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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The school year is days away. Teacher Orientation begins next week. A special thank you goes out to the Teacher Orientation Subcommittee and those parents who are providing lunch on Wednesday.

Before the school year begins, we are in need of some items on Donors Choose. Please spread the word and consider a donation to meet the following goals:

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Please consider sharing this out on your own social media as well so we can reach more people.

Thank you for your support,

*Joanna Marcotte
Computer Science Department Chair"*

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services: Social Media



Social media is a way of life for most of our students and keeping our students safe while using social media is extremely important. Snapchat is a popular app that students use to connect with friends and family. A new feature of Snapchat was recently released which allows fellow Snapchat users to see where you are located on a map. This feature and its risks were discussed in an article by the Brockville Police Department of Brockville, Ontario. Please read more about this feature and its related risks.

[New Snapchat feature could put kids at risk, Brockville Police warn.](#)

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services
(debra.castonguay@tfanh.org)

School News

Food Forms Updated On Website

The Pizza Monday and Fun Food Friday forms have been updated! Please submit your orders for September and October by **September 7th**. The link to the forms can be found [here](#).

Solar Eclipse Viewing a Success!

Thank you to everyone who attended the solar eclipse viewing! We successfully hosted 80+ eclipse viewers. We had the NASA live feed running on the big screen, attempted to collect temperature data for GLOBE, sun and moon cookie decorating, Milky Way candy and moon pies, space stickers, and our whole science staff on hand to answer questions. Everyone had a great time.

~Kimberly Scantlebury



Student Handbook 2017-2018

Dear All:

The Board of Trustees has adopted the revised Student Handbook for 2017-2018 [here](#). Please review before school starts!

Thank you!

First Day of School: Class Schedule Switch

The first day of school is a Tuesday (September 5th) but we will use the **Friday** class schedule. This way

students get to meet all their teachers.

In addition to using Friday's class schedule on the first day of school, we'll also use a modified bell schedule (not the usual bell schedule). Each class will be approximately 30 minutes long after Round Table. Round Table will run from 7:45am-10:15am so that students can find their Round Table classrooms, lockers, give teachers their locker combinations, complete ice breaker activities, tour the building (especially 6th graders), and other "first day of school" necessities.

FIRST at Founders

Greetings parents,

My incoming twin 7th grade daughters and I look forward to joining TFA community in September.

I work for *FIRST*, and was excited to see a vibrant *FIRST* LEGO League (FLL) and *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) program already in place. I would love to expand to the high school program, *FIRST* Robotics Challenge (FRC), if there is an appetite from students, teachers and parents. We've recently secured state funding to start new teams in NH, which TFA would be eligible for beginning Sept 1 if we wanted a FRC team.

As a non-technical person, I've muddled my way through mentoring my daughters' FLLJr team and tinkered in FLL, but I would be in over my head with FTC without a technical lead.

I am issuing an all-call for parent and teacher mentors to help coach what I am hoping will be an expanding *FIRST* community at TFA this fall.

- Lead technical mentor for FTC (grades 7-12) – I am happy to be the non-tech mentor
- 2-3 mentors for FRC (grades 9-12), ideally at least one teacher to take advantage of the teacher stipend in the DOE grant

Enjoy the rest of the summer,
Kristi

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Introduction: Ernesto Gonzalez

Founders is pleased to welcome Mr. Ernesto Gonzalez as a Spanish teacher! Mr. Gonzalez will be a member of the World Language Department. His office will be #172, and his email address is e.gonzalez@tfanh.org. Welcome, Mr. Gonzalez!



Ernesto Gonzalez was born in Havana, Cuba. He arrived in the U.S. in 1968. He's lived in Massachusetts from September 1970 to June, 2002, and in New Hampshire from 2002-Present. He went to the University of Massachusetts (1990-1996) where he got a B.A. in English/American Studies: summa cum laude, and to Tufts University where he received a M.A. and C.A.G.S in Education and Research (1996-1998): summa cum laude. He also completed 30 years of Independent Study in Western/World Civilizations, Archeology, British, Russian, American Literature. He is a native Spanish speaker and a licensed teacher in both Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Mr. Gonzalez has teacher certifications in English (Language/Arts 5-12), Social Studies/History (5-12), Spanish, and Principal. In his spare time, he enjoys stereo equipment of the 1970's, 1980's and 1990's and is a music collector of Jazz, Baroque, Renaissance, and Classical/Opera. He also enjoys Cultural and Musical History (American/British), Renaissance Art, Classical Architecture, and Spanish Literature (1600-2002). Welcome, Mr. Gonzalez!

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Regularly check the school calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

NOTE: Dates are continuously added and possibly changed throughout the year. Please check the online school calendar regularly.



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