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Happy Friday!

Parent/Teacher conferences are coming soon on November 3. If you cannot get an appointment with a teacher on that day, please contact the teacher directly to arrange another day/time.

As I write this, parents are in the lower cafe decorating for the annual Halloween Dance. It is with special thanks that I recognize Mrs. Laurie DiPietro and the Dance Committee for coordinating this popular student event.

A parent group survey was emailed out separately today. Please be sure to take a look.

Thank you for your support! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

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Hello Founders Families,

On October 26th, the Student Services Department had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Ryan Patten, a College Admissions Representative from Plymouth State University. Students had the opportunity to approach his table of information in the cafeteria during lunch and ask any questions they had about PSU and about college in general. Mr. Patten was friendly and knowledgeable and the students enjoyed asking him questions and taking advantage of the free college swag he brought.

Please check the school calendar for future college visits that will occur throughout the school year. We hope to invite as many institutions in as possible and are pleased to bring this opportunity to our students.

Colleen McInnis

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Last Friday Ms. Mote brought her Theatre I class to the theatre workshops put on by the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild at Plymouth State University. It was a special opportunity for our students as they learned about creative techniques in make-up, lighting, and sound. They listened to actors and directors discuss their experience with the storytelling process, and received advice for auditioning and applying to college theatre programs. They were even taught some Broadway choreography!

The highlight of the trip was seeing Plymouth State's production of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing- a show that our students enjoyed so immensely that many of them wanted to see it again! Our students had a great time, and they are already looking forward to next year's workshops.

Attending the NHETG workshops was such a positive experience that Ms. Mote hopes to organize a similar theatre workshop event for middle school students in the near future!







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This year, two overnight field trips are being organized for students. These trips are optional and students must meet specific criteria to be able to attend - including having minimal discipline issues. There will be a few fundraisers that students can participate in to lower their costs.

**Philadelphia/Gettysburg/Washington/Baltimore** - This 5-day trip is open to students who are currently in OR have already completed History 3 (US History I). Highlights of this trip include: Independence Hall, the National Constitution Center, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, the White House, the Supreme Court, the National Archives, the Library of Congress, Arlington National Cemetery, the major monuments and memorials in and around Washington, DC, Mount Vernon, Fort McHenry, and the National Aquarium. The dates for this trip will be Monday, April 16th to Friday, April 20th. (This is the week BEFORE April vacation.) Because students will miss class time on this trip, they will be responsible to talk to their teachers about making up any missed work. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$850-950.

The planned itinerary for this trip is here:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tfanh.org/file/d/0BxnaHbvqy6JldUlpQzhFQ3prS2M/view?usp=sharing>

**New York City** - This 2-day trip is open to students who are members of the Level 3 Band or Chorus, Level 4 Band or Chorus, and select members of the high school Drama Club. In addition, several members of the high school Drama Club for The Academy for Science and Design will also join us. Highlights of this trip include: a Q&A session with a Broadway performer, a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, a visit to Times Square, a nighttime visit to the top of the Empire State Building, and attendance at Broadway Show. (The current plan for the show is Andrew Lloyd Weber's "School of Rock" - which is based on the movie.) The dates for this trip will be Tuesday, June 19th and Wednesday, June 20th. (The last day of school for the year at The Founders Academy is Friday, June 8th, so this will be during the beginning of summer vacation.) The cost of this trip will be approximately \$450-550.

The planned itinerary for this trip is here:

<https://drive.google.com/a/tfanh.org/file/d/0BxnaHbvqy6JlTU9zOGtISDhKM1E/view?usp=sharing>

**On Wednesday, November 1st, there will be an Information Night about both of these trips starting at 6:30pm in the Lower Cafeteria.** Several of the staff chaperones and I will be there to discuss the itineraries and be able to answer questions that parents and students might have.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at [g.mckenzie@tfanh.org](mailto:g.mckenzie@tfanh.org).

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**Drama Club Bake Sale:** The Drama Club will be hosting a bake sale on **Thursday, November 2nd** during all lunches.

**High School Drama Club Auditions:** Auditions for the High School Drama Club production of *The Entire American Revolution in 40 Minutes or Less* will be held on November 6th and 7th! Students should sign up for audition time slots using the signup sheet posted on the big hallway bulletin board. High school students can also sign up for technical roles such as lights, sound, costumes, set painting, and stage hands. We look forward to putting on this show for the Founders community and the NHETG theatre festival!

**Wenceslas and Little Women DVDs:** You can now purchase the DVDs of last year's performances of *Wenceslas* and *Little Women*! If you would like to place an order, fill out the google form using [this link](#). After you place your order, you will get an email notifying you when your DVDs are ready to be picked up at the front office or to be delivered to your student. Cash payments should be exact amount. Checks can be made out to The Founders Academy. Payment should be submitted to the front desk in a labeled and sealed envelope. The cost for the DVDs are as follows:

*Wenceslas*: A Middle School Drama Club Production- \$10

*Little Women*: A High School Drama Club Production- \$15

This is a great way for us to remember last year's shows. DVDs will only be available for a few more weeks, so be sure to get your copies now! Email Ms. Mote if you have any questions.

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Today (October 27, 2017), Founders received the generous donation of a couch that has been in the New Hampshire Governor's office for many years. You'll be able to view the couch in our Front Lobby. Our thanks to Governor Sununu for letting us have this small piece of New Hampshire history!



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Thank you for supporting the Barnes and Noble Book Fair. We earned a Barnes and Noble gift card valued over \$800.00. New books have been purchased and have been added to our library's collection. The Founders Academy is very appreciative and thankful for our magnanimous and benevolent supporters!



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Veteran's Affairs Committee is hosting their annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor our veterans on Wednesday, November 8th. If you have family members who are veterans we encourage you to invite them to come and attend our ceremony. More information is included in the permission form below, which should be returned by October 31st:

[Permission Form](#)

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[Polaris Charter School](#)

Are you looking for a different PUBLIC elementary school for your child's education that puts them in the center of it? Our individualized, project based curriculum where students advance at their own pace might be the right fit for your family!

To Learn More: Attend One of Our Upcoming Information Sessions

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 6:30pm

or

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 10:30am

RSVP by calling (603) 634-0034 or emailing Nancy Sherwood: [n.sherwood@polarischarterschool.org](mailto:n.sherwood@polarischarterschool.org)

Attending an Information Session is a mandatory part of our admissions process. For more information contact Liz Putnam at [e.putnam@polarischarterschool.org](mailto:e.putnam@polarischarterschool.org).

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We are holding a full day of parent-teacher conferences on Friday, November 3rd. There will be no school that day. Please go to this [link](#) to sign up for slots to meet with teachers. Each time slot is only 10 minutes long, so please be prepared with your questions/comments.

Thank you!

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We are still in need of printer paper and paper towels here at Founders. We are low on both. Again, your donations keep us functioning and are much appreciated!

Use one of these coupon codes to get \$5.00 off your purchase at **Staples** (the codes are good until 10/31/17, first come first served):

Coupon code: 5214-3060-2309-9072



Coupon code: 5214-3407-8731-4666



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“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>

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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**”



