



# The Founders Academy

*A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12*

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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER**

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## From the Dean of School

### Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

Happy April! Spring is in the air, baseball is back, and the days are getting longer. This is an important time of year for students to stay focused on their academics. There are a lot of distractions this time of year but we still have 2 full months of school. I am proud of the accomplishments students have made thus far and looking forward to finishing the year strong!

Thank you for your support.

-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](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission__vision)

## Need to Know

### MISSION-BASED ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

Teenage entrepreneurs. Cory Nieves (16) is the founder and CEO of Mr. Cory's Cookies. His entrepreneurial journey started very early; one of Nieves' first ventures was selling Swiss Miss for \$1 a cup. As a teenager, when he sensed an opportunity, he started searching for the perfect cookie recipe. Soon, he and his mom began taking their cookies everywhere. Today, the company has over 14 flavors.

What ideas do you have for starting a business offering either goods (like Cory's Cookies) or a services, such as fixing computers or mowing lawns? Brainstorm with

your family.

## Course Selection 22-23

It is hard to believe, but we are quickly approaching the end of the 2021-2022 school year! With that in mind, it is time to plan for the next school year and sign up for courses.

**For those families who have students who will be withdrawing from Founders after this year and either going to a different school or will be homeschooled**, please follow this link so that we can work to get your information ready to be sent out in a timely manner at the end of the year:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflPII0RxbPATcmld9tOHY1WoZ0pWo02XroQHF4dwkxEXLYJw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSflPII0RxbPATcmld9tOHY1WoZ0pWo02XroQHF4dwkxEXLYJw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**For those families that plan on having students attend Founders next year for Grades 5-8**, please follow this link to confirm your spot(s) and to sign up for courses. **This should be completed by Friday, April 15th to secure your spot for next year.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesaYQuXnmxWFtlnAM0KI0gBmaRb8obvgXCYH8zRvk\\_5U4Qdg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesaYQuXnmxWFtlnAM0KI0gBmaRb8obvgXCYH8zRvk_5U4Qdg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

**For those families that plan on having students attend Founders next year for Grades 9-12**, course sign-up will take place in May. Parents and students will begin to receive information in April regarding this process.

Thank you!

Greg McKenzie  
Registrar

## PARENT EXEMPTION FORM STATE TESTING

If you would prefer to exempt your student from taking state testing, please click on [this link](#). To fill out the form you can either print it and send it into school with your student, or you can make a copy of the document (click File in the left-hand corner, then click Make a Copy), fill it out, and email it to [cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto:cassie.hayes@tfanh.org).

## SCHOOL MD CONSENT FORM

As you are aware, we have medical personnel on staff from 7am to 10am every day. From 10am-3pm they are offering remote services for us to access. If a student needs minor medical assistance, like a COVID test or other diagnostic services, we call the parent for consent. To expedite this process, we have created a form that parents can fill out to give us consent for our medical personnel to work with students.

[Here](#) is the consent form. Once you click the link, a message will pop up saying "Would you like to make a copy of the document?" **Please make sure you click the blue button that says "Make a copy."** This will ensure that you can fill out the document.

Completed forms can be emailed or dropped off to the front desk.

## Yard Sale!

Cocheco Academy of the Arts will be holding a Moving Sale on April 16, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Schools sales locations are 40 Hampshire Circle and 4 Tolend Road, both in Dover, NH. All NH Charter Schools are invited to the sale with 50% off all prices to anyone with a charter school ID. Many items will be cash and carry. Some will need to be picked up at the end of the school year. There will be lots of textbooks, classroom furniture, office furniture, office supplies, storage cabinets, lockers, and more. Everything must go. Any questions should be directed to Brenda McCartney at [bmccartney@cochecoarts.org](mailto:bmccartney@cochecoarts.org).

## BEFORE SCHOOL CARE/AFTERNOON HOMEWORK CLUB

**Notice: When you send in a check or cash for before school care and/or homework club, please specify on the check or the envelope which dates you are paying for and if you are paying for before school care, homework club, or both.**

Founders offers before and after school care for students. These programs will start the first day of school. Before school care allows for students to be dropped off at 7am (as opposed to regular drop off at 7:20). After school care, Homework Club, runs from 3:15-6:00pm. Students will have academic and social/emotional support during Homework Club.

To join these programs, please fill out this [form](#).

## Apparel Store NOW OPEN!

The apparel store is now open for our spring sale! Get your orders in by April 10th. New items available!

[https://stores.inksoft.com/the\\_founders\\_academy/shop/home](https://stores.inksoft.com/the_founders_academy/shop/home)

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED



The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the 2021-2022 school year!

Subjects covered can vary. Both day by day and permanent positions available: hours are 7:30 AM until 3:30PM. The rate is \$75/per day.

Please send resume and recommendations to Jackie Meilleur, The Founders Academy, 5 Perimeter Road, Manchester, NH 03103 or [j.meilleur@tfanh.org](mailto:j.meilleur@tfanh.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
7th Grade SAS and 10th Grade SAT	April 13, 2022
NJHS Geography Bee	April 13, 2022

## 2021/22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar for the 2021/22 school year. **Updated 10/22/2021**

[http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2021\\_-\\_22\\_school\\_calendar](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2021_-_22_school_calendar)

## School News

### March/April Schedule

Due to the SAT/SAS Testing Days and Teacher Workshop Days coming up over the next month, we want to make sure everyone is informed on what the schedule will be.

#### **Week of April 4-8**

- Normal 5-day week

#### **Week of April 11-15**

- Monday - Classes will follow a normal MONDAY schedule
- Tuesday - Classes will follow a normal TUESDAY schedule. Quarter #3 Report Cards distributed.
- Wednesday - Testing - 7th Grade (SAS), 10th Grade (PSAT); Grades 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 - No School
- Thursday - Classes will follow a WEDNESDAY schedule
- Friday - Classes will follow a THURSDAY schedule

#### **Week of April 18-22**

- Monday - Classes will follow a normal MONDAY schedule
- Tuesday - Classes will follow a normal TUESDAY schedule
- Wednesday - Testing - 8th Grade (SAS), 9th/11th Grade (PSAT/SAT Make-ups if needed); Grades 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 - No School

- Thursday - Classes will follow a WEDNESDAY schedule
- Friday - Classes will follow a THURSDAY schedule

### **Week of April 25-29**

- APRIL VACATION!!!

## **Senior Walk with Manchester Police Department**

The Manchester Police Department hosts senior walks once per week with seniors in the community. They have invited The Founders Academy to partner with them so the participants are able to chat with current middle and high schoolers. We are looking for student volunteers to participate in this community service event. Additionally, we are looking for 1-2 parent drivers to help transport the students to and from school. Please know this event takes place during the school day. Here is more information on the program:

The Manchester Police Community Affairs Division announces the 2022 Spring Senior Walks. These walks allow seniors to exercise, socialize and experience Manchester with Manchester police officers. Walks are held Monday mornings at 9am unless otherwise noted. The walks are approx. 2-3 miles and take about one hour to complete.

April 11, 2022 Manchester River Walk - East

Meet at the Hilton Garden Inn Hotel parking lot @ 101 S. Commercial St.

April 18, 2022 Rock Rimmon Meet behind Northwest Elementary School on Youville St, in the parking lot next to the baseball fields

April 26, 2022 Livingston Park

Meet in parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln.

May 2, 2022 Manchester River Walk - West

Meet at the rear of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St.

May 9, 2022 Weston Tower

Meet at the parking lot near the baseball field across from Trinity High School

May 16, 2022 Manchester/Goffstown Rail Trail

Meet at the front of the West Side Ice Arena @ Electric St

May 23, 2022 Rockingham Rec Trail

Meet at the old CVS, 271 Mammoth Rd. Please do not park against building

May 31, 2022 Livingston Park

Meet in parking lot near the playground, Hooksett Rd. @ Redcoat Ln

June 6, 2022 Massabesic Lake Trail

Meet in the paved parking lot off Londonderry Turnpike, Just south of the Massabesic Traffic Circle

## **NHDOE Survey**

The [New Hampshire Department of Education](https://www.nh.gov/education) wants to hear from you. The annual 603 Bright

Futures survey is now available, with specific surveys for Families, Educators and the Community. It's well worth your time to provide input that can help guide state education policy.

The 603 Bright Futures Survey is available now through April 29. This spring, it is especially important to hear feedback from your district and community. It has been two years since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and much has changed since that time. While communities start to recover from all of the disruptions, it is critical to understand how staff, families and communities have been impacted, and how they will move forward to plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Survey link:

👤 Families: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/nhdoe/family>

## John Stark Day Celebration



Back by popular demand...please join us for our **John Stark Day Scavenger Hunt and Online Event!**

We held this event last year to rave reviews! This is the same event but with **NEW clues** and **NEW locations to discover!**

### **John Stark Day Scavenger Hunt**

Friday, April 8th at 3:10 pm and runs until Monday, April 11th at 5:00 pm

Clues located around the Manchester area!

### **Celebrating General John Stark -- An Online Event**

Monday, April 11th at 6:30 pm

To register, click [here!](#)

Would you, your family, or your company like to sponsor this event? [Sponsorship](#) comes with great perks and community visibility!

## High School Information Night

We were excited to have so many of you at our high school information night. We know some of you were not able to make it due to weather so [here](#) are the slides that were presented. Please reach out to Mrs. Tencza ([andrea.tencza@tfanh.org](mailto:andrea.tencza@tfanh.org)) with additional questions.

## Receive College Credit for Taking Courses at The Founders Academy

The Founders Academy has partnered up with Manchester Community College to help students receive college credit while simultaneously completing courses for high school credit. What does this mean? Students take a class during the school day here at Founders and receive credit towards their high school graduation and towards their college degree.

Through the Running Start Program, students can enroll in courses of their choice and pay only \$150 for the entire 3-credit course. Even if students don't plan on attending Manchester Community College upon graduation from high school, these college credits transfer to many different colleges and universities. (For reference, the 2022 tuition for in-state undergraduate courses at the University of New Hampshire is \$471 per credit: <https://www.unh.edu/registrar/tuition-fees>).

At this time, students at The Founders Academy can receive college credit/high school credit towards 2 English courses: College Writing and Creative Writing. College Writing is considered a prerequisite to Creative Writing, so if you'd like to receive college credit for both of these courses, they must be taken in sequential order: College Writing in the fall semester and Creative Writing in the spring semester. All courses also need 5 students enrolled in the Running Start Program in order to run.

If you are planning your academic schedule ahead of time, please consider this amazing opportunity! Students have the chance to graduate from The Founders Academy with 2 college courses already completed and 6 college credits on their transcript for just \$300.00.

If you have questions about the **Running Start Program at Manchester Community College**, please contact Major Wheelock: [mwheelock@ccsnh.edu](mailto:mwheelock@ccsnh.edu).

If you have questions about the **College Writing** and **Creative Writing** courses here at The Founders Academy, please contact Dr. Donnelly: [s.donnelly@tfanh.org](mailto:s.donnelly@tfanh.org).

## Standardized Test Schedule 2021-2022

### SAT/PSAT/SAS (ELA & Math)

- 3/23 (Wed) - Grade 8 (PSAT); Grade 9 (PSAT); Grade 11 (SAT)
- 4/13 (Wed) - Grade 7 (SAS); Grade 10 (PSAT) - 125 Total Students
- 4/20 (Wed) - Grade 8 (SAS); Grade 9 & 11 (PSAT & SAT Makeups)
- Anytime in April/May - Grade 6 (SAS) - Rest of school will have normal day(s)

If students are not testing on these days, they will NOT have school.

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

- Grade 8
  - 5/4 & 5/5 (Wednesday/Thursday)
- Grade 11



- 5/11 (Wednesday)

## **Clubs and Programs**

### **Running/Walking Club**

Running/Walking Club with Mrs. Nichols will start on Thursday, March 24.

### **Sewing Club**

Sewing Club will be held every Tuesday after school in the sewing room across from the back hallway bathrooms until 4:30. If you have any questions, please email Gini Nichols at [v.nichols@tfanh.org](mailto:v.nichols@tfanh.org).

### **Theatre Club**

Theatre Club meets Thursday afternoons directly after school until 4:45. Pick-up will be at the back right corner of the school.

## **Other**

**PTSG Bingo Night!**



# FOUNDERS FAMILY



# BINGO NIGHT

Space is limited,  
please register:

**Monday, April 18th  
5:30-8:00PM**

<https://tinyurl.com/2p86wwma>

**Chunky's Cinema  
Manchester**

**Free Admission!  
Food is available for purchase  
BINGO starts at 6:30**

## Join the PTSG!



# JOIN US!

**Connect with other Founders Community Members online**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/foundersacademycommunity>

**Join PTSG!**

This group meets monthly to provide support for the staff and students and promote student leadership and family engagement!

<https://tinyurl.com/ms3m7xhs>



**Drop off \$10 gift cards to local food places at the front desk for weekly staff appreciation drawings!**

## SAVE THE DATE!

- February 22- **Parent Advisory Committee**, 6PM @ Founders Library. Come and connect with the Founders School Board.
- March 23- **Parent Appreciation Night**, 5:30-8PM @ Chunky's
- May 2-6 **Staff Appreciation Week**
- End of May/ Beginning June- **Summer Send Off**

PTSG Monthly Meetings

March 8  
April 5  
May 3  
June 7

## Congrats Sophia H!

Congratulations, Sophia H on your performance in Cinderella!



### 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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Each Car In  
Your Family!



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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: \$

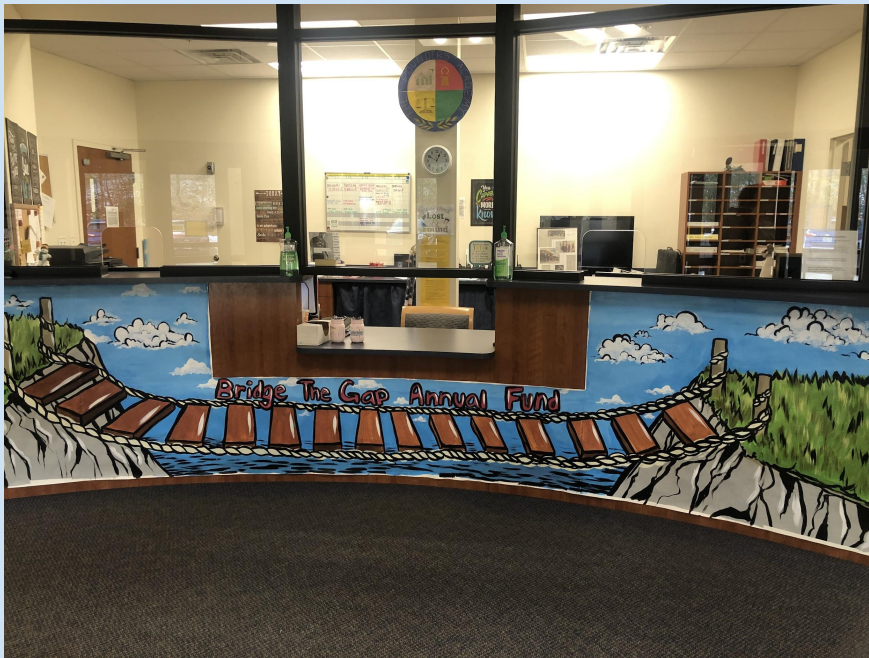
Make checks payable to The Founders Academy

## Donations

### Special Ed. Department Request

As you may know, teachers love organization! The special education department is requesting [these dividers](#) to help organize student documents and better meet the needs of the students they service. Thank you in advance!

## Bridge the Gap



[Annual Fund Letter from Dean Hayes](#)

## Founders On Social Media

### Follow Us!

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:



