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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

A very special thank you to those teachers, students and parents who helped make Field Day and Field Trip yesterday possible. A great time was had by all.

A very special thank you to Ms. Goodrich-Bundy and her student team to make today's "Step Up" Ceremony meaningful for students (on Friday, June 1). I look forward to seeing everyone there, along with Mr. Mercier the Chairman of our Board of Trustees.

The STEM Fair in the Lower Cafe today is most impressive! There were many unique projects and themes. There is a Barnes & Noble fundraiser today (all day on Friday, June 1) at the store on S. Willow Street. Also, there is a PTSA yard sale at the school tomorrow (Saturday, June 2) from 8am-2pm.

The end of the school year does not come without a lot of work ahead of time. Thank you for all your support this past year. As always, please contact me with your thoughts.

With gratitude,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Board of Trustees

The last board meeting for the 2017-2018 academic year is June 20, 2018. If any board meetings are held during the summer, they will be posted on the online calendar. We look forward to seeing returning families next year. If you have decided to leave Founders, we wish you and your student the very best.

From the Registrar: Exam Week Schedule

Below is the schedule for the last week of school. Please note that the first three days of exams are early release days. Buses will arrive at 12:30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and at 3:10 again on Friday.

Monday (6/4) - Friday Schedule

Tuesday (6/5) - EXAM DAY 1 (Early Release @ 12:30) - the buses will arrive at 12:30pm

Wednesday (6/6) - EXAM DAY 2 (Early Release @ 12:30) - the buses will arrive at 12:30pm.

Thursday (6/7) - EXAM DAY 3 (Early Release @ 12:30) - the buses will arrive at 12:30pm.
Friday (6/8) - EXAM DAY 4 and End of Year Assembly (Full Day) - the buses will arrive at 3:10pm.

From the Registrar: Course Selection for 2018-2019

Parents -

Below is the link for students to sign up for classes for 2018-2019. We ask that every student (or parent) that attended Founders this year or will be attending next year to fill out this form. **If you have a student who is not returning to Founders, there is a place to indicate that on this form. (You will not have to go through the entire Course Selection process - but you will not have to constantly hear reminders from us to complete the form.)** There will be updated, detailed course descriptions loaded onto our website by Monday, June 11th, so it is fine if a student would like to wait until then to sign up for courses. The deadline to complete this form will be Friday, June 22nd. Starting on Tuesday, June 19th, the school will be calling parents of all students who have not yet responded to this form to remind them to complete it, so please try to have it done before that date.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZsdDqD6GWnmSbc6hwn75G9fZ-YBf1Bg2tw5_CJDVSwkgnA/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

From the Assistant Director of Student Services



On March 31, 2017, Netflix premiered the television series *13 Reasons Why*. The show is categorized as an American mystery teen drama and is based on the 2007 novel by Jay Asher, also titled *Thirteen Reasons Why*. A second season of *13 Reasons Why* premiered on Netflix on May 18, 2018. The series depicts the journey of a teenager who commits suicide and leaves behind tape recordings explaining the 13 reasons why she did so.

As educators and proponents of mental health awareness, we share this information with you so you are prepared for how the show could affect your child. Please continue to be vigilant of the tv shows, books, movies and all media that your children are consuming, as some content can have immediate and lasting effects. For more information, reviews of the show, and resources for how to discuss the show with your child, please [click here](#) and here

<https://www.today.com/parents/doctors-make-resources-parents-ahead-13-reasons-why-t129270>

Sincerely,
Founders Academy Student Services

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

School News

Traffic Cutting Through Neighbor's Lot

At morning drop off and afternoon pick up, please refrain from cutting through the next door neighbor's lot (7 Perimeter Road) as a shortcut to the main Perimeter Road. Founders received concerns from neighbors regarding near car accidents at that time of day since postal trucks are coming and going at that time. Please be sure to respect Founders' neighbors' requests. Thank you.

In Case You Missed It: Bus Survey

Manchester residents:

The Bus Survey 2018-2019 for Grades 6-8 is up on the website [here](#). The deadline to fill this in is June 11th.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Today!

Start your summer reading list shopping at The Founders Academy Barnes & Noble Book Fair, **Friday, June 1, 2018**. Shop either at the Manchester Barnes and Noble Store (1741 South Willow Street, Manchester) or online at BarnesandNoble.com. Please tell them you are a part of The Founders Academy Book Fair. A percentage of the net proceeds will be donated to Founders. At

checkout please give the cashier The Founders Academy code 12363776.

Please stop by to meet authors Gardner Goldsmith and Civil War historian Greg Ahlgren!

Ms. Marcotte to Serve as AP Reader

Ms. Marcotte has been selected to travel to Kansas City, Missouri the week after school gets out to grade the AP- Computer Science principles exam. See the letter below:

Letter to Administrators

January 2018

Dear Administrator:

On behalf of the College Board's Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) and Educational Testing Service, I am delighted to offer an invitation to Joanna Marcotte to serve as an AP Reader during this year's annual AP Reading.

The AP Program offers 38 courses in a wide variety of subject areas. I anticipate that in May 2018 more than 2.8 million exceptional students from around the globe will take approximately 5.2 million AP Examinations.

AP Exams consist of a portfolio assessment, or contain multiple-choice and free-response questions that provide students with the opportunity to demonstrate their mastery of rigorous, college-level coursework.

In June 2018, approximately 17,300 college faculty and AP teachers from around the world will evaluate and score about 22 million free-response answers.

Participants in the AP Reading:

- receive training in consistent application of the scoring standards, and use those standards to score student responses
- interact with members of the AP Development Committee responsible for revising the AP Course description and developing the exam, giving and receiving information about the current state of teaching and learning in the discipline
- discuss achievement, assessment, and teaching strategies with college faculty and AP teachers
- develop a network of professionals in their discipline that will last a lifetime

- have the opportunity to earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

The careful evaluation of students' work is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program. The AP Program's acknowledged success is due to an evaluation and scoring process that reflects the high standards of faculty members who, by virtue of their experience and expertise, have the appropriate student performance expectations within their respective disciplines.

The AP Program sincerely hopes that you will encourage your faculty to participate in this year's AP Reading. AP Readers testify that the annual AP Reading offers a rare and enriching professional development experience by providing them with the opportunity to develop teaching approaches and ideas through close interactions with a diverse group of professional colleagues.

Many thanks in advance for your support of the academic experience of students worldwide.

Sincerely,

Trevor Packer

Senior Vice President, AP and Instruction

The College Board®

Summer Camps at Founders!

Dear Parents,

Here is the [LINK](#) to the Summer Camp page on our website and to register for the different camps named below:

Middle School Prep

Learn how to ace middle school! The transition to middle school can be a tough one -- Middle School Prep will help make it smoother. Through fun activities we will learn about time and work management, organizational skills, note taking, and study techniques.

Learn how to keep an agenda and prioritize tasks. Students will learn how to organize a notebook / binder for success in class as well as note-taking and studying techniques. Appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders as well as high schoolers struggling with these skills.

Grammar Bootcamp

Grammar doesn't need to be an intimidating mystery! Through this course, students will become

familiar with parts of speech, punctuation rules, and grammatical conventions so that they can take ownership of their own writing and communication as leaders.

This class will combine lessons with activities as we not only learn these important definitions and rules, but also apply them. This camp is appropriate for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students.

Pre-Algebra & Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on building and strengthening the math skills most important for the pre-algebra (Course 3) and algebra (Algebra 1) courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and then each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them. As well, this camp will coincide with an entry-level arithmetic camp, so students can move to and from the two camps as needed (pending space availability) to focus on skills they need.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are exponents and roots; substitution; graphing foundations; solving simple equations; mathematical inverse operations; and word-problem solving skills, though it will highly depend on students' needs.

Advanced Algebra Skills Camp

In this camp, we'll focus on mid- to high-level algebra skills most important to Algebra 1 and 2 courses. A brief pre-test will be given to help identify which skills each student needs the most attention with, and each day's lessons, discussions, and practice will be focused on them.

Students should be prepared with pencils, erasers, a basic scientific calculator (or better, but no phones/tablets), and any previous math work that shows which skills are needed. Anticipated topics are advanced graphing of linear equations; exponent and root rules and patterns, including negative and fractional exponents; solving, reporting, and graphing inequalities; rearranging formulae; direct and inverse variation; factoring and solving quadratic equations; and solving systems of equations. Other Algebra 2 topics may be covered if time permits, such as rational polynomials and radical equations.

Best of Broadway

Through "The Best of Broadway" will present a staged performance of songs from famous Broadway musicals! All "campers" will sing (solos, duets, ensembles) and will work on stage movement even with some tap dancing! Some shows will be, "Forty Second Street"; "Cabaret", "The Phantom of the Opera"; "Carousel"; "Cinderella", and "All That Jazz".

Students are also welcome to bring in their own repertoire ideas!

The camp will run July 23 - 27 and a parent performance will be held on Friday July 27 at 3:00 pm. The class will be lead by Ms. Jane Cormier, and it will run 9:00 am - 3:00 pm each day. Campers should bring lunch, snack, and proper stage rehearsal clothes including stage shoes such as Capezio dance shoes. All ages are welcome (grades 6-12). For more information, contact j.cormier@tfanh.org.

Lucky Numbers

This math camp is an opportunity for middle-school students (Grades 6-8) to review and improve

their math skills over the summer season.

Each day we will complete a fun and challenging activity requiring one of the major math skills needed for success in middle-school. These topics will be based on the needs of the students enrolled. Students who have mastered the middle school skills will be given the opportunity to experience algebra concepts.

Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

Volunteers Needed for Yard Sale

The PTSA yard sale will be taking place on June 2nd from 8:00am - 2:00pm. We need volunteers for a variety of tasks, so check out the Signup Genius below to see if there is a way you can help out!

[Yard Sale Volunteer Signups](#)

PTSA Yard Sale!

The "Yard Sale / End of Year Event" will be on **June 2, from 8:00 - 2:00**. The Yard sale will run the entire time and we encourage people that want to stop by to have some food and play some games from 11:00 - 2:00. We are asking all families, teachers and administrative staff that want to help out to donate any items that they can for the yard sale. All proceeds will go to the TFA PTSA. We have 5 drop off times in front of the warehouse at the school, scheduled for **May 21, 22, 29 & 30 from 4:00 - 6:30**. This coincides with the Spring concerts and chorus performances. We also will have one Saturday drop off on May 26 from 9:00 - 12:00. Members of the PTSA are willing to go to people's houses within the Manchester area to help pick up items if people need help. We will be sending out an email to detail how they can let us know. We will also in the next week or so be emailing out a sign up genius for people that want to help participate in the set up, running and break down of the yard sale. Below are the details of which items we would like to receive and which we cannot accept.

~Tom Huot

Yard Sale Items

- Things we'll take – Clothes, shoes, handbags – , Jewlery, yard equipment, hand tools. Power tools, toys, games, cds, dvds, records, bikes, scooters, sporting equipment, books small kitchen appliances, video games, small furniture, yard furniture, misc house decorations- any other suggestions.
- Things we can't take – Tv's, computers, printers large furniture, ie beds, lazy boys, couches or love seats, no weapons.

DonorsChoose: Art Printing Supplies

DonorsChoose.org

I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed, so I just created a request for my classroom at DonorsChoose.org: [Making Your Mark with Printmaking Supplies.](#)

Give to my classroom by May 15 and your donation will be doubled thanks to DonorsChoose.org. Just enter the code RIPPLE on the payment page and you'll be matched dollar for dollar (up to \$50).

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks so much,
Traci

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

DonorsChoose: 3d Printer

The "3D Printing a Design of Our Own" Donors Choose Project is on its way! Approximately \$885.00 has been raised towards a new 3D printer that will enable students to have print designs on a larger scale, in multiple colors, with better supports for complex objects. Our current printer can't handle all the amazing project students are creating! We still have a long way to go to achieve our goal though! Please consider donating and spreading the word so we can get this

project funded: <https://goo.gl/pLJyWm>

Thank you!

Art Supplies Donations Still Needed

Dear Parents,

The art department is in need of a hot glue gun, hot glue sticks, and paper towels.

Thank you!

Most Needed Items at Founders: Updated 5/18/18

As always, we rely on donations here at Founders for most of our school necessities; below are the latest needs:

Plastic forks and spoons

Paper towels

Disinfectant wipes and spray
tissues

Command strips

Paper shredder(s)

large manila envelopes - We need varying sizes - 8 1/2 x 11 (or larger) and expandable envelopes as well.

Mac & cheese and snacks for lunches *no nuts*

Sharpies/Expo markers

paper plates

Scotch tape

AAA batteries

Tissues

Thank you to all for your generosity!

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:



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