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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

I trust everyone had a Happy Independence Day!

If you haven't already, be sure to explore the school's web site ([www.thefoundersacademy.org](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org)). It is constantly updated with an extraordinary amount of information including teacher bios, the curriculum, course descriptions, forms, previous newsletters, portal access, course syllabi and book lists, the Student Handbook, photos, and much more!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## Leadership Code of Conduct

The students at Founders created, adopted and are expected to abide by the [Leadership Code of Conduct](#) both in and out of school. Please encourage these ten principles with your student.

1. Be responsible
2. Be respectful
3. Be honest
4. Be lawful
5. Be determined
6. Be polite
7. Be open-minded
8. Be courageous
9. Be confident
10. Be helpful

## Bring Your Own Device

All students are strongly encouraged to bring either a laptop or tablet to school. These devices will be used in various classes and allow the student to review the portal for homework assignments and access to Google Classroom. The tablet or laptop can be a very basic, entry level device. Student WIFI is available and a password will be keyed in for the student the first week of school. Cell phones do not count as a personal device for classroom purposes or as a calculator (unless express permission is given by a teacher to high school level students). WIFI will be enabled on one device per student. Please refer to the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) for the [BYOD \(Bring Your Own Device\) Policy](#) and additional information.

## Welcoming New Faculty: Linda Blakeney

Welcome Mrs. Linda Blakeney as a new Founders' English teacher! She will teach middle school English along with other English teachers within the Humanities Department!



### Biography:

Mrs. Blakeney has been teaching middle school students English language arts for over thirteen years in both private and public schools. She is excited about joining Founders for the 2016-2017 school year and having the opportunity to participate in the development and teaching of a 21st-century curriculum that includes an emphasis on character, leadership, and citizenship education. As a middle school specialist, she is familiar with, and enjoys, the dynamics of this age group, and is planning for a year of opportunities, projects, challenges, and growth for her sixth and seventh grade students.

**Personal:**

She is the mother of two grown sons and lives in New Hampshire with her husband Steve, an engineer, and their two cats, Jack and Zoe. Not surprisingly, in her spare time she likes to read mysteries, do crossword puzzles, and play word games!

## **Welcoming New Faculty: Jane Cormier**

Welcome Mrs. Cormier as the new Founders' Choral Director! She will teach all levels of Chorus within the Music/Visual Arts Department!



Ms. Cormier has performed leading roles with many regional and international opera houses including, Ashlawn Highland Summer Festival, Indianapolis Opera, Opera Iowa, Des Moines Metro Opera, Vienna Chamber Opera, St. Petersburg Opera (Zazerkalya) in Russia, and Cape Cod Opera. After receiving a travel award from the American Berlin Foundation, Jane performed at the Theatre an der Wien in the Andrew Lloyd Webber's German production, "Das Phantom der Oper" in the role of "Carlotta". Graduating from Bradford College with a BA in Creative Arts, Jane also studied at the Boston Conservatory. Ms. Cormier has performed in multiple concerts with world-renown lieder interpreter and accompanist, Norman Shetler in both the United States and Europe.

In 2000, Ms. Cormier received the Boston Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota, whose past recipients have included Ethel Kennedy, Phyllis Curtin and Sarah Caldwell for work in supporting young singers in opera. For the past twenty two years, Ms. Cormier has worked in with Opera NH producing in school opera programming to many thousands of children throughout the state New Hampshire.

Ms. Cormier has been blessed to work with some of the finest teaching professionals in the opera and musical theatre world. Jane has worked with Joan Dornemann, Assistant Director and Prompter, and Nico Castel, International Diction Coach, both of the Metropolitan Opera in NYC, and Cynthia Hoffmann, Director of the Voice at the Juilliard School.

Today, Jane is founder/director of Piccola Opera a 501©(3) organization dedicated to educating, enlightening, and entertaining the public with regard to the operatic arts.

Jane has experience teaching music in public, private, and boarding schools in New Hampshire. She loves to bring music to students of all ages and looks forward to sharing her gift of teaching and music with The Founders Academy.

## Important Dates

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

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| July 11-29, 2016   | Summer Camps  |
| August 17, 2016    | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM   |
| August 29-31, 2016 | Teacher Orientation   |
| September 2, 2016  | 6th Grade Orientation, 9:00AM - 2:00PM for all incoming 6th graders.  |
| September 6, 2016  | First Day of School   |
| September 6, 2016  | Beginning of the year Convocation   |
| September 8, 2016  | Back to School Night/Parent Portal Training/Meet Teachers, 5:30 - 7:30 PM   |
| September 9, 2016  | School-wide Moment of Silence for September 11, 2001  |
| September 15, 2016 | Picture Day   |
| September 16, 2016 | Constitution Day  |
| September 21, 2016 | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM   |
| September 30, 2016 | Health Fair (Rivier University)   |
| October 10, 2016   | Columbus Day (No School); Parent-Teacher Conference   |
| October 13, 2016   | Re-Take Picture Day   |
| October 19, 2016   | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM   |
| October 22, 2016   | 1st Annual Founders Craft Fair/Vendor Fair (contact <a href="mailto:robin.gage@tfanh.org">robin.gage@tfanh.org</a> for more information). |
| November 4, 2016   | Last day of First Quarter;<br>Locker clean-outs.  |

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| November 11, 2016                  | First Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.  |
| November 11, 2016                  | Veterans Day (No School)  |
| November 16, 2016                  | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM   |
| November 24-25, 2016               | Thanksgiving Recess (No School)   |
| December 7, 2016                   | School-wide Moment of Silence for Pearl Harbor Day                                    |
| December 20, 2016                  | Deadline for Applications   |
| December 21 2016 - January 2, 2017 | Holiday Recess (No School)  |
| January 16, 2017                   | Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (No School)                                   |
| January 18, 2017                   | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM   |
| January 20, 2017                   | Last day of Second Quarter;<br>Locker clean-outs                                      |
| January 27, 2017                   | School-wide Moment of Silence for the Challenger space shuttle crew, January 28, 1986 |
| January 27, 2017                   | Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts. |
| February 15, 2017                  | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM   |
| February 20, 2017                  | Presidents Day  |
| February 27 - March 3, 2017        | Winter Recess (No School)   |
| March 15, 2017                     | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM   |
| March 17, 2017                     | Best Practices at The Founders Academy; Staff Development/Workshop (No School)        |
| March 31, 2017                     | Last day of Third Quarter;<br>Locker clean-outs                                       |
| April 7, 2017                      | Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.  |
| April 14, 2017                     | Staff Development/Workshop (No School)  |
| April 17, 2017                     | Gen. John Stark Day   |
| April 19, 2017                     | Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM   |
| April 24 - 28, 2017                | Spring Break (No School)  |
| May 17, 2017                       | Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM   |
| May 26, 2016                       | School-wide Moment of Silence in honor of Memorial Day                                |

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| May 29, 2017  | Memorial Day (No School)  |
| June 9, 2017  | Last Day of School; locker clean-outs   |
| June 9, 2017  | End of the year Convocation   |
| June 16, 2017 | Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts. |
| June 21, 2017 | Board of Trustees Meeting, TBA  |



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