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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The students are quite happy and excited today. The Middle School play of "Peter Pan" is tonight and tomorrow night at 6:00pm. Also, preparations for Olympic Day on May 31 are in full swing.

I wish you all a good weekend! As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Board of Directors

The Founders Academy Board of Trustees would like to remind everyone the Annual Organization meeting is June 20, 2018. An email has been established for communication to the board. This email is clerk@tfanh.org. The board will have a vacancy for an external board member. Anyone interested should send a letter expressing why they would like to join and a brief bio. As a reminder, the board does not meet during the month of July.

School News

PSAT Score Trends Chart

Mr. McKenzie presented on PSAT scores at the last Board meeting.

This Spring, students in the 8th, 9th, and 10th Grades took the PSAT tests appropriate for their grade level. For many of these students, this is the 2nd or 3rd time that they have taken these tests, so we can now begin to study grade-wide trends to see whether the scores have been improving and where our school might have some room for improvement. See the link below for a spreadsheet with all the data:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E9yDvfGCb8ld6UTRTbITmNxkHBvnnV1Amd181WavTJE/edit?ts=5afc5a3c#gid=0>

Betsy DeVos Visits Founders

On May 14, 2018, the U.S. Secretary of Education visited Founders. The Honorable Betsy DeVos was given a student-led tour by the student House of Representatives, heard the chorus sing two patriotic songs, partook in a hands-on science experiment in the lab, a Q and A with history students, and a reception with teachers and trustees. Thank you, Madame Secretary!

Secretary Devos's bio can be seen here: <https://www2.ed.gov/news/staff/bios/devos.html?src=hp>







Barnes & Noble Book Fair!

Start your summer reading list shopping at The Founders Academy Barnes & Noble Book Fair, **Friday, June 1, 2018**. Shop either at the Manchester Barnes and Noble Store (1741 South Willow Street, Manchester) or online at BarnesandNoble.com. Please tell them you are a part of The Founders Academy Book Fair. A percentage of the net proceeds will be donated to Founders. At checkout please give the cashier The Founders Academy code 12363776.

Please stop by to meet authors Gardner Goldsmith and Civil War historian Greg Ahlgren!

Business/Technology Curriculum Updates

High School Students and Parents -

As our school grows and evolves, the faculty is constantly looking to improve the high school

experience for our students. This is especially true as we get ready to have our 1st Senior Class next year. In looking at the Graduation Requirements that we have established, it has been proposed that a change will be made to the Graduation Requirements in the areas of Business and Technology (which will become a single academic department next year). This change would take effect immediately for all high school students and will allow our students a little more flexibility and the ability to decide how they want to fulfill these requirements - without changing the number of required credits in these fields. Here is a link to the proposed changes that will be voted on by the Board of Trustees next month:

~Mr. McKenzie

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1dRNku-drsxCCPthyomFiNLzMI2PXNNdVPgbEUahnsfE/edit?ts=5afca0cb>

Summer Camps at Founders!

Dear Parents,

Here is the [LINK](#) to the Summer Camp page on our website and to register for the different camps named below:

Middle School Prep

Learn how to ace middle school! The transition to middle school can be a tough one -- Middle School Prep will help make it smoother. Through fun activities we will learn about time and work management, organizational skills, note taking, and study techniques.

Learn how to keep an agenda and prioritize tasks. Students will learn how to organize a notebook / binder for success in class as well as note-taking and studying techniques. Appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as well as high schoolers struggling with these skills.

Grammar Bootcamp

Grammar doesn't need to be an intimidating mystery! Through this course, students will become familiar with parts of speech, punctuation rules, and grammatical conventions so that they can take ownership of their own writing and communication as leaders.

This class will combine lessons with activities as we not only learn these important definitions and rules, but also apply them. This camp is appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Pre-Algebra & Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on building and strengthening the math skills most important for the pre-algebra (Course 3) and algebra (Algebra 1) courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and then each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them. As well, this camp will coincide with an entry-level arithmetic camp, so students can move to and from the two camps as needed (pending space availability) to focus on skills they need.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are exponents and roots; substitution; graphing foundations; solving simple equations; mathematical inverse operations; and word-problem solving skills, though it will highly depend on students' needs.

Advanced Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on mid- to high-level algebra skills most important to Algebra 1 and 2 courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are advanced graphing of linear equations; exponent and root rules and patterns, including negative and fractional exponents; solving, reporting, and graphing inequalities; rearranging formulae; direct and inverse variation; factoring and solving quadratic equations; and solving systems of equations. Other Algebra 2 topics may be covered if time permits, such as rational polynomials and radical equations.

Best of Broadway

Through "The Best of Broadway" will present a staged performance of songs from famous Broadway musicals! All "campers" will sing (solos, duets, ensembles) and will work on stage movement even with some tap dancing! Some shows will be, "Forty Second Street"; "Cabaret", "The Phantom of the Opera"; "Carousel"; "Cinderella", and "All That Jazz".

Students are also welcome to bring in their own repertoire ideas!

The camp will run July 23 - 27 and a parent performance will be held on Friday July 27 at 3:00 pm. The class will be lead by Ms. Jane Cormier, and it will run 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day. Campers should bring lunch, snack, and proper stage rehearsal clothes including stage shoes such as Capezio dance shoes. All ages are welcome (grades 6-12). For more information, contact j.cormier@tfanh.org.

Lucky Numbers

This math camp is an opportunity for middle-school students (Grades 6-8) to review and improve their math skills over the summer season.

Each day we will complete a fun and challenging activity requiring one of the major math skills needed for success in middle-school. These topics will be based on the needs of the students enrolled. Students who have mastered the middle school skills will be given the opportunity to experience algebra concepts.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Middle School Yearbook

Hello parents,

This is a message about yearbooks for the 6-8th grade students; unfortunately because of timing we won't be able to get them here for the last day of school. We can have them made and ordered to ship to the address chosen for an extra fee. We are also looking for a parent(s) to overlook the making of the year books. If you are willing/able to help please contact, neveah.perry@thanh.org
Thank you,

- Neveah P.

Parent Volunteers Needed for Olympic Field Day

Dear Parents,

The House of Representatives will be hosting an Olympic Field Day on Thursday, May 31st for all Middle School Students. We are looking for any parents who would like to volunteer for any part of the day to help run the different events. Field Day will be held Rain or Shine, with indoor activities in the event of bad weather.

If you are interested in volunteering for all or part of the day, please contact Lisa Moore (l.moore@tfanh.org) and Megan Brown (m.brown@tfanh.org).

Thanks in advance for your help!

Miss Megan Brown

PTSA Yard Sale!

The "Yard Sale / End of Year Event" will be on **June 2, from 8:00 - 2:00**. The Yard sale will run the entire time and we encourage people that want to stop by to have some food and play some games from 11:00 - 2:00. We are asking all families, teachers and administrative staff that want to help out to donate any items that they can for the yard sale. All proceeds will go to the TFA PTSA. We have 5 drop off times in front of the warehouse at the school, scheduled for **May 21, 22, 29 & 30 from 4:00 - 6:30**. This coincides with the Spring concerts and chorus performances. We also will have one Saturday drop off on May 26 from 9:00 - 12:00. Members of the PTSA are willing to go to people's houses within the Manchester area to help pick up items if people need help. We will be

sending out an email to detail how they can let us know. We will also in the next week or so be emailing out a sign up genius for people that want to help participate in the set up, running and break down of the yard sale. Below are the details of which items we would like to receive and which we cannot accept.

~Tom Huot

Yard Sale Items

- Things we'll take – Clothes, shoes, handbags – , Jewlery, yard equipment, hand tools. Power tools, toys, games, cds, dvds, records, bikes, scooters, sporting equipment, books small kitchen appliances, video games, small furniture, yard furniture, misc house decorations- any other suggestions.
- Things we can't take – Tv's, computers, printers large furniture, ie beds, lazy boys, couches or love seats, no weapons.

DonorsChoose: Art Printing Supplies

DonorsChoose.org

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a request for my classroom at DonorsChoose.org: [Making Your Mark with Printmaking Supplies.](#)

Give to my classroom by May 15 and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code RIPPLE on the payment page and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks so much,
Traci

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

DonorsChoose: 3d Printer

The “3D Printing a Design of Our Own” Donors Choose Project is on its way! Approximately \$885.00 has been raised towards a new 3D printer that will enable students to have print designs on a larger scale, in multiple colors, with better supports for complex objects. Our current printer can't handle all the amazing project students are creating! We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal though! Please consider donating and spreading the word so we can get this project funded: <https://goo.gl/pLJyWm>

Thank you!

Donors Choose: Math Chromebooks: FULLY FUNDED, THANK YOU!

This DonorsChoose project has been fully funded! We extend our heartfelt thanks to all those who donated.

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a request for my classroom at DonorsChoose.org: [Bringing Math into the 21st Century](#).

Give to my classroom by May 11 and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code RIPPLE on the payment page and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

*Thanks so much,
Natasha Hyde*

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

Art Supplies Donations Still Needed

Dear Parents,

The art department is in need of a hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, and paper towels.

Thank you!

Most Needed Items at Founders: Updated for 5/18/18

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

latest needs:

Plastic forks and spoons

Paper towels

Disinfectant wipes and spray

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

paper plates

Scotch tape

AAA batteries

Tissues

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:





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