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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Please remember that Monday, January 22 is a midterm day (the midterm schedule shifted a day due to the snow day last Wednesday). More details are contained in this newsletter.

Next week is "National School Choice Week." We'll be wearing yellow on Thursday, January 25 to show support for school choice! This morning I was in Ms. Cormier's Round Table talking about the freedom students and parents have in this great country to choose their education. . . homeschool, private school,

public charter school, public school, parochial school, trade schools, etc. School Choice Week is a time to reflect on freedom and liberty!

On January 25th, Donorschoose.org is Matching EVERY donation that is made to a LIVE project. You cannot combine this with "LiftOff." Please consider donating on that day. One live project is for choral risers here: <https://www.donorschoose.org/project/on-with-the-show-choral-risers/2809738/>

Please remember this Monday is the next Board meeting at 4pm.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services



Student Services



Hello Founders Academy Families,
We will be hosting a College Overview for Juniors on Thursday, February 8, 2018 in the upper cafeteria starting at 6:00 pm. Val Castonguay from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning will be here to discuss how to narrow down and create a list of colleges, questions to ask on a college tour, college essay pointers, the application timeline, and the basics of financial aid. This program is free, open to the public and no RSVP is required. We encourage all Founders Academy high school juniors to attend however, all students and families are welcome. If you are not able to attend but are interested in learning about this program, feel free to view a [PDF of the presentation](#), [watch a previously recorded webinar](#) or attend [another presentation](#). Most evening presentations are open to the public.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
The Student Services Department

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services
(debra.castonguay@tfanh.org)

School News

PTSA Membership Drive

Support our school by becoming a member of the PTSA! Becoming a member does not commit you volunteering or attending meetings; it simply shows your support of our PTSA's mission and programming. We welcome everyone to attend our next meeting February 13 at 6:30 to learn more about the projects we have planned. The more memberships we collect the more we can do for our school.

[Membership Form](#)

From the Registrar: Monday 1/22 is a Midterm Day

"Due to Wednesday being cancelled, the Midterm Exam schedule has been pushed back one day. Day #2 Exams (D & E Period classes) - which were originally scheduled for Wednesday - will now be on Thursday 1/18. Day #3 Exams (F & G Period classes) will now be on Friday 1/19. Day #4 Exams (H & I Period classes) will now be on Monday 1/22. **Also, next Monday will now be an early release day and the afternoon busses will pick up Manchester students from the school at 12:30pm (just like the other Exam days).**

These changes will be reflected on the document shared with parents and students:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pN_IJp0PUInopFRpri25IVtgZqFdsS1KOWmIlgY_P_Io/edit?usp=sharing

The first day of the 3rd Quarter/2nd Semester will now be next Tuesday (1/29)."

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

Survey From Parent Steering Committee

Memorandum

To: Parents/Guardians

From: Dean of School

Date: January 16, 2018

RE: Parent Newsletter Survey from Parent Steering Committee

A Message from the Parent Steering Committee . .

Dean Mooney has asked the Parent Steering Committee to collect feedback regarding the weekly newsletter she sends to parents. There are only two questions and an open response block for comments and suggestions. The Parent Steering Committee will collect this information and share with Dean Mooney. Thank you for your participation.

The following link leads to a short survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qrQGoe0KZiK-CpJRvGWPFTwY1HGv3MqnfOMEgd8OB0>

Admissions Open Houses

The Founders Academy Public Charter School Hosts Admissions Information Nights - January 22, 2018 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 **Monday, January 22, 2018 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.

There will also be an Open House on **Tuesday, February 6th, also at 6:00 p.m.**

Come this Saturday to Cheer the Founders' FTC Team!

This Saturday, January 20, 2018, Founders is hosting 16 FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) teams from around NH! All are welcome to come out and cheer the team! This will be our last scrimmage before the state championship and we would love a Founders cheering section. The NH FIRST Tech Challenge State Championship at SNHU is on February 10.

Matches begin at 11:30 after Dean Mooney's welcome and we anticipate them to run for several hours throughout the afternoon. The event is free and runs until about 3:00pm.

No need for an RSVP, people can just show up. Team photo and photo from last year's scrimmage at Founders attached. See you Saturday!

For more information, contact kristi.scarpone@tfanh.org.



Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Most Needed Items at Founders: Updated on January 19, 2018!

Below is a list of the most needed items at Founders right now, and to see more visit our website [here](#).

Copy Paper is our biggest need right now, as we are just about completely out.

Scotch Tape
Painter's Tape
Doorstops
Kleenex
Plastic Utensils (especially spoons)
Ibuprofen
Black Permanent Markers
White Board Markers
Colored Copy Paper

Donors Choose: Chorus Risers

NOTE:

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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>

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:



