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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This morning, I made an announcement prior to midterms about Inauguration Day. Just as our Founding Fathers intended, today marked another peaceful transition in U.S. history from one presidential administration to another.

Please remember that Monday, January 23 is a full day of school. What would have been the Friday mid-term assessments will take place on Monday morning, and class schedules will take place Monday afternoon. The specific schedule for Monday is within this newsletter.

Next week, January 23 - 27 is National School Choice Week. The Founders' chorus will be singing at a reception to honor the occasion at the Currier Gallery of Art! One way to keep abreast of happenings in New Hampshire related to school choice is by signing up for the New Hampshire Alliance for Public Charter Schools mailing list here: <https://nhcharterschools.wildapricot.org/stay-informed>.

Several bills have been filed in Concord for this legislative session which could substantially affect charter schools. For a full review, please review this site <https://nhcharterschools.wildapricot.org/Legislation-2017>. Contacting legislators either for or against bills can only assist in growing charter schools.

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

This Week in U.S. History By Mr. Van Ewyk

This week students begin the process of review for the upcoming midterm exams. History 3 will review everything from the founding of the Jamestown colony in Virginia to the adoption of the US Constitution. History 4 will review everything from the War of 1812 to the US Civil War.

January Teacher of the Month - Ms. Cormier

"I am very honored to announce that the Teacher of the Month for January is Mrs. Cormier. Mrs. Cormier is our new choral teacher this year at The Founders Academy.



Mrs. Cormier has been performing since she was 5, and started teaching at 21, which helped her pursue her dreams of becoming an opera singer. She has studied at the Metropolitan Opera in New York, with some of the best singers in the operatic world including Joan Dornemann and Nico Caste.

She has also traveled around the world, to perform gigs and leading roles with countless opera companies. She has lived in Austria and Germany, and has travelled to Italy and St. Petersburg Russia. She has done many shows, but her most well known role is Carlotta, in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Vienna Austria production of "The Phantom of the Opera".

Today, she teaches many different students of different ages and experience, and has staged directed over 30 different operas and musicals. She especially loves working with Opera NH as they have brought the world of opera to young students in NH for many years. Her biggest accomplishments, however, are her children; Catherine, who is 24, and Christopher, who is 16.

Mrs. Cormier considers working at The Founders Academy a privilege, as she values the unique and special qualities of our country, as she has lived in other countries. She feels lucky at Founders to share both her loves of music, and her country. Well Mrs Cormier, we are incredibly lucky to have you!"

~Jessica B.

Monday (Jan. 23) Class Schedule

Please know that Monday (Jan. 23) is a full day of school. Students should be prepared to take mid-terms in the morning and then proceed with a class schedule in the afternoon. Please review the schedule below with your students for Monday, January 23:

8:00-8:15 - Round Table
8:15-10:15 - Monday/Thursday H/I Period Exam
10:15-10:30 - Snack
10:30-12:30 - Tuesday/Friday H/I Period Exam
12:30-1:00 - School-wide Lunch
1:00-2:30 - Monday/Thursday B/C Class
2:30-3:15 - Study Hall

Upcoming Open House - Jan. 25

The next Admissions Information Session is on:

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 from 6pm-7:30pm.

See you there!

Please pass along to families who are interested in applying!

For an application, click here:

<https://appro.rediker.com/apwebonlinereg/index.aspx?schoolid=0075BFD66E3E4EA0A7C23AA580B0F762>

High School Parent Open House on Feb. 1 and More!

Dear Parents,

As we approach the beginning of the second semester and plan how we will conclude the spring term, the faculty is already holding discussions about courses for the upcoming school year. In the last couple of months, teachers have been diligently working to create a list of electives that your high school students could take during the 2017-2018 school year. We are happy to announce that our teachers have written over a dozen proposals. In the last couple of weeks, the department chairs and the curriculum committee have met to discuss these courses, and we believe that we have narrowed down that list to a manageable selection. Next week, the high school students and existing 8th graders will take a survey in their English courses. The purpose of this survey is to determine the highest levels of interest from the students regarding the proposed courses. Based on what the students select, the committee will move forward to finalizing those proposals and offer them for the fall and spring semesters of 2017-2018. Below are the courses that will be on the survey.

English

- Classical Mythology
- World Mythology
- Creative Writing
- Utopian and Dystopian literature
- Survey of Science fiction literature

History

- Psychology
- Cultural Geography

Math

- Pixar Animation
- Bootstrap Math

Science

- Natural History of New Hampshire
- Advanced Genetics
- Space Sciences

Fine Arts

- History of Western Visual Art
- Introduction to Theater
- Introduction to Painting
- Introduction to 3D design

Technology

- Website design 2

We will be holding an informational night for high school students on **February 1st from 6-7 pm**. At the meeting, we will discuss these courses, academic rigor, future testing plans, and how we are preparing your students for college. If you should have any questions, please contact myself or Mr. Gaumont.

Regards,

Mr. Chris Kline
Humanities/Curriculum Coordinator
The Founders Academy

Founders Student Writing Contest Winners!

Two of our English teachers here at Founders, Ms. Small and Mrs. Goodrich-Bundy, put together a writing contest for the whole school just before Christmas Break. Below are the winners; congratulations to them and all who participated!

6th/7th Grade Winners:

Creativity: Emma B.
Holiday Spirit: Julian H.
Dialogue: Evalyn D.

8th/9th Grade Winners:

Creativity: Jasmine H.
Holiday Spirit: Allison S.
Dialogue: Leah D.

Events

Winter Dance - Jan. 20

Founders Winter Dance is coming up tonight Friday, January 20th. It will be from 6:30 - 9:00, and there is a

\$5.00 admission which includes a snack and a drink.

At the end of the dance, parents have to come IN to pick up their children.

Art Department Bake Sale - Jan. 25

We will be having an Art Department Bake Sale on **Wednesday, January 25** during all lunches. There will be an assortment of yummy baked goods to purchase as well as raffle tickets for some great prizes! If you have Mrs. Strub, don't forget in order to make this a huge success, we need you to bring in your baked goods to sell on Wednesday morning. The money that we raise from the bake sale will go towards purchasing supplies for our classes. Thanks so much!

Movie Night - Feb. 17 - Save the Date

The Student House of Representatives will be hosting a Movie Night!

Date: Friday, February 17

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Details: Jumanji (probably), pizza and popcorn

Entrance fee; not established yet. Stay tuned!

Second Annual Founders' Job Fair - March 8

Founders will host its second annual Job Fair on March 8, 2017 from 3:30pm until 6:30pm. Please pass this link along to your networks to sign up. The time slots will go quickly!

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/job_opportunities/job_fair

Outreach Happenings and Outcomes

Upcoming Outreach Meeting - Feb. 9

OUTREACH NEWS: All Founders parents are welcome to come to the next Outreach committee meeting at its new time - on **Thursday, Feb. 9th at 2:30 pm**. (J period) Come early before pick up and help us plan the fundraising calendar for next year. All parents are welcome and we need you to be involved!

The upcoming Outreach Committee meetings this year are as follows:

Feb. 9th at 2:30 pm

March 9th at 2:30 pm

April 13th time to be determined

May 11th time to be determined

Popcorn Orders are Due

POPCORN ORDERS are now being accepted for Qtr. 3 & 4 through **Wednesday, Jan 25th**. Bags are \$.50 each for 14 weeks. Only pre-orders can be done. Forms can be found on the school website under "Parents" and "Forms" - Popcorn Fridays.

The order form can be found on our website under [Forms](#).


New Donors Choose for the Science Department

From Ms. Griffin: "I'm excited to announce that Donors Choose has approved the new project submission for our science department here at Founders. We're looking to acquire stereomicroscopes to afford more opportunities in curriculum, especially potential elective courses."

Please be generous!

[Ready, Set, Zoom! - Science Department Donors Choose Project](#)

Chunky's Cinema Fundraiser



chunky's cinema
Fundraiser!

FOR JUST \$7.00
(WHICH IS A .99 SAVINGS)
YOU WILL GET 1 GEN. ADMISSION TICKET.

TICKETS ARE GOOD FOR ANY CHUNKY'S
LOCATIONS & HAVE NO BLACK OUT DATES!

This fundraiser will start on 1/3/17 and all money and forms
must be returned to the school NO LATER THAN 2/10/17.

Tickets will be distributed to students before vacation.

PRIZE to the student with the
most tickets sold!

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT KYLENE @ KYLENE.NORMANDIN@TFANH.ORG

These tickets will be good for one year from date of purchase.
All the [flyers](#) and forms for this fundraiser are linked in our website under [Forms](#).
Forms can be picked up at the school or downloaded from the link above.
This flyer can be shared with anyone who may be interested!

Other News

Food Order Forms

Pizza and Fun Food Friday Order forms for January and February 2017 are available on the website under the parent drop down. If there is no school due to inclement weather on a Monday, pizza will be provided on Tuesday. Thank you for your support!

"Most Needed" Items at Founders: URGENT NEED!

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

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Scotch Tape- Band-aids of all sizes- White-out | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper Towels- Lunches and snacks for the food pantry- Tissues |
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Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!

Admissions

The application for the 2017-2018 school year is now online here:

<https://appro.rediker.com/apwebonlinereg/index.aspx?schoolid=0075BFD66E3E4EA0A7C23AA580B0F762>

Thank you!

School Calendar

Regularly check the school calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

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



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