



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,

This week we have seen an increase in vandalism in the bathrooms, specifically the boys' bathrooms. As a community, we all must take pride in our school. Additionally, vandalism is not respectful, responsible, lawful, or helpful, all elements of our Code of Conduct. Students have been throwing wet toilet paper around the bathrooms, leaving toilets unflushed, and writing on the walls. This behavior is not acceptable. There is an open investigation at this time and any student with information should report it to me or Mrs. Gauvin as soon as possible. Any student who is identified as participating in this behavior will have consequences. Parents will be responsible for any costs associated with vandalism in the school. On Tuesday, all bathrooms will be locked except for the front bathrooms. All students will be asked to sign in and out before entering the bathroom. We hope in the near future students will be able to self-regulate in the bathrooms and follow the Code of Conduct.

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

Need to Know

MISSION-BASED ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES

In order to become citizens of the United States, immigrants have to pass a civics test. Here are some questions they must answer. Can you answer them?

1. How often do the people of the U.S. vote for a President?
2. What are the three branches of the U.S. government?
3. What country did the U.S. fight in the Revolution to gain its independence?
4. What do the stars in the U.S. flag represent?
5. What are the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution called?
6. What is the highest court in the U.S.?

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 at 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.

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. The students have raised about \$3,000 so far! We are close to covering the cost of all of our locks. The next step is installation, which we are working on. More information to come!

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 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:
No School - Teacher Workshop	March 21
POSTPONED - PTSG Parent Appreciation Night	Stay tuned!

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

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 March 21-25

- Monday - Teacher Workshop - No School
- Tuesday - Classes will follow a MONDAY schedule
- Wednesday - Testing - 8th Grade (PSAT), 9th Grade (PSAT), 11th Grade (SAT); Grades 6, 7, 10, 12 - No School
- Thursday - Classes will follow a normal THURSDAY schedule
- Friday - Classes will follow a normal FRIDAY schedule

Week of March 28-April 1

- Normal 5-day week (Quarter #3 Grades close on Friday 4/1)

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.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>

Fisher Cats National Anthem Auditions

Do you have a student with a talent for singing? Would they like the chance to sing the National Anthem at a Fisher Cats game? Click [this link](#) to have your student fill out an audition form. In-person auditions will be held on March 24 at the Delta Dental Stadium.

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) 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.

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.

Features

Pi Day Success!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated pies for Pi Day! We received so many and every student and staff member were able to have a slice.





Other

UNH Dance Company Presentation

The UNH Dance Company will be presenting SPLASH in the Johnson Theatre at the University of New Hampshire March 31-April 3. Splash is an abstract interpretation of the impact humans have on the ocean. The story of the show is told through jazz, tap, aerial, modern and ballet.

It hopefully will expose students to the arts (music and dance) while also creating awareness about human impact on nature. This show is appropriate for all ages and includes ballet, jazz, tap, & aerial dance.

The show description is as follows:

The ocean is vast and full of creatures that are both beautiful and fearsome. From the largest of mammals to the smallest of fish, the beauty and wonder of the water remain a mystery to behold. It may seem small, but the impact of throwing that piece of trash can last a lifetime. Two dancers discover the effects of littering together when they go beneath the waves to swim with the turtles and amazing sea creatures. Along the way they are followed by the frightening trash creatures, created by the waste that humans leave behind. They experience first-hand the devastation that plastics and other waste have wrought on the fragile habitats that exist there. The Ballet and Jazz, Tap, Aerial companies come together to tell this dynamic and important story.

This show is a great conversation starter on the topics of sustainability, environmental health, and ocean health.

Ticket prices: \$16 adults/\$14 seniors/\$8 children.

Join the PTSG!

A flyer with a light blue background and a white grid pattern. It features colorful illustrations of school supplies like pencils, pens, and paper clips. The text is centered and includes a Facebook link, a PTSG meeting link with a QR code, and a list of events.

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

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.

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!

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Founders Academy
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Only \$5 Each

4" x 4"

Get One For
Each Car In
Your Family!



**LIMITED
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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

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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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