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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Please remember there is no school on Friday, March 30 for a professional development day.

Please note the new deadlines for Quarter 3 are contained in this newsletter.

7th Grade will do their SAS Testing on April 6.

Good luck to the High School Drama Club performing at the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild Festival tomorrow! We know you'll do a great job representing Founders!

With gratitude,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## Quarter Three Extended

With the number of days that we have had cancelled this winter due to weather, The Founders Academy has decided to extend Quarter #3 for an extra week. This means grades will now close on Thursday, April 5th instead of Thursday, March 29th.

**This will not affect when the school year ends. The last day of school is still Friday, June 8th.**

By extending the quarter by one more week, teachers will not have to rush next week through assignments, quizzes, and tests to get them in before the end-of-quarter deadline. For any assignments or assessments that are due between now and April 5th, teachers can use their discretion as to whether the grade will count towards Quarter #3 or Quarter #4. Any assignments or assessments due after April 5th will be counted towards the 4th Quarter.

The new dates will be:

Q3 Grades close - Thursday 4/5

Q3 Report Cards go out - Monday 4/16

Thank you,  
The Scheduling Committee

## From the Assistant Director of Student Services: Donations Needed



Hello Founders Academy Families,

Next Wednesday, March 28, 2018, we will be hosting our first Technical-Trade School Fair. All high school students at Founders will have the opportunity to meet with and talk to admissions counselors and representatives from 2-year technical & trade schools as well as US Military. **As a welcome to these visitors, we would like to provide a light breakfast. We are requesting donations of baked goods and fruit.** If you would like to donate an item please do so by the end of school on Tuesday, March 27, 2018. Donations may be dropped off at the front desk.

Thank you for your support of our Technical-Trade School Fair!

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

## School News

### Main Hallway Girls' Bathroom Vandalism

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Founders Academy is very fortunate to be located in the current facility. It is very important that students understand the need to respect the community, including the facility and understand that graffiti, writing on items that don't belong to you, or other similar types of destructive behavior are harmful to our school. Our [Code of Conduct](#) does not support this type of behavior.

We are currently looking into a second similar incident of writing on the walls of the girls' main hallway bathroom with black Sharpie marker. Any student participating in this type of behavior will be addressed appropriately and expected to pay for the damages. Please discuss this with your children on the home front.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### Superintendent Vargas Visits Founders

Manchester School District's Superintendent Bolgen Vargas visited Founders this past Monday. He was greeted by student ambassadors and given a student-led tour of the school.



## Drew Cline Visits Founders

Drew Cline of the Josiah Bartlett Center visited Founders this past Thursday. He was greeted by students and given a student-led tour of the school by the Student House of Representatives. He also participated in a class discussion in one of Mr. Van Ewyk's history classes. Welcome, Mr. Cline!



## Teacher of the Month

The Teacher of the Month for March, 2018 is Mrs. Strub! Mrs. Strub has taught art at Founders for two years. She is a parent and a teacher here. Her art lessons have greatly brightened up her classroom, the front foyer and the back hallway. Mrs. Strub has a very active Round Table. She is very responsible as a teacher and quickly turns around assignments given to her. Mrs. Strub truly lives up to the theme of "stepping up." Recently, when an ask was made to make St. Valentine and St. Patrick Day cards for the seniors at Meals on Wheels, Mrs. Strub quickly volunteered. As a result, the elderly citizens at Meals on Wheels have been extremely touched by and thankful for the beautiful cards they received from Founders' students. Congratulations, Mrs. Strub!



## Student Spotlight: Allison O.

Recently Founders 10th grader Allison O. entered an essay contest called Democracyworks through the International Thespian Society. While she was not selected as a winner, she was a finalist. Her essay was in response to the following question: "How can theatre and other arts nurture dialogue and understanding between individuals with differing points of view?"

Congratulation Allison! You can read her essay below:

[Thespian Democracy works Essay](#)

## Bus Evacuation Drills

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Founders will have their Spring Bus Evacuation Drills on 3/28/18 in the morning when the buses

arrive at school.

Thank you.

### High School Information at PTSA Meeting

Mr. Kline will be attending the April 3rd PTSA meeting at 6:30pm to discuss information regarding high schoolers heading into the 2018-2019 school year. Topics will include upcoming curriculum changes, an update on the senior project, how we are addressing college preparedness, and new electives being offered.

### PTSA Fundraising Survey

The TFA-PTSA is collecting this data in the hope of fine-tuning our fundraising efforts. More importantly, we wish to provide everyone an opportunity to share how the funds could be used for the betterment of The Founders Academy.

Thanks in advance,

Mike Lawton

TFA-PTSA Fundraiser Survey 2018

One of the chief responsibilities of the TFA-PTSA is to organize fundraising activities and events for the betterment of all students who attend The Founders Academy. At present the TFA-PTSA has begun implementing some of these activities. Like the "Penny War", "Night at Margaritas", and "Summer Flower Sale". In order to best serve the students, teachers, and families of the Founders Academy community, the Fundraising Committee of the TFA-PTSA would like everyone to take a few minutes of your time to complete this survey. The purpose of this questionnaire is to help identify areas of need and/or desire for funds raised to be applied. Parents, students, and staff are all encouraged to participate. You do not need to be a dues-paid member to participate in the questionnaire, however if you would like to help further our cause, as the old ad used to say, "membership has its privileges". (Students, ask your parents if that reference doesn't ring a bell. :)

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScg7RPMo-B4J8gMxIYB1sgcum4JTUdzpvrJyTi3uHyn-U\\_gAw/formResponse](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScg7RPMo-B4J8gMxIYB1sgcum4JTUdzpvrJyTi3uHyn-U_gAw/formResponse)

### 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony

Dear 8th Grade Parents,

This year, we are proud to announce, we will be having an 8th grade Graduation Ceremony to recognize our students achievements and their entrance into high school. This ceremony will be held on June 1st at 6:00 p.m. In order to give the students, and their families, the ceremony that they deserve, we are in need of a few things. Those things are listed below. Please contact Breanna Goodrich-Bundy at [b.goodrich-bundy@tfanh.org](mailto:b.goodrich-bundy@tfanh.org) if you are willing to donate any of the following items or be willing to join the Graduation Committee to help plan and decorate for the graduation

Thank you in advance for your help,  
Breanna Goodrich-Bundy

Items Needed:

- Graduation balloons
- Graduation banner
- Ribbons
- Graduation tablecloths
- Small plates
- Napkins
- Drinks
- Forks

## Coffee with the Dean

Please join Dean Maureen Mooney for coffee on March 27, 2018 from 7:00 - 8:00 am. It is an informal get together where all can stop by and have a cup of coffee and chat with the Dean outside the formalities of a Board meeting, school event or parent meeting. Please make plans to attend and bring a Keurig cup (or two) to share!

Featured blends:

### March 27 - Nantucket Blend

Please RSVP to: [administration@tfanh.org](mailto:administration@tfanh.org)



## Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

### AmazonSmile 3x Donation!

**3x your impact!** Amazon is **tripling the donation rate** on your first [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) purchase - through March 31! Go to [smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3442950](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3442950) and Amazon donates to Founders Academy.



### PTSA Penny Wars Fundraiser



*THE TFA PTSA PENNY WAR*  
*MARCH 18 – 30*

The TFA PTSA is putting on our first fundraiser this coming March 18 through the 30th. We are asking all students, faculty, administrators and parents to support this fundraiser.

*THE RULES*

- Each Round Table will be competing against all of the other round tables at the school.
- A plastic jug representing each round table will be placed in the lower cafeteria from March 18 -30.
- The goal is to see which round table can score the most points.
- Students, faculty, administrators and parents are encouraged to put as many pennies in their round table's jug as they can. Pennies are worth 1 point each. All other currency is worth negative points. For example, a quarter would be worth -25 points and a ten dollar bill would be worth -1,000 points. You would therefore place your silver and bills in opposing round tables containers to lower their point total.
- The round table with the highest point total will be presented with a trophy from the TFA PTSA. The funds raised will be used to support the Founders Academy.

Please spread the word and start saving your pennies.  
If you have any questions, you can email us at  
[tfa-ptsa@tfanh.org](mailto:tfa-ptsa@tfanh.org)

### **Most Needed Items: Updated**

As always, we rely on donations here at Founders for most of our school necessities; below are the latest needs:

Command strips  
Paper shredder(s)

large manila envelopes - We need varying sizes - 8 1/2 x 11 (or larger) and expandable envelopes as well.

Mac & cheese and snacks for lunches \*no nuts\*

Sharpies/Expo markers

cleaning solution (windex/disinfectant)

paper plates

small reusable icepacks for the health office  
Scotch tape  
AAA batteries  
plastic forks and spoons  
Tissues  
paper towels

Thank you to all for your generosity!

## 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:



