August 18th, 2023

PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

From the Dean of School
- Dean Hayes' Weekly Message
- The Founders Mission Statement
- The Founders Academy School Store
- SignUpGenius: $5000 Back to School Giveaway!

Need to Know
- Important Dates
- 2023-24 School Calendar
- New Student Orientation
- Class of 2024 Senior Night
- Bussing SignUps 2023-24
- Before & After School Program 2023-24
- Attention: Looking for Substitutes
- Recruiting Parent Board Members

School News
- 2022-23 Yearbooks
- Optional Summer Assignments
- What You Need to Know: 2023-24 School Year
- 2023-24 School Supplies Lists
- 2023-24 Technology Requirements
- Join PTSG!

Other
- Raven the Rock Snake
- Soccer Tryouts
- Walk to End Alzheimer's
- Hats for Sale
- Founders Academy Car Magnets

Donations
- Senior Project: School Library GoFundMe
- Back to School Donations
- Bridge the Gap

Founders on Social Media
- Follow Us!

From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message

Greetings Founders Community,

Happy Rainy Friday! Can you believe it's raining again?!? I guess that's the theme of the summer. I hope you all enjoyed some good books and relaxation time.

Next week our Board of Trustees will meet to review the revised 23-24 budget as well as the handbooks. Charter schools received an increase in funding from the state back in June. This gives us some more flexibility to create building reserve funds and pay off some loans we have. While our budget is still tight, we are excited to create some more financial stability for our school and plan for future needs. Check back next week for these updated documents.

Looking forward to a sunny weekend!

-Cassie Hayes
Dean of School

The Founders Mission Statement

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 5 - 12 that is free and open to all New Hampshire students. The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example. The Academy recognizes the importance of balance in the development of the whole person, and respects each student's journey.

Principled leadership is fostered by means of a curriculum of classical studies that includes analyzing the lives of great men and women of history, mining the rich classical ideals of the Western tradition, and tracing the evolution of the precious and costly idea of liberty.

Link: http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission___vision

SignUpGenius: $5000 Back to School Giveaway!

Enter a favorite school in our back-to-school giveaway for a chance to win them $5,000. The winning nominator will help make their school's year extra special, plus receive a $100 gift card!

VOTE FOR FOUNDERS!

The Founders Academy School Store

Suit up with some Founders swag! **Our school store is open and taking orders through September 15th**!

Browse our options here: https://stores.inksoft.com/the_founders_academy/shop/home

Orders will be processed after the 15th and will be ready to be picked up the first week of October.
***Please review the size charts carefully prior to ordering as items cannot be returned.*

NEED TO KNOW

Important Dates

What:	When:
PTSG: Operation Drop-Off	Saturday, August 26th, 9AM - 11AM
New Student Orientation	Tuesday, August 29th
First Day of School 23/24	Wednesday, September 6th
Class of 2024 Senior Night	Thursday, September 14th, 6:30PM
Teacher Workshop || No School	Tuesday, September 19th

2023-24 School Calendar

2023/24 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					TW	2
3	V	TW	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	TW	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
						*17

October 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	TW	7
8	V	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	PC	31				
						*19

November 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	TW	8	9	V	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	V	V	V	V	V	25
26	27	28	29	30		
						*15

December 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	V	V	V	V	V	23
24	V	V	V	V	V	30
31						*11

January 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	V	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	V	16*	17*	18*	19*	20
21	22	23	24	25	TW	27
28	29	30	31			
						*20

February 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	V	20	21	22	23	24
25	V	V	V	V		
						*16

March 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					V	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	TW	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						*19

April 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	TW	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	V	V	V	V	V	27
28	29	30				
						*16

May 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	TW	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	V	28	29	30	31	
						*21

June 2024						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
2	3	4*	5*	6*	7	8
9	TW	TW	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						*5

x = First and Last Days of School
= 1 PSAT Fall Testing Day (Grades 9 & 11) - 10/26
= 4 SAS/SAT/PSAT Spring Testing Days (3/27, 4/10, 4/17, 5/1)

PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; **TW** = Teacher Workshop Days

Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/27; Q2 - 1/19; Q3 - 3/29; Q4 - 6/7
Graduation - 6/15

Note - The NH Primary date will not be decided until the school year begins. No school on that day.

Federal holidays 2023/24

Sep 4, 2023	Labor Day	Nov 11, 2023	Veterans Day	Jan 1, 2024	New Year's Day	May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Oct 9, 2023	Columbus Day	Nov 23, 2023	Thanksgiving Day	Jan 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Day	Jun 19, 2024	Juneteenth
Nov 10, 2023	Veterans Day (obs.)	Dec 25, 2023	Christmas Day	Feb 19, 2024	Presidents' Day	Jul 4, 2024	Independence Day

© Calendarpedia® www.calendarpedia.com
Data provided 'as is' without warranty

New Student Orientation

Mark your calendar for **New Student Orientation** on **Tuesday, August 29th**!

Orientation is a drop-off event for new students to get acquainted with the school! Students will meet with teachers in their grade level, review expectations and supplies, and get a tour of the school.

Orientation times by grade level

5th Grade Students 8:30 am until 9:30 am

6th-8th Grade Students 10:00 am until 11:00 am

High School Students 12:30 pm until 1:30 pm

Class of 2024 Senior Night

Bussing SignUps 2023-24

It's hard to believe the school year is right around the corner!

With that in mind, we're collecting signups for bussing for the 2023-24 school year.

Please note that even if your student was signed up for bussing previously, **they must sign up again to be included in the roster.**

Sign up here: https://forms.gle/cWYUdBkwovnXQWUEA

*Signups are **due no later than 3 pm Monday, August 21st** to be considered for the start of the school year.*

Please contact Kelsey Marot at kelsey.marot@tfanh.org with any questions.

Before & After School Program 2023-24

Founders Academy is happy to announce the return of the After-School Program and the Before School Program for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. The Before School Program allows parents to drop their children off to be supervised prior to the start of the academic day. The after school provides adult supervision and support for students.

The program will start on September 7, 2023.

PROGRAM HOURS

Before School Care: 7:00 AM – 7:20 AM
At 7:20am students will go to their first period class until the start of the school day.

After School Care: End of school day – 6:00 PM
PLEASE NOTE: Students who are not picked up by 6pm will be charged an additional fee of $10 for every 5 minutes late.

If you would like to sign your student up, please fill out this form and send it to kelsey.marot@tfanh.org

Attention: Looking for Substitutes

The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the 2023-2024 school year!

Subjects covered can vary. Full day and half day opportunities available. hours are 7:30 AM until 3:30PM. The rate is $75/per day.

If interested please contact Kelsey Marot at kelsey.marot@tfanh.org

Recruiting Parent Board Members

Dear Founders Families,

The Founders Board of Trustees is eager to welcome **two new parent members** to the board to increase our effectiveness and efficiency. Since its inception, our Board has put a great deal of effort into writing/approving policies, developing a strategic plan, and planning for the future of the school, and we need more parents' volunteers for the Board in order to succeed in reaching our goals.
As our board will attest, charter school board service is a personally and professionally rewarding opportunity to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to attend an excellent school.

If you are interested in sharing your business, grant writing, fundraising, financial or education expertise as a volunteer member of the Founders Board, our community would be very grateful.

Read on to learn why you should consider and how to join our board of trustees. We hope you'll join us!
-Robert Best
The Founder Academy Board of Trustees, Chairman

Why become a member of the Founders Academy board? Charter school boards play a critical leadership role in supporting and determining the quality of the education delivered to its students and the long-term sustainability of the school. Every charter school board is the governing body of a publicly-funded nonprofit organization with a multi-million-dollar budget. As with all charter school boards, Founders board is responsible for ensuring that the school has strong leadership, sound finances, effective fundraising, and high academic achievement.

Need further incentive? Here's a recent an article highlighting how joining a non-profit board can boost your career,
https://diversitymbamagazine.com/career-development/how-serving-on-non-profit-boards-can-boost-your-career/

Who can apply? Any parent or guardian of a Founders Academy student

What are the duties of a Founders Board member? We set policies, hire and evaluate the school director, work with our parent organization (the PTSG), oversee the budget, fundraise, community relations, and other tasks, as needed to ensure the continued strength and success of the school. We ask that you participate in monthly board meetings, join a minimum of one committee and attend as many community events as possible

Who is on the board today? John Bauer (parent representative), Frank Weiss, Kimberley Lavallee (co-founder and vice-chair), Kyle Fox (treasurer), Patricia Humphrey (co-founder and secretary) and Robert Best (chairman).

When does the board meet? Every third Wednesday of the month at 6PM at our school. We encourage interested members to attend a Board of Trustees Meeting to observe what type of issues are discussed and how important decisions affecting The Founders Academy are made.
What is the process to become a board member? Interested parents apply by sending their

resume/CV to Kimberley Lavallee kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org.
For more information about the board of trustees including meeting agendas and minutes, visit the governance page of the website found here.

School News

2022-23 Yearbooks

Yearbooks have arrived and are ready to be picked up!

Please note:

We do NOT have extra yearbooks for sale.

We are NOT able to ship them to you, please make arrangements for pick up.

Please call the front desk at (603) 952-4705 or email Mrs. Evans at judith.evans@tfanh.org with any questions.

Optional Summer Assignments

The Founders Academy Academic Challenges offer students an opportunity to maintain their academics through the summer. These are optional but recommended to keep your brain sharp! See the link below to find the assignments.

https://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/student_life/academic_challenges

What You Need to Know: 2023-24 School Year

- We are transitioning to a new portal system. New parent and student logins will be set up soon and sent to your email for activation.
- Back to school forms will be sent in the next few weeks. It is imperative these forms are filled out so we have the most up to date information in our system.

2023-24 School Supplies Lists

The link below will bring you to supply lists for the upcoming school year. Please note that lists for courses and teachers may still be added as the school year approaches.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vROkovTEqAsU66MJ-SBnWmEUzU7DXpEJkPDRl02axfif26DQtX-9NvqXs7UOzB-l1MvMz-gJl-ped6Q/pub

2023-24 Technology Requirements

6h - 12th Grade Families:
A reminder that your student needs to have a laptop computer for school. Students will be accessing their own computers daily in school.

5th Grade Families:
5th graders will be using computers at school, however these computers will not be leaving school. It is highly recommended that 5th graders have access to a computer at home.

Please note: 5th graders should not bring a computer from home to school as they will not be allowed to access their personal devices during the day.

Join PTSG!

What is PTSG?

Our Parent Teacher Student Group (PTSG) is a very active community, focused on supporting the school. Our purpose is to positively impact Founders Academy by providing support through volunteerism and fundraising for student and staff needs, leadership opportunities for students, and family and community engagement opportunities.
https://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/p_t_s_g

Other

Raven the Rock Snake

Soccer Tryouts

The Southside Middle School boy's soccer team is gearing up to start their season! Students in grades 5 - 8 are welcome to come try out **August 28th - 30th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM at St Anthony's Field** (275 S Taylor St, Manchester, NH 03103).

Please reach out to Coach McCoubry with any question at sean@securerecoverysolutions.com or call (603) 361-1027.

Walk to End Alzheimer's

WALK TO END ALZHEIMER'S

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

Founders is looking for team members for the Walk To End Alzheimer's this year!

Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® is the world's largest fundraiser for Alzheimer's care, support and research. This inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to join the fight against the disease.

While there is no fee to register for Walk, all participants are encouraged to raise critical funds that allow the Alzheimer's Association to provide 24/7 care and support and advance research toward methods of prevention, treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

The Walk is being held at the Merrimack Premium Outlets on Saturday, October 14.

For more information, please visit this link.

Hats for Sale

There is a limited supply of school hats for sale! $15 per hat. Contact Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org if you're interested in purchasing one to show your school spirit.

Founders Academy Car Magnets

Love The Founders Academy? Display your school pride on your ride when you purchase a Founders Academy car magnet for only $5.00! These make great gifts for students, parents, and grandparents. Purchase one for every vehicle!
Supplies of these beautiful 4-inch round magnets are limited so...ORDER NOW!

Show Your Support!

Purchase a
Founders Academy
Car Magnet!

Only $5 Each

4"x 4"

Get One For
Each Car In
Your Family!

LIMITED SUPPLY!

LIMITED SUPPLY!

Remember:
- *Never put your magnet on a dirty car (you could scratch your car's paint!).*
- *Clean both sides of your magnet whenever you wash your car (or more often!)*
- *Do not place on horizontal surfaces (such as automobile hoods!)*
- *Remove magnet by lifting entire magnet from surface (do not slide the magnet across the surface!)*

Name: _____

Phone:_____Email:_____

# of Magnets Ordered:_____ Payment by ☐ Check ☐ Cash

Total Enclosed: $ _____

Make checks payable to The Founders Academy

Donations

Senior Project: School Library GoFundMe

"Libraries store the energy that fuels the imagination. They open up windows to the world and inspire us to explore and achieve, and contribute to improving our quality of life."
-Sidney Sheldon-

One of our 23/24 Seniors has started a GoFundMe to help raise money for our school's library! We are so excited about the possibilities that could result from the funds raised.

For more information please visit https://gofund.me/135706c9

Back to School Donations

A new school year means a whole lot of new supplies! Donate what you can to help our students and staff succeed this year! Any amount is greatly appreciated.

View our supply list here!

Or check the website: https://thefoundersacademy.org/giving

Bridge the Gap

Annual Fund Letter From Dean Hayes

Founders On Social Media

Be sure to follow Founders on **Facebook** here:

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

Be sure to follow Founders on **Twitter** here:

Check out Founders **Youtube** Channel here:

© The Founders Academy 2023