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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Founders wishes you all a Happy Thanksgiving! We are particularly thankful for you, our students and the opportunity to live in a great country.

There is no school next week (November 20-24). Please enjoy every minute you have with families and friends.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## From the Assistant Director of Student Services



Hello Founders Academy Students & Families,

With December quickly approaching, I'd like to invite you to a Center for College Planning Presentation on **Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm** at the Founders Academy. The topic of this presentation is "Early College Planning" which will include information about how to make the most of high school, what colleges are looking for, how to begin the college search, a timeline for college preparation and a preview of financial aid. Although this program is designed for **9th and 10th grade students and their families**, we encourage 11th grade students and their families to attend. Val Castonguay from the New Hampshire Higher Education Assistance Foundation's Center for College Planning will be presenting. A short question/answer period will follow the presentation. *A second presentation will occur on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 6:00 titled "College Overview for Juniors".*

Please let us know if you have any questions.

~Debra Castonguay, Assistant Director of Student Services  
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## School News

### Students of the First Quarter!

Congratulations to the High School and Middle School STUDENTS OF THE QUARTER! Students are nominated each quarter by students, faculty and/or staff. Department Chairmen then review the nominations and choose the Students of the Quarter. The criteria is upholding the [Leadership Code of Conduct](#) and being a good example to others.



#### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE QUARTER**

##### **Frank Riccio:**

- "I nominate Frank Riccio for student of the quarter because he displays good character and tries hard at whatever he does."

- "Frank Riccio embodies the Code of Conduct. He is always respectful and willing to step up. He is willing to help people and to take on leadership roles in Drama Club. He also speaks up on the behalf of students and encourages others to be kind in their interactions with each other."

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE QUARTER**

##### **Emily Bisson:**

- "She is helpful."

- "She is always open to lend a hand, is very respectful, she is also very kind and helpful."

- Always says good morning and helps people when ever meeting.

**"Cinderella" This Weekend!**

Students under the direction of Ms. Cormier are performing the musical "Cinderella" this tonight (11/17) and tomorrow (11/18) at 6:30PM. The admission fee is \$3.00 (additional donations welcome!). The debut performance was this morning when all the students from [Polaris Charter School in Manchester](http://www.polarischarter.org) attended the show as a Field Trip. Welcome, Polaris! Thank you, student performers and Ms. Cormier! Don't miss the show!!

See details here: <http://thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=29016117>





## In the Classroom: French IV, By: Mr. Tissot

### «L'Émission de cuisine»

*Bonjour à toutes et à tous,*

Throughout the month of October, Founders' Level IV French students participated in a new project, *L'Émission de cuisine* (in English: cooking show) that is quite different than past projects. Students had the opportunity to create their own mock cooking show--in French. The unit of study at the time, *La gastronomie*, focused on expanding knowledge of food, ingredients, meal preparation, and associated actions that take place in the kitchen, as well as placing an emphasis on the cultural aspect of the French culinary tradition and various francophone cuisines.

The driving force behind *L'Émission de cuisine* project was to make the experience and process of cooking in French real and meaningful to students. Furthermore, as yet another example of project-based learning offered at The Founders' Academy, this project afforded to students the opportunity to take ownership of a recipe, to explain knowledge of new ingredients, to demonstrate preparation of a meal, to share dishes that were perhaps unfamiliar to peers, to learn a lifelong skill, and to have some fun in the process. After all, this is exactly the purpose of any cooking show.

Students not only produced vocabulary and grammar, but were astoundingly able to demonstrate working knowledge of the those concepts in a practical way while in the kitchen. Also, students had the freedom to prepare a recipe of their choice. Provided was a list of optional traditional French and francophone recipes. From among this list or other sources, students selected a wide variety of recipes, including: *crêpes*, *poutine*, *pain d'épice*, to name a few. A few chose to create some dishes that are not French in origin, such as a popular Turkish dish known as *borek*.

Some students opted to work in groups, some, individually. Students had been given time to research and translate recipes in class and collaborated with each other on the assignment outside of class. There were even some who chose to prepare their dish and then to bring it in to share with their classmates in a fantastic display of culinary prowess.

Finally, the presentation component was a great success considering the care, effort, and time expended by each student into the creation of professional-grade videos, slideshows, and in-class oral presentations. Again, the majority of students exceeded expectations, took the idea seriously, and enjoyed the process as a whole with the realization that the outcome of their work was not simply a grade, but a benefit to their academic development and to their lives, as such is any learning experiences at Founders'.

Continue to check the parent newsletter throughout the year, as there will be many more ideas to come. Lastly, expect more helping (francophone) hands in the kitchen during the upcoming holiday.

Merci et joyeuse fête,

Joseph Tissot,  
Dept. of World Languages



## Academic Spotlight: Math/Science Department

Math:

Ms. Nichols's students in math 3 are working on a water park project. This project helps the students discover how slope, distance between points and coordinates on a graph can be used to help design it.

In Algebra 1, Dr. Stanton's classes just completed the chapter on solving simple equations and are now moving into applications and word problems. This section is where students will engage real-life topics - along with the obligatory "a train leaves the station at..." questions, of course - to apply the basic principles of algebra. Along the way, we'll get into mixtures and proportions, finance principles, and an introduction to some STEM topics.

## 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

## Soccer Tournament

Saturday, November 25th from 1:00-4:00 PM the Student Senate is hosting a soccer tournament. All students in all grades are welcome to come and compete for prizes, and friends and families are welcome to cheer them on. Hot chocolate and snacks will be sold. See Mr. Gaumont for details.  
See you there!

## 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!

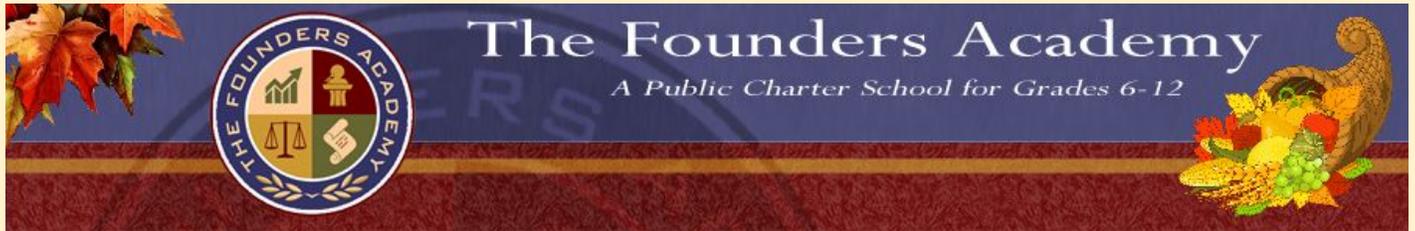
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