



The Founders Academy

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

I hope you get a chance to see the newly published 2015-2016 yearbook! Congratulations to the Yearbook Committee and Ms. Mote on another job well done.

Be sure to join the school for the two musical concerts coming up on Monday, June 6 and Tuesday, June 7. Both chorus and band productions begin at 7 p.m. in the lower cafeteria.

We are still looking for volunteers to help at the June 8 Field Day. If you are interested, please contact robin.gage@tfanh.org. The Student Leadership Committee is doing a fantastic job planning the day's events!

During Field Day on Wednesday, June 8, teachers and parent volunteers must park on the grass lot in back of school or on dirt areas directly behind the school. There is **NO PARKING ON SCHOOL DRIVEWAY DURING FIELD DAY**. Additionally, there is no traffic into school after 8:30 a.m. Remember, pickup cars and school buses will wait on Perimeter Road until 3:00 p.m. before being allowed onto the school driveway. This will cause slight delays in parent pickup as the front of the building has to be cleared of Field Day before cars/buses can enter.

As always, have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

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:

Students will be taking the End of Quarter Assessments this week and continuing their review for Finals.

Teacher of the Months for June and September

Mrs. Maria Bechis has been teaching science at Founders for the past two years. She is very passionate about her subject and about Founders. She loves being able to create her own curriculum and carry out her own labs and projects. She has great faith that all our students can learn science. The main key is to become a good observer. She also loves teaching science because her students



help her to be a life-long learner by asking penetrating questions and coming up with new ideas. For instance, Adam V. wanted to know why scientists had not come up with an antibody filter so that people could obtain blood safely from any blood type.

Mrs. Bechis is a very experienced science teacher, having taught for 15 years. Her favorite subject is chemistry because it crosses the line between biology and physics. Her husband, Dennis, is a physicist. He has taught her a great deal about that subject and they have worked together on environmental issues, such as water quality, insisting that industry follow safety regulations when installing pipes at stream crossings.

Founders is honored to have such an enthusiastic, experienced and knowledgeable teacher in the science program.

Great East Music Festival

Many Founders students participated in the Great East Music Festival last Friday. The Level 2 Band did a great job and earned a gold medal this year!

Congratulations to all who participated, Mr. McKenzie, Ms. Prindiville, and a big thank you also to the chaperones!

Founders is proud of its performers!!



FIRST Robotics at Founders 2017

The FIRST Robotics Club is planning an informational / sign up night on **Thursday June 9 at 7:00 to 8:00PM in the lower cafeteria**. This is an opportunity for students and parents to learn about the FIRST Lego League (FLL) and FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) team options.

For two years TFA students have participated in the FLL competition in the Manchester area. New in 2017 we will have an opportunity to for older students to participate in the FIRST Tech Challenge

competition as well. FLL runs from September to December, FTC runs from September to about February. The team coaches are hoping for some summer programming and robot building prep. In season meetings are generally part of a weekend day and an evening at the convenience of the participants.

More information can be found at <http://www.firstinspires.org/> or email christopher.mikus@tfanh.org

Field Day - June 8

The Founders Academy Leadership Committee is planning a Field Day on **June 8th**, with a rain date of June 9th. Join us for a day full of competitions, games, contests, and so much more! . . .

On Field Day, Wednesday, June 8, Round Tables will be organized into an Olympic Games with each Round Table being a country with its own flag. The opening ceremony will a procession as the band plays. The activities will be, for the most part, competitive, and students will win points for their Round Tables. At the closing ceremony the chorus will sing as student line up by Round Table. Awards will be announced and students will return to their Round Table classrooms. During the day, students will move around to events that they have signed up for previously. They will not be required to stay with their Round Table. Parent volunteers will help at all the stations, freeing teachers to participate as they see fit.

Parking on June 8: Volunteers for field day need to park in the rear of the building behind teacher cars. There should be no cars parked in front of the school.

A schedule and list of the different events can be found [here](#).

Final Assessments

Final Assessments are coming up and we want to be sure that students are prepared. Depending on the teacher, the final assessments can be either an exam or project/presentation. A detailed rubric will be provided for a final assessment that isn't an exam.

Final Assessments are scheduled for May 23 - June 3. Subject areas have been assigned specific days in which they will give their assessments so that students do not have too many assessments on one day. The assessment schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 23 - World Language

Tuesday, May 24 - World Language

Wednesday, May 25 - NONE ("Everyday" classes may choose to give part of an exam on this day)

Thursday, May 26 - English/History

Friday, May 27 - NONE

Monday, May 30 - No School (Memorial Day)

Tuesday, May 31 - English/History/Art

Wednesday, June 1 - Computers/Music/Art

Thursday, June 2 - Math/Science

Friday, June 3 - Math/Science/Computers/Art

The daily schedule will run as normal - assessments will be given during a class' normal meeting time. (So if a student has French on Tuesdays/Wednesdays/Fridays at 8:30, they will have their assessment on Tuesday 5/24 at 8:30.) Nightly homework will stop being assigned by teachers on Wednesday 5/25 - unless that homework is for a project/presentation that is part of a Final Assessment grade.

NOTES ABOUT THE FINAL ASSESSMENTS:

Those in 9th grade have the privilege of going home early during final assessment week.

Parents/guardians may coordinate to pick their students early after 12:45pm (assuming their final assessments are done for that day). If a 9th grader doesn't have final assessments on a day designated as such, he/she may stay home to study (please indicate this absence by emailing attendance@tfanh.org).

To review how final assessments are factored into middle and high school grades, please refer to section 3.2 of the handbook.

Teachers have the discretion to decide whether or not students will be exempt from taking finals in their classes. However, if a teacher determines a student will be exempt, then the reason will be for the following:

- a 3.67 (unweighted) grade point average (or higher) achieved in the current quarter and the immediately preceding quarter.

Student Life

Summer Camp Programs 2016

Information has been posted about Summer Camps 2016! Enrollment has begun! Camps include:

- Leadership Academy
- Art Lab
- LEGO League Camp
- Math Foundations
- Exploring World Literature Through Short Stories
- Bikes and Books
- Sports and Fitness Camp
- Math Madness
- Board Game Camp
- Middle School Prep
- Poetry Workshop
- Spain and Its Culture/Spanish Conversations
- Novel Writer's Toolbox

- DIY - Crafts and Scrapbooking

The programs are set to run the weeks of July 11, July 18 and July 25.

Information about some of the camps being offered can be seen on the school website; go the www.thefoundarsacademy.org and click on “students/summer camp program,” or click [here](#).

We also have a page about the camps up on www.parentingnh.com.

Check the site often for updates as the summer gets closer!

Fundraising

New Donors Choose Project - Please Contribute!

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a request for my classroom at DonorsChoose.org:

[Founders Academy Green Room](#).

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks so much,
Joanna

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

Here is a picture of Ms. Marcotte and the Chromebook computers from her last successful DonorsChoose.org project:



La Carreta Fundraiser - June 9

La Carreta Mexican Restaurant in Manchester is holding a fundraising night on the Thursday before school ends (**June 9th**). The restaurant will donate 10% of all receipts received that night back to the school. (Dine in only).

The flyer below contains more details, and **please be sure to bring it in with you that night** in order to get credit for the attendance and purchase.

[FLYER](#)

This is a great end of the year event/date night on behalf of the school!

New to Founders: Empties4Cash

The school has launched a fundraising project with the help of an inkjet recycling company Empties4Cash. Empty inkjet cartridges can be recycled and remanufactured.

Our school will receive up to \$4.00 for each cartridge turned in. This will directly benefit our school and the students, not to mention, it is great for the environment.

You can help!

Any inkjet cartridge with a print head can be recycled, regardless of brand or type.

Do you have an HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Brother, Dell, Canon, or Apple printer?

Bring in your empty OEM inkjet cartridges (placed in the original box that you would have thrown away to keep it safe from spills and damages, or a Ziploc bag) to the school.

For more information and a list of approved inkjet cartridges, go to www.empties4cash.com.

Be on the Look Out!
WANTED
Empty Cartridges On The Loose

If found, please turn in to:

The Founders Academy

We have been searching far and wide for them.
Your reward will be a warm and fuzzy feeling in your heart for helping your local organization raise much needed funds.

For Questions, Contact
Robin Gage

Thank you for your Support

Miscellaneous

Food Pantry Needs

We're running 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!

Wanted: Volunteer Substitute Teachers, Lunch, Interns & Study Hall Monitors

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, interns, 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. We'll add you to the list!

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>

May 23 - June 3, 2016	Final Exams.
June 6, 2016	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
June 7, 2016	Field Day organized by the Student Leadership Committee.
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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