



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Happy Wednesday!

Founders is fortunate to have such fantastic students, parents, teachers, and volunteers. Here are just a few encounters which occurred just this past week:

- A TFA parent thought to donate two bookcases to the school over the weekend.
- TFA students have been working with Ms. Marcotte and Mr. Lacourse on setting up the school's second computer lab.
- An incoming teacher stepped up to start planning an unexpected class she'll teach next year.
- Parents are meeting regularly to plan for the school store.

Thank you! Have a great week, TFA community!

Sincerely,

Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Message from Ms. Lopez - Mathematics

Subject: Summer Math Assignment 3 has been posted.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The final summer assignment for math has been posted on the Founders website (http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=238594&type=d&pREC_ID=737183). Students have one week to complete the assignment and either send it back to school by mail or scan and e-mail it to your math teacher (Ms. Henry j.henry@tfanh.org or Mrs. Lopez a.lopez@tfanh.org). The due date for the assignment is 8/18/2015.

This assignment is mandatory for current (not incoming) students.

Good luck!

Mrs. Lopez

Student Handbook 2015-2016

The Student Handbook for 2015-2016 has been adopted and published. It can be found [here](#).

TFA's Website!

Founders will soon have a new and improved website! Soon, the information currently on www.thefoundersacademy.org will "migrate" over to the new site. This process should be done by the end of August and in time for the new school year.

The new site will make it easier to navigate, and simpler for the teachers to upload their class information. The school's web site will be an important tool for students and parents to obtain school information. Once the new site is launched, take the time to familiarize yourself and your student with it.

The web address (www.thefoundersacademy.org) will remain the same. Be on the look out for the new site, and tell us what you think!

Rediker Portal News: Class Schedules

As many of you know, class schedules have been emailed out. Please know that schedules and report cards are currently emailed to the primary parent/guardian. If you would like to change the primary contact, please email administration@tfanh.org.

The process of scheduling at Founders is a very intricate, detailed, and tedious process. A finalized schedule takes literally months to design and fill. Schedules are subject to change, and we are trying to avoid as many changes as possible during the school year. It is likely that revised schedules will be sent to you between now and the start of school as various scheduling details continue to be addressed.

Greg McKenzie has been appointed Registrar for the school this year. If you have any specific questions about the schedule or scheduling, please contact him directly at g.mckenzie@tfanh.org.

Welcome New Spanish Teacher at Founders



The Founders Academy is pleased to welcome a new foreign language teacher, Ms. Jackie Efraimson! She will join [Madame Barlow](#) next year!

Ms. Jackie Efraimson is a world traveler who earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Keene State College. Read her complete bio on the new website.

Ms. Efraimson will teach [Introduction to Foreign Languages](#), as well as [Foundations of Spanish](#), [Spanish I](#), and Spanish II.

Madame Barlow and Ms. Efraimson will post regularly on the [World Language Arts Department](#) site. Watch for their syllabi, book lists, supplies, and other information.

Welcome, Ms. Efraimson!

Summer Open Office Hours & Ask the Dean

At our charter school, parent input is not only welcomed but sought after. If you would like to discuss Founders, Dean Mooney's Summer Open Office Hours next week are:

- **August 19 from 9am-12noon**

Please contact Debra Waitt at debra.waitt@tfanh.org or 603.952.4705 to schedule an appointment.

Additionally, various questions come up throughout the school year (and during the summer) from parents regarding Founders. Throughout the summer, we'll attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions. Feel free to submit your own question for an answer.

Q: "What can we expect to see on the new TFA web site?"

A: There are many things that will be found on the new TFA web site. Some of the items will be added right away, and others over time. Among them are:

- Mission statement;
- Administrator/teacher/staff bios;
- Course descriptions for each class;
- School supply lists;
- Student Handbook;
- Admissions information;
- A log-in feature for the student/parent portals;
- School calendar
- Class syllabi, and book lists;
- Clubs and Committees page;
- School store page;
- And much, much more!

Is there anything you'd like to see on the web site? Let Founders know!

School Store Information

Here is a letter from Mrs. Lacasse regarding plans for the school store next year:

"The Founders Academy is pleased to announce the opening of the "School Store"! Our goal is to open on the first Friday of the first week of school (September 11, 2015). Although our exact hours of operation are still in the making, we do plan on opening two days per week on Tuesdays and Fridays during lunch periods and possibly advisories, study halls and mornings.

We plan to offer an assortment of back to school supplies including paper, notebooks, folders, pens, pencils, erasers, index cards, rulers, compasses, highlighters, dry erase markers, student planners (at a very affordable price!), and science goggles.

We also plan to offer an assortment of drinks and snacks. Our hope is to keep this selection on the healthy side while keeping in mind that items need to be individually packaged. Snacks, drinks and prepared lunch and/or breakfast items will be offered.

And, perhaps the most exciting news of all is our introduction of a small apparel line featuring the TFA logo!! We plan to offer some pretty good looking hooded sweatshirts made of a more modern and attractive wicking material, baseball caps, an attractive wicking long sleeve sporty tee, a three quarters length sleeve extra soft cotton tee, cinch bags, and an attractive hand book bag that would make for a perfect gift for that special teacher in your child's life. All items will feature either an embroidered or a screen printed TFA logo. These custom items will not be stocked in our store at this time. Flyers featuring the items will be circulated soon with pricing. Items may be ordered during school store hours. There will be a sample of each of the items in the store for your viewing, and the school store web site will be developed soon.

All possible efforts have been made to find quality items at an affordable price while keeping in mind the convenience of having a school store available to us this year. Your purchases will help to support our great school. Happy shopping!!

Do you have a suggestion for items in the school store? Do you have supplies that you would like to donate to the store? Maybe you would like to make a cash donation to help us establish our inventory? Or maybe you have time to volunteer during store hours. Please direct any inquiries to cindy.lacasse@tfanh.org Together we can do great things!"

Important Dates

August 19, 2015	TFA Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:00pm.
September 2-4, 2015	Teacher Orientation for all teachers.
September 8, 2015	First Day of School
September 10, 2015	Outreach Meeting at 7:30pm - Contact richard.hyotte@tfanh.org for more information on fundraising for TFA.
September 11, 2015	Schoolwide Moment of Silence at 8:46am in remembrance of 9/11/01.
September 18, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8am - Topic: TFA Teachers talk about their hobbies.
TBA	School photos.
September 22, 2015	"Back to School Night" for current parents with portal training (6:00-7:30PM)
September 29, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 15, 2015	"Admissions Information Night" for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)

October 17, 2015	FUNDRAISER: Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, NH) all book sales to benefit TFA on October 17, 2015. Hours are 9AM until 10PM. Watch for the CODE to use, coming soon!
October 21, 2015	TENTATIVE DATE for Health Fair, as well as diabetes and cholesterol screenings, and back to school physicals (parental/guardian consent required) offered by Rivier University. 9-4PM.
October 21, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
November 6, 2015	First Quarter grades close.
November 11, 2015	Veterans Day. No School.
November 13, 2015	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
November 13, 2015	Student-led assembly honoring Veterans at 8:00am.

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

Top Ten "Most Needed" Items at TFA

TFA heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the top ten most needed items include:

- Copier paper NOTE: Reams are \$22.00 at Staples now:
http://www.staples.com/Staples-Multiuse-Copy-Paper-8-1-2-x-11-8-Ream-Case/product_1149611
- http://www.staples.com/Staples-Multipurpose-Paper-8-1-2-x-11-Case/product_513096
- Blue-Ray Player Panasonic DMP BD91
- Lanyards
- Colored hanging files
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Classroom trash barrels
- Labels for Brother PT-150 maker
- Classroom clocks
- Four power strips (electrical plugs)

**Be sure to look at TFA's page on:

www.shop.com/supportfoundersacademy

**Be sure to look at TFA's page on:

www.nepaper.com

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

TFA Email Activation



TFA is now using the fully activated email distribution list. In order to receive emails from TFA, you must have activated your parent email address account. If you know of a friend or relative attending TFA next year, please kindly remind them to activate their @tfanh.org email address. Thank you again!



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