



The Founders Academy

A Public Charter School for Grades 6-12

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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

A tremendous THANK YOU to each of you who contacted a legislator this year encouraging more state funding for charter schools! On September 16, 2015, the state budget was signed resulting in charter funding increasing to \$36 more per pupil this school year (2015-2016), and \$1,036 more per pupil next school year (2016-2017). The legislative process can be a slow and tedious one, but with your solid support good things can happen! Now, be sure to thank your legislator for his/her vote!

If you would like more information on the budget process and its relation to charter schools in New Hampshire, go to: www.nhcharterschools.org. If interested, you can sign

up to receive regular legislative updates about New Hampshire charter schools on that site.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

“Inside the Classroom”

This week, Mr. Waterbury’s History 2 (Western Civilization) class is currently reviewing ancient cultures and exploring Plato’s *Republic* while using the Socratic discussion method.

Read Mr. Waterbury’s full syllabus for History 2 here:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/academic_departments/humanities/history/history_2_-_western_civilization_syllabus/

Congratulations Mrs. Lopez!



Congratulations to Mrs. Lopez!

Mrs. Lopez had an appeal on Donor Choose.org and reached her goal this week! Her ask was for a document camera for the math room.

THANK YOU to all who gave toward this effort to help Mrs. Lopez reach her goal! Continue to check www.donorschoose.org for ongoing TFA projects that haven’t been fully funded yet.

“Back to School Night”

Plan to join Founders at “Back to School Night” on September 22 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm.

- The first portal training is in the upper cafeteria at 6:00pm (last names A-M)
- The second portal training is in the upper cafeteria at 6:30pm (last names N-Z)

A presentation on portal training will be provided along with several display tables on what's going on at Founders! The following clubs/trips/organizations will be represented:

- Outreach Committee
- Cherrydale fundraiser
- Volunteer opportunities
- Shop.com
- LEGO League
- Drama Club
- Journalism Club
- Yearbook Club
- Dance Committee (and fundraiser)
- Adopt A Plot
- House of Samurai (after school Karate)
- Boy Scouts
- European Trip in 2017
- Washington, DC trip in Spring 2016
- And more!

Mark your calendars!

Fun Lunches

Fun Lunches are ordered in advance and delivered to TFA on Mondays and Fridays.

Here is the form for D'Angelos Fun Friday and Johnny Troy's Pizza Fun Monday:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FCROUMz71nj63JVQRzEH3NiYzrhAp5rWRgXcqWx-Wpo/edit> and

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ofy5Hr0lwkZvOrS5F5Rjugi8am-CAG6GuStCyYpjbL0/edit>. Please print and complete the form and have your student submit to their Advisor or the Front Desk.

Cell Phone Usage

Dear Parents: Student cell phones are not to be used for texting, emailing, or phone calling during school hours. Students must not stream on their cell phones as this slows down the school's network. "No use of 3G, 4G, LTE, or other personal service is allowed." This is in Founders Handbook, section 2.3.

"Bring Your Own Device"

Founders encourages students to "bring their own devices" to school. If your child has a laptop or iPad, etc. please review the Student Handbook section 2.3 and encourage them to use the devices for school:

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/handbook>

Thank you again!

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. We'll add you to the list!

Let's Have a Healthy Year at Founders!

The following are instances when your child needs to be kept home, will be sent home, and may need to be evaluated by his or her primary care physician:

***Fever greater than 100.4 degrees (they must be fever free for 24 hrs before returning to school)**

***Vomiting and/or diarrhea (can not return to school until 24 hrs from last vomiting episode, this does not include time when medication to prevent vomiting or diarrhea was given)**

***Sore throat accompanied by other cold symptoms, headache, nausea, fever**

***Severe ear pain, or drainage from the ear**

***Severe headache, especially if accompanied with fever**

***Severe cough or cold symptoms including, excessive nasal drainage, congestion, persistent cough (which may disrupt sleep), wheezing, body aches, (may or may not present with fever)**

***Diagnosis of any contagious infections/virus including; Flu, Conjunctivitis, Strep etc. (some of the listed diagnosis will require 24 hours of antibiotic treatment prior to return "i.e." strep, conjunctivitis)**

Thank you!

School Store

SCHOOL STORE is open on Tuesdays and Fridays during both lunches. At the store there is TFA branded merchandise, basic school supplies, goggles for Science, student planners, healthy snacks, and more!

Special thanks to the volunteer parents who help at the store!

Upcoming School Dance

The Dance Committee is planning a Halloween Dance on October 23 from 6:30 to 8:30pm. Thank you, Dance Committee, for ALL the work you do!

Adopt-A-Plot

The Garden Committee is offering TFA families the opportunity to 'adopt-a-plot' along the front and side of the building. Flowers, veggies, rocks, fairies, scarecrows, and so much more....

Plots will be the width of the markings along the sidewalk and will be offered at \$25 each or 2 for \$40. The landscape sketches are complete and we will be taking requests to "Adopt-A-Plot" starting on Monday.

Help us beautify TFA while you share your gardening skills. Contact debra.waitt@tfanh.org for more information!

European Trip

Mrs. Barlow will hold an informative meeting on October 15 at 7:30pm for those interested in the European trip. The trip is an 8 day venture in April 2017 to Amsterdam, Holland - Brussels, Belgium - Paris, France - London, England. A web page with more information about the trip is coming soon! For more information, contact k.barlow@tfanh.org.

Four Most Needed Items at Founders this Week. . .

- Paper towels
- Bulletin Boards
- Blue recycle bins
- Expo dry eraser gallon refill

- Please check out additional items needed (NE Paper ships FREE to Founders PLUS gives a 10% royalty to Founders on all purchases):
http://www.shop.nepaper.com/Founders-Academy-Donations_c43.htm

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

Thank you very much!

Top Items Needed for the Health Office at TFA

TFA heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the top items for the HEALTH OFFICE include:

- Cold packs
- Warm packs
- Band aids, all sizes

- Gauze pads, all sizes
- Dental floss
- Small paper cups
- Eye irrigation kit

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

Thank you very much!

Important Dates

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

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 3, 2015	Friday Morning Assembly at 8 am- Topic: Aviation Museum of N.H. http://www.nhahs.org/
October 8, 2015	Outreach Committee Meeting 7pm
October 12, 2015	Columbus Day. No School.
October 16 and 17, 2015	FUNDRAISER: Barnes & Noble (1741 S. Willow St., Manchester, NH) all book sales to benefit TFA on October 16 and 17, 2015. Hours are 9AM until 10PM. Watch for the CODE to use, coming soon!
October 21, 2015	Board of Trustees (School Board) Meeting at 4pm.
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. Flu Shots will be available for both students and adults. 8AM
October 21, 2015	Admissions Information Night for incoming students and parents (6:00-7:30PM)
October 23, 2015	Halloween Dance from 6:30-8:30pm at Founders.
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.
November 16, 2016	Parent Teacher Conferences. No School.
November 21, 2015	Science and Inventors Club Fundraiser.
November 25-29, 2015	Thanksgiving Break. No School.
December 14, 2015	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
December 15, 2015	Band Concert at 7pm
<i>[December 16, 2015</i>	<i>Snow date for concerts]</i>
December 19 - January 3, 2016	Holiday Break. No School.
January 18, 2016	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. No School.
January 19 - January 22, 2016	Mid-Terms
January 22, 2016	Second Quarter grades close.
January 29, 2016	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to students and primary parent/guardian.
February 20-28, 2016	Winter Break. No School.
March 25, 2016	Professional Development Day. No School.
March 28, 2016	Combined Concert at 7pm.
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 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 9 - 10, 2016	Science and Inventors Fair.
May 13, 2016	Field Trip: 8th, 9th grades on a lake cruise.
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 k.mote@tfanh.org .
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	Chorus Concert at 7pm.
June 7, 2016	Band Concert at 7pm.
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.

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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