



## Dean of School's Report ~ November 8, 2023

[Updated: November 7, 2023]

- 1. Assistant Dean of School Report:** See [here](#)
- 2. Student Services Report:** See [here](#)
- 3. Admissions Update:** As of November 7, 2023, we have 43 applications for the 2024-2025 school year. At this time last year, we had only 23 applications. Twenty-three of our 43 applications for the 2024-2025 school year are for 5th grade.  
We hosted our second Admissions Info Night on November 1st with 13 families in attendance. The morning after, a new survey was sent to all families that attended to get their feedback on the event. All feedback was very positive and this survey will continue to be sent to gather feedback from attendees. Some comments from the 11/1/23 night included:
  - \*At first my daughter didn't want to even go to the open house but as soon as she walked through the doors she fell in love with it. She keeps telling me, Mom , I really want to go to this school.
  - \*I love hearing the students' stories of entering the school so young and nervous and how proud they are of how far they have opened up and grown into such wonderful young adults. The feeling of finding their place/home is so heartwarming and to see them giving back to future generations is a true testimony of the guidance and care you provide for each student.
  - \*I am extremely impressed with all aspects of your school from the second we stepped in the door. Bring more students in to share their experiences. They are the true testimony for the future of your school. Well done!
- 4. School Safety Updates:** Safety is a top priority at Founders. We take great pride in putting multiple layers of protection in place for our students. We work very closely with the Manchester Police Department, Manchester Fire Department, and other state health and safety officials. We have several layers of protection in place and train both students on staff on how to respond in an emergency. Currently, some of the security features include locked exterior and interior doors at all times, Nightlocks, InForce 911 and regular drills. We are applying for the most recent SAFE grant to add more security features such as updated cameras, alarms on doors when they are propped open, and a new alert system.
- 5. Fall Calendar Raffle:** Our fall calendar raffle raised over \$9,000 this school year. The top student sellers will be announced at the end of the month. Daily winners are being called and posted on the website [here](#).

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6. **Veteran's Day Assembly:** On Thursday, November 9, 2023 during Round Table, we will be honoring our veterans with a Veterans Day assembly. Veterans from the Henry J. Sweeney Post in Manchester will be joining us to present the Flag and our keynote speech. Along with this, our student government President Kenneth Olbrice will give a brief history of Veterans Day and our Poem contest winners from high school and middle school will read the poems they have written. Following the assembly, there will be a reception in the glass conference room for our visiting Veterans, guests and 3 Veteran staff members.
7. **Social HQ:** We have had two sessions with Social HQ. Their social media posts will be coming soon. They have done student spotlights, teacher spotlights, and taken content from a few events here at school. We look forward to seeing the final products on our social media pages.
8. **Charter Renewal:** Our charter is up for renewal this school year. The renewal visit is scheduled for January 11th. We will need parent groups, student groups, teacher groups, and board member groups to participate in this visit. We will also need to fill out our renewal application by the end of December. We will likely go before the state board of education in February or March.
9. **Thank you!:** Everyone who participated in the calendar raffle, the PTSG for a successful fall raffle, Social HQ for your work thus far, school counselors for organizing a unity day, TeachUnited for providing a mentor program for our new staff, all of the veterans who have served our country, and Mrs. Nelson for organizing our Veterans day assembly
10. **Congratulations:** Students participating in the musical this weekend, winners of the Veterans Day essay contest, all raffle winners and our new student rep, Lila Haney