



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,

As a reminder as the weather changes, please review the student dress code with your student. The Founders Academy has a [dress code](#) that is clearly stated in the student handbook. This was created by students and revised a few years ago through a student lead initiative. The biggest issue we are seeing these days is the rips in jeans. According to this dress code there should be "No inappropriately placed rips, tears, or holes in clothing (patched holes and cold shoulder shirts are acceptable)". Thank you for your help to enforce this dress code.

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

MISSION-BASED ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

At one point in its history the Amoskeag Mills in Manchester, NH were the largest textile mills in the world, employing 17,000 people. Most of the workers were immigrants. Where did these immigrants come from and why did they come?

Does your family have any ancestors who came to work in the mills?

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/1FAIpQLSfIP1I0RxbPAatcmld9tOHy1WoZ0pWo02XroQHF4dwkxE XLYJw/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 15** to secure your spot for next year. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesaYQuXnmxWfTlnAM0K10gBmaRb8obvgXCyH8zRvk_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.

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.

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](#).

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.

SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
NJHS Spring Induction	Tuesday, April 19 @6:30pm

Middle School Movie Night	Friday, April 22 @6pm
High School Movie Night	Saturday, April 2 @6pm
SPRING BREAK!	April 25-29

2021/22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2021_-_22_school_calendar

School News

8th Grade Celebration

Hello 8th grade parents and guardians!

We are excited to announce that with the support of a committee of 8th grade parents, we are currently planning a ceremony and celebration to honor our students. This event will take place on Saturday, June 11th from 1:00-4:30pm offsite in Concord. Additional details will become available once finalized and an official invite will be sent in the coming weeks.

We are anticipating there will be a cost of \$25.00 - \$30.00 per student for this event. This fee will include the following for your student:

- Class T-Shirt
- Certificate with memory keepsake
- Celebration dance with refreshments/snacks and a DJ

Please take a moment to fill out this form regarding your expected attendance at this event. We ask that you estimate as accurately as possible as this information will help the committee determine guest tickets need to be limited due to capacity requirements. If the cost is a barrier, please email me directly at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org.

<https://forms.gle/qUnvSaRnFxnNeHGv6>

Please do your best to fill out one per student/household and we ask that you respond by **Sunday, April 17**.

Keep an eye out for more information, sign up sheets for volunteer needs and size requests for shirts in the following weeks.

Yard Sale!

Cochecho Academy of the Arts will be holding a Moving Sale on April 16, 2022 from 9:00 am to 1:00

pm. School 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.

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 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!!!

Parent Advisory Committee

Dear Founders Community,

I hope this email finds you well.

We are pleased to announce The Founders Academy Board of Trustees is currently searching for parent board members for the 2022-2023 academic year. Several important dates are below regarding this search.

As stated in our charter, our Parent Advisory Committee will conduct the search for nominees. If you are interested, please fill out the survey below and review the dates. We encourage all interested parties to attend the April 20, 2022 board meeting at 7:00 PM. This will provide an opportunity to observe a meeting and provide an introduction during Public Comments.

The dates are listed below. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to Kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org.

- All Candidates Encouraged to attend Board Mtg 4/20/2022
- Parent Responses to Google Form located [here](#) by 4/21/2022
- Current Parent Board Representatives will be available for questions at the following events: NJHS History/Geography Bee 4/13, Chunky's Family Bingo Night 4/18, NJHS Spring Induction 4/19 or by email -- Susan.Lawton@tfanh.org/Scott.Perron@tfanh.org
- Committee Meeting/Interviews May 2 and/or May 3.

- Candidate Presentation to Board 5/18/2022

Field Day Volunteers

Hello Founders Parents,

Junior high field day is going to take place on May 20 on campus. The day's schedule is filled with activities for our students. We could certainly use some parent volunteers to help make the day a great success. Volunteer roles would include: supervising structured activities, assisting activity supervisors in facilitating events, general help with logistics and supervision for the day, etc. Please reach out to a.mihaly@tfanh.org if you have any interest in volunteering and helping make field day an awesome event for our students!

NHDOE Survey

The [New Hampshire Department of Education](https://www.nhdoe.com/) 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!

YEARBOOK!

Founders Academy Yearbooks!

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older.

- 1 Go to www.treering.com/validate
- 2 Enter your school's passcode: 1015266444493125

Regular Price: **\$34.90**

*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

You will be asked to create an account with TreeRing or log in if you have purchased a yearbook in the past.

If you have any questions please email Jackie Meilleur J.meilleur@tfanh.org

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.

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.

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.

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

**BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY!
MEET OTHER
TFA FAMILIES!**

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!

A flyer for the PTSG (Parent Teacher Student Group) with a light blue background and a white grid pattern. The text is in orange and black. It includes a QR code and a list of events. The flyer is decorated with school-related icons like a pencil, paperclip, and eraser.

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

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

Donations

Highly Needed Items

We are currently in need of **paper towels** and **tissues**. Thank you in advance!

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:



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