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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

December is here! This month's theme is "celebrate" at Founders.

Founders is honored to receive Governor Sununu's invitation to sing at this year's Christmas Tree lighting at the Bridges House (21 Mountain Road) in Concord on Wednesday, December 6 at 5:30pm. Please come to support the Founders' Chorus if you're able!

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services



The Manchester Community College Discover MCC Day has been **postponed**. The future date of this event has not yet been set but they are looking at springtime. We will keep you informed of the date as soon as we are made aware.

The Founders Academy will be hosting an Early College Planning presentation on **Thursday, December 14 starting at 6:00 pm**. The NHHEAF network organization's Center for College Planning will be here to help guide families through the initial college process. This program is geared towards families of 9th and 10th grade students but we encourage families of 11th grade students to attend. We will also be hosting a College Overview for Juniors program on **Thursday, February 8, 2018**.

Save the Date for the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning Destination College event! The college convention will be held at the **Southern New Hampshire University Manchester campus** on **Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm**. The convention is for **high school juniors and their parents and is FREE and only available to New Hampshire residents**. For more information please [click here](#).

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services
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School News

FTC Team at Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference

Our very own FTC team did a demo with their robot at the [Christa McAuliffe Technology Conference](#) on November 30th! The kids did great demonstrating the robot, speaking with educators about building and programming, and they even got to try a virtual reality game. We are so proud! Multiple teachers from Founders attended the Conference this week for professional development.



Food Drive a Huge Success!

Thank you for your generosity and support with the Random Acts of Kindness Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Founders Academy community collected and donated approximately 1700 non perishable items to the veterans from The Liberty House.



Field Trip for 6th and 7th Grade Students: A Christmas Carol at the Palace!

Hello Students and Parents!

I am writing to let you know about a field trip opportunity which is being offered to 6th and 7th grade students! On Thursday, December 14th, we will be taking a group of students to the Palace Theatre to see a school showing of A Christmas Carol. We have taken students in past years to see this show, and it was a great experience! We hope that you will join us as we appreciate Charles Dickens' classic story, support local theatre, and usher in the holiday season!

This field trip will cost \$22, including ticket price and bus costs. The deadline for signing up for the field trip is December 8th. We have a limited number of tickets, and they will be given on a first come, first served basis. To get your student's name on the list, be sure to turn in a filled out permission slip (attached to this email) and the payment to the front desk. Cash payment should be exact, and checks should be made out to Founders.

Interested in being a parent chaperone? Send me an email (k.mote@tfanh.org) to let me know! We are looking for several parent chaperones!

 [A Christmas Carol Field Trip Permission Slip](#)

Please let me know if you have any questions! I hope to see many of you attend!

-Ms. Mote

Parent Steering Committee

Dear Founders Academy Parents/Guardians,

The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that it has adopted the Parent Steering Committee at its meeting held on November 29, 2017. The Board is excited to finally implement this integral Committee and values the time, talents and treasures of its parents. We are encouraging you to meet as soon as possible (by January 10th) to form this fundamental committee and seek candidates to nominate to the Board of Trustees. I will serve as Chair until the Committee has been formed and can elect it's own Chair. The date for the caucus will be on Friday December 15th at 6:00p. The meeting will be posted on the school's calendar and included in the Dean's weekly newsletter. If any parent/guardian wishes to be considered as a nominee but cannot make the meeting, please email me a letter of interest and bio at richard.hyotte@tfanh.org by 5p on December 14th.

Rick Hyotte
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
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The Founders Academy - Parent Steering Committee

1. CHARTER: "The school will have a well-defined parent involvement initiative through the Parent Steering Committee. The Parent Steering Committee can have up to two representatives on the Board of Trustees and have regular attendance at their meetings by the School Director. The Founders Academy believes that parents are an integral part of the school community and bring valuable input, energy and skills to the school's success. . . . A Parent Steering Committee will be created within the first few weeks of school. The Committee serves as the communication vehicle between parents, the School Director, and the Board of Trustees." From the Charter, pp. 39-40.
1. PURPOSE: The two functions of the Parent Steering Committee, as stated in the Founders Academy Charter, are to nominate parent/guardian members to the Board of Trustees and to serve as a communication vehicle between parents, the School Director, and the Board of Trustees.
1. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP: A caucus of parents/guardians shall be held once per year at the call of the chair to elect parent/guardian members of the Parent Steering Committee.
 - a. A Parent Steering Committee shall be established within a reasonable time (6 weeks) after its initiative has been approved by the Board.
 - b. The Chair of said Parent Steering Committee will be a parent/guardian member of the Board of Trustees as appointed by the Board Chair.
 - c. The minimum membership is one parent/guardian representing the middle school and one parent/guardian representing the high school.
 - d. The maximum membership is one parent/guardian representative per grade at The

Founders Academy.

- e. No family shall hold more than one seat on the Parent Steering Committee.
- f. The Parent Steering Committee serves until the end of the school year at which time a caucus should be held to appoint the Parent Steering Committee for the following school year.

1. COMMITTEE PROCESS TO NOMINATE BOARD MEMBERS: The Parent Steering Committee shall meet to nominate to the Board of Trustees a minimum of three qualified candidates, if available, for every vacant opening of the designated parent/guardian slots on the Board of Trustees. A qualified candidate supports the mission of the school, and is not involved in activities considered illegal or damaging to the reputation of The Founders Academy. The Board of Trustees will consider the nominees at the next regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting and take action which may include the following:
 - a. select one of them
 - b. ask the Parent Steering Committee to put forward additional nominees
 - c. select a parent/guardian candidate to present to the Parent Steering Committee for their consideration
 - d. other actions as may be appropriate or necessary.

Visiting Artist Skip Winter Assembly

Through a parent recommendation, we will be having a guest artist/speaker during an assembly on December 7. Skip Winter is a comic book artist from the Maine area. You can read more about him here (<http://unit5comic.com/About>.) If you should have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to email me (j.fortier@tfanh.org). - Mrs. Fortier

Science Bowl Team

We are looking for students in Grades 6, 7, and 8 who would like to be on the Middle School Science Bowl Team! It is an exciting national competition in science. We will compete at the Northeast Regional Middle School Science Bowl at MIT in Cambridge MA on Saturday February 24. We plan on having one team of 5 students. If we are successful there then we go to the National Science Bowl in Washington DC in April. We meet on Fridays after school. Students may sign up with Ms. Perrella in room 167 this week.

There will be a meeting for all students interested in Science Bowl today, December 1, from 3:10 until 4:15.

New Spiritwear Store!

Welcome to the Founders Academy spirit wear store. Start your Holiday shopping at The Founders Academy. Shop for Founders Academy spirit wear clothing like t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, bags and so much more. Don't wait, start your Holiday shopping now. Order by Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5pm to receive your order before Christmas Break. Orders will be available to be picked up at the school store Thursday December 14 and Friday December 15. Please contact Bridget Hyotte at bridget.hyotte@tfanh.org with any questions. Thank you for your support.

https://stores.inksoft.com/founders_academy

Academic Spotlight: History

Here's what's been going on in History!

Level 1 is currently learning about the Ancient Egyptians and their impacts on the rest of the Ancient world.

Level 2 is currently studying the system of Feudalism in Medieval Europe, and the religious and political role of the Roman Catholic Church.

Level 3 is currently learning about the American Revolution, and the initial attempts to establish the Articles of Confederation.

Level 4 is currently examining the development of big business at the end of the 19th century, and those impacts on American society.

Level 5 is currently concluding the Age of Exploration, and are creating presentations about certain aspects of life in Colonial settings.

NOTICE: Chorus Concert Date Change

Greetings from our Choral Department!

Just letting everyone know we are going to change the date of our Holiday Concert for **Chorus 1 & 4 from Wed., Dec. 6 to Friday, Dec. 8**. This change was to allow students to participate in a wonderful opportunity on Dec. 6.

The Governor's office has invited our chorus members to participate in a special event at Bridges House (<https://www.friendsofbridgeshouse.org/>) for an informal gathering at [21 Mountain Rd](#) in Concord.

Our Founders Chorus will lead the caroling at this event (the only chorus to do so!) from 5:30 pm - 5:45 pm. Santa will be there, along with hot chocolate and cookies. The Governor will say a few words and we are encouraged to mingle until 6:30 pm.

We will let you know about the event particulars when we get a bit closer. But, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
Jane Cormier

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Toys for Tots

Hello Founders Academy Families. Happy Holidays! The Random Acts of Kindness Committee is excited to join forces with the Toys for Tots. Every child deserves a gift under their tree during the holiday season. The Random Acts of Kindness Committee will be collecting new and unwrapped toys this year. Please send in your toy donation from **Monday, November 27, through Tuesday, December 12, 2017.**

Thank you for your support!

Donors Choose: Chorus Risers

"The Choral Program is growing! This year, we will have four different levels of Chorus performing (Grades 6 - 11) and sharing the wonderful gift of music! Our choristers have earned the right to be "seen" by our growing audience and we need your help to purchase choral risers for these talented music students.

These choral risers will help highlight our performances by offering professional-looking concert events at our school and at other performance venues.

We are very proud of our Founders Academy performers and look forward to offering them, and our audience, a top-notch performance experience!"

~Mrs. Cormier

Donate here! - <http://bit.ly/2z2RI4y>

Please Support Our Choral Program!

As a newly-founded NH Charter School, The Founders Academy is excited about its budding arts programming. The Choral Program is asking for your assistance by donating to our "**Choral Supporters Donor Page**," which will list your patronage in Founders Academy Choral Program in our 2017/2018 annual concert and production playbill programs. Your donation will be for the entire 2017/18 academic year.

Please see the following link for the donors form: <http://bit.ly/2y2HCzw>

Other

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.

Founders on Social Media!

Be sure to follow Founders on Facebook here:



Founders' Facebook Carpooling Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Founders' Facebook Volunteering Parents Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527282857342512/>

Be sure to follow Founders on Twitter here:



Check out Founders Youtube Channel here:

