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## **From the Dean of School**

### **Dean Hayes's Weekly Message**



Greetings Founders Community,

This month we are starting a new feature in the newsletter to encourage mission related conversations at home. Students participate in conversations here at school related to our mission and now we want to encourage the entire family to get involved! The board is also taking on Round Table discussions at their meetings to model the process and continue the conversation about the mission. The first one for your to try at home is below!

As always, 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](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/mission__vision)

## **Need to Know**

### **FEBRUARY ROUND TABLE ACTIVITIES FOR HOME**

This month we are starting a new feature in the newsletter to encourage mission related conversations at home. Students participate in conversations here at school related to our mission and now we want to encourage the entire family to get involved! Here is our first one:

In official questionnaires of professors of history, the following Presidents are often listed as our five greatest:

1. George Washington
2. Thomas Jefferson
3. Abraham Lincoln
4. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
5. Dwight D. Eisenhower

What were the major contributions of each of these Presidents to the times in which they lived? Of the Presidents listed, who is your favorite? Are there other Presidents that you would add to this list, and why?

## 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](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 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](mailto:j.meilleur@tfanh.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
NHS Induction	February 16

## 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

### 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!



## Penny Wars

TIME TO DIG THROUGH  
THOSE COUCH CUSHIONS  
AND COLLECT YOUR  
PENNIES!

.....  
**PENNY WAR STARTS FEB. 7TH!**  
.....

PENNIES ARE WORTH 1 POINT. ALL OTHER  
CURRENCY IS WORTH NEGATIVE POINTS.  
THEREFORE YOU WOULD PLACE YOUR SILVER  
COINS & BILLS IN OPPOSING ROUND TABLES  
JUGS, LOWERING THEIR POINT TOTAL.



UPDATES WILL BE PROVIDED AS NEEDED



PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO  
THE ROUND TABLE WITH THE  
MOST MONEY AND THE ROUND  
TABLE WITH THE MOST POINTS.

WILL YOU EARN THE  
LINCOLN BUST THIS  
YEAR?!

EMAIL MARIA FOR QUESTIONS  
[MARIA.HAWKINS@TFANH.ORG](mailto:MARIA.HAWKINS@TFANH.ORG)

## NHDOE Interviews

Currently, the charter school program at NHDOE is being monitored by USED, in a similar fashion to how our program conducts onsite monitoring visits with each of our school grantees. Part of the federal monitoring process is for contractors from WestEd to speak with CSP grantees. Our school has been selected through the USED review process to participate in a virtual interview.

The contractors from USED are not monitoring our school as a grantee, but rather, they are interviewing grantees to evaluate NHDOE's compliance with federal requirements through their partnership with each of you. You may feel free to answer openly and share feedback and information as you see fit.

For parents, they will ask about their history with the school - what attracted them, how they enrolled, what types of activities and services their student(s) participate in. For teachers, they will ask about how long they have taught at the school, what their background is, what types of curriculum they use, and about their PD experiences. Both interviews help give them the perspective of different stakeholders at the school.

If you would like to give your feedback as a parent, please fill out [this form](#).

## Winter Game Nights

The high school senate is looking for donations for the winter game nights, which are postponed until further notice. If you are able to donate please take a look at the sign-up genius [here](#).

## 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](http://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](mailto: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

### Memorial Ski Team

Any eligible student interested in the Memorial High School Ski Team should contact Coach John Rist directly for more information.

John Rist - [rist\\_john@yahoo.com](mailto:rist_john@yahoo.com)  
or text to (603)345-0209

After the new year, we will practice at McIntyre Ski Area on Mondays & Wednesdays. Meets are on Thursdays. All the meets are at Pat's Peak.

Participation is free for students who live in the Memorial School district.



## **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 [g.nichols@tfanh.org](mailto:g.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.

## **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](mailto:PTSG@tfanh.org).

## **Other**

### **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?

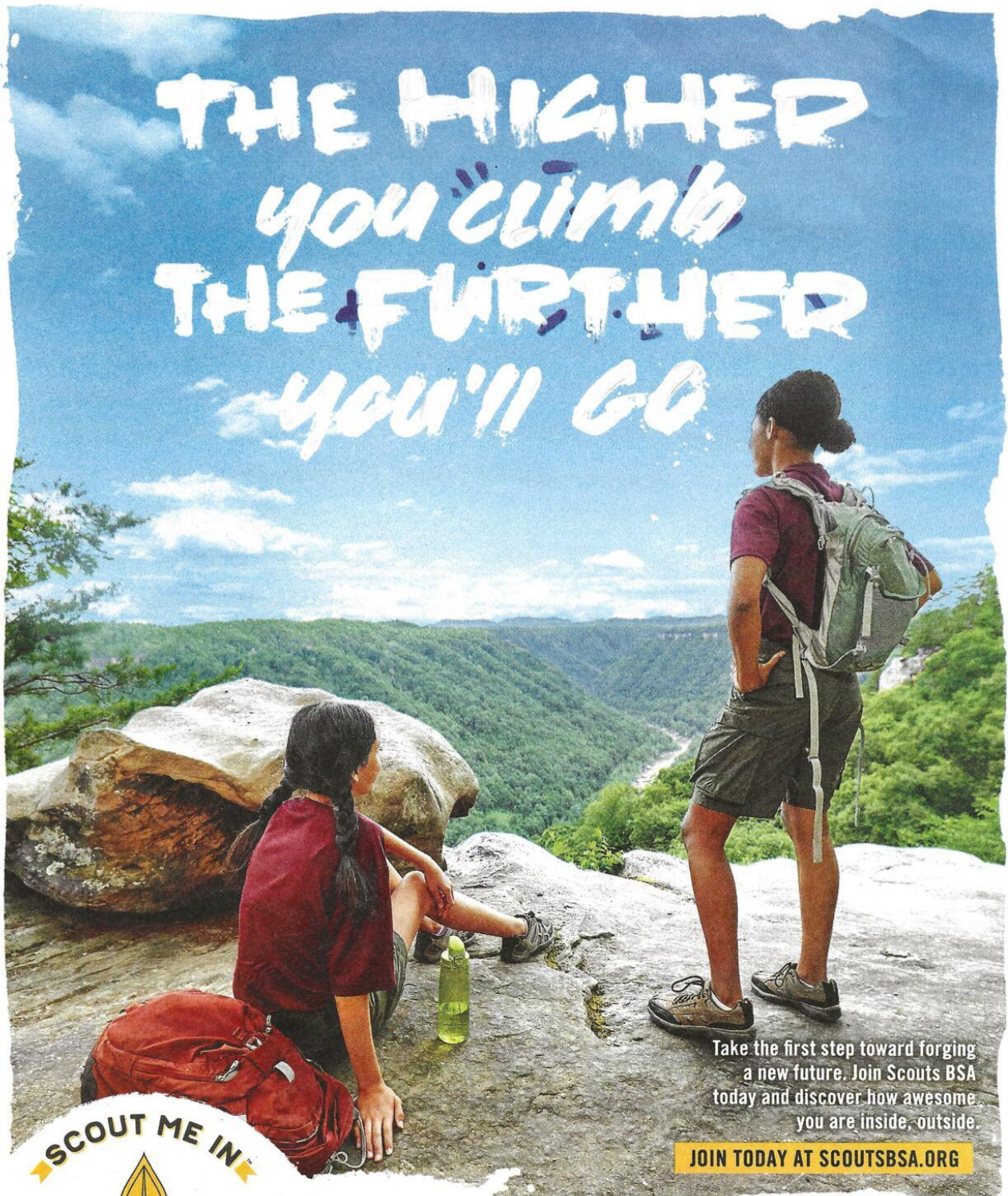
Recommended places are:

- 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](https://scoutsbsa.org)**



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.



## 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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SUPPLY!**

**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

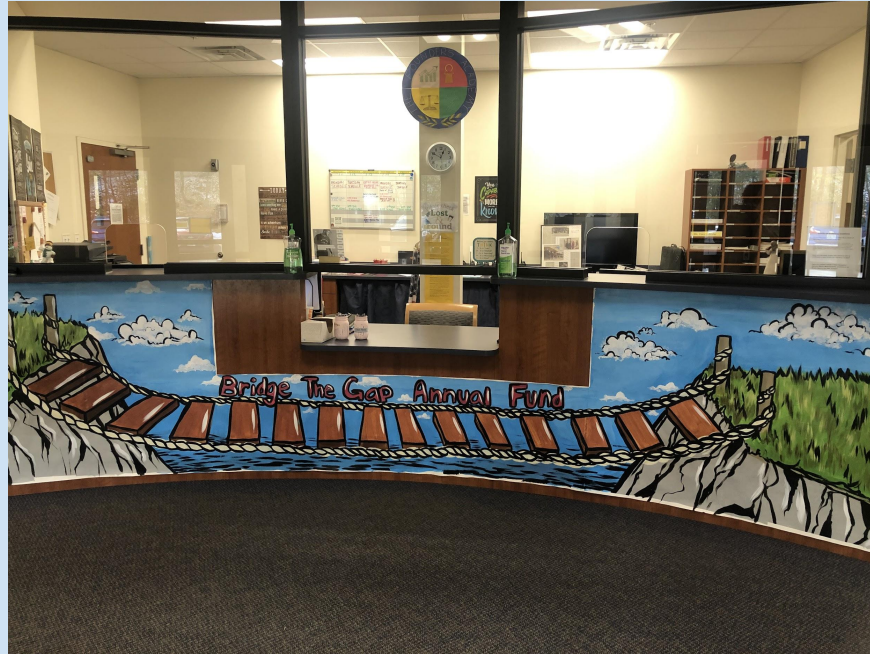
Total Enclosed: \$

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:



