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## From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

One of the most important aspects of the Founders mission is character building. Founders develops leaders of the future by recognizing good character and supporting character growth.

For those of you who are returning families, you may recognize character grading as a strategy we use to develop good character. Over the past few years, character grading has not been defined clearly. Due to this lack of structure, character grading has not been as effective as it could be.

I am developing a committee to review the character grading process and would like to invite any interested parent, student, teacher, staff member, or board member to join. Please email me at [cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto:cassie.hayes@tfanh.org) if you are interested. We will collect a list of committee members and set meetings from there.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

-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

## POSITIONS OPEN

We are looking to fill these following positions:

- Chorus teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Special Education Teacher

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](mailto:cassie.hayes@tfanh.org).

## PHONE COMMUNICATION

We are aware there have been issues with phone and internet this week. We are working on it and hope to have a resolution by early next week.

Besides email, we use social media as an additional way to communicate with families. Please review [this documentation](#) which explains how Facebook pages are used.

## 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).**

## BUSING INFORMATION

Here is detailed information regarding busing:

- The shuttle bus will leave Memorial HS no later than 7:10am every morning.
- The shuttle bus will leave Cardinal Lacroix Academy no later than 7:15am every morning.
- Students **can** be driven to Memorial HS or Cardinal Lacroix to pick up the bus.

All students/parents should fill out the Transportation Exception Request Form found here:

[http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_1207585/File/Forms/2020-2021-MT A-Bus.pdf](http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1207585/File/Forms/2020-2021-MT A-Bus.pdf) and email it to [lori.ragas@tfanh.org](mailto:lori.ragas@tfanh.org). If you submitted your form after July 15, you may not have a neighborhood stop that is close to your home at this time. Please **submit the form** if you haven't already so that the Manchester Transit Authority (MTA) can readjust bus routes within the first two weeks of school.

If a student is in the Central HS or West HS district, they will pick up the Cardinal Lacroix/Founders bus at one of these neighborhood stops found at this link:

[http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_1207585/File/Students/081921%20CARDINAL%20LACROIX%20to%20FOUNDERS%20Shuttle.pdf](http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1207585/File/Students/081921%20CARDINAL%20LACROIX%20to%20FOUNDERS%20Shuttle.pdf)

They may also be driven to (or walk to) Cardinal Lacroix Academy and be shuttled to Founders from there.

If a student is in the Memorial HS district, they will pick up the Memorial HS/Founders bus at one of these neighborhood stops found at this link:

[http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_1207585/File/Students/081921%20MEMORIAL%201-4%20ROUTES%20to%20FOUNDERS.pdf](http://p8cdn4static.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_1207585/File/Students/081921%20MEMORIAL%201-4%20ROUTES%20to%20FOUNDERS.pdf)

They can also be driven to (or walk to) Memorial HS and be shuttled to Founders from there.

If parents have any questions about their routes, they can go to Founders website at:

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/home> and look for the big yellow school bus and click on the link there. Or they can go to the Manchester School District website at: <https://www.mansd.org/> and click on the yellow school bus there.

## REOPENING PLAN - NEW INFORMATION

The full plan can be viewed on [our website](#). Please note the mask requirement will be flexible based on school and community transmission. As changes occur, they will be communicated through this newsletter. For the first day of school, the plan for mask requirement is below.

- Masks are REQUIRED when entering the building, walking in the hallways, and in community locations (such as bathrooms and cafeteria) unless the student or employee is eating or drinking.
- Masks are REQUIRED when a **6ft distance** can not be maintained. This will be enforced by teachers and staff.
- Masks are NOT REQUIRED when a student or employee can maintain a 6ft distance. (example, when a student is seated at their desk and 6ft from others)
- Masks are NOT REQUIRED outdoors.

- Masks are always an option even when not required.

## BACK TO SCHOOL FORM: READY TO COMPLETE

By now, you should have received the Back to School form in your emails. Please fill out this form as soon as possible! If you have not received the form, please email [lori.ragas@tfanh.org](mailto:lori.ragas@tfanh.org).

## PARENT EMAIL OPTIONS

This year Founders will allow parents the option of using a Founders email address or a personal email address. The Back to School form will ask parents to specify preference. Please know if you choose not to have an @tfanh.org email address, you must type your email address in accurately to get emails from our school. Additionally, you will not be able to communicate with your student through his/her Founders email address. All students will have Founders email addresses and students are only allowed to receive emails from the @tfanh.org domain. If a parent already has their portal account set up with their @tfanh.org email address and chooses to use a personal email address instead, the portal will need to be reactivated, which we will do throughout the month of August.

## SUBSTITUTES NEEDED



The Founders Academy Public Charter School seeks paid substitute teachers for middle and high school for the upcoming 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).

## SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST/ENGLISH READING LIST

[Here](#) is a compiled list of school supplies your student will need for the upcoming school year. Please keep in mind that this is not a complete list and you may have to check the syllabus for specific teachers if you don't see a particular course on this list. Check back periodically as more may be added throughout the next couple of weeks.

6th graders are **required** to purchase the \$5 agenda book provided by the school. 7th and 8th graders are **required** to have an agenda book but have the option of purchasing the one provided by the school or one of their choice.

Click [here](#) for the updated English Required Reading List.

## SAVE THE DATES

<b>What:</b>	<b>When:</b>
No School	October 11, 2021
No School - Teacher Workshop	October 20, 2021
End of Quarter 1	October 29, 2021

## 2021/22 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar for the 2021/22 school year. **Updated 9/17/2021**



# 2021/22 School Calendar

Calendarpedia  
Your source for calendars

September 2021						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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October 2021						
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November 2021						
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28	29	30				*14

December 2021						
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19	V	V	V	V	V	25
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January 2022						
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30	31					*18

February 2022						
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	V					*18

March 2022						
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April 2022						
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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May 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	TW	14
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June 2022						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		*8

Approx. end-of-quarter dates: Q1 - 10/29; Q2 - 1/21; Q3 - 3/31; Q4 - 6/10  
 Graduation - 6/18  
 PC = Parent/Teacher Conferences; TW = Teacher Workshop Days

## Federal holidays 2021/22

Sep 6, 2021	Labor Day	Nov 25, 2021	Thanksgiving Day	Dec 31, 2021	New Year's Day (obs.)	Feb 21, 2022	Presidents' Day
Oct 11, 2021	Columbus Day	Dec 24, 2021	Christmas Day (obs.)	Jan 1, 2022	New Year's Day	May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Nov 11, 2021	Veterans Day	Dec 25, 2021	Christmas Day	Jan 17, 2022	Martin Luther King Day	Jul 4, 2022	Independence Day

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## School News

### Volunteer Requests

We are looking for parent and student volunteers to support our road race on October 10th. If you are interested in participating but don't want to walk/run, let Dean Hayes know! Thank you in advance.

Additionally, we are looking for a few EZ UP tents for this event. If you have one we could borrow for the weekend that would be great!

## PTSG Fall Festival

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY PTSG INVITES  
YOU TO THE

 **FALL  
FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 16 5:30 TO 7:30 PM



THERE WILL BE MUSIC, GAMES WITH PRIZES,  
PUMPKIN PAINTING, DONUT EATING CONTEST,  
AND WE WILL BE DRAWING THE \$500 PUMPKIN  
RAFFLE WINNER!

BRING CASH FOR THE 50/50, RAFFLES,  
AND OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE  
EXTRA TICKETS TO VOTE FOR YOUR  
FAVORITE SCARECROW!

ADMISSION IS \$5 PER PERSON OR \$20 PER FAMILY  
AND INCLUDES ONE SLICE OF PIZZA, WATER, AND  
VOTE FOR SCARECROWS PER PERSON.

## Standardized Test Schedule 2021-2022

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

- 10/26 (Tue) - Grade 9 (PSAT); Grade 11 (PSAT/NMSQT)
- 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)

### 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

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](#).

## Parent Teacher Student Group

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY

**PARENT  
TEACHER  
STUDENT  
GROUP**

Join today!  
*PTSG*  
\$5 membership fee

- Support the students
- Support the school
- Meet new families
- Create memories
- Help make a difference

Activities: Summer Send Off, Fall Festival, Movie Nights, Operation Drop-off, Operation Stock School Pantry, Dances, Penny Wars, Pumpkin Raffle, And More!

Join the Facebook page-  
 Founders Academy Community

**Executive Board Members**

<b>Presidents</b> Tom Huot (Parent) - <a href="mailto:thomas.huot@fhanh.org">thomas.huot@fhanh.org</a> Elizabeth Sanville (Parent) - <a href="mailto:elizabeth.sanville@fhanh.org">elizabeth.sanville@fhanh.org</a>	<b>VP Fundraising</b> Maria Hawkins (Parent) - <a href="mailto:maria.hawkins@fhanh.org">maria.hawkins@fhanh.org</a> Cassie McNelly (Parent) - <a href="mailto:cassie.mcnelly@fhanh.org">cassie.mcnelly@fhanh.org</a>
<b>VP Membership</b> Kate Robichaud (Teacher) - <a href="mailto:k.robichaud@fhanh.org">k.robichaud@fhanh.org</a> Mike Tebbetts (Teacher) - <a href="mailto:m.tebbetts@fhanh.org">m.tebbetts@fhanh.org</a>	<b>Treasurer</b> Scott Perron (Parent) - <a href="mailto:scott.perron@fhanh.org">scott.perron@fhanh.org</a>
	<b>Secretary</b> Francesca Vesey (Student)

## Founders Academy Character and Leadership Run

The 1st Annual Founders Academy's Character and Leadership Run on Sunday, October 10, 2020 is a family-friendly community event that encourages people of all ages to get outside to run or walk this 1-mile course. All proceeds from this event benefit The Founders Academy Public

Charter School. Click [here](#) to register yourself or your family! Would you, your business, or a business you know like to sponsor this event? Click [here](#) to learn more about the benefits of sponsorship and sign up to sponsor this event!

**Many thanks to our Primary Event Sponsor, Northeast Delta Dental!**



## **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

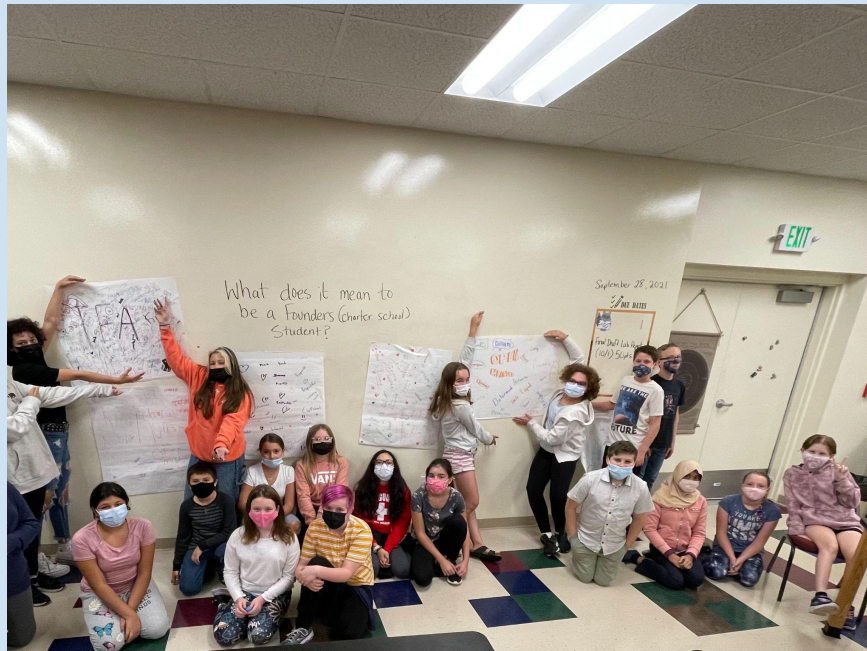
The Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967

- 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

## Features

### 6th Grade: What Does It Mean to Be a Founders Student?



The 6th graders made posters listing words that express what it means to be a Founders student. They are now up in the 6th grade hallway!

## Other

### 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

### Needed Items

Here is a list of items we are looking for at the school:

- Ramen noodles (**in cups only**)
- Rolling rack to hang clothes
- Hangers
- Paper plates
- Paper bowls



## Used Graphing Calculators

We are looking for graphing calculators that aren't being used anymore. Thank you in advance for your 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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