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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Greetings Founders Community,

This month, our theme of the month is immegration. I visited a Round Table on Thursday and heard several conversations about where families came from. It was so exciting!

Some students did not know the history of their ancestors. I encourage all of you to spend some time this week talking with your child about the history of our family. We would love to hear more stories!

Have a wonderful weekend!

-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

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

On Wednesday, March 10 at 6:00 pm, The Founders Academy will host a High School Information Night via Zoom, link provided below. This will be an opportunity for current eighth-grade students and families, as well as those planning to attend high school at Founders in the coming school year, to learn about all that our high school has to offer.

In addition to hearing from the administration, student services, and high school staff members, there will also be time to meet some current high school students and explore extracurricular

offerings from clubs to drama to music. Information will also be presented on the NH Scholars program, Early College Opportunities through Manchester Community College, AP exams, and the college admissions process. Faculty will be available to answer any questions you have.

We look forward to having you join us for High School Information Night 2021. We are so excited to be welcoming you to your high school years!

Click here for the Zoom meeting link.
Meeting ID: 853 2670 6840
Passcode: fyQqJ3

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)

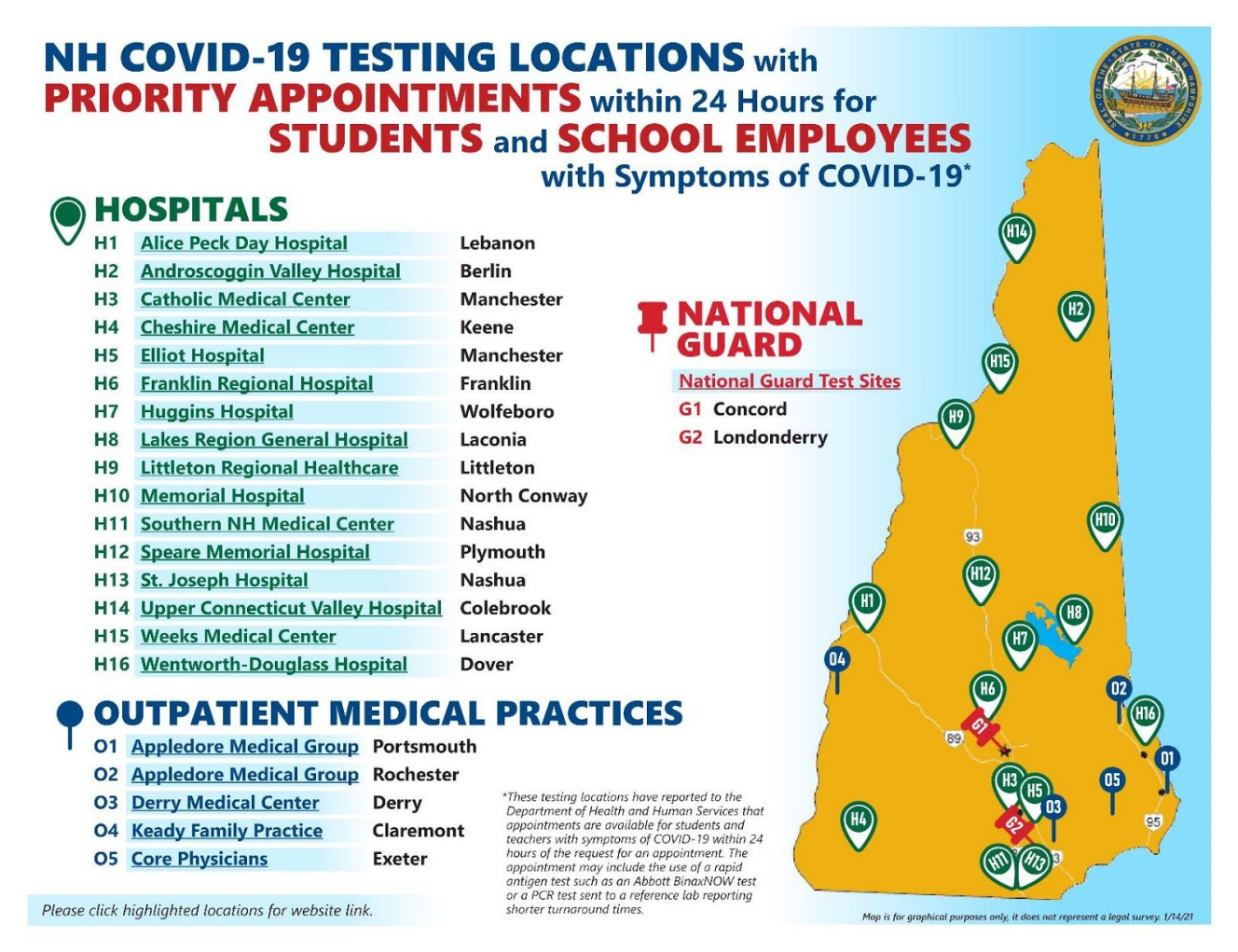
Will work remotely -
January 25 - January 29
February 8 - February 12
March 1 - March 5
March 15 - March 19
March 29 - April 2

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

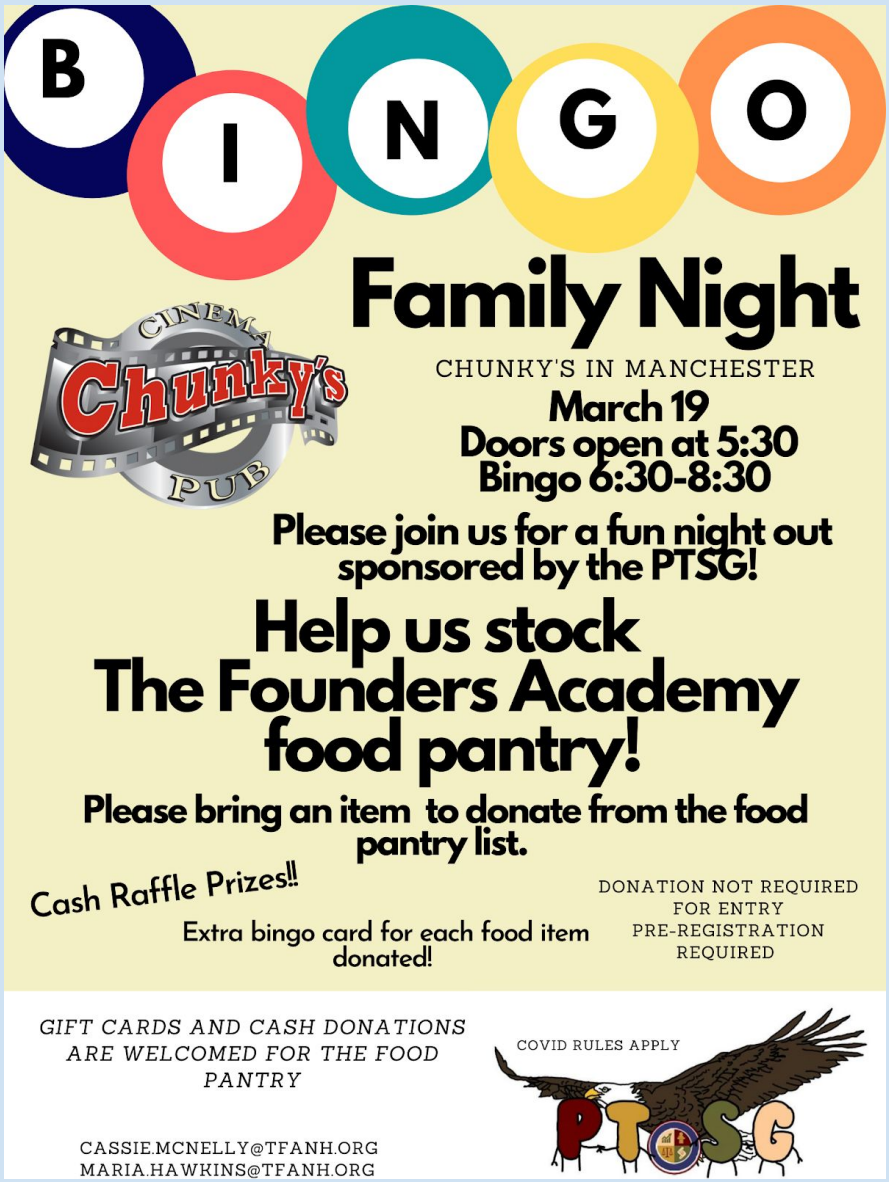
Health and Human Services has made arrangements with specific locations across the state to prioritize students and school employees for COVID testing within 24 hours. This arrangement was made to expedite information that may help you in your contact identification and response. Additional information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



School News

Chunky's Family Bingo Night

Friday, March 19 the PTSG will be hosting a free family bingo night at Chunky's. We will have limited tables available so please be on the lookout this weekend on the "Founders Academy Community" Facebook page and in future newsletters for complete details and to register.



Snow Sculpture Contest Extended!

The Student Senate snow sculpture contest is now **extended until March 12!** Both students and staff are allowed to participate. This contest will be divided into two parts: Middle School and High School. Staff can participate by listing the grade of their roundtable. There will be a $100 prize pool for winners in first, second, and third place in both Middle School and High School. Teachers can participate in the contest as well by listing the grade of the round table they are in charge of. To enter in the contest you must first build a snowman, snow creature, or a snow sculpture. After you have finished building, take a picture of your creation and email it to francesca.vesey@tfanh.org with your name, your grade level, and the name of your creation. The entry fee into the contest is $4 per entry which can be turned in at the front desk. For more information please contact Mr. Weekley (j.weekley@tfanh.org) or francesca.vesey@tfanh.org. More information can also be found here.

Standardized Test Schedule

The following are dates for standardized testing starting in March:

3/22 (Monday) - Grade 8 (SAS) - **ONLY 8th grade students attend- There is no school for grades 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, and 12 NOTE: There are no buses on this day due to a PD in Manchester School District**

3/26 (Friday) - Grade 10 (PSAT); Grade 11 (SAT) - **ONLY 10th and 11th grade students attend- There is no school for grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 12**

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**

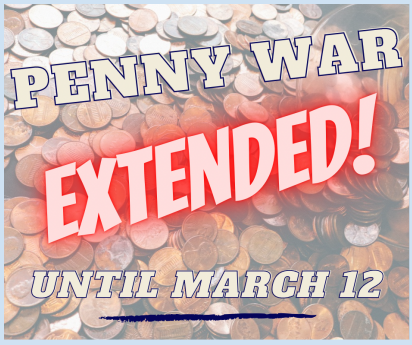
SAS Science (During normal school day; Held during normally scheduled Science classes)
Grade 8
5/6 & 5/7 (Thursday/Friday) - Cohort A
5/13 & 5/14 (Thursday/Friday) - Cohort B

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)

Penny Wars Extended!



Don't forget: Remote students can drop off their pennies in a bag in the front vestibule. Be sure to label the money with the Round Table jug you would like to fill. Pennies are one point, and any other coins/bills count as negative points and can be used against competition. Two Round Tables will win prizes.

Symposium Afterschool Programs

Sign up for one of these programs at www.Symposium.Academy. Click here for a step-by-step guide to sign up. Registration is open until March 16 or until the classes fill up.

PTSG March Madness - Hoops Mania

The PTSG is selling $10 sweepstakes tickets for those who would like to follow along with the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament starting on March 18. No basketball knowledge required, just the desire to win some $$ and support our school in the process. We have a limited number of tickets to sell and sales will end on Friday, March 5.

Here is a video to help explain the process. Once you receive your card(s) you must log onto this website and activate it with your information. Each card purchased has a unique code that you can enter at anytime online. Along with your entry into the game as an added bonus you will also receive $10 worth of free music downloads should you choose to use it.

Just prior to the start of the tournament you will be assigned 8 teams randomly and track their scores at the end of each game, tally them and win cash prizes based on the results. You can sign up via email or download an app to track your progress. The PTSG will be following along with your activated card(s) as well and be notified should you win any of the prizes and your winnings will be mailed to you.

We thank you for your support and participation in this new fundraiser. Please reach out directly to Maria Hawkins (maria.hawkins@tfanh.org) or Cassie McNelly (cassie.mcnelly@tfanh.org) with any questions. Here is the link to purchase a ticket.

Other

Breakthrough Manchester

Breakthrough Manchester is recruiting a group of 40 6th grade students into the program. Click here to see what Breakthrough has to offer, and click here to learn more and apply! Application deadline is April 1.

Last Call for HighTech Bound Applications

The HighTech Bound application closes Sunday, March 7, 2021.

- Program designed for rising high school seniors
- Five week virtual summer internship starting July 12
- Develop real world technical skills
- Get paid to learn and network with new people
- Learn about working with the latest technology
- All materials will be provided

Click here to apply!

John Stark Essay Contest

For middle school students:

John Stark was promoted in rank when he did something brave that helped Americans reach victory. Have you done something under pressure that helped you or someone else? What did you do, and how did it feel to step out of your comfort zone for a good cause? How was your modern brave act similar and different to John Stark's brave acts in his lifetime?

For high school students:

John Stark was promoted in rank when he took action to help Americans reach victory. Do you think the size of your victory depends on how much action you take to get there? Would John Stark have been as successful and remembered today if he had taken smaller actions? What was John Stark's biggest action and biggest victory? Was his victory worth his actions? Why or why not?

Choose the prompt that excites you the most, even if you are not in the respective grade level.

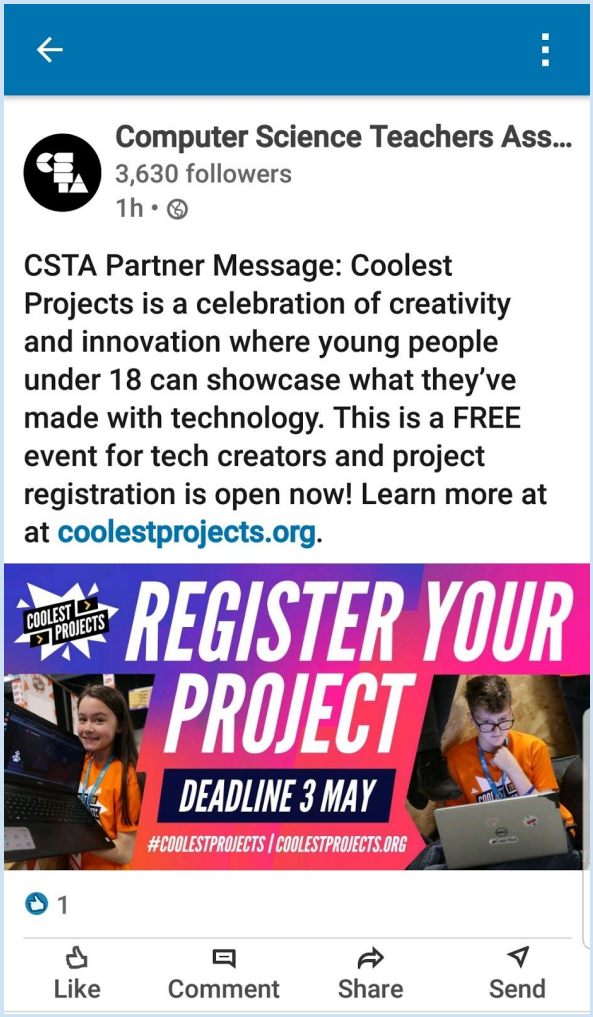
Due: March 31, 2021

Prize: $50 for middle and high school winner

Additional requirements:

- Evidence of comprehensive and accurate historical research
- Utilization and consistent citation of at least 2 resources
- Adherence to theme, demonstrating substantial supporting detail
- Proper MLA citations. You can find a guide here.
- Essays must be free of plagiarism. You can read about plagiarism and how to avoid it here.
- Works Cited – Only sources cited in the body of the paper should appear on the Works Cited.
- Maximum of 1200 words.

Computer Science: Coolest Projects



Essay Contest

This year, the Midwest Center for Holocaust Education's annual essay contest theme is propaganda during the Holocaust. The deadline for submission is March 30, 2021. Click here for more information.

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!

Admissions

Refer-a-Friend to The Founders Academy

Calling all TFA students and families! Admissions is open for the 2021-2022 school year and we know word of mouth from our students and families is our best, most effective marketing! Share what you love about The Founders Academy with a friend, neighbor, or teammate and when someone you know attends a Virtual Open House and completes the TFA online application package, you'll receive a FREE TFA water bottle!

Have more than one friend that's applied to TFA? For each additional referral that attends a Virtual Open House and submits a completed application, you'll be entered into a drawing to win a FREE TFA sweatshirt!

We'll pull the winner of the sweatshirt on March 15, 2021 when admissions closes for the 2021-2022 school year.

Questions? Please contact Sue Forsyth at susan.forysth@tfanh.org for more information.

The online application now includes a field for a referral name. Make sure the families you know include your name in this area when applying to get credit for this incentive.

Thank you for helping us spread the word about our great school!

College

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, March 17
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

Thank You PTSG!

Thank you to the PTSG for voting to purchase 25 headsets without mics as well as 5 headsets with mics! We are also grateful to them for funding the Family Chunky's Bingo Night on March 19.

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 $787 to go!

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 Items

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

Most Needed Items List

Founders On Social Media

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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:

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