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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The teachers are busy partaking in a series of professional development meetings and activities today. Now that school is in full swing, we are soaring toward a great school year.

A special thank you to those that attended last night's Back to School Night and Parent Portal Training. **Ms. Marcotte, Mr. McKenzie, Ms. Small** and the **Student Ushers** did a great job hosting the evening. I also want to thank **Mrs. Lavallee** at the Annual Fund Table, the **school store student helpers** who assisted with selling edibles, and **Mrs. Normandin** and **Mrs. Benard** for hosting the Parent Table.

Unfortunately we are still looking into the Rediker software glitch that is preventing Back to School forms from being sent out properly. The deadline to complete them has been extended. Apologies and thank you for your patience!

Thank you for your support! Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## From the Assistant Director of Student Services: New Webpage!



The Student Services Department is excited to announce that our webpage has gone live! Please check out our new page on the school's website. From the main landing page, you will now see a tab that says "[Student Services](#)." There you will find an introduction of our department with contact information. On the left-hand side you will also see our [blog](#) with the latest information and a list of services including Academic, College/Career and Social/Emotional Support. We hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with our department and the variety of support and information that we can provide you and your student.

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

# School News

## Teacher of the Month

Ms. Efraimson is the Teacher of the Month for September, 2017! Ms. Efraimson was chosen for many reasons. She has truly demonstrated already one of the themes of the school year, "stepping up." When there was an opening in her Department for Chairman she rose to the occasion. On top of that, when there was an opening to chair this year's 6th Grade Orientation Subcommittee, she volunteered for that important task too.

Ms. Efraimson is always thinking of new ideas to bring school spirit to students, and loves teaching. She is highly regarded by students, faculty and staff for her upbeat personality, "can do" attitude, and passion for school spirit. Congratulations, Ms. Efraimson!



## Teacher Introduction: Joan Singroy-Picard

Founders is pleased to welcome Ms. Joan Singroy-Picard as a Math and Finance teacher! Ms. Picard will be a member of the Math and Science Department. Her office will be #175, and her email address is [j.picard@tfanh.org](mailto:j.picard@tfanh.org). Welcome, Ms. Picard!



Joan Singroy-Picard is a teacher at The Founders Academy for Math and Business. She attended Bentley University where she received a Bachelor of Science / Finance Bank Management, Rivier University, where she received a Masters of Education, and Southern University of New Hampshire, where she received a Masters of Science/Business. In the past she has been an adjunct math professor, taught middle school math, was a long-term high school interim math teacher, and was a senior accountant. Outside of school, her interests include traveling, reading, Gerontology, and cooking exotic dishes. Welcome Ms. Picard!

## Barnes & Noble Book Fair

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
**BOOKFAIRS**

**The Founders Academy**

**Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
**Barnes & Noble MANCHESTER**  
**1741 South Willow St**  
**Manchester, NH 03103**

Featuring acclaimed author  
**P. Gardner Goldsmith 5pm**

**CAN'T ATTEND OUR BOOKFAIR AT BARNES & NOBLE?**  
Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online from 10/12/17-10/17/17  
by entering Bookfair ID **12221289** at checkout.  
A percentage of your Barnes & Noble purchases will benefit our school/organization.

**#BNBOOKFAIRS**

The poster features a blue banner in the top right corner that says "SAVE THE DATE". The background is a light yellow-green with a faint illustration of a bookstore interior. At the bottom, there is a colorful illustration of a book fair scene with people browsing books, a "Teacher's Cafe" sign, and a book cart.

## FIRST Lego League Meeting Times

Dear parents,

FTC (grades 7-12) will begin meeting Tuesdays after school until 4:30 beginning this week. Please call the school if your child will have an alternative plan for pickup.

FLL (grades 4-8) has new coaches and will announce the new meeting times shortly.

FRC will have a demonstration tomorrow morning at 7:45 AM for all high school students. This is a great opportunity for high school students to ask questions if they are interested. If you are interested in FRC, please email Mrs. George and let her know.

Everyone interested in FTC and FLL should email Mrs. Scarpone at [kscarpone@firstinspires.org](mailto:kscarpone@firstinspires.org).

Thank you for your interest and time!

### **New Kiln for Art Department By: Mrs. Fortier**

The Founders art department is proud to announce the addition of a kiln! This will allow students to utilize ceramics as part of the art curriculum. This summer we had a very successful Ceramics Camp where students made hanging pockets, mugs, bowls and much more. This Spring 2018 there will be a Ceramics Elective offered to high school sophomores and juniors. We are very grateful and excited to have this new addition to our program!

-Mrs. Fortier





## Free Tickets to NH Opera Idol Competition

On **Sept. 23, 7:30 pm**, Opera New Hampshire will offer the annual NH Opera Idol Competition at the Concord City Auditorium. This competition is the final round of young, emerging opera performers competing for cash prizes and performance contracts.

These singers are from all over the United States and this evening is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy opera in light and exciting format.

All Founders Academy Students are offered FREE TICKETS to this event. If your student is interested in attending, please let **Ms. Cormier** know and a ticket will be held at the Concord City Auditorium box office to be picked up at the event.

## Founders Chorus Singing at Monarchs Game

Greetings Founders Academy Choral Parents:

On Saturday, Oct. 21, Founders Academy Chorus has been invited to perform "God Bless America" at the opening game for the Manchester Monarchs. This game begins at 6:00 pm and we will perform first on the program.

If you are interested in having your student participate in this out-of-school opportunity (this is NOT a school sponsored field trip), we would have to have confirmation of participation. This event requires a "sound check" at 4:00 pm at the SNHU Arena in Manchester, NH. We will "meet up" at 4:00 pm but parents are responsible to drop off and pick up after the event.

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to represent our school. Being the opening game, attendance should be very strong. It is important to understand, however, students will need to be appropriate during the time between the sound check and the game as they are representatives of The Founders Academy community.

Parents/friends will be offered discounted tickets for the opening season game. A flyer is attached. All questions and payments for tickets must go through the contact for the Monarchs - listed on the brochure. The games are always fun and very family friendly!

If you think your child would like to join Founders Academy Chorus at this event, please just let me know by October 5. We will put interested students on the list, and will confirm participation as we get closer to the event.

Best,  
Jane Cormier and Emily DeAngelis

The flyer can be found here:

[https://drive.google.com/a/tfanh.org/file/d/0BxB1EcctIS0NUGVoZIFUQW5uZWd3TkxyLS1WeINWVHEwQ19j/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/a/tfanh.org/file/d/0BxB1EcctIS0NUGVoZIFUQW5uZWd3TkxyLS1WeINWVHEwQ19j/view?usp=drive_web)

## Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

### Halloween Dance - Oct. 27

A DJ is booked for Friday, Oct 27, 2017 for the Halloween Costume Dance from 6:30 to 9:00!  
\$5.00 admission includes snack and drink. More details to come!

The Dance Committee is looking for volunteers if anyone is interested to reach out to [Laurie.dipietro@tfanh.org](mailto:Laurie.dipietro@tfanh.org). Thank you!

### Sewing Club Donations Needed

Sewing club is starting this Tuesday. We are a large group of eager sewers and we are looking for some donations.

- \* Sewing machines (in working or mostly working order)
- \* Fabric, all types and sizes
- \* Sewing notions, (zippers, interfacing, buckles, ties, chording, etc.)
- \* Thread (all types, all colors)

Thank you for your consideration and donations.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Jennifer Fortier

### Volunteer Landscaping Adopt a Weekend

Here's a Message from Mrs. Benard to launch the Volunteer Landscaping Adopt a Weekend! . . .

"Let me begin with a quote from one of the Founding Mothers:

'If we do not lay out ourselves in the service of mankind whom should we serve?' ~ Abigail Adams

In the Mission Statement of our school, we find our focus - 'The Academy develops leaders who understand and apply the lessons of the past, demonstrate exceptional character and lead by example.' In order to teach our children to lead, we must first set the example.

There are many ways to volunteer at The Founders Academy, but this year we are adding a new opportunity - Campus Maintenance (or Volunteer Landscapers)!

Our school received a generous donation to purchase the tools we need to maintain the front of the school ourselves. We are asking for families that are willing to work together to maintain the outside by mowing, some

weed control, leaf blowing, and other small jobs that can be done in a few hours over the weekend.

Many hands make light the burden, so if enough families volunteer this will keep our work to a minimum. Please plan on spending 2 to 4 hours on this task. This is a great opportunity to show your children that service doesn't have to be a burden, but rather shows a sense of pride in your community.

Here is the link to sign up for a weekend of volunteer

landscaping:<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e48a9ae2faaff2-weekend>

Thank YOU for your service to our school community!"

## **Wanted: Substitute Teachers, Lunch & Study Hall Monitors**

Founders is seeking volunteer substitute teachers, study hall monitors, and lunch monitors! If you are interested in helping Founders for full days, half days or even a period or two, please contact Nena Bliss at 603.952.4705 or [nena.bliss@tfanh.org](mailto:nena.bliss@tfanh.org). We'll add you to the list!

## **Most Needed Items for Back to School!**

As many of you know, The Founders Academy relies heavily on contributions and donations from generous parents, friends, and members of our community. Currently, we are in greatest need of the following items as we head into another school year:

Printer Paper (Staples has great deals on cases of paper right now: see this [link](#).)

Clorox Wipes

Plastic Spoons and Forks

Dry Erase Markers/Erasers

Snacks and lunches for the Food Pantry

Latex Gloves

Power Strips

Brooms and Dustpans

Follow this [link](#) for more needed items. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



# Important School Information

## Strep Throat

A few cases of Strep Throat have been reported here at The Founders Academy. Please refer to the website below for further information, or contact your student's Doctor if you have any further questions. Below you will find some common signs the CDC recommends you watch for.

### Signs and Symptoms

In general, strep throat is a mild infection, but it can be very painful. Symptoms of strep throat usually include:

- A sore throat that can start very quickly
- Pain when swallowing
- Fever
- Red and swollen tonsils, sometimes with white patches or streaks of pus
- Tiny, red spots (petechiae) on the roof of the mouth (the soft or hard palate)
- Swollen lymph nodes in the front of the neck

Other symptoms may include a headache, stomach pain, nausea, or vomiting — especially in children. Coughing, runny nose, hoarseness (changes in your voice that make it sound breathy, raspy, or strained), and conjunctivitis are not symptoms of strep throat and suggest that a virus is the cause of the illness. Someone with strep throat may also have a rash known as scarlet fever (also called scarlatina).

It usually takes two to five days for someone exposed to group A strep to become ill.

<https://www.cdc.gov/groupastrep/diseases-public/strep-throat.html>

## 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:



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