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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

On Monday, all students have the opportunity to be full time in the building or fully remote. We are so excited to see all of you! Join the celebration Monday morning at drop off by decorating your car!

Please review these slightly updated [procedures](#) for Monday.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Cassie Hayes
Dean of School

THE FOUNDERS MISSION STATEMENT

The Founders Academy is a public chartered school encompassing grades 6 - 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

Need to Know

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Here is a look at the school calendar for the **2021-2022** school year.

2021/22 School Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			TW	TW	TW	4
5	V	TW	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	TW	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		*16

October 2021						
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10	V	12	13	14	15	16
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						*19

November 2021						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	V	V	V	V	V	27
28	29	30				*14

December 2021						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	V	V	V	V	V	25
26	V	V	V	V	V	*13

January 2022						
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9	10	11	TW	13	14	15
16	V	18*	19*	20*	21*	22
23	24	25	26	27	TW	29
30	31					*18

February 2022						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	V					*18

March 2022						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	TW	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		*17

April 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	V	V	V	V	V	30
						*16

May 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	TW	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	V	31				*20

June 2022						
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
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		*8

Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/29; Q2 - 1/21; Q3 - 3/31; Q4 - 6/10

Graduation - 6/18

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

Federal holidays 2021/22

Sep 6, 2021	Labor Day	Nov 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day	Dec 31, 2021	New Year's Day (obs.)	Feb 21, 2022	Presidents' Day
Oct 11, 2021	Columbus Day	Dec 24, 2021	Christmas Day (obs.)	Jan 1, 2022	New Year's Day	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Nov 11, 2021	Veterans Day	Dec 25, 2021	Christmas Day	Jan 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4, 2022	Independence Day

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QUARTER 3 ROTATION SCHEDULE

Students in grades 7-10 who chose the in-building option have been assigned to either Cohort A or Cohort B. Your cohort assignment was sent to you in a previous email. If you did not receive your cohort assignment please contact Lori Ragas (lori.ragas@tfanh.org).

The following information is for those who were assigned a cohort; all other readers may disregard this message.

Students in Cohort A:

Will work from the building on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday -

February 1 - February 5

February 16 - February 19 (Feb. 15 is a holiday for all)

March 8 - March 12

March 22 - March 26 (March 22 and 26 will be testing days)

Will work remotely -

January 25 - January 29

February 8 - February 12

March 1 - March 5
March 15 - March 19
March 29 - April 2

Students in Cohort B:

Will work from the building Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday -

January 25 - January 29
February 8 - February 12
March 1 - March 5
March 15 - March 19
March 29 - April 2

Will work remotely -

February 1 - February 5
February 16 - February 19 (Feb. 15 is a holiday for all)
March 8 - March 12
March 22 - March 26

COVID TESTING PRIORITY FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF

Health and Human Services has made arrangements with specific locations across the state to prioritize students and school employees for COVID testing within 24 hours. This arrangement was made to expedite information that may help you in your contact identification and response. Additional information about testing can be found [here](#).

NH COVID-19 TESTING LOCATIONS with PRIORITY APPOINTMENTS within 24 Hours for STUDENTS and SCHOOL EMPLOYEES with Symptoms of COVID-19*



HOSPITALS

H1	Alice Peck Day Hospital	Lebanon
H2	Androscoggin Valley Hospital	Berlin
H3	Catholic Medical Center	Manchester
H4	Cheshire Medical Center	Keene
H5	Elliot Hospital	Manchester
H6	Franklin Regional Hospital	Franklin
H7	Huggins Hospital	Wolfeboro
H8	Lakes Region General Hospital	Laconia
H9	Littleton Regional Healthcare	Littleton
H10	Memorial Hospital	North Conway
H11	Southern NH Medical Center	Nashua
H12	Speare Memorial Hospital	Plymouth
H13	St. Joseph Hospital	Nashua
H14	Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital	Colebrook
H15	Weeks Medical Center	Lancaster
H16	Wentworth-Douglass Hospital	Dover

NATIONAL GUARD

National Guard Test Sites

- G1 Concord
- G2 Londonderry



OUTPATIENT MEDICAL PRACTICES

O1	Appledore Medical Group	Portsmouth
O2	Appledore Medical Group	Rochester
O3	Derry Medical Center	Derry
O4	Keady Family Practice	Claremont
O5	Core Physicians	Exeter

*These testing locations have reported to the Department of Health and Human Services that appointments are available for students and teachers with symptoms of COVID-19 within 24 hours of the request for an appointment. The appointment may include the use of a rapid antigen test such as an Abbott BinaxNOW test or a PCR test sent to a reference lab reporting shorter turnaround times.

Please click highlighted locations for website link.

Map is for graphical purposes only, it does not represent a legal survey. 1/14/21

School News

Graduation Announcement

We're so proud of our seniors for their hard work this year! We're sad to see them go but excited to see where life will take them. Graduation will be here at The Founders Academy on **June 19 at 10 a.m.** on the back field.



Project PERIOD

Brenna, a senior here at Founders, is hosting an information night for her senior project. Project PERIOD aims to help homeless women have access to menstrual products and spread awareness about period poverty. Join us on Friday, April 23 at 6 p.m. for a fun and interactive info night to learn about period poverty, the pink tax, and how you can help! We are so grateful for the community's support and we look forward to seeing you there! More information about the Zoom call will follow.

John Stark Day

In 2017, a group of students at The Founders Academy Public Charter School lobbied to have John Stark Day changed so that it was celebrated during the school year instead of during April Vacation. On April 13, 2017 Governor Chris Sununu signed Founders Academy student-led bill HB91 into law at the Founders Academy Public Charter School. Since that day, because of the leadership skills of our students, John Stark Day is recognized on the second Monday of April in the state of New Hampshire.

This year to raise awareness of what the students of The Founders Academy accomplished and to commemorate General John Stark's illustrious service to New Hampshire, our school will be holding a John Stark Day Scavenger Hunt and Online Presentation. John Stark Day is on April 12 this year, and The Founders Academy is having a virtual event and scavenger hunt to celebrate. Click [here](#) to learn more about these events.

Check out [this video](#) advertising the event!

Looking for Lunch Duty Coverage

We are looking for parents/guardians interested in working lunch duty at Founders from 11:25 am - 12:55 pm. There will be a stipend attached to the job. If you are interested, please email Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org.

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!

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Purchase a
Founders Academy
Car Magnet!

Only \$5 Each

4" x 4"

Get One For
Each Car In
Your Family!



**LIMITED
SUPPLY!**

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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

Parent Survey 2020-2021

We're looking to hear feedback from parents about the 2020-2021 academic year. Click [here](#) to fill out the survey.

Founders Apparel Store Now Open

The Founders Academy apparel store is now open through April 5. Click [here](#) to do some shopping!

Standardized Test Schedule

SAS testing is anticipated to take the whole day (7:45-3:10pm). SAT and PSAT is anticipated to take approximately 3.5-4.5 hours for students using standard time. Students will be dismissed when they have completed the testing and may call home for a ride. All students taking a standardized test should bring headphones, a silent reading book, No. 2 pencils, and a calculator.

The following are dates for standardized testing starting in March:

4/12 (Monday) - Grade 7 (SAS) - **ONLY 7th grade students attend- There is no school for grades 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12**

4/16 (Friday) - Grade 6 (SAS); Grade 8 (PSAT); Grade 9 (PSAT) - **ONLY 6th, 8th, and 9th grade students attend- There is no school for grades 7, 10, 11, and 12**

SAS Science (During normal school day; Held during normally scheduled Science classes)

Grade 8

5/6 & 5/7 (Thursday/Friday) - Cohort A

5/13 & 5/14 (Thursday/Friday) - Cohort B

Grade 11

5/17 (Monday)

If your student is required to take one or more of the SAS tests and you wish to opt-out of the test, please fill out [this form](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hayes (cassie.hayes@tfanh.org)

Other

Game2Learn Lab

The [Game2Learn Lab](#) in the [Computer Science](#) Department at NC State University is offering an unpaid virtual high school internship program this summer starting on June 21 and extending through July 30. Interns will be piloting and co-designing educational tools and software for K-12 classrooms. The internship will start with a computing bootcamp for participants to hone their skills in advanced block-based programming environments. Interns will then be assigned to teams where they will work collaboratively to build [infusing computing](#) programs and curricular materials for 100+ middle and high school teachers across North and South Carolina. Interns will also provide technical and programming support for teachers learning block-based programming. Additionally, high school interns will be able to attend weekly seminars on computing topics and research practices designed for our Socially Relevant Computing and Analytics Research Experience for Undergraduates ([SRCA-REU](#)).

To learn more about the internship, please see our program description [here](#): Interested students (grades 9-12) can apply online until April 30th [here](#). Please contact Amy Isvik (aaisvik@ncsu.edu)

or Dr. Veronica Cateté (vmcatete@ncsu.edu) with any questions you might have.

Luddy Pre-College Summer Program

Greetings from IU's Luddy School of Informatics, Computing, and Engineering! Luddy Pre-College Summer Program incorporates the principles of intelligent systems engineering , informatics, computer science, data science, and cybersecurity. Visit [their website](#) to read about the program and the topics that students will explore – including python, virtual world design, robotic data collection, and cybersecurity.

This summer's VIRTUAL summer program is for students entering 9-12th grades and will be held on Monday-Friday, June 21-25, 2021, from 12:00-4:00pm each day. The program fee is \$300 and capacity is set at 50 students. If you're interested, apply [here!](#)

New Hampshire Scholars Information

Is your student interested in becoming a New Hampshire Scholar?

“New Hampshire Scholars are high school students who have pledged to complete the State Scholars Core Course of Study, a specific sequence of academic courses in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language.

“The New Hampshire Scholars philosophy is based on the belief that it is better to be successful in an academically challenging course than to get a higher grade in an easier course. Why take harder courses? Because the more you challenge yourself now, the more prepared you will be in the future. And that means greater success in all you do. Your brain, like all other muscles in your body, needs to be challenged and exercised to remain sharp thus preparing it for future use.”

[Requirements to Become a New Hampshire Scholar](#)
[NH Scholars Incentives](#)

-Scholarships to NH Colleges & Universities

-Application Fee Waivers

Please see your school counselor if you have any questions!

College

Applying to College 101

Click [here](#) for the link to the recording about applying to college!

Prompt

- Prompt was founded in 2014 by 3 MIT grads with the mission to help students become better writers. They're now the leading provider of instructional writing feedback for college admissions essays.
- They have reviewed over 90,000 college essays and they work with over 150 high schools, including St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy, the Academy for Science and Design, and Plymouth Regional High School. They also worked with the NH

Learns Alliance last year.

- They employ evidence-based writing practices to improve writing throughout the college essay process, from planning to writing to revising.

In April, they are hosting a free webinar about college essays for a small group of high schools in New Hampshire.

During the 30-minute webinar, they will introduce students and families to the college essay process and offer practical advice for a stress-free approach.

[Here's more information about what they'll discuss in the webinar.](#)

The webinar is scheduled for April 22 at 6pm ET. Click [here](#) to register.

Virtual Events: UNH, Keene State, & Plymouth State

The University of New Hampshire, Keene State College, and Plymouth State University are hosting several virtual events throughout the Spring in hopes of connecting with students and families.

Wednesday, April 21

Wednesday, May 19

Each of these events will take place from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. If you are interested, please pre-register by clicking [this](#) link. There will be a student from each campus to share their experiences living and learning amidst the virus and how everyone in those communities has been able to carry on while keeping each other safe. If you have any questions, please see your school counselor.

Features

Debate Team

Francesca Vesey and James Inamorati qualified to participate in the Eighth Annual Virtual Supreme Court Competition. This is a nationwide contest with hundreds of participants. In order to compete, Francesca and James had to write an appellate brief for the Supreme Court case Torres v Madrid. They also had to deliver and record an oral argument, responding to challenging questions about the constitutional issues in this Supreme Court case. James and Francesca were one of the 32 teams that were invited to participate. The finalists in this tournament will argue virtually in front of a panel of federal judges and constitutional experts. Click [here](#) to hear their speech!

Students interested in participating in this activity in future years should speak with Mr. Gracza or Mr. Weekley.

Student Recognition

Congratulations to Amelia Z. for being selected as the New Hampshire State 7th Grade American History Essay Contest winner! She wrote an amazing essay about the Boston Massacre and her hard work was recognized! She will be honored at a State Conference luncheon this spring. We are SO proud of Amelia. She is an excellent writer and she definitely deserves this recognition. Please join us in congratulating her!

Please also join us in congratulating Evan D. who was selected for the DAR Community Service Award - he donated 500 canteen books to the VA Medical Center. He will also be honored at a State Conference luncheon this spring. Great work, Evan! You're such a valuable member of our community and we are proud of you!

Donations

Donors Choose: Ms. Marcotte

Help me give my students a great maker experience that combines paper-crafting using the Cricut Maker with paper circuits that are programmable using the Chibichip.

[Makers Gonna Make](#)

There's still \$207 to go!

Painters Tape Donations

The school is looking for painters tape donations. Any donations can be left on the drop-off table in the vestibule. Thank you!

Bridge the Gap

So far we have collected approximately \$7,000 for our Bridge the Gap fundraiser! A few Founders art students created this painting to help us keep track of the money we received and continue to receive, as this is an ongoing fundraiser this year.



Annual Fund Drive Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have already exceeded our goal of raising \$6,000 for the school! We are very excited about this and grateful to everyone who has donated. Our new goal is \$10,000, and we know with the amazing community of family and friends we have here at this school, we can meet this goal! You can donate through the [PayPal](#) link or by sending your donation to the school with your student. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk any time.

Most Needed Art Items

Check out the link for a list of the Art Department's most needed donations:

[Most Needed Items List](#)

Founders On Social Media

Follow Us!

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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