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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The students performed magnificently during this week's and last week's concerts! A special thanks to Mr. Tellier, Ms. Cormier, Mr. McKenzie and Ms. DeAngelis. Well done!

The Parent Steering Committee will caucus tonight at 6pm in the library. All parents are welcome.

The Student Activities Committee is having its Double Movie Night tonight starting at 6pm (and ending promptly at 8pm). A special thank you to Ms. Eframson and Ms. Nichols for coordinating the evening with students.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season among family and friends. Founders is fortunate to have over two weeks of time to visit, rest and refresh.

Thank you for your support! Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services



Hello Founders Academy Families,

Would your high school student like to learn more about college and financial aid and get rewarded for learning? Then, please check out the [NHHEAF](#) Center for College Planning "[I Am College Bound](#)" monthly promo contest. "This monthly contest is a great way for students to learn more about a particular topic concerning college planning or financial aid and allows students to enter a contest where, if they answer correctly, they will be entered into a random drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card." This contest is open to current 9th, 10th, 11th & 12th grade high school students. We hope you will check out this opportunity as well as other signature events & initiatives offered by the Center for College Planning.

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services
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School News

Founders Band/Chorus Concerts

Special thanks to Mr. Tellier, Mr. McKenzie, Mrs. Cormier, and Ms. DeAngelis for their hard work in bringing about such great performances at all of our recent concerts! The chorus concerts were on the 7th and 8th, and the band concerts were on the 11th and 13th; they were all great shows and everyone sounded wonderful! Founders is proud of all our accomplished musicians and singers!





Save the Date: Winter Dance

Founders' Winter Dance will be held on Friday, February 2nd. All students may attend, but only high school students can bring a guest. More details to come! A special thank you to Mrs. DiPietro for coordinating!

Teacher of the Month: December

This month Founders recognizes the Teacher of the Month for December: Mr. Ste. Croix! Mr. Ste. Croix teaches English at Founders. He also has a sixth grade Round Table. He is very dedicated to the school, it's mission and traditions. He is always available to help students and teachers while remaining positive and at all times. Mr. Ste. Croix creates a positive and rigorous classroom environment for all of his students. He is passionate about reading, writing and the success of each student he works with. Founders is so fortunate to have his dedication and talents here!



Volunteer of the Month: December

Kristy Ouellette is being honored as our volunteer of the month for the month of December. Kristy is a business owner, and an involved parent and even though she has a busy schedule she dedicates her free time to Founders. Mrs. Ouellette filled in for a teacher for two weeks while said teacher was on leave. Mrs. Ouellette took the time out of her day(s) to assist the students with their studies, to make sure that they didn't get too far behind while their teacher was out. She helps the school out when she can, and we are so happy to present her with this award for the wonderful work she does for the school. - By Allison O., Student.



Christmas Tree Lighting at Bridges House with Gov. Chris Sununu - Dec 6, 2017

Founders Chorus members were invited to sing at the Governor's tree lighting on December 6th at the [Bridges House](#) in Concord. A good time was had by all and the students sounded wonderful. The Founders' Chorus, directed by Ms. Cormier, was the star of the show! Thank you Governor Sununu for the special invitation!







Student Spotlight: Ben H.

Ben H. plays goalie for the Manchester U16 Flames Travel Hockey team. This year they were runner-up in the 2017 Premier Hockey League of New England U16 division. The team finished 7th place in the Regular Season but on their path to the championship game, Ben's team defeated the 2nd and 3rd place teams, finally falling to the 1st place team 4-1 in the Championship game. Ben's team also won the U16-Tier III New Hampshire State Championship against a team they battled hard against all season. It was a hard fought contest playing to a final score of 4-3.

Ben will be one of two goalies playing for the Merrimack High school Varsity Team this year.



Student Spotlights: Highland-Goffe's Falls Drama Production

"It was great to have former HGF students, who are now The Founders Academy students, return to help out the Highland-Goffe's Falls Drama Club with their production of, "A Charlie Brown Christmas." I would like to thank Buddy S., Jaydlynn O., Alex H., Caidence M., Clara R., and Bree D. for their help with play. They were a great help to me, and wonderful role models for the younger children." ~Victoria Sullivan , HGF Drama Club Director

"Highland Goffes Falls Elementary is possibly one of the best schools you can go to in the Manchester New Hampshire area. They have so much to offer, especially with their drama club. For months upon months they have been working on this beautiful play to present to their family's and friends. The play that they did is called The Charlie Brown Christmas. The person who runs this play is such a hard working person and a great mother who takes time out of her day to help the kids prepare for this play. Her name is Victoria Sullivan. Her and many other adults have actually taken time out of their day to help with this amazing play, but in this play, I think she had the most important job. Over the weeks, some of the kids were wanting to say that they just wanted to give up, and just leave, but she didn't let them. She encouraged them to keep going and finish what they started, which is exactly what they did. The two helpers for this play that did the curtains and the mic control was me (Alex H.) and Buddy S., which is one of the two sons of Victoria Sullivan. This play was one of the greatest plays I've ever seen, and have ever helped out in, and I can't wait to do it again next year!" - By: Alex H., Student.





Band Practice Cards: Informational Video

Interested in learning more about Mr. McKenzie's band practice cards? See an informational video on our Youtube channel on the importance of Band practice cards:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsNoVxNI-jI&feature=youtu.be>

Academic Spotlight: Science

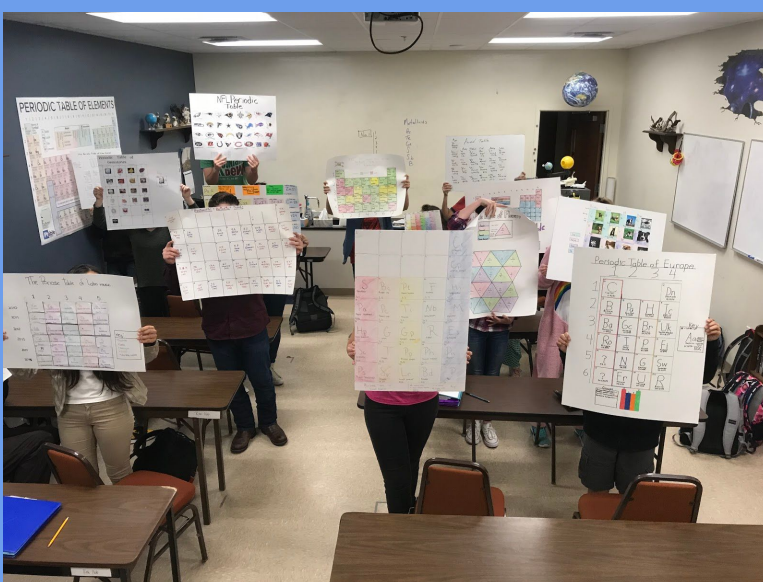
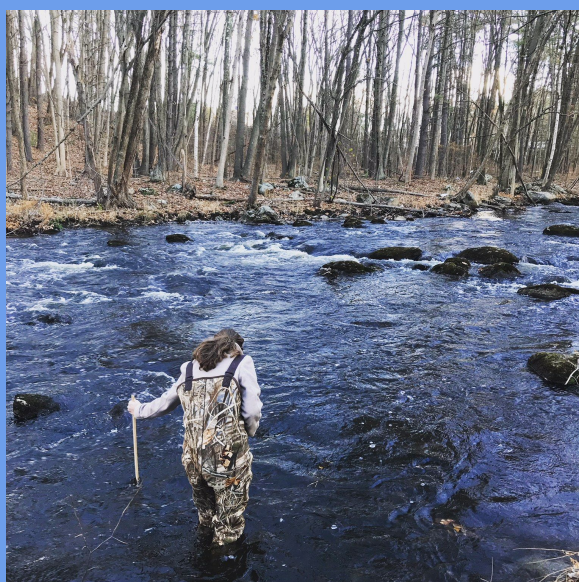
Level 1 has been learning the difference between a pure substance and a mixture. They will continue their chemistry studies by studying the kinetic molecular theory and the 4 states of matter.

Level 2 students explored chemical reactions last week in the lab, focusing their experiences on exothermic versus endothermic reactions and pH.

Level 3 students completed and shared their personalized periodic tables of elements.

Integrated Physical science has been learning about star life cycles, which is how all elements greater than hydrogen are created, and previously completed different models to understand the age and size of Earth and the Universe.

Natural History of New Hampshire class just completed a unit on river and lakes of NH.



Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Toys for Tots

The Random Acts of Kindness Committee collected over 100 unwrapped gifts for Toys for Tots. Thank you for your generosity and support.



NYC/DC Trips and Dunkin' Donuts Fundraiser

Parents and Students -

We have approximately 15 spots left for both the NYC trip and the Philadelphia/Washington trip. We are not adding any more busses, so it is now first-come-first-serve. If you are interesting in travelling, please sign up as soon as possible.

Also, here is the information on our first fundraiser for these trips. I highly encourage those students who are travelling to consider participating in this to help lower your costs.

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie

Dunkin' Donuts Fundraiser - 2017-2018

Last year, the Music Department ran a very successful fundraiser to benefit students going on the 2017 NYC trip. We are happy to announce that we will be doing this again for the NYC and Washington trips this year! (Note that this cannot be applied to the Great East Trip in May.) From now until Midterm exam week in January, we will be selling coupon books for Dunkin' Donuts. Each book sells for \$10, with \$7 going towards lowering the cost of either overnight trip. (This is an excellent profit margin for a fundraiser.)

Each coupon book has 20 coupons in it. Unlike last year where the coupons were good only in NH, this year the coupons are good throughout NH, Maine, Vermont, and 3 northern New York counties (Essex, Clinton, and Franklin) and they do not expire until August 31st. Some of the coupons include 99-cent muffins, iced teas, hot chocolates, and iced coffees and discounts on other things such as bagels and egg & cheese sandwiches.

We will be selling them at the December Chorus and Band Concerts. All of the money we raise this way will be used to help defray any costs for staff members and then evenly distributed amongst everyone else.

More importantly, if you would like to sell these coupon books (to your parents, relatives, neighbors, family friends, parents' coworkers, etc), all of the profit will go to your individual account. To do this, find Ms. Mote and buy some books directly from her - preferably by check, but if you do need to pay in cash, please put it in an envelope with your name clearly on it. She will record how many books you bought and we will mail your profits directly to Gerber Tours to be placed in your account at the end of January.

Last year, we had students who were able to raise hundreds of dollars in one day by having a parent make a personal Facebook post. These books make great stocking stuffers and awesome gifts for a parent's workplace. I also know of some parents who regularly go to Dunkin's who have bought a few books for themselves to keep in their car. (Remember, since \$7 goes towards a student's trip, that parent only needs to find \$3 in savings to make each book worthwhile.) And again, the coupons don't expire until the end of the summer!

If you are interested in this fundraiser, you can buy 5-10 books from Ms. Mote for \$10 each (cash or check made out to "TFA"), sell them, and then come back to buy more if you do well. You can also take orders from people in advance and pick the books up all at once so that you can deliver them.

If you have any questions about this, let me know at g.mckenzie@tfanh.org or Ms. Mote at k.mote@tfanh.org.

Donors Choose: Chorus Risers

"The Choral Program is growing! This year, we will have four different levels of Chorus performing (Grades 6 - 11) and sharing the wonderful gift of music! Our choristers have earned the right to be "seen" by our growing audience and we need your help to purchase choral risers for these talented music students.

These choral risers will help highlight our performances by offering professional-looking concert events at our school and at other performance venues.

We are very proud of our Founders Academy performers and look forward to offering them, and our audience, a top-notch performance experience!"

~Mrs. Cormier

Donate here! - <http://bit.ly/2z2RI4y>

Please Support Our Choral Program!

As a newly-founded NH Charter School, The Founders Academy is excited about its budding arts programming. The Choral Program is asking for your assistance by donating to our **“Choral Supporters Donor Page,”** which will list your patronage in Founders Academy Choral Program in our 2017/2018 annual concert and production playbill programs. Your donation will be for the entire 2017/18 academic year.

Please see the following link for the donors form: <http://bit.ly/2y2HCzw>

Other

School Calendar

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.

Founders on Social Media!

Be sure to follow Founders on Facebook here:



Founders' Facebook Carpooling Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Founders' Facebook Volunteering Parents Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527282857342512/>

Be sure to follow Founders on Twitter here:



Check out Founders Youtube Channel here:





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