While in the National Guard, Mr. Belanger graduated from Plymouth State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies Education.

Mr. Belanger is the Dean of Students for the fifth and sixth grade as well as a history teacher.

This year he will be teaching History II, US History II and World History. In past years, Mr. Belanger has taught a variety of social studies courses including American Military History, AP US History, Civics, and Holocaust and Genocide. Mr. Belanger is a Cohen Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies Fellow as well as a Alfred Lerner Fellow for the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. He has a keen interest in Holocaust and genocide education and thoroughly enjoys teaching modern US History.

When he is not working, Mr. Belanger enjoys golf, football, and disc golf. He currently resides in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire with his wife, Heather, who is also a teacher.

### Ms. Lois Horan Dean of Students grades 9 and 10



### Teacher, French & Dean of Students

Lois Horan (Madame Horan) lives in Temple, NH, where for the past six years she has been living and working with adults with cognitive delay in a social therapeutic environment.

She loves hiking, biking, and long distance open water swimming. Because she loves to move, she teaches in an active style, with students moving about the room to learn in a variety of formative assessments.

Mme. Horan studied French and Modern Languages at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, and at L'Universite de Strasbourg in Alsace, France. Subsequently she earned her

Master's Degree in K-12 Waldorf Education at Antioch University in Keene, NH. She taught kindergarten for many years, then she became a high school dual credit teacher at ConVal High School in Peterborough, NH and a college adjunct professor at Nashua Community College. Later, she completed a certificate of advanced graduate study in Educational Leadership and became certified as a K-12 Principal in New Hampshire and Oregon.

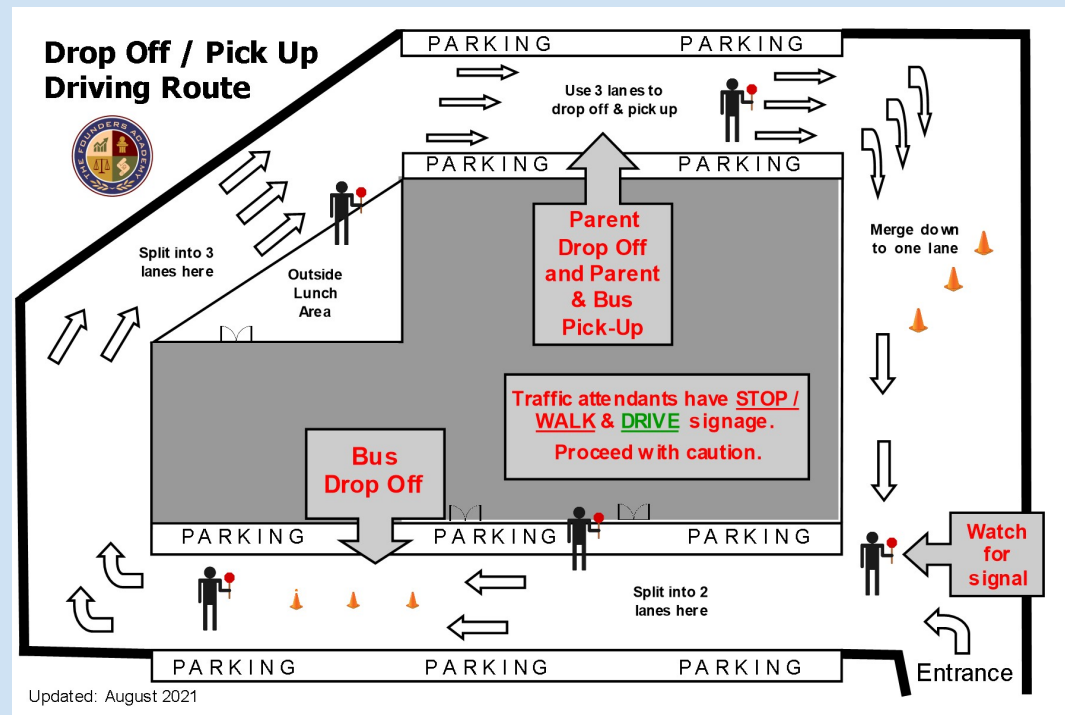
She was the principal of Woodland Charter School in Murphy, Oregon in its early years, establishing the school as a much sought-after alternative to mainstream education in the Grants Pass area.

## 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!



More information can be found [here](#)

## 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!**

## 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](mailto: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.

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!

## **Other**

### **Hats for Sale**

There is a limited supply of school hats for sale! \$15 per hat. Contact Dean Hayes at [cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto: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!

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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!

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. Here is the link to the GoFundMe page: <https://gofund.me/304408ac>. Thank you for your generosity!

Also, here is another event to help raise money for the family:

Dear Greater Manchester Baseball League,

Our league is coordinating with the Youngsville Athletic Association and Stark Brewery to rally support and organize a fundraiser to help one of our own. As you know, if you've participated in our league for a season or many...we consider each participant no matter the capacity a member of the GMCL family. With that said, we are coming together to help support a family that has been a member of our league for several years.

On Friday, September 9th Coach Vinny Solis, his wife Tonya, and sons Izaiah and Alex tragically lost their home in a fire. Thankfully they were able to get out unharmed but nearly all of their belongings along with a family pet were lost in the devastation that took their home. We are grateful the Solis family is healthy and unharmed physically by the damages of this tragedy.

Coach Vinny Solis has dedicated many years to coaching throughout the Pony and Colt divisions, pouring his heart into the players he coaches each season and throughout the Manchester Community. Additionally, last year his family poured an incredible amount of time and energy as Coach Vinny took a month off work when he committed to being a Coach for our 14U All Stars that competed throughout the month of July-August to become the first ever NH Pony World Series Participants. The contribution and dedication the Solis family has made to our league is beyond expression with words. They have given so much, and now it is our turn to return the kindness they have always shown others without hesitation. We would like to do all that we can to help their family as they transition through what we all hope no other has to ever endure.

On Thursday, November 3rd at 7:00pm the Stark Brewery will host a reception and light appetizers for the Solis Family Fundraiser for Vinny, Tonya, Izaiah, and Alex; Adults and kids are welcome! There will be 50/50 raffle, Game day tickets for Bruins, Celtics and Patriots as well as silent auction items throughout the event. Tickets for this event are being sold for \$10 with 100% of all proceeds of this event going directly to the Solis family!

Tickets can be purchased at the Pony Field snack shack during any game this season or directly from Steve Fosman or Joe Blodgett. Cash and checks are accepted; please make out checks to YAA and in the memo line kindly add *Solis Family Fundraiser*. If you have any connections to local businesses that would be willing to donate gift cards or other items to be raffled off that night we would greatly appreciate any and all help as we rally behind this event.

Please consider purchasing tickets to support a family that has donated much of their time to the various youth baseball organizations throughout the Manchester Community and spend some time with friends to help make a difference! Thank you all for your consideration and support of this event!

### 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!

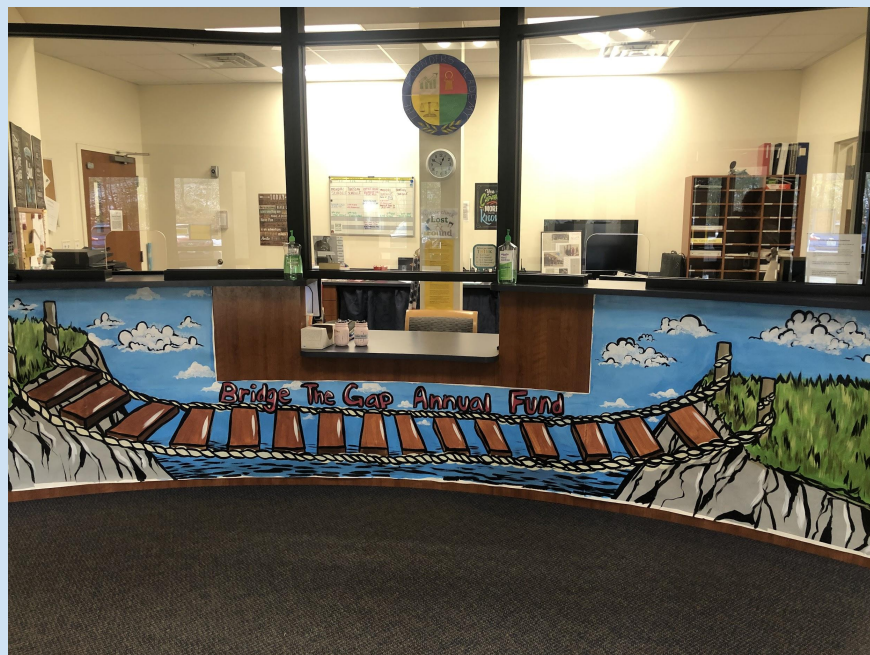
### Playground Ball Donations

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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