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## **PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER**

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# From the Dean of School

## Dean Hayes's Weekly Message



Greetings Founders Community,

Today our students attended the first annual mission field trips! We were so excited to have so many students attend. In the future we will collect student and teacher input on trips to help personalize the experience. I know all of the students who attended had a great time. Thank you to the teachers and the trip leaders! A special thank you to our host locations who welcomed our students and gave them a memorable experience.

-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

### 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/1FAIpQLSfPII0RxbPAtcmlD9tOHY1WoZ0pWo02XroQHF4dwkxE XLYJw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPII0RxbPAtcmlD9tOHY1WoZ0pWo02XroQHF4dwkxE 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/1FAIpQLSesaYQuXnmxWFtlnAM0KI0gBmaRb8obvgXCYH8zRvk\\_5U4Qdg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSesaYQuXnmxWFtlnAM0KI0gBmaRb8obvgXCYH8zRvk_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](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 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](mailto:j.meilleur@tfanh.org).

## SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
No School - Teacher Workshop	Friday, May 13
School Musical	Friday, May 13 @ 7pm
School Musical	Saturday, May 14 @ 7pm
Board Meeting	Wednesday, May 18 @ 6:30pm

## 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

## Memorial Day Flag Fundraiser



This Memorial Day, The Founders Academy will be honoring our deceased military personnel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving in the United States Armed Forces with a Flag Fundraiser.

With a donation of \$20, we will place an American flag around our school tied with a yellow ribbon containing the name of your loved one. 50% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Yellow Ribbon Fund charity that helps returning American servicemen and women, injured during active service, who are recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital.

\*Please note that you do not have to include the name of a loved one to participate. If the name of a loved one is not provided, we will choose the name of a service member buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Flags will be displayed around the school May 23, 2022-June 3, 2022. If you would like to purchase more than one flag, please fill out an additional form(s) for each flag you wish to purchase.

To participate, please [fill out this form](#).

For more information about the Yellow Ribbon Fund please visit:  
<https://yellowribbonfund.org/>

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser!

## D'Angelo's Fundraiser for Outdoor Classroom



*THE GRILL GIVES BACK TO...*

# The Boy Scouts of America

will earn **20%** of all qualifying Sales from orders placed on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**.

When: **Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

Time: **4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.**

Where: **900 Second Street, Manchester**

Phone: **603-668-2612**

- When you place your order, tell us you support this fundraiser! Hand us this flyer or show it on a mobile device for your organization to get credit for your order.
- Online orders: Enter code **19** at the payment screen and then click apply.
- **Fundraiser orders are only valid with regular priced menu items and cannot be paired with coupons or deals. Fundraisers are not valid on third party orders.**
- Flyers cannot be handed out in or around the D'Angelo restaurant on the day of your event.
- Flyers made by the organization will not be accepted for the fundraiser event.
- **RESTAURANT ONLY - Ring in this sale using the POS button 19: Fundraiser.**

**Valid for all Dine-In, Carry Out, Online & Delivery orders!**

View menu & place online orders at: [www.dangelos.com](http://www.dangelos.com)



## School Day Extended

The Board approved the extension of the school day to 3:15pm. **Starting next school year**, the school day will go from 7:45am - 3:15pm.

## 2022-23 Calendar

The Board approved the calendar for the 2022-23 school year.

### 2022/23 Founders Academy Calendar

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

September 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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October 2022						
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November 2022						
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27	28	29	30			
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December 2022						
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25	V	V	V	V	V	31
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January 2023						
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February 2023						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	V	V				*17

March 2023						
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April 2023						
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May 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	TW	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	V	30	31			*21

June 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	*7

Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/28; Q2 - 1/20; Q3 - 3/30; Q4 - 6/9  
Graduation - 6/17

PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; TW = Teacher Workshop Days

Updated 4/20/22

#### Federal holidays 2022/23

Sep 5, 2022	Labor Day	Dec 25, 2022	Christmas Day	Jan 1, 2023	New Year's Day	May 29, 2023	Memorial Day
Oct 10, 2022	Columbus Day	Dec 26, 2022	Christmas Day (obs.)	Jan 2, 2023	New Year's Day (obs.)	Jun 19, 2023	Juneteenth
Nov 11, 2022	Veterans Day			Jan 16, 2023	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4, 2023	Independence Day
Nov 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day			Feb 20, 2023	Presidents' Day		

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## Stay Tuned - Study Abroad Opportunity

Laura Hogan, one of our French teachers, is planning a study abroad opportunity for next year. There will be an informational session in May, so stay tuned for more details!

## Summer Send-Off

**FOUNDERS  
SUMMER SEND OFF  
SAFETY STYLE**

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**Saturday, May 21st**  
**5:30 PM- 7:30 PM**

**MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!**

**ALL FAMILIES INVITED!**  
**NEW FAMILIES FOR 2022-2023**  
**ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS EVENT!**  
**CONTACT THOMAS.HUOT@TFANH.ORG**

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to [Kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org](mailto:Kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org).

- 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](mailto:a.mihaly@tfanh.org) if you have any interest in volunteering and helping make field day an awesome event for our students!

## YEARBOOK!

### To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook:

(Must be a parent or student 13 years or older)

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:s.donnelly@tfanh.org).

## Standardized Test Schedule 2021-2022

### **SAT/PSAT/SAS (ELA & Math)**

- 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)

## 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

### 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

### Highly Needed Items

We are currently in need of **paper towels** and **tissues**. 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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