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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Report cards are being finalized and will be sent out soon via email (@tfanh.org accounts only) to parents/guardians.

As of today, "Advisory" will be called "Round Table." This name change is very significant. Round Table is a time for discussions and activities focused on the school's mission, its themes, Americanism, culture and other topics relevant to good citizenship and character. The Founders Academy prizes the morning Round Table since it is distinctly different from how other school utilize the first period of the day. At Founders, its mission is central to the school and its curriculum.

Have a good weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## School News

### Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to Emily A. and Madeleine G. for being nominated the Students of the Second Quarter! They're great examples of what we expect our students to be. Here are some of the reasons students wrote in their nominations:

*Emily is a constant presence at Founders for leadership and kindness. She is always ready to lend a helping hand and is a great role model to her peers.*

*Madeleine... demonstrates good character. She thinks for herself. When she does not do well on an assessment, she doesn't give up. She picks herself up and does better.*



## U.S. History

*U.S. History is the cornerstone subject at The Founders Academy. Here's what the class is doing this week with Mr. Van Ewyk:*

As we transition from the first semester to the second, the US history classes will take a week this week to create two artistic beautification projects for the school. The students will create and add the following projects to the humanities hallway:

A Hall of Presidents

A mural of "The Stepping Stones on the Pathway to American Republicanism"

## Inside the Classroom

*A message from Ms. Griffin:*

The year is certainly moving along in Room 130! The sixth graders in Level One science have just wrapped up their Natural Disasters Unit and Midterm exam and are certainly excited to our look at the sky. In Level Two the Seventh Graders have taken a big leap into Biology and are actively engaged in learning about Cell Biology, Genetics and Ecology. Keep a look out for our labs and the Cell project that are soon to arrive! Ninth Grade Physical Science has moved into their Astronomy Unit, and couldn't be more excited. We will be taking a look at the star cycle, our solar system and culminate with the Google Mars project. It's looking to be a wonderful Quarter!

The laboratory here at The Founders Academy is certainly moving forward to complete functionality. With the help of admirable donors, we have been able to secure equipment that will aid students for years to come. We have now shifted our focus to obtaining microscopes for the laboratory in order to help the students see the world on the cellular level. It's an excellent opportunity for learning and to see what actually happens within the cellular division process! If you would like to donate to help fund this project, please find the link listed below. The students will greatly benefit from any help!

[Microscope Laboratory Equipment Fundraiser](#)

## Cell Phone Usage Prohibition

Please know that no student cell phones are allowed to be used at The Founders Academy during school hours until further notice. Student cell phones must be completely turned off between 8:00AM and 3:15PM Monday through Friday.

This prohibition is due to persistent and continuous abuse of the cell phone policy in place at the school.

Thank you.

## Chorus Performance at Monarchs Game

The students had a fantastic time at the Monarchs game, and did a great job singing!

Founders is proud that they took this opportunity, and looks forward to continuing to share the talent.



## Admissions

Those current parents who wish to apply for a sibling must complete the application process with the newly established deadline including placement tests. The first placement exam will be administered on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 8 AM.

**The application deadline is TODAY January 29, 2016.**

## “In the Words of Parents”

Founders is adding a new page to the website called “In the Words of Parents,” that will feature statements from parents about the school. We hope to give prospective parents and students a better idea of the environment in our school!

If you're interested in submitting a statement for the website, please email [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org).

## Fundraisers

### Annual Fund has Begun!

*On "Giving Tuesday," The Founders Academy launched its Annual Fund! Please see the message below from Richard Hyotte, and THANK YOU in advance! . . .*

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a moment and introduce myself to The Founders Academy community. My name is Rick Hyotte and I currently serve as the Chairman of The Founders Academy Board of Trustees. My two children currently attend The Founders Academy and I'm excited to be involved with The Founders Academy.

The Founders Academy is a public charter school; this allows any student who is a resident of New Hampshire to attend, for free. As many of you know charter schools are funded at a rate of \$5,597.27 per pupil while the average statewide expenditure for traditional public schools is approximately \$12,000 per student. Additionally, most charter schools currently pay property taxes, rent and all utilities and repairs associated with their facility.

Part of the responsibility of the Outreach Committee is to organize various fundraisers and lead the Annual Fund Drive. As a critical part of annual fundraising, we are asking each family to make a donation of \$450 to the Annual Fund Drive. The goal is to raise \$40,000 during the 2015-2016 academic year for operational expenses including textbooks, and other important school needs. Donations may be broken up into monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or one lump sum. Also, several local and national companies offer a matching fund so please inquire with your employer to see if it's offered. Keep in mind that all donations can be a deduction on your taxes. The school will issue a donation receipt with a tax ID number. Your donation to our annual fund will make a very real and important difference to students at The Founders Academy, and collectively we'll achieve our yearly goal.

Appreciation is expressed, in advance, for your kind consideration. Please make checks payable to "The Founders Academy" or donate online through PayPal at this [page](#). For more information, or to discuss any necessary financial agreements, please contact me at [richard.hyotte@tfanh.org](mailto:richard.hyotte@tfanh.org).

Rick Hyotte

Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
The Founders Academy  
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## The Founders Academy Snow Shovels

We still have a couple shovels ready for the taking! If you are interested, come on in to the front office or click on the link below to order them.

Please feel free to send the link to this [order form](#) to family and friends.

# Student Life

## Sarah F.'s Swim Meet

Along with nine other teammates representing the Greater Nashua YMCA STORM swim team, Sarah F. participated in the SPY Winterfest Invitational at the University of Maryland this past January 8-10, 2016. This was a national level competition that was attended by over 1300 swimmers from 52 teams with time qualifications representing the top 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile in the country for their age group. Sarah swam in six of her ten qualifying events. Making personal best times in almost all her swims, she placed top 24 in two of her best events. Her team did a great job overall. They had wonderful experiences swimming with some very fast kids and making new friends from all over the swim community.

Congratulations, Sarah! We hope you continue to perform well in what you love!



## Project Platoon

*A message from Ms. Mote:*

Over the course of the last few weeks, my 8th grade advisory has discussed the idea of being helpful and ways in which we can exercise generosity and helpfulness to the world around us. Together we decided that we wanted to support soldiers overseas through Adopt a Platoon. This organization pairs groups and individuals with soldiers overseas. On a monthly basis we will be collecting items such as newspapers, snacks, clothing items, and puzzle books to send to our platoon.

At Founders we focus on our liberty and freedom, and it's important for us to remember those who serve to defend that freedom. When the contact with the Adopt a Platoon organization asked if I thought one group of students could manage to support a whole platoon of 20, I was very proud to tell her about the generous community of students at Founders and shared with her the results of our recent food drive. I have no doubt that the generosity and determination of the Founders community will only grow through opportunities such as this.

*If you would like to help us in this project, please contact Ms. Mote or students from her advisory.*



## Student Hallway Etiquette

Parents, please remind your students about proper behavior in school, especially in between classes. It's important that students avoid horseplay in the hallways, as well shoving, yelling, and disrespectful language towards others. We'd like to avoid as many accidents as possible, and with your reinforcement of this behavior at home we can keep the environment at school a positive one. Thank you!

## After School Art Program

*A message from Ms. Mote:*

Dear Founders' Parents,

Founders will be continuing with the after-school art program with our next session on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:30-4:30PM. Mrs. Alesia Dopson, owner of a pottery studio, To Your Art's Content, will be teaching a variety of projects for students. Check out her website at [www.toyourartscontent.com](http://www.toyourartscontent.com).

Our next session started on Jan. 27th. The cost for the 4-week session is \$80. The permission slip is attached to this email. Please turn in both the permission slip and payment to the front desk.

Space is limited to 20 students, so sign up soon!

*If you have any questions about the program, please email Ms. Mote at [k.mote@tfanh.org](mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org).*

## Karate Classes at Founders

The first session of classes from the House of the Samurai has started. Sessions go for six weeks with three classes a week. While it's too late to sign up for the current one, if you want to sign up for classes in the next session use the link for the registration form below. The next session starts soon!

Watch for information and the registration form [here](#). The number for the House of the Samurai is [\(603\) 434-2265](tel:6034342265).



## Miscellaneous

## Food Pantry Needs

We're running very low on supplies for our food pantry!! This is where we grab lunch for students who forgot theirs. If anyone has extra nonperishable food items (cup mac & cheese, cup ramen, crackers, etc), we'd appreciate any donations!

## Fun Food Friday and Pizza Monday Forms

The lunch forms for February are up on the website! To print out the form for D'Angelos, click [here](#). To print out the form for pizza, click [here](#).

If school is closed on Mondays, we have arranged for pizza to be delivered on the following Tuesdays instead.

## Wanted: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Deb Waitt at 603.952.4705 or [debra.waitt@tfanh.org](mailto:debra.waitt@tfanh.org). We'll add you to the list!

## School Cancellation Notifications

In the event school is cancelled (or delayed) due to weather, the cancellation (or delay) will be announced by the following means of communication:

- Email to parents,
- Facebook,
- [www.thefoundersacademy.org](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org),
- ch 9 - WMUR,
- 90.7FM WLMW
- 610AM WGIR,
- 95.7FM WZID,
- 96.5FM WMLL,
- 1370AM WFEA,
- NECN
- Automated call system.

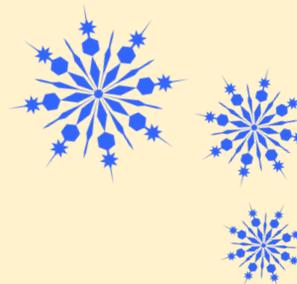
When school is cancelled, each student is responsible for completing work that is posted on the portals and emailed from the teachers. School work (i.e., "snow packets") will be posted by teachers on snow days by 8 AM.

Additionally, teachers will be monitoring the portals and their emails throughout the day. It is a *requirement* that students (contingent on having electricity and internet) log into the portals and complete assigned work on snow days.

*It is essential that all students complete the work during the snow day. If we demonstrate participation from our students we will avoid having additional days added at the end of the school year in June. If less than 80% of our students choose not to login and perform the assignments the day counts as a snow day and may result in the school needing to extend the year.*

## Club/Committee News

To see all clubs and committees (and more to come), click [here](#).



## Important Dates

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

January 29, 2016	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to parents/guardians.
February 4, 2016	Field Trip to Vertical Dreams for Grade 9.
February 11, 2016	The Future Leaders' Talent Show at 7pm.
February 12, 2016	Friday Assembly: The Future Leaders' Talent Show for students at 8am.
February 20-28, 2016	Winter Break. No School.
March 3, 2016	Spelling Bee at 6:30pm.
March 18, 2016	No School. Best Practices for teachers.
March 25, 2016	No School. Professional Development Day.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm.
March 30, 2016	Field Trip to Enterprise City.
April 1, 2016	Third Quarter grades close.
April 8, 2016	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.

April 15, 2016	Friday Morning Assembly: Drama Production Play Preview
April 15, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 16, 2016	Drama Production. Time: TBA
April 18, 2016	Gen. John Stark Day at Founders
April 21, 2016	Geography Bee at 6:30pm.
April 22, 2016	Field Trip: Shakespeare Folio at the Currier Gallery of Art. More details to come.
April 23 - May 1, 2016	Spring Break. No School.
May 6 - 7, 2016	FUNDRAISER: Barnes and Noble Book Fair, 1741 S. Willow Street, Manchester, NH. Watch for the CODE.
May 9 - 10, 2016	Science and Inventors Fair.
May 12, 2016	History Bee at 6:30pm.
May 13, 2016	Field Trip: 8th, 9th grades on a lake cruise.
May 13, 2016	Semi-Formal Dance.
May 16, 2016	Field Trip: 6th, 7th grades on Field and Forest Trip.
May 18 - 21, 2016	Trip to Washington DC for grades 7, 8, 9. For more details, contact Ms. Mote at <a href="mailto:k.mote@tfanh.org">k.mote@tfanh.org</a> .
May 27, 2016	Great East Music Festival Field Trip.
May 30, 2016	Memorial Day. No School
May 31 - June 3, 2016	Final Exams.
June 6, 2016	Field Trip: Walden Pond
June 6, 2016	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
June 7, 2016	Band Concert at 7pm.
June 8, 2016	Founders Field Day (all day).
June 10, 2016	Last Day of School.
June 10, 2016	Fourth Quarter grades close.

June 17, 2016

Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to student and primary parent/guardian.



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