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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

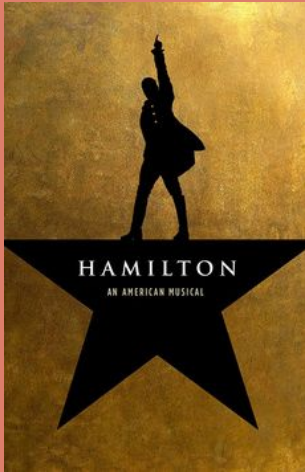
Founders is eager to introduce students to new and returning faculty! Make it a point (with your student) to explore [the faculty web pages](#). Along with bios and photos, teachers are starting to post syllabi, book lists, specific class supplies, contact information, and other interesting items pertaining to their classes on their sites.

Remember, I'm having "**Open Office Hours**" if you would like to meet with me or introduce yourself and your new student to me. If you would like to make an appointment, please email lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

What Teachers Do Over the Summer: “Hamilton”



“The last week of July, I had an unforgettable opportunity to see two Broadway plays: *Finding Neverland* and *Hamilton*. *Finding Neverland* is based on the true story of the author of Peter Pan, J.M. Barrie. The highlight was *Hamilton*, the story of an American Hero and Founding Father, Alexander Hamilton. The musical highlights Hamilton's rise to fame and achievement, through determination, intelligence, and perseverance. The story follows his growth from being an orphaned immigrant as a child to being George Washington's aide-de-camp during the Revolutionary War and our nation's first Secretary of the Treasury. He is truly one of the most inspirational figures in American History, proving that even those of the humblest origins can be remarkably successful in America, like nowhere else in the world. The play also exposes his faults, and ultimate death at the hands of Aaron Burr, a former US Vice President. The performance itself is a testament to American social mobility, as many of the characters are played by American immigrants. It was written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, who is from Puerto Rico, an American territory. Alexander

Hamilton was born on the island of Nevis, which is located just east of Puerto Rico. Watching the staging, acting, and singing reminded me of how important, educational, and inspirational the performing arts can be, and why it has become such a significant aspect of the student experience at Founders.”

~Greg Van Ewyk, U.S History Teacher & Humanities Department Chairman

Food Forms on Website!

The Pizza Monday, Nacho Tuesday, and Fun Food Friday lunch order forms are all posted on the website in the parent drop down under [forms](#). The lunch forms for September are now available [here!](#)

Welcoming New Faculty: Nancy Kelly

Founders welcomes Nancy Kelly as a teacher of Math Course I and Math Course III! Nancy Kelly joins Mr. Croteau, Ms. Henry, and Ms. Nichols in teaching mathematics at Founders next year.



Ms. Kelly received her BA from Granite State College in Business Management. She was also educated through Oxford Seminars, TESOL, Bentley College (now Bentley University), Accounting Certificate, Training with Professor Mahesh Sharma, Graduate Course and multiple workshops.

"I'm looking forward to joining The Founders Academy community, as it represents a community that is student-centered, rooted in open mindedness, and that emphasizes leadership and character, grounded in the leadership of those who gave

us our US Constitution. I'm looking forward to helping students find the models of mathematical leadership throughout the history of Mathematics, who have allowed us to 'Stand on the shoulders of the giants' of great Mathematicians, as they grow in their own mathematical thinking abilities.

My early work was in Accounting as a corporate accountant, which allowed me to have a bookkeeping service from my home when my daughters were young. Subsequently I worked in Amherst, NH, first at the Middle School and then at Souhegan High School. I've spent more than twenty-five years in an 'educational lab,' supporting and instructing students, primarily for math. As I worked, I observed both teachers and students, gleaming from them and taking all the professional development I could to increase my ability to teach so students would learn."

Welcoming New Faculty: Troy Aarthun

The Founders Academy welcomes Troy Aarthun as our new teacher of Personal and Business Finance!



B.S. in Engineering, United States Military Academy, West Point NY
AAMS (Accredited Asset Management Specialist), The College of Financial Planning
CRPC (Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor), The College of Financial Planning

Troy Aarthun will be teaching Personal and Business Finance this year at the Founders Academy. He has experience teaching young adults in Personal Finance and delivering community education in investment principles and financial planning, focusing on promoting self-reliance and disciplined, ethical behavior to work toward a goal. He credits his wife, an educator for nearly 35 years, for adopting the teaching philosophy, "you haven't truly taught it until your student learns it". Troy is a business owner, managing a wealth management and financial planning practice in Manchester, NH specializing in serving the needs of business owners, corporate executives and medical

professionals in NH, MA and beyond.

Born and raised in Minnesota, he attended public and private schools before attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY where he received a B.S. in Engineering. He was captain of the Army Cycling Team and competed in amateur boxing at West Point. Upon graduation he was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army and completed the Army's Ranger School and Airborne School in preparation for service in Army Corps of Engineers command and staff assignments in the U.S., Europe and Central America. Troy serves as an Admissions Representative for the Military Academy, coaching and guiding candidates through the nomination and admissions process.

Troy and his wife Kay have three grown children. The youngest is attending Fordham University this year. When he is not teaching or managing his financial planning practice, Troy is a competitive bike racer and has medaled at Masters Regional and National Championships in the Team Sprint and Team Pursuit events on the track. He serves on various nonprofit boards, served two terms as Board Chairman of the Souhegan Valley Chamber of Commerce and is currently serving a second term as President of the Rotary Club of Merrimack.

Important Dates

School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

NOTE: Dates are continuously added and possibly changed throughout the year. Please check the school calendars regularly.

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
August 19, 2016	Department Chairmen Orientation at 9:00AM
August 19, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
August 29-31, 2016	Teacher Orientation
September 2, 2016	6th Grade Orientation, 9:00AM - 2:00PM for all incoming 6th graders.
September 6, 2016	First Day of School
September 6, 2016	Beginning of the year Convocation
September 8, 2016	Back to School Night/Parent Portal Training/Meet Teachers, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
September 8, 2016	Europe Trip 2017 Meeting (immediately after Back of School Night) (contact is k.barlow@tfanh.org)
September 9, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for September 11, 2001
September 15, 2016	Picture Day
September 16, 2016	Constitution Day
September 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part I
September 21, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
September 23, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part II
September 30, 2016	Health Fair (Rivier University)
October 7, 2016	Friday Assembly - Brandon Karpf, U.S. Naval Academy
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day (No School)
October 13, 2016	Re-Take Picture Day
October 15, 2016	Admissions Information Day 8:30am-12:30pm.
October 19, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
October 22, 2016	1st Annual Founders Craft Fair/Vendor Fair (contact robin.gage@tfanh.org for more information).
November 4, 2016	Last day of First Quarter;

	Locker clean-outs.
November 10, 2016 (Note the new date)	Parent Teacher Conferences. (No School)
November 11, 2016	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
November 11, 2016	Veterans Day (No School)
November 16, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
November 23-25, 2016 (Note the new dates)	Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
December 7, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for Pearl Harbor Day
December 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Morgan Andrews, Nationally Recognized Soccer Player
December 20, 2016	Deadline for Applications
December 21 2016 - January 2, 2017	Holiday Recess (No School)
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (No School)
January 18, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
January 20, 2017	Last day of Second Quarter; Locker clean-outs
January 21, 2017	Admissions Information Day 8:30am-12:30pm.
January 27, 2017	School-wide Moment of Silence for the Challenger space shuttle crew, January 28, 1986
January 27, 2017	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
February 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
February 20, 2017	Presidents Day
February 27 - March 3, 2017	Winter Recess (No School)
March 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
March 17, 2017	Best Practices at The Founders Academy; Staff Development/Workshop (No School)
March 31, 2017	Last day of Third Quarter; Locker clean-outs
April 7, 2017	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
April 14, 2017	Staff Development/Workshop (No School)

April 17, 2017	Gen. John Stark Day
April 19, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
April 24 - 28, 2017	Spring Break (No School)
May 17, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
May 26, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence in honor of Memorial Day
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day (No School)
June 9, 2017	Last Day of School; locker clean-outs
June 9, 2017	End of the year Convocation
June 16, 2017	Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
June 21, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, TBA



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