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From the Dean of School

Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

The Founders Academy Board of Trustees voted 4-2 on Wednesday to make masks optional, effective Tuesday, February 22, 2022, in all circumstances, unless an individual tests positive for covid-19, at which time CDC guidelines will be followed. This is the only covid procedural change that the board voted to change at this time. The administration is looking at other layers of protection against covid-19 to keep our students and staff safe. As updates are available they will be communicated to families.

When we return to school on Tuesday, students and staff will have the ability to make a choice of if and when they would like to wear a mask. I ask all students, parents, and staff to respect everyone's choice moving forward. Respect is at the top of our leadership code of conduct and disrespectful comments towards an individual regarding their decision to wear a mask or not will not be tolerated.

If you have any questions, please reach out any time.

-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

2:25 PICKUP PROCEDURE

We are aware there are challenges to the 2:25 dismissal procedure. Below are some updated procedures that we are asking all students, staff, and parents to follow.

1. Anyone who is at the school for the full day (students and staff), can park in the back, on the side, or at the far end of the parking lot. No one should be parked at the school for the full day between the hill and the crosswalk.
2. All students who leave a 2:25 should park in the back.
3. Any parent picking up at 3:10 should come to the parking lot AFTER 2:45 to allow time for the 2:25 pickup traffic to clear out.
4. All parents MUST park in a spot for 2:25 pickup. No cars will be allowed on the side of the driveway or on the hill. Students will not be permitted to walk off the property at 2:25 to get a ride in another parking lot. REMINDER: handicap spots are for cars with a handicap pass only.
5. Parents and students should be vigilant while walking and driving in the parking lot.

We will continue to assess the situation and make revisions as needed.

FEBRUARY ROUND TABLE ACTIVITIES FOR HOME

New Hampshire is famous for the “First in the Nation Primary.” What is the purpose of a Presidential primary? How does it work? What happens to the winners of the Presidential primaries in New Hampshire?

NIGHTLOCKS

Students received information about a school community project that we are working on. Each Round Table has been asked to organize a fundraiser to raise funds for the Nightlock for their Round Table room. This is a great way for students to take the lead on a project and give back to their community.

As I mentioned to the students, I want them to get creative and utilize their parents! So, how can you help? Parents and other community members can donate to the installation of the locks and/or other locks in the building. We look forward to all working together to give back to our school community. Please reach out to Dean Hayes for more information.

Here is a video about the Nightlock product:

<https://local12.com/news/nation-world/oxford-high-school-parents-say-nightlock-door-stops-saved-their-kids-lives>

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 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.

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:
Middle School Winter Game Night	February 18
High School Winter Game Night	February 19
No School - Presidents' Day	February 21
No School - February Vacation	February 28 - March 4

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

High School Info Night

There will be a high school information night for incoming high schools on March 9th from 6-7pm. We will review our high school requirements and share information about courses high schoolers can take. 8th graders will be coming home with a packet of information this week.

NJHS Applications

The National Junior Honor Society is starting the process for membership applications for the 2022 Spring induction.

If you are in grades 6-9, have a minimum of 3.33 GPA from the first and second quarters, and are looking for something rewarding, stop by Mr. Lucht's room during J period next week to pick up an application packet. There will be information that you will need to review and complete before the submission deadline.

The deadline is March 18.

If you need more information stop by Mr. Lucht's room 127 or speak with any of the current NJHS members.

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.

Spirit Week

Get your students prepared for Spirit Week! Here's the line-up for the days:

Monday 2/21 - **No School**

Tuesday 2/22 - **Twin Day**

Wednesday 2/23 - **Wacky Wednesday** (mismatched clothing, crazy hair)

Thursday 2/24 - **Hat Day**

Friday 2/25 - **PJ Day**

Soccer Team Survey

From Dr. Donnelly's Round Table:

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 (no pun intended) a survey is being conducted to see how much interest there is among the students. The survey is being sent out to all families so discussions and decisions can occur at home. We ask that all of you please fill out this questionnaire because it will indicate whether we should move forward with our idea. The form can be filled out [here](#). Make sure you answer honestly and thank you all in advance from Dr. Donnelly's Round Table!

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 and Programs

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

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

Summer Camp



New Hampshire Department of Education
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Every New Hampshire kid goes to camp!

Make Summer 2022 the best ever.

Up to \$650 in camp fees* covered.

For the second year in a row, the New Hampshire Department of Education is partnering with New Hampshire camps and school-age summer programs across the state to offer students the unique opportunity to move beyond COVID-19 and be a kid again. Students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities benefit from exposure to short-term summer enrichment programs, including in the areas of challenge, friend-making, positivity, and emotional safety. These are all things that New Hampshire camps and school-age programs do best.

Camp fee eligibility

Eligible students and corresponding youth recreation camp fees include:

\$650 eligible: Students with a disability

\$500 eligible: Students from families earning less than 250% of the federal poverty level

\$350 eligible: Students from families earning less than 400% of the federal poverty level

* Participating camps only

Space is limited!



New Hampshire
Department of Education

Learn more at: RekindlingCuriosityEducation.nh.gov/

Request from PTSG Staff Appreciation Team

The PTSG Staff Appreciation Team is working on a project and we need YOUR HELP! To show

teachers how much we value them we are going to be doing weekly \$10 gift card giveaways! Our idea is that each Friday the Dean will pull the name of a staff member and they will receive a \$10 gift card that has been donated to the PTSG for this purpose.

Will you help by contributing \$10 gift cards?

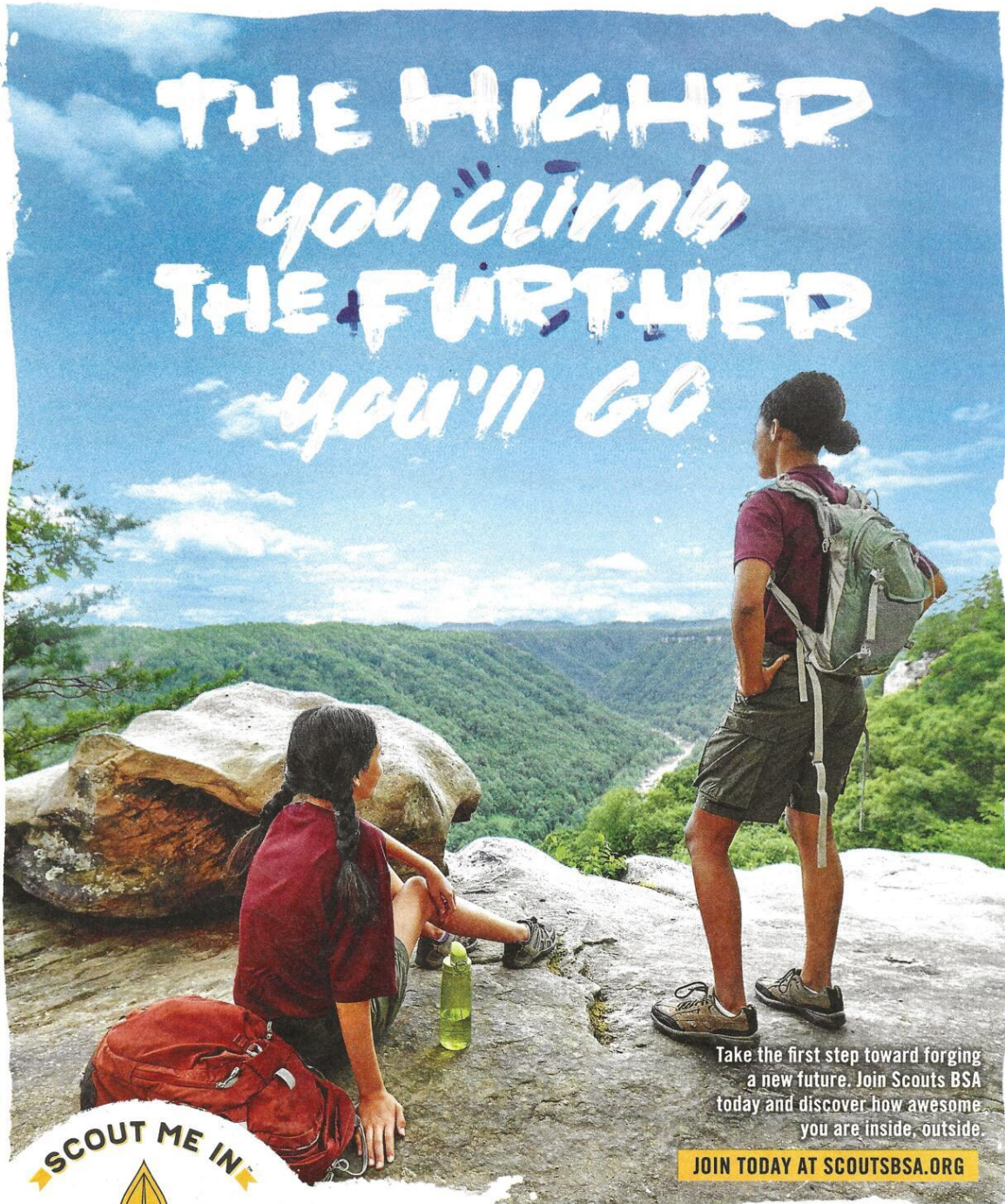
Recommended places are:

- Dunkin Donuts
- Starbucks
- Common Man (there's a store right across from Olive Garden in Manchester)
- D'Angelos
- Trader Joe's (they sell ALL KINDS of treats there)
- Panera

We'd like the teachers to be able to purchase a snack or meal on us! Target and Walmart cards would likely be used on classroom supplies, so we are asking for food establishments.

You can turn the gift cards in at the front desk - please let them know that they are for the PTSG.

Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troop



Take the first step toward forging a new future. Join Scouts BSA today and discover how awesome you are inside, outside.

JOIN TODAY AT SCOUTSBSA.ORG

SCOUT ME IN



Scout BSA Troop 106G meets on Mondays starting March 7th, 2022. Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Elm St. Manchester @ 6:30 PM. All girls grades 5+ (or 11 years old) are welcome. Lots of fun activities for the upcoming year!

Scouts BSA Troop 106B meets on Mondays at 6:30 PM out of Manchester's Blessed Sacrament Church, 14 Elm St. All boys grades 5+ (or 11 years old) welcome.

Black History Month Resources from NH DOE

NHDOE's third Stories of Courage video recognizing Black History Month and created in collaboration with the Woodson Center, is available [here](#). Lesson materials are available [here](#).

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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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

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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