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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

As a reminder, only 9th and 11th graders have school on Tuesday. The rest of the students will NOT come to school on October 26, 2021. 9th and 11th graders will participate in PSAT testing.

I hope everyone is enjoying the crisp fall air, apples, and pumpkins! For the New England baseball fans in our community- Go Red Sox!

-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

POSITIONS OPEN

We are looking to fill these following positions:

- Full time chorus teacher
- Paraprofessional
- Full time special education

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.

PHONE COMMUNICATION

Our phones have been functioning at a more satisfactory rate in the past week, however there may still be times when calls don't come through. We are working on fixing the problem completely. If

you need to call regarding your student's absence, you can email attendance@tfanh.org and if you need to call for any other reasons and can't reach us through the main phone line, you can call either of these two numbers: (603) 361-0694 or (603) 361-0475.

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).**

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.

SAVE THE DATES

What:	When:
End of Quarter 1	October 29, 2021

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

AP Tests

This year, AP tests need to be ordered by **November 13**. If any student would like to take an AP exam, please contact Ms. Brooks or Mrs. Tencza as soon as possible. Students can take an AP exam for any course, not just the ones that Founders offers.

Halloween Dress-Up Day

On Friday, October 29th, Founders will have a costume dress-up day to celebrate Halloween. All costumes must be Dress Code appropriate with these additional rules:



- No face masks (partial or full).
- No fake or real weapons can be part of the costume.
- No fake blood.
- But moderate face paint is acceptable.

If the costume is disruptive to the school environment, students will be asked to change. If there are any doubts about the appropriateness of a student's costume, please bring a change of clothing.

We hope to see some fun and creative outfits!

Middle and High School Halloween Socials

On **Friday, October 29**, TFA is hosting a **Middle School Social** from 4:30-6:30. Tickets to the social will be available for purchase during all lunch blocks starting on Monday. Head to the School Store and ask for a ticket!

\$5.00 advance purchase

\$8.00 at the door

subject to change if needed, due to COVID

**school COVID rules apply*

On **Saturday, October 30**, TFA is hosting a **High School Social** from 4-7 pm. Tickets to the social will be available for purchase during all lunch blocks starting on Monday. Head to the School Store and ask for a ticket!

\$5.00 advance purchase

\$8.00 at the door

subject to change if needed, due to COVID

**school COVID rules apply*

NJHS Wreath Sale

If you are looking for an early bird sale for your holiday evergreens - this may be the one for you!

Consider ordering your fresh holiday decorations directly on this website:

<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/foundersNJHS>

All proceeds will support the National Junior Honor Society mission which is to give students an opportunity to demonstrate and be recognized for their excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, character and service.

Orders placed directly on the link will be available for pick up at the school on December 8 and 9 from 4:00 - 6:30 pm each day or can be directly shipped to your home (anywhere in the US except Alaska and Hawaii).

For our local friends and family (seacoast) we will deliver to your home as well. Just coordinate it and we will deliver with "bells on"!

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)

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

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

Summer Send Off

Fall Festival

Operation Drop-off

Movie Nights

Operation Stock School Pantry

Dances

Penny Wars

Pumpkin Raffle

And More!

Join the Facebook page-

Founders Academy Community

Executive Board Members

Presidents Tom Huot (Parent) - thomas.huot@fhanh.org Elizabeth Sanville (Parent) - elizabeth.sanville@fhanh.org	VP Fundraising Maria Hawkins (Parent) - maria.hawkins@fhanh.org Cassie McNelly (Parent) - cassie.mcnelly@fhanh.org
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	Secretary Francesca Vesey (Student)

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

Ski and Snowboard Program

McIntyre Ski Area Ski & Snowboard Program



2022 Learn to Ski and Snowboard Club

The Founders Academy Charter School

Will be partnering with McIntyre Ski Area in Manchester, NH to provide ski & snowboard lessons to students during McIntyre's Mighty Macs after school lesson program! McIntyre has been providing snowsports programs to children for over 25 years. McIntyre provides children with a fun, safe and un intimidating environment to learn a sport that will last them a lifetime!

The Founders Academy Charter School will be attending Snowsports Club at McIntyre on:

Fridays from 4:00pm to 6:00pm beginning January 7th, 2022

Lessons will take place on: Jan 7th, Jan 14th, Jan 21st, Jan 28th, and Feb 4th.

What is the Mighty Macs program?

- Consecutive 5 weeks Learn to Ski and Snowboard.
- Two-hour lesson with a small group setting of no more than 8 children per group.
- Groups are combined based on age and ability level.

Need Equipment?

- **Rentals:** Rentals are available for the program if you do not have your own equipment.
 - Once registered, stop by McIntyre to be fitted for your rentals.
 - Please check with your school for dates on McIntyre Fitting nights. These nights only - save up to 30% on items in the ski shop.
- **Lease:** We also offer seasonal leases for Ski and Snowboard equipment.
- **Bring your own:** Mark your equipment with your name and school. *Proper gear is required for safety reasons.

What is the cost?

- Mighty Macs Lessons (all 5 weeks)
 - Lessons: \$190
 - Rentals: \$90
 - Helmet Rental \$25
- Registration closes at 9am on December 20th.

How to register:

- Register online at www.mcintyreskiarea.com
 - Click Learn to Ski tab
 - Click School Programs
 - Select The Founders Academy Charter School
 - Fill out the registration form

School Coordinator Contact:

- Jacqueline Lianos
- Jax0777@hotmail.com

Have Questions for McIntyre?

- Email Tom@mcintyreskiarea.com
- Call 603-622-6159
- Visit www.mcintyreskiarea.com

To get more information and to register your student(s), click [here](#).

Theatre Club

From Mr. Dauphinee:

"Theatre will meet Thursday afternoons directly after school until 4:45. Pick-up will be at the back right corner of the school (Not sure how to specify my window/door.) Auditions will be held as soon as the rights to the show are obtained. I have sent an inquiry form to the company regarding the rights to a 30-40 minute comedy. Look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday!

-Mr. D"

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.

Features

NJHS Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected National Junior Honor Society officers!

Co-Presidents: Theodore Stevens, Jr. and Dylan Perron-Lucht



Vice President: Amelia Zonfrillo



Treasurer: Alexis Huot



Secretary: Joel Trinidad



Fall Festival 2021

The Fall Festival this year was a great success! Thank you to everyone who came and participated in games, donated snacks, and voted for the best scarecrow!



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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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:

- Copy paper
- Single-use ice packs
- Heating pads
- Rolling rack to hang clothes

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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