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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Happy New Year! There is so much happening at Founders and the new year is only 6 days old!

Thank you for all your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

School News

Teacher of the Month: Mrs. Moore

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Month for December, Mrs. Moore!



“The teacher of the month is Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Moore helps all of her students understand the curriculum, and also offers extra help at any time that she is free. She will always accept late work, no matter how late they are, to ensure that the student understands the material fully. She is very kind, and encourages all of her students to be kind, as well. Mrs. Moore is very competitive, but when she loses, she congratulates the winner or winners. She makes class fun and interesting by telling jokes during class. She forgives her students for most things, and she does not yell, unless you aren't paying attention in class.

Mrs. Moore wanted to be a teacher because when she was in eleventh grade, she had to teach sociology to her class, and found out she loved it! Mrs. Moore went to University of Brunswick to become a teacher. Mrs. Moore's favorite hobby is playing board games, and her favorite color is purple. Her favorite series is the Harry Potter series, and her favorite puzzle is “Famous Scientists”, which is finished, and in her room right now. Mrs. Moore's favorite subject when she was in school was science, of course. Her favorite movies are the “Star Wars” movies, and her favorite T.V. show is “The Magicians”. Her favorite food is chicken, and her most beloved

dessert is chocolate. Mrs. Moore's strengths are being focused, and being organized. Her weaknesses are

being stubborn, and another, is her son. Let's have another round of applause, for Mrs. Moore!"

~Aurora B.

Welcoming: Mrs. Victoria Ames

Please welcome Ms. Ames as the long-term substitute for Level 3 science. Please stop by her room to say "hello." Her email address is v.ames@tfanh.org.



Message from Ms. Ames:

"I'm Victoria Ames, a recent graduate from Roger Williams University where I majored in biology. I am the long-term substitute for Ms. Blakeney's level 3 science classes. I thank you all for welcoming me into the building and giving me the opportunity to work with you all and the students here. I look forward to meeting those of you who I have not met yet and getting to know all of you. I am in room 166 if you want to drop by and say 'Hi.' "

Book Donations

For the second time during this Holiday Season, we received a generous donation from Manchester Barnes and Noble shoppers. Shoppers have bought and donated books from The Founders Academy library wish list. The Founders Academy is very appreciative and thankful for Barnes and Noble and our magnanimous and benevolent supporters.



“N.H. Launches a Computer Science for All Initiative at UNH Manchester”

Some of Founders' teachers attended the CS4NH Launch Day, the start of the initiative to give all New Hampshire students the chance to learn computer science to prepare them for a world that is run by computers. To read more about this see the following link:

<https://manchester.unh.edu/blog/campus-news/nh-launches-computer-science-all-initiative-unh-manchester>

Admissions Information Night

The Founders Academy Public Charter School Hosts Admissions Information Night - January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

MANCHESTER, NH - The Founders Academy, an open enrollment chartered public school for grades 6-12 at 5 Perimeter Road, Manchester, NH, is having an Admissions Information Night for prospective families on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.** The evening's program includes brief presentations on the school's mission, rigorous and challenging curriculum, and admissions process. The evening concludes with a self-guided tour of the school and opportunities to talk individually with teachers and administrators.

Founded in 2014, The Founders Academy is a free public charter school for grades 6-12 located at 5 Perimeter Road in Manchester. In the fall of 2017, the school will offer grades 6-11. The school's mission focuses on the virtues of the Founding Fathers, leadership, character building, and liberty. The school provides a challenging and classical academic program including, among other courses, U.S. history, economics, ethics, entrepreneurship and studies in leadership. In addition, there is a strong arts program

featuring band, chorus and fine arts, as well as an ambitious curriculum of required and elective courses in standard high school subjects. Teacher and student-led learning includes cooperation, projects, debate, discussion and individual projects and internships. Established by The Founders Academy Foundation, the school offers individual attention for each student to pursue mastery in their studies. Although the school is public, there is an application and possible lottery process for admittance. For more information or to schedule a visit, go to www.thefoundersacademy.org or call 603.952.4705.

Midterm Schedule From the Registrar

Starting this year, The Founders Academy will utilize a half-day schedule during Midterms. School will start at the normal time, but classes will end at 12:30pm on all of those days. This will avoid the issue of students having too many exams on one day, while also giving them time to do extra studying. During these weeks, the only homework that will be assigned will be work that is directly a part of a class' exam or project.

Due to an issue with the bus company, busses will run like normal before school and will still pick students up from the school at 3:15pm. We encourage parents to organize rides home for their children at 12:30, but if they are not able to, we will have a lunch period and then a study hall and activities for any remaining students until 3:15pm.

The schedule below is based off a student's Wednesday schedule (when they have most of their classes). The exam blocks will run for 2 hours each with a 15-minute break in the middle to give students the opportunity to have a quick snack and to visit the restroom.

Students need to be at the school for the following periods:
Any period in which they normally have a class on Wednesdays

Students do NOT need to be at school for the following periods:
They have their Lunch normally during that period on Wednesdays
They have a Study normally during that period on Wednesdays
Their teacher has told them that they are officially Exempt from the exam. (A student must have received a grade of A-, A, or A+ in BOTH Quarters 1 and 2 AND the teacher is offering exemptions. Teachers can decide that no one is exempt from an exam/project.)

For students who do not need to be at the school during a certain time, they can either arrive late (but at least 15 minutes before their next exam block), be dismissed early, or go to a Study Hall.

If a student has a class in which a written exam is not being given (i.e. - the class is doing a final project), that class will still meet during its assigned exam block. Students will be expected to attend and the class will have a 2-hour lesson.

Finally, some classes do not meet for 5 blocks a week will share the exam block with the class that it is normally paired up with. Each of these classes will meet for 1 hour within their 2-hour block. These subjects are:

- 6th Grade
- Music/Art
- Spanish/PE
- French/Math Lab
- Writing/Computers

7th Grade
Art/Writing
Computers/Writing

MIDTERMS SCHEDULE

"Periods" are based off of a WEDNESDAY schedule.

8:00-8:15 - Round Table

8:15-10:15 - Exam #1

10:15-10:30 - Snack

10:30-12:30 - Exam #2

Midterms

Thursday/Friday (1/12 & 1/13) - Normal school day - Any J Period classes give exams during class (if necessary)

Monday (1/16) - No school - MLK Day

Tuesday (1/17) - B Period & C Period

Wednesday (1/18) - D Period & E Period

Thursday (1/19) - F Period & G Period

Friday (1/20) - H Period & I Period

(If there is a snow day this week, exams will be pushed back a day)

With few exceptions, all classes are expected to give midterms and finals - either as an exam or a project.

This should be a cumulative assessment of material from throughout the semester.

For non-HS credit classes, this will be counted as a normal test/project grade in Q2.

For HS credit courses, this will be entered separately and will weigh more towards the Final Grade. (See Student Handbook)

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

Events

Outreach Committee Meeting - Thursday, January 11, 2017

Start the New Year with getting more involved with Founders Academy. The Outreach committee will be meeting at the school to discuss upcoming fundraisers & Annual Fund for the remainder of the school year and getting new ideas for next year. Please come to find out how volunteers for Outreach are a big part of the fundraising efforts. If you can't make the meeting but want to get more involved, please contact Brenda Lombardozzi at brenda.lombardozzi@tfanh.org.

Board Game Night

Join us Friday, January 13th, from 4-8PM to play some great board games! The cost of \$5 will cover pizza and a drink.

Les Miserables



Bonjour!

Just a quick reminder for all French students (excluding Intro to World Language students) about field trip permission forms for Les Miserables. We will be attending this performance at the Palace Theatre on **Friday, January 13th at 10:00 am.**

We have been emphasizing that the deadline is tomorrow for permission forms, but we are going to extend it until Monday, Dec. 19th. This is the absolute last day to turn them in, as the theater will need a headcount by that time. The cost is \$15, and we ask that you please use exact change when paying. If you are sending a check, please make it payable to The Founders Academy. The permission form can be printed out using the link below. If you cannot print a copy, please have your student ask me for one, as I do have a few printed out.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1m0oxn6ZcSSDG8UD1ZgFp8UFSoWLZpKxbH7dn_be5Wkk/edit

I hope that you will not miss out on this opportunity to see a fantastic rendition of Victor Hugo's classic novel!

-Madame Barlow

Fundraisers

Popcorn Orders are Due

Pre-paid orders for Friday popcorn can now be ordered for the Qtr. 3 & 4. The popcorn will be available during lunch time and will go to Friday, May 26th (14 weeks). Only pre-paid orders can be done, and order forms can be turned in with Deb Waitt or with your Round Table Advisor until **Wednesday, January 25th.**

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

New Donors Choose! (THIS HAS BEEN FULLY FUNDED: THANK YOU!)

Students need access to Chromebooks for core content projects. We currently have 4 Chromebooks in the building, and there isn't a day when all 4 are not signed out for teachers to use with students to support their learning across the curriculum.

We would like to increase access to these devices with five new Chromebooks so more students can benefit in the building. The current devices have been used in writing, science, and in foreign language courses this year.

-Ms. Marcotte

[Access for All - Student Chromebooks](#)

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](#)

Upcoming 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!

Snow Shovel Sale

Snow shovels are back at Founders!

These tough, durable shovels are made in New England and you can pick one up at the front desk for \$20.
Please consider buying one and supporting our school while keeping your driveways and sidewalks clean!



Other News

Founders Attire

Founders has its own attire now! See the attachments to this email and the [order form](#) for polo shirts, fleece jackets, hoodies, etc.



TFA School Spirit Wear

Embroidered logo
Optional embroidered name



Gildan 82800 Double-pique Polo

100% double pique cotton - contoured welt collar and cuffs
rolled forward topstitched shoulder - three dyed-to-match buttons
double-needle bottom hem; side-seamed with 2 1/2" side vents
clean finished 1 1/4" width placket with reinforced bottom box
Adult Sizes: S-5XL

F280 heavyweight full-zip hoodie

90% cotton/ 10% polyester
low pill, high-stitch density fabric
jersey-lined two-ply hood
dyed-to-match cord
roomy front pockets
double-needle coverseamed armholes & waistband
Adult Sizes: XS-4XL



charcoal
only

151 performance fleece hoodie

Premium polyester fleece
Athletic mesh inside 3-panel hood
Hidden cell phone pocket
Top stitching on seams
Self fabric waistband and cuffs
Adult Sizes: XS-4XL



Port Authority Microfleece Jacket. F223

For cool-to-cold weather, this lightweight jacket
delivers warmth without unnecessary bulk.
An anti-pill finish helps preserve a clean appearance.

7.5-ounce, 100% polyester microfleece
100% polyester tricot pockets
Non-zippered front pockets
Open cuffs and hem
Adult Sizes: XS-4XL



maroon



forest



red



navy

**Orders will be placed once a month on the last day of the month during the entire school year.

**Order forms can be given to the front office or turned into the School Store on Tuesdays and Fridays.

**Payments can be by check (made out to "The Founders Academy") or cash.

**Watch for the Founders' store on the web site coming soon!

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- Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner- Cough drops- Band-aids of all sizes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Paper Towels- Lunches and snacks for the food pantry!- Tissues- Neomycin (antibiotic)- Plastic sandwich bags |
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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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