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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

The Founders community is buzzing these days! We have so many great things going on. It's a wonderful time of year to be an Eagle!

We have noticed a lot more students coming to school after 7:45. Please try to get your child to school before 7:45 so they are in their classroom at 7:45 when class begins. This will cause the least amount of disruption in their day. Thanks for your help!

The Founders community is dedicated to giving back. Please know there are a few fundraisers going on to give back to our community. This week I would like to highlight the toy and food drive:

The Senate Fundraising Committee will be selling Candy Grams for two dollars. The gram includes a personal message and a candy cane! The committee will be going to Round Tables starting December 8 to December 14. The candy grams will be delivered on December 16 and 17. The candy grams are a perfect gift for the holiday!

-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

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 now 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.

POSITIONS OPEN

We are looking to fill these following positions:

- Paraprofessional
- Full time special education

If you are interested in any of these positions or know of anyone who would be interested, resumes can be sent to Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org.

SASS RESULT ACCOUNT LOG-IN

To find your students' SASS results, follow [these instructions](#) to log in to your account.

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](#).

CALL LIST FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school delays, unplanned early dismissals, or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system. Due to this year's pandemic, it is especially important for parents/guardians to receive these calls so that we can quickly distribute information regarding our school.

Please fill out [this form](#) to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **We begin each school year with a blank call list, so if you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

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:
Restaurant Night - Chipotle Fundraiser	December 11, 2021 from 3-7pm
Tri-M Induction	December 16, 2021 at 6pm
No School - Winter Vacation	Monday 12/20 through Friday 12/31

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

Ugly Sweater/Shirt Day



We will be having Ugly Sweater/Shirt Day on Thursday, December 16. Come to school decked out in your ugliest shirt or sweater for the winter/holiday season!

Founders Community Night Out

Are you interested in a night out on Friday, January 7, 2022 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm during the Middle School Winter Games night? This would be open to all parents, no matter the age of your child or if they are attending Winter Games Night or not. We're trying to see if enough families are interested in having a private TFA event at AR Workshop in Manchester. The cost would be \$50 per person and the evening would include working on a wood sign or wood photo frame. Please respond to Sue Forsyth at susan.forsyth@tfanh.org by December 15 if you're interested.

Soccer Interest Form

Dr. Donnelly's Round Table has worked hard to form the idea of creating a soccer team, or some other sports team for the school. In order to get things rolling, a survey is being conducted to see how much interest is amongst the students. The survey is being sent out to all families so discussions and decisions at home can be made. We ask that all of you please fill out this questionnaire because it will either tell us to move forward with the process or come to a screeching halt. Make sure you answer honestly and thank you all in advance from Dr. Donnelly's Round Table.

To fill out the form, click [here](#).

PCR At-Home Tests


The state contracted with Vault Health to supply PCR at-home saliva tests for 100,000 residents that can be requested at <https://learn.vaulthealth.com/nh/>.

Chipotle Fundraiser

The Chipotle fundraiser is held to raise money for The Founders Academy Food Pantry, in support of the "No Kid Hungry" National Campaign.

In an effort to fight childhood hunger, Chipotle will donate 33% of the sales to the school's Food Pantry. The fundraiser will be on December 11 from 3-7 PM. We would appreciate your continued support of the school as families are out and about completing their holiday shopping lists, errands, or just looking for a tasty treat for themselves and their families.

If you want to order online for pickup, use the code **L86PC47**, or show the flyer in-restaurant.




**DO GOOD
WITH CHIPOTLE**

CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR
**THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY
FOOD PANTRY**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH | 3-7PM
926 S WILLOW ST, MANCHESTER, NH, 03103

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **L86PC47**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT

 **CHIPOTLE**

For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

NJHS 2021 Holiday Angel Tree Program

The National Junior Honor Society, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and school administration, is proud to sponsor **The Founders Academy 2021 Angel Tree Program** for the upcoming holiday/winter season. There are two ways that families can participate - as a donor, or as a recipient.

For recipients: We are currently accepting requests for the 2021 program. Please fill out [this form](#) if you would like to be considered for assistance. **Participation is confidential** and gift delivery will be coordinated through school administrators and the student services department. Your privacy will always be respected.

For donors: For every item requested from the recipients in our community, an “ornament” will be placed on our Angel Tree in the front lobby of the school. Please [sign up here](#) to indicate your interest and ability to be a donor Angel.

Together, we can make this upcoming holiday season and winter a little brighter, and warmer, for those in need. Now is the time to come together as a community to show our children that citizenship and service are alive and well at The Founders Academy!

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)

SASS Testing - Asymptomatic COVID Testing

Convenient MD and The New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services has partnered with The Founders Academy to offer the Safer at School Screening (SASS) Program for this school year.

With a common goal of full, in-person learning in mind, Convenient MD will be performing free COVID-19 testing of asymptomatic students, staff, and faculty on a bi-weekly basis at Founders. Parents and staff must opt in to this program to be tested.

If you would like to opt in to this program for your child, please click [here](#).

Admissions

Enrollment for 2022-2023 School Year

On Wednesday, September 15, 2021, The Founders Academy public charter school opened admissions for the 2022-2023 school year. To apply for admission, visit our website at

www.thefoundersacademy.org.

The deadline for applications and associated materials to be submitted is **March 15, 2022**.

The Founders Academy is an open enrollment, public charter school serving grades 5-12. New Hampshire applicants who meet the school's admission criteria may apply. The school may accept out-of-state applicants at a fee to be set annually, on a space-available basis. It is important for any applicant considering enrolling at The Founders Academy to be certain that they are interested in pursuing a rigorous education within the mission and vision of our school.

Founders' curriculum focuses on student character and a classical education, including studies in history, leadership, ethics, debate, business and finance, classical literature as well as the standard high school curriculum of math, science, languages, and the arts.

For more information, please email admissions@tfanh.org or call (603) 952-4705.

The Founders Academy does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, marital status, national/ethnic origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, or disability in its programs, activities, admissions and employment practices. This refers to, but is not limited to, the provisions of the following laws:

Titles IV, VI, and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 - race color, national origin

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967

- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX) - sex
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) - disability
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) - disability
- NH Law against discrimination (RSA 354-A)
- Title XV Section 194-B:1

Clubs

Sewing Club

Sewing Club is starting on Tuesday, December 7. It 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 g.nichols@tfanh.org.

Pat's Peak Ski Program



2022 LEARN TO SKI & RIDE PROGRAM

We take great pride in holding the title, The Premier Teaching Mountain in New Hampshire. Our professional instructors gear every lesson toward the student's age and ability, while providing a fun learning environment.

Everyone staying healthy is our #1 priority!
Most up-to-date information at:
patspeak.com/healthandsafety



PLUS: NH SKI & RIDE BONUS

FREE Full Day/All Lift ticket to THREE NH Mountains. Valid starting Monday, February 28, 2022 through the end of each mountain's respective ski season. Valid for students only.



LEARNING AND FUN, IT'S WHAT WE DO BEST!

WHAT IS THIS PROGRAM?

- Weekday 5-Week Learn to Ski & Ride Series
- Participants receive a 1-hour lesson (if signed up for lessons) from a Pats Peak instructor and free ski/ride time.
- Program Dates: Wednesdays January 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and February 2nd, 2022

HOW TO REGISTER?

- It is open to Students and Siblings grades 1 - 12
- Register online at www.patspeak.com/LTSR
Access Code: FAF2022
- Registration Ends: December 21st, 2021
- Additional Registration info:
Please feel free to spread the word and mention to friends who may need an after school ski school opportunity!

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Amy Melder, 724-699-3164, amymelder@hotmail.com

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:

There will be no bus transportation. Parents will need to provide or arrange transportation or carpools.

WHAT ABOUT EQUIPMENT?

- **RENTALS:** Full Rental Packages are available for the program, or for the season.
- **BRING YOUR OWN:** Mark equipment with NAME AND SCHOOL. Unsafe equipment will not be allowed on the mountain.

PEAK PERKS: (DISCOUNTED PRICING)

- CAFÉ CARDS
- PARENT/SIBLING FREQUENT USER CARD AND LIFT TICKETS
- HELMET, GOGGLES AND WATERPROOF MITTENS
- **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT SEASON PASS**
Unlimited Season Pass that is valid for the whole season-you don't have to wait until the program begins to use it! This discounted season pass is only available to the students of the Learn to Ski & Ride Program (must have minimum purchase of lessons. Non-transferable).

IMPORTANT NOTES:

Pricing: Lift/Lesson/Rental \$325, Lift/Lesson \$250, Lift Only/Rental (Level 5+) \$225, Lift Only (Level 5+) \$150, Practice Makes Perfect Season Pass/Lesson \$459, Season Pass Holder/Lesson \$150, see website for all the details on pricing and Peak Perks listed above.



If this program doesn't work for your schedule,
contact Pats Peak about their OPEN PROGRAM: For Individual Sign-Ups (Ages 6-17).

Ski and Snowboard Program

McIntyre Ski Area Ski & Snowboard Program



2022 Learn to Ski and Snowboard Club

The Founders Academy Charter School

Will be partnering with McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester, NH to provide ski & snowboard lessons to students during McIntyre's Mighty Macs after school lesson program! McIntyre has been providing snowsports programs to children for over 25 years. McIntyre provides children with a fun, safe and un intimidating environment to learn a sport that will last them a lifetime!

The Founders Academy Charter School will be attending Snowsports Club at McIntyre on:

Fridays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm beginning January 7th, 2022

Lessons will take place on: Jan 7th, Jan 14th, Jan 21st, Jan 28th, and Feb 4th.

What is the Mighty Macs program?

- Consecutive 5 weeks Learn to Ski and Snowboard.
- Two-hour lesson with a small group setting of no more than 8 children per group.
- Groups are combined based on age and ability level.

Need Equipment?

- **Rentals:** Rentals are available for the program if you do not have your own equipment.
 - Once registered, stop by McIntyre to be fitted for your rentals.
 - Please check with your school for dates on McIntyre Fitting nights. These nights only - save up to 30% on items in the ski shop.
- **Lease:** We also offer seasonal leases for Ski and Snowboard equipment.
- **Bring your own:** Mark your equipment with your name and school. *Proper gear is required for safety reasons.

What is the cost?

- Mighty Macs Lessons (all 5 weeks)
 - Lessons: \$190
 - Rentals: \$90
 - Helmet Rental \$25
- Registration closes at 9am on December 20th.

How to register:

- Register online at www.mcintyreskiarea.com
 - Click Learn to Ski tab
 - Click School Programs
 - Select The Founders Academy Charter School
 - Fill out the registration form

School Coordinator Contact:

- Jacqueline Lianos
- Jax0777@hotmail.com

Have Questions for McIntyre?

- Email Tom@mcintyreskiarea.com
- Call 603-622-6159
- Visit www.mcintyreskiarea.com

To get more information and to register your student(s), click [here](#).

Theatre Club

From Mr. Dauphinee:

"Theatre will meet Thursday afternoons directly after school until 4:45. Pick-up will be at the back right corner of the school (Not sure how to specify my window/door.) Auditions will be held as soon as the rights to the show are obtained. I have sent an inquiry form to the company regarding the rights to a 30-40 minute comedy. Look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday!
-Mr. D"

PTSG Club

Part of the Parent Teacher Student Group (PTSG) mission is to promote student leadership through various activities throughout the school and to provide opportunities for family engagement. The PTSG is proud to offer an after school club running on Mondays from 3:15- 4:00pm. Open to students of all grades interested in learning leadership, group dynamics, supporting and developing plans for student and family engagement. The group will be promoting school activities, planning and staffing events, and will have the option of participating in volunteer opportunities. If you want more information, please contact PTSG@tfanh.org.

Features

NJHS Staff Appreciation Raffle Drawing

The National Junior Honor Society completed their fall fundraiser this past week and had an opportunity to recognize and thank 6 staff members with some evergreen products that they were selling. The lucky winners of the Staff Appreciation drawing were Mr. Theriaque, Mr. Mihaly, Mr. Morse, Mr. Canetti, Mrs. Nichols, and Mrs. Ragas. The NJHS officers (Theo, Dylan, Amelia, Alexis, and Joel) presented them their prizes this past Monday. Happy Holidays from the entire NJHS membership and THANK YOU to all the teachers and staff for all you do!



Other

COVID Vaccine Sites for Children

If you have children ages 5-11 and you would like them to get the COVID vaccine, click [here](#) for a list of pharmacy sites around New Hampshire that offer the vaccine for those ages.

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

Supply Drive

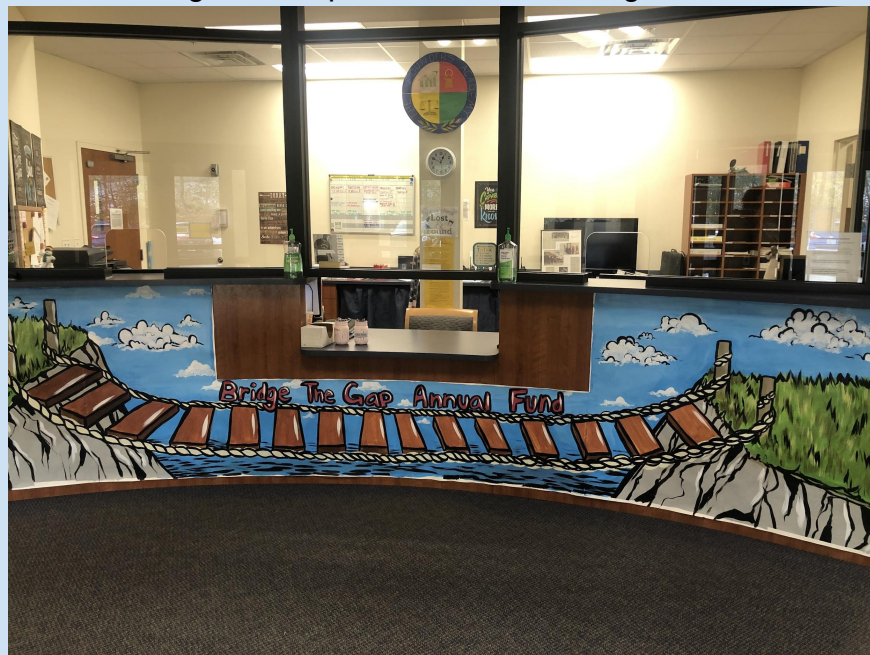
From the PTSG: Hi Founders community. On Saturday, December 18 from 9:00 - 11:00am at The Founders Academy, the PTSG will be helping to take donations for needed supply items for the school to stock up for the rest of the year. The most needed items can be found [here](#). You can just pull up to the school outside the main entrance and we will unload for you. So fill up your sleighs and help us stock up the school. Hope to see you all there!

Mrs. Strub's Round Table Community Service

Mrs. Strub's 8th grade Round Table is collecting donations for The Manchester Animal Shelter this year. We are looking for donations of clean towels, blankets, dried dog and cat food, canned dog and cat food, kitty litter, new toys and unopened dog and cat treats. All donations may be dropped off at Mrs. Strub's classroom #165. We will be collecting donations through December 17. Thank you for considering helping out our local shelter!

Bridge the Gap

Information on the 2021-22 Bridge the Gap fundraiser is coming soon!



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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