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From the Dean of School



Greetings Founders Community,

We had a very exciting full week of school here at Founders. Students are doing a great job re-acclimating to rules and following guidelines. I hope you all enjoy a fun filled fall weekend!

-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

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 and email it to lori.ragas@tfnh.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.

It is advised by the Manchester Transit Authority to check the route one last time the day before school starts on September 8 for any changes in times or locations that might have been made.

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 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:

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| No School- Teacher PD Day | Tuesday, September 21 |
| Picture Day | Thursday, September 23 |
| Back to School Night | Thursday, September 23 |

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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| 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

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)

Back to School Night

On Thursday, September 23rd from 6-7:30pm. This is a time for parents to come into the building and meet the teachers. This is not a parent/teacher conference, rather, a meet and greet. Parents can come any time between 6-7:30pm.

Additionally, during this time, we will offer parent to parent portal training. Email and portal setup support will also be available this evening.

Dean Hayes is looking for parent volunteers to be available during the evening to support new parents in accessing the parent portal. Parents, please email Dean Hayes at cassie.hayes@tfanh.org if you are available to volunteer for this event.

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](#).

Founders Apparel Store

The Founders online apparel store is now open! Click [here](#) to browse. Purchases can be made through September 26.

NJHS Application

The Founders Academy is pleased to announce the addition of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) chapter to our school this year. This program strives to place emphasis on whole-person growth in school settings that stretch beyond academic achievement alone. The program pillars of service, leadership, character, and citizenship are integral in uniting the shared values of schools, communities, students, and families. Together with scholarship, these five pillars have been associated with membership in the organization since its inception almost a century ago in 1929.

Students who are in grades 6-9 and have a GPA of 3.33 or above qualify to apply for membership. Students who attended our school last year and achieved this level of academic excellence in the first three quarters of the year received an invitation to apply for membership along with a membership application packet at the end of the school year. They were also invited to the NJHS Class on Google Classroom. As a reminder, applications for membership MUST be turned in to Mr. Lucht, (faculty adviser), by the application deadline of September 22, 2021. Induction ceremonies have been scheduled for October 26, 2021.

New students to our school will have an opportunity to apply for membership after they have completed a minimum of two (2) grading semesters and have achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.33 or above. Invitations will be sent out to those students in February of 2022 with the spring Induction ceremony to be held in April of 2022.

Running/Walking Club


Running/Walking Club is back!
It will start Thursday 9/23 from 3:30-4:30 in room 123 B (Upper cafe)
Bring your running shoes, clothes, masks, and water-bottle.

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

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

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|---|---|
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| Elizabeth Sanville (Parent) - elizabeth.sanville@fanh.org | Cassie McNelly (Parent) - cassie.mcnelly@fanh.org |
| VP Membership | Treasurer |
| Kate Robichaud (Teacher) - k.robichaud@fanh.org | Scott Perron (Parent) - scott.perron@fanh.org |
| Mike Tebbetts (Teacher) - m.tebbetts@fanh.org | Secretary |
| | Francesca Vesey (Student) |

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!

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



Common Scheduling Questions

Click [here](#) for answers to some scheduling questions you may have.

Final copies of schedules will go out on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Hard copies will be available for students on Tuesday morning when they get to Round Table.

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

Other

Granite Gambit

As a result of the popular Netflix series, *The Queen's Gambit*, online chess has also become massively popular with Generation Z. In response to this, and in partnership with [Chess in Schools](#), the department has launched our own Granite Gambit to bring chess to our students.

Through Chess in Schools, teachers can participate in professional development that will show them how to integrate the game of chess into their own instruction. We provide all of the materials and chess sets, including online access. The research is clear that when we engage students with their areas of interest, the learning is deeper and richer.

A gambit is defined as a device or action as a calculated risk to gain an advantage. Granite Gambit will give both educators and students an advantage. The program is fully funded, so there is no cost to the district. While some chess experience is helpful, it is not required. In fact, many if not most participating teachers in such programs start out with minimal chess knowledge.

To learn more about the Granite Gambit program, click [here](#).

Fall Festival Pumpkin Raffle

THE FOUNDERS ACADEMY

2021 Fall Festival Pumpkin Raffle



\$500.00 Prize!
\$25.00 per pumpkin
Only 100 pumpkins sold!

Saturday October 16th, 2021

The winner will be drawn on October 16th. The remaining money raised will go towards The Founders Academy PTSC to help fund more events and projects for the school.



Please click [here](#) to purchase your pumpkin!

Afternoon Pick-Up Traffic

Afternoon pick-up instructions from Mrs. Nichols:

My name is Mrs. Nichols and I do afternoon pick-up traffic. You will see me with a sign that says either Stop/Walk or Drive.

STOP/WALK



DRIVE



The first week is sometimes chaotic, but it all works out quickly. I have some information to help you and I get through this.

- When you arrive at the school, if there are no cones up, drive slowly around to the last steps in the back.
- Please stay in your lane unless told otherwise.
- Please wait in your car.
- Please do not idle your car.
- Please have patience.
- Students will only be allowed to get in their car when the sign has been changed to Stop/walk.
- When the sign is changed to drive and have been waved on drive on.

If you have any questions I am happy to help.

Thanks,
Mrs. Nichols

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

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:

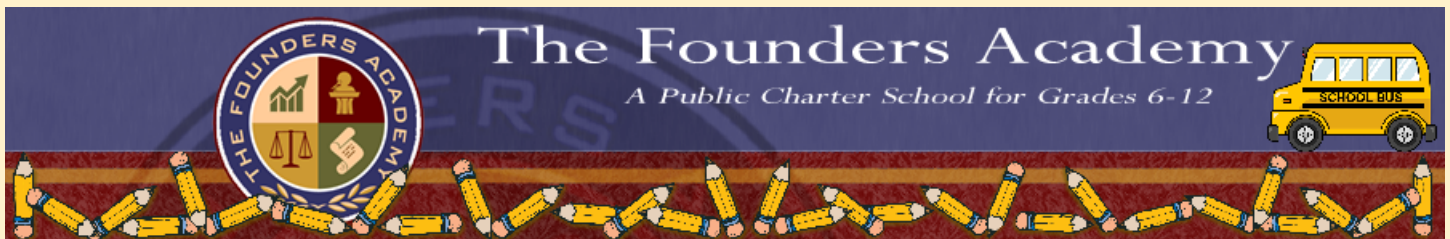


Founders' Facebook **Carpooling** Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Be sure to follow Founders on **Twitter** here:



Check out Founders **Youtube** Channel here:



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