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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday! Happy August!

The summer is abuzz with activity as new and returning faculty settle into their offices!

We are so fortunate that despite limited funding for New Hampshire charter schools, we are still able to operate a great and growing school. Even with the modest legislative increase earlier this year, it is still not enough to pay our teachers like traditional public schools do. We recognize the appreciation parents have for our teachers, and their generosity to fund their projects. Charter school faculty not only work incredibly hard in the classrooms, but in many other areas throughout the course of the day too. We'd like to thank all New

Hampshire charter school teachers who give and sacrifice so much to teach our students!

Thank you for your support and have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services: Volunteering



Volunteering can be a wonderful, enriching and powerful experience. It can help you explore career options, steer you towards a college major or fulfill a desire to give back to your community. For whatever reason you are considering volunteering, be sure to start with a conversation with your parent(s) or guardian(s). Their approval and cooperation are essential to your volunteer experience being a success.

There are many different volunteering opportunities available to middle and high school students from helping out at your local animal shelter like the Humane Society of Greater Nashua <http://www.hsfh.org/get-involved/volunteer/> to ushering a theater production at the Seacoast Repertory Theater in Portsmouth <http://www.seacoastrep.org/support/volunteer/>. For a list of volunteer opportunities for teens, please visit <http://www.nhptv.org/zoom/volunteer.htm>.

Remember, there's an volunteer opportunity out there for every interest and mission!

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services
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School News

Introduction: Megan Brown

Founders is pleased to welcome Ms. Megan Brown as a history teacher! Ms. Brown will be a member of the Humanities Department. Her email address is: m.brown@tfanh.org. Welcome, Ms. Brown!



Born and raised in Mont Vernon, New Hampshire, Megan loves the Granite State, its history and taking advantage of its beautiful landscape. Megan graduated from Stonehill College with a degree in Education and History. She spent time in Washington D.C. working at the Library of Congress as a researcher, where she had access to the world's largest collection of sources documenting American history and contributed to the production of several books that make use of the rich sources available at the LOC.

As a historian, she focuses on the larger social implications of people, places, and events rather than trivial dates and names. She is devoted to energizing, strengthening and re-rooting the relationship between history and education, and believes that doing so starts with passion and excitement in the classroom. She seeks to challenge her students to learn from yesterday to enhance their understanding of today and to shape their contributions to tomorrow.

In her free time she enjoys fresh-water fishing, reading, baking, doing sudoku puzzles, and playing with her kitten, Lady Liberty. She likes to be an active and positive participant in her community, where she volunteers for her local Fire Department and Historical Society.

Megan is thrilled to be joining the Founders community and is excited for the year ahead!

6th Grade Orientation (Sept. 1) and Middle School Student Required Supplies

Happy August!

6th Grade Orientation is planned for Fri., Sept. 1 from 9-2pm. For questions, please contact j.efraimson@tfanh.org.

See required school supplies for middle school here: <http://bit.ly/2f5G3Jk>. For questions, please contact colleen.mcinnis@tfanh.org.

Best Wishes!

Founders wishes all the best as Mrs. Barlow, Ms. Henry and Mr. Manna move on to new career opportunities at various public schools in the area! We are sure that their new school districts will appreciate their talents. We thank them dearly for their time and service spent at Founders!

School Calendar 2017-2018

Remember to review the school calendar for 2017-2018 school year at the link below. Pay particular attention to the professional development days and holidays throughout the year:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2017_-_18_school_year_calendar/

Bell Schedule for 2017-2018 School Year

The Bell Schedule for 2017-2018 is here:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/student_life/daily_bell_schedule

Please know that the school day will **begin at 7:45AM and end at 3:10PM.** Morning drop off will begin at 7:20AM.

DonorsChoose for Drama Club

Dear Founders Community,

I want to let you know about a new DonorsChoose.org project that I have created for the supplies needed for our Drama Club!

In the words of one of our students: "Theater is very important in student lives because it gives them more confidence and self respect, which is a very important feature in a future leader." By contributing to our project you will be supporting these young actors and technicians as they practice important skills and grow in confidence which will stay with them throughout their school years and beyond!

Last year our high school theatre group advanced to the NHETG State Festival. We want to build on that experience to generate more growth for both our high school and our middle school! Donations of any size will help my kids. Your donation will brighten my students' school year, and you'll get heartfelt thank yous from the Founders Drama Club and photos of your gift in action.

Here's my classroom request:

[All the World's a Stage- Help Us Build It!](#)

If you know anyone who is passionate about education and the performing arts, please pass this along. My students and I greatly appreciate your support!

-Ms. Mote

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Other News

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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