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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

We have been in contact with the Manchester School District and have learned they do not plan to provide door to door service for students who attend a charter school. This is highly disappointing and we are continuing to work with them to try to get the best service possible. One option we are looking into is having more hubs to make them more accessible to families. If you are a family in need of busing, please send me an email describing your need to help support my testimony to the district. I plan to have a meeting with them next week or the week after. Feel free to reach out if you'd like to discuss this further.

-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

FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE

Please review the final exam schedule here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AFTk2zQRNs0EAgzJxGXhcYN_bqNhR7Rf6p63MJ-IIBc/edit?usp=sharing

UPDATED 2020/21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Here is the updated calendar for this school year, **2020-2021**.

2020/21 School Calendar

Calendarpedia
Your source for calendars

September 2020						
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Updated: 4/22/21

Last Day of School - 6/11

Graduation - 6/19

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

Federal holidays 2020/21

Sep 7, 2020	Labor Day	Nov 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day	Jan 1, 2021	New Year's Day	May 31, 2021	Memorial Day
Oct 12, 2020	Columbus Day	Dec 25, 2020	Christmas Day	Jan 18, 2021	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4, 2021	Independence Day
Nov 11, 2020	Veterans Day			Feb 15, 2021	Presidents' Day	Jul 5, 2021	Indep. Day (obs.)

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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

Please click highlighted locations for website link.

*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.



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School News

SAS Makeup Days

SAS makeup for grades 6-8 will be during final exam week on **June 8, 9, and 10**. The makeups will be held in the afternoon after finals, at **12:45 pm**. There will be one makeup test per day. Students who need to make up the SAS test should plan to stay for the afternoon session during final exam week to complete the testing.

Middle School Field Day

Field Day for Middle School (6-8) is on Thursday, May 27. Students should bring lunch, and come prepared for all day outdoors.

Sunscreen, hats and water bottles are recommended. To buy a Kona ice at lunchtime, students will need \$3.00-5.00. The school store will also be open for students to purchase items.

Cars will not be able to park in the front driveway. If you need to park, park in the back of the

building. For afternoon pick-up, cars will not be allowed in the driveway before 3:00 pm. Students should plan to attend school for the full day.

Students who are not participating in field day will not have classes on this day.

Form for 8th Grade Step-Up Day

On Wednesday, June 9 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm we will be hosting an 8th grade step up at The Founders Academy to recognize our students leaving middle school and beginning high school.

Dean Hayes will be handing certificates to all 8th graders and posing for a photo with each student. We are asking that each family fill out [this form](#) to indicate your preference for a photo of your 8th grader with Dean Hayes. (Please note that Dean Hayes is fully vaccinated.) Please indicate your choice below. On June 9 students will be photographed according to your wishes.

Please note that in the event of rain, this will be changed to an online event.

Please fill out this form by **Tuesday, June 1, 2021**.

Memorial Day Flag Fundraiser



This Memorial Day, The Founders Academy will be honoring our deceased military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces with a Flag Fundraiser.

With a donation of \$20, we will place an American flag around our school tied with a yellow ribbon containing the name of your loved one. 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Yellow Ribbon Fund charity that helps returning American service men and women, injured during active service, who are recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital. Fill out [this form](#) to purchase a flag.

Parent/Guardian Survey

The mission committee is looking for your input. Please fill out [this survey](#) at your earliest convenience.

Board of Trustees: New Committee

The Founders Academy Board of Trustees is forming a committee to create teacher renewal criteria. If you are interested in participating on this committee, please email Dean Hayes. More information will go directly to those who are interested.

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.



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!**

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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

High School Field Trip - Student Senate

Please Help Support the High School Field Trip!

On Thursday, May 20th and Friday, May 21st, the Student Senate will be going to cars during car pickup to collect money to help pay for the High School Field Trip.

Donations can also be made to this cause by donating to the Senate through check or the school's Paypal. If you would like to write a check to help support the High School Field Trip, please put into the memo "Senate Sponsor a Student". If you would like to donate through Paypal, please use this link: https://www.paypal.com/donate?hosted_button_id=WZGGJ39ZVFB4U

Other

UNH Tech Camp

All Tech Camp Online and In-Person Summer Programs Offered Free to Participants!

UNH Tech Camp was founded more than a decade ago to inspire middle and high school students (grades 5-12) through collaborative, hands-on activities that bring science, technology, engineering and mathematics to life. Tech Camp is open to all levels of experience — an inquisitive mind and sense of adventure are all that are required to enroll!

This summer, Tech Camp is offering free online sessions for grades 5-12 that explore a range of STEM-related subject areas — from computer coding and robotics to forensic science and structural engineering — through a dynamic, project-based learning format that emphasizes creative thinking and problem solving.

New, in-person sessions focused on regenerative medicine and biofabrication are also being offered for grades 8-12 at Dover High School. These sessions are part of NH CREATES, a workforce development initiative at UNH. All required COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed.

Tech Camp is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive community. Students from all ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds are encouraged to apply!

Please note that space in all Tech Camp programs is limited. To be considered for one of the available slots, we are requiring that all students complete an online application.

Special thanks to the U.S. Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration through the National Summer Transportation Institute program and the National Institutes of Health for their generous support.

Please visit ceps.unh.edu/outreach/tech-camp for more information. Contact Dr. Carmela Amato-Wierda, Tech Camp Faculty Director, at ccaw@unh.edu with questions.

Donations

Pop-Up Tent Loan

Drama Club is looking for a few pop-up tents to borrow to store items in. We are planning on outdoor performances and would use these tents to store some set pieces and props outside. If anyone has one that they are willing to loan for this, please contact Ms. Mote at k.mote@tfanh.org!

Highly Needed Items

The school is looking for **cases of water** and **Scotch tape**. 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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