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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

As you are aware, we have had an uptick in Covid cases this week. We have put several preventive measures in place to help mitigate the spread. Additionally, we have been in contact with the Department of Health and Human Services with each case. As of today, Friday, October 8, 2021, we have had 6 positive cases of Covid-19 here at school. If your child is sick, please keep them home. Encourage your child to tell you if they aren't feeling well or if they are in school, please come to the front desk for assistance. It will take all of us to do our part to keep our community safe.

One of our mitigation measures is screening testing. This helps reassure us that our students and staff are **NEGATIVE** for Covid-19. We are hoping to have more participation in this program in the coming weeks. The link to register is below. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your help.

I am going to ask that all students remain fully masked for the duration of next week (10/12-10/15). If we have no more cases, we may be able to relax these restrictions the following week.

I hope you all enjoy the long weekend (NO SCHOOL MONDAY!) and stay safe.

-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:

- Chorus teacher
- Paraprofessional

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).

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 and email it to 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

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

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.

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.

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

| What: | When: |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| No School - Holiday | 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 | | | | | | |
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| November 2021 | | | | | | |
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| December 2021 | | | | | | |
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| January 2022 | | | | | | |
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| February 2022 | | | | | | |
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| March 2022 | | | | | | |
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| April 2022 | | | | | | |
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| May 2022 | | | | | | |
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| June 2022 | | | | | | |
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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

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|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| 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 10. 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.

Sign up Genius below for donations and volunteers at the festival, any help is appreciated!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4FABA82AA5FA7-fall>

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!




\$5 membership fee

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

Activities include:

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

Founders Academy Character and Leadership Run

The 1st Annual Founders Academy's Character and Leadership Run on Sunday, October 10, 2021 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! DAY OF REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE BETWEEN 8:15-8:45AM

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.

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

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.) I apologize for the confusion on 10/7, I take full responsibility and hope this clears things up. I want to streamline the process the best that I can. 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.

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:

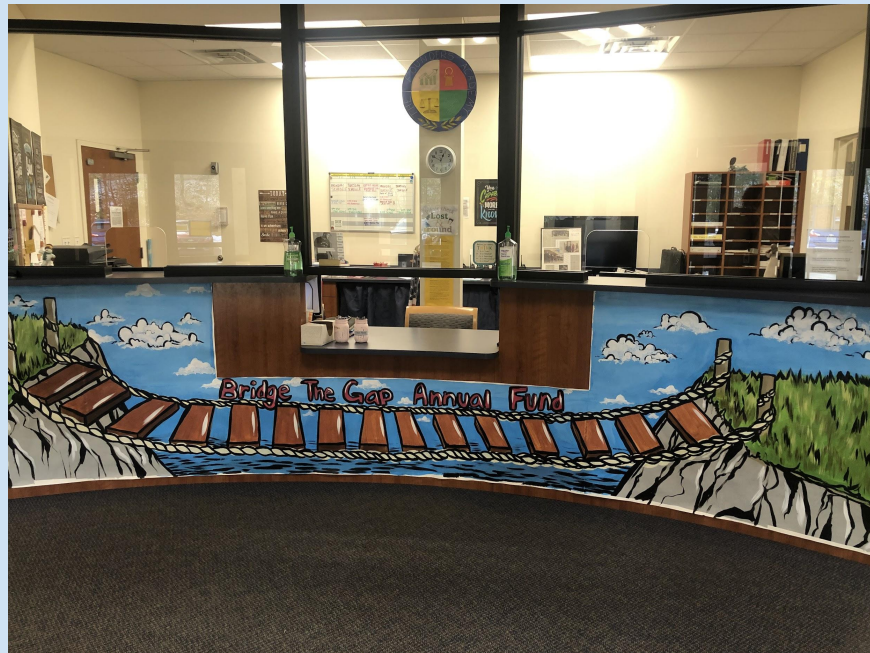
- Ramen noodles (**in cups only**)
- Rolling rack to hang clothes
- Hangers
- Paper plates
- Paper bowls
- Plastic forks (**only forks**)

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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