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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Please be sure to mark Back to School Night and Portal Training on your calendars for Sept. 21 from 4-7pm. This is an informal evening to meet your student's teachers for brief introduction. You can come when you like. However, if interested, parent portal training is offered in four 30 minute sessions. You must sign up in advance here:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-parent1>

Back to School forms were emailed this past week. If you did not receive them, please be patient as you'll get them eventually. The due date is extended to Sept. 22.

Mr. Van Ewyk, Mrs. Humphrey and I are taking a group of high school students to New York City on Sunday. If all goes as planned, you may see the students on the "Fox and Friends" television show early Monday morning to start "Constitution Week." Meanwhile at the school, **Ms. Cormier** and her Round Table are hosting a Constitution Day assembly for the full school on Monday morning.

So much activity, so much learning, so much to be happy and thankful for at Founders! We're so glad you're here to take part!

Thank you for your support! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services: VLACS



Are you interested in exploring a subject, language or course not offered at the Founders Academy or need to retake a class? Then, the [Virtual Learning Academy Charter School](#) might meet your needs. VLACS is an online virtual, public, middle and high school which offers courses to New Hampshire residents for free. There are a few things you need to do when signing up to take a class on VLACS. First, you must complete the [Alternative Credit/Class Permission Form](#). This form notifies us of your intent to take a VLACS class and allows you to do so. Second, you must set-up your VLACS account, sign-up for the class and complete the school affiliation line in order to list the Founders Academy. This affiliation will allow us to monitor your course progress. Please note that you are responsible for requesting a transcript from VLACS to be sent to the Founders Academy in order to receive credit for the class you've completed. If you have questions, please see the Founders Academy Student Services Department or contact VLACS at 603-778-2500, info@vlacs.org or guidance@vlacs.org.

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

School News

Cancellation Call List Form

Dear Parents -

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school delays or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system. Please fill out the following form to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **If you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdZHsmBDIqG95qfg8MeOUGfkmHgHFheeV8n-f67TxqkmB0zhw/viewform>

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

Back to School Night and Parent Portal Training (Signup Information) - Sept. 21

Please know that teachers are planning a Back to School Night and Parent Portal training for September 21 from 4-7pm. This is a great way to meet your students' teachers and get more familiar with the portal.

To receive the portal training, **you must sign up for a session** (one parent per household only). To do so, follow this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-parent1>

Halloween Dance - Oct. 27

A DJ is booked for Friday, Oct 27, 2017 for the Halloween Costume Dance from 6:30 to 9:00!
\$5.00 admission includes snack and drink. More details to come!

The Dance Committee is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested to reach out to Laurie.dipietro@tfanh.org. Thank you!

A New Look for the Founders School Store! By: Mrs. Fortier

The Founders school store has a new look! High School art level II took on the challenge of transforming the school store into a classy French Café. Students learned about the process of proposing planning, budgeting, and presenting their ideas to create public art. As students collaborated, the project grew with three dimensional elements, menu boards, and textured surfaces. After plenty of hard work and collaboration the High School level II art students present the new look for the Founders School Store.

-Mrs. Fortier





Cinderella is Cast!

The Choral Dept. has announced the casting for our Founders musical, "Cinderella". 56 students signed up

to sing on stage or work backstage during the performance.

Ms. Cormier and Ms. DeAngelis want to thank all the students who attended our audition and signup days, and we look forward to presenting two wonderful performances of "Cinderella", right here at Founders Academy on Nov. 17 & 18.

~Ms. Cormier

Thank You From Mrs. Strub

Mrs. Strub would like to thank all of the students and families that have brought in materials from our Classroom Wishlist! We are so grateful for your generosity! If you are interested in sending in items that we can use in our classes, the Wish List is located on the second side of the Art Sign Off sheet. It can be found on our Art Google Classroom Page.

Founders Chorus Singing at Monarchs Game

On **Oct 21**, Founders Academy Chorus students are invited to sing "God Bless America" at the Manchester Monarch's Opening Night game at the SNHU arena in Manchester.

This is NOT mandatory choral event but an opportunity to sing at this exciting hockey game. Students must be at the SNHU Arena by 4:00 pm for a sound check. They will sing at 6:00 pm just before the start of the game.

Tickets have been discounted and students should be sure to have parents drop off and pick up students at the conclusion of the game. As this is NOT a school event, Founders Academy is not responsible for students at this game.

For more info, contact: j.cormier@tfanh.org.

The flyer can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/a/tfanh.org/file/d/0BxB1EcctIS0NUGVoZIFUQW5uZWd3TkxyLS1WeINWVHEwQ19j/view?usp=drive_web

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Sewing Club Donations Needed

Sewing club is starting this Tuesday. We are a large group of eager sewers and we are looking for some

donations.

- * Sewing machines (in working or mostly working order)
- * Fabric, all types and sizes
- * Sewing notions, (zippers, interfacing, buckles, ties, chording, etc.)
- * Thread (all types, all colors)

Thank you for your consideration and donations.

Thank you,
Mrs. Jennifer Fortier

Volunteer Landscaping Adopt a Weekend

Here's a Message from Mrs. Benard to launch the Volunteer Landscaping Adopt a Weekend! . . .

"Let me begin with a quote from one of the Founding Mothers:

'If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve?' ~ Abigail Adams

In the Mission Statement of our school, we find our focus - 'The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example.' In order to teach our children to lead, we must first set the example.

There are many ways to volunteer at The Founders Academy, but this year we are adding a new opportunity - Campus Maintenance (or Volunteer Landscapers)!

Our school received a generous donation to purchase the tools we need to maintain the front of the school ourselves. We are asking for families that are willing to work together to maintain the outside by mowing, some weed control, leaf blowing, and other small jobs that can be done in a few hours over the weekend.

Many hands make light the burden, so if enough families volunteer this will keep our work to a minimum. Please plan on spending 2 to 4 hours on this task. This is a great opportunity to show your children that service doesn't have to be a burden, but rather shows a sense of pride in your community.

Here is the link to sign up for a weekend of volunteer landscaping:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-weekend>

Thank YOU for your service to our school community!"

Wanted: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Nena Bliss at 603.952.4705 or nena.bliss@tfanh.org. We'll add you to the list!

Most Needed Items for Back to School!

As many of you know, The Founders Academy relies heavily on contributions and donations from generous parents, friends, and members of our community. Currently, we are in greatest need of the following items as we head into another school year:

Printer Paper (Staples has great deals on cases of paper right now: see this [link](#).)

Clorox Wipes

Plastic Spoons and Forks

Dry Erase Markers/Erasers

Snacks and lunches for the Food Pantry

Latex Gloves

Power Strips

Brooms and Dustpans

Follow this [link](#) for more needed items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Important School Information

Back to School Forms

Please be watching your emails for the back-to-school forms, which must be filled out by the close of business on Friday, September 22.

Thank you!

Dress Code

Please review the Founders Academy Dress Code, as detailed in section 3.7 of the [Student Handbook](#).

Please go over this student created Dress Code with your child to ensure it is followed at school.

Thank you!

Absent/Tardy Students

Please remember to email attendance@tfanh.org if your child is absent. Additionally, five half days of

unexcused absence or three full days of unexcused absence are regarded as habitual truancy. Please review the Founders' entire Attendance Policy in the handbook section 3.2 [here](#).

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:

