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## From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

Constitution Week is coming to a close. On Constitution Day (Monday, September 17), the Humanities Department provided facts about the U.S. Constitution that were read by students on the intercom. How fortunate we are as a country to have such a founding document.

*"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America." U.S. Constitution, Preamble, 1787.*

Please remember there are no classes on **Friday, September 28, 2018** since it is a professional development day for teachers.

With gratitude,  
Maureen Mooney  
Dean of School

## From the Board of Trustees

The Founders Academy Board of Trustees would like to thank Jane Waterhouse from the New Hampshire Department of Education for attending our last meeting! We are very pleased she accepted our invitation and hope to see her at future meetings. Thank you to Nathan Wechsler for the annual financial audit presentation! We appreciate their time and are happy to report we received a clean financial audit.

We encourage every family to attend our meetings. They are currently held on the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

## PTSA

Questions about joining PTSA? Email [ptsa@tfanh.org](mailto:ptsa@tfanh.org)!

Follow the Founders Academy PTSA on their [official Facebook page](#) to see information about upcoming meetings, events, and fundraisers! Link: <https://www.facebook.com/The-Founders-Academy-PTSA-693413331015554/> or in Facebook search “The Founders Academy-PTSA”

## From the Director of Student Affairs

Dear Founders Community,

Week three at Founders has been a busy one! Student services has been working with students who have schedule issues to make sure they have the classes they need. Over the coming weeks we will be meeting with high school students, beginning with seniors to talk about future plans and to make sure they are on track to graduate.

### From Student Services:

[Add/drop forms](#) are available on the website and outside of Student Services. These need to be filled out and submitted to Student Services to request schedule changes. These are reviewed on Thursdays.

[Alternative credit/class permission forms](#) are available on the website and outside of Student Services. These must be filled out and submitted for approval prior to beginning and alternative credit or outside course to be considered for graduation credit.

If your student is going to be absent, please email or call the school. Your student should be checking google classroom and portal, as well as communicating with teachers about missed assignments.

### For High Schoolers:

The PSAT is coming up for 9th and 11th graders here at Founders on October 24.

SAT will be offered at Founders for Juniors in the spring. There is no cost to students.

If you want your student to have more opportunities to take the SAT, there are other testing dates listed on the [College Board Website](#). You can register on the sight as well. The cost for the test is 47.50 and fee waivers are available.

If you want to start to prepare to take the SAT or the PSAT, there are some online resources that can help you with that. [Khan Academy SAT Test Prep](#) is free, you just need to register with the website. This has options to practice the PSAT, the full SAT, and SAT subject area tests. The [College Board Website](#) has a 15 minutes a day for SAT prep option that may be helpful for some students, as well as a wealth of information about the testing process.

If you have any questions, concerns, or information you want to share, please do not hesitate to contact us. My email is [paula.stewart@tfanh.org](mailto:paula.stewart@tfanh.org). Ms. McInnis ( [colleen.mcinnis@tfanh.org](mailto:colleen.mcinnis@tfanh.org) ) is our school counselor and Mrs. Murphy ( [meghan.murphy@tfanh.org](mailto:meghan.murphy@tfanh.org) ) can help you with questions related to your child's IEP or 504 plan, or with scheduling meetings.

Paula Stewart, M.Ed., ABD  
Director of Student Affairs  
[Paula.stewart@tfanh.org](mailto:Paula.stewart@tfanh.org)

## Curriculum Update by Mrs. Hayes

Updates on Running Start/Dual Credit Courses:

1. We have had a number of courses approved: Painting, App Development, Java, College Composition, Intro to Drama and Creative Writing. We are still waiting on confirmation on some history classes.
2. Students must take College Composition (and earn the dual credit) in order to be eligible for any other English course. If your student is interested in Intro to Drama, or Creative Writing, please make sure they are enrolled in College Composition at this time.
3. Students enrolled in College Composition will need to either take the [Accuplacer](#) test or submit PSAT scores to be reviewed to determine eligibility. Scores can be submitted to Mr. Ste. Croix.
4. A representative from MCC will be here within the next few weeks to give students all of the information needed to enroll in the dual credit option.

Sincerely,

Cassie Hayes  
Director of Faculty  
[cassie.hayes@tfanh.org](mailto:cassie.hayes@tfanh.org)

## School News

### Volunteer of the Month

#### Volunteer of the Month - September 2018

#### Tom Huot

The Volunteer of the Month for September is Tom Huot! Tom is a Founders' parent of two and volunteer. Throughout last year, he lent his time and talent as the PTSA Fundraising Chairman. In

that role, he spent dozens of hours planning and facilitating events to benefit the entire school including a yard sale, school supply drive, and Penny Wars. Mr. Huot takes the time after work, on weekends, and during vacations to help all students and teachers at Founders. Thank you, Mr. Huot, for all you've done! Congratulations!



## Announcements

### School Picture Day - September 25, 2018

Please mark your calendar for School Picture Day on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018**. Thank you!

The form to order school pictures can be found on our website under "Forms" here:

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/parents/forms>

### Afternoon Traffic Announcement

Afternoon traffic attendants request that parents stay in their cars during afternoon pick-up to avoid confusion. Thank you.

## Editing PDF's in Google Classroom

Greetings-

I received several inquiries on how to edit pdf files posted in Google Classroom at open house. My suggestion is to use Doc Hub as a chrome extension.

<https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/dochub-edit-and-sign-pdf/adgncicbhbjfpijkdmbijninnhmi blj?hl=en-US>

Because it is browser based it will work on any computer and it is free to use.

The second option would be to use the Google Classroom mobile app.

See video below to see how it works:

<https://youtu.be/uhSI1B8D2XM>

I hope this helps,  
Ms. Marcotte

## Automated Calls When School is Cancelled, Delayed, etc.

Dear Parents -

When The Founders Academy has to make very important announcements - such as school delays, unplanned early dismissals, or cancellations - we use an automated dialing system. Please fill out the following form to be added to the Call List. You are able to enter which phone numbers are called. If you have more than one student, please fill out a separate form for each. **We begin each school year with a blank call list, so if you do not fill out this form, you will not receive any phone notifications when we have school delays or cancellations (even if you filled this out last year).**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd6VC1DmGW79F7rAIYX5Sb2h0qvrIBTFQjcGuVTHE8V8fjQg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdd6VC1DmGW79F7rAIYX5Sb2h0qvrIBTFQjcGuVTHE8V8fjQg/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Thank you,  
Greg McKenzie  
Registrar

## Sewing Club Project

Sewing club had its first meeting this Tuesday and is looking forward to its next meeting on 9/26/18

from 3:10-4:30. All are welcome! For our first project we will be making bags and/or backpacks to give to children in need. Once the bags are sewn, we will be filling them with toiletries. If you are interested in joining, come on Tuesday or email Mrs. Fortier at [j.fortier@tfanh.org](mailto:j.fortier@tfanh.org). The club meets in room 165 (Mrs. Fortier's room). Hope to see you there!

## **Running Club!**

The running club is off to a great start. We had 6 participants and one teacher. All completed a mile or more run/walking. We will be building up to complete a 5k race. Come join us for your daily walk or run. Parents, siblings, and staff are welcome!

Contact [v.nichols@tfanh.org](mailto:v.nichols@tfanh.org) with any questions.

## **Middle School News**

## Middle School Halloween Dance

**MIDDLE  
SCHOOL  
DANCE**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26  
3:30 - 6:00 P.M.**

**\$5**

**BE THERE!  
OR ELSE....**

## High School News

### 2018-2019 Free College Planning Programming

#### **Financial Aid Night**

Date: Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Time: 6:00pm

This presentation helps families navigate through the federal financial aid process (FAFSA), explores what type of additional aid is available, reviews scholarship searches, and highlights importance of meeting deadlines. Attendees will receive the Center for College Planning Financial Aid Insider.

See Colleen McInnis ([colleen.mcinnis@tfanh.org](mailto:colleen.mcinnis@tfanh.org)) with any questions.



# Volunteer Opportunities/Donations/Fundraising

## PE Equipment Needed

Below are a list of needed supplies and where they can be purchased on Amazon. Please contribute to Ms. E's PE classes!

SUPPLIES	QUANTITY
<a href="#">Mesh pinnies</a>	1
<a href="#">Soccer balls</a>	2
<a href="#">Footballs</a>	2
<a href="#">Scooters</a>	4
<a href="#">Jump Ropes</a>	4

Thank you!!

## Bertucci's Dining for Dollars

The PTSA is excited to kick off the year with a great social event! Join us on Thursday, September 27th at Bertucci's and get to know your fellow members, friends, teachers, and administration. Join us for a social or pick up food to take home. 25% of your total purchase will go to the school's PTSA to benefit all students at Founders. The fundraiser will run from 11 AM to 9 PM. Mark your calendar and we will see you there!

Manchester Mall of New Hampshire  
1500 S. Willow Street, Manchester NH

**Bertucci's**

*Dining for Dollars*

When you present this flyer, up to **25%** of all proceeds from your event\* will be donated back to:

**TFA PTSA**

Thursday, September 27th  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm

Dine-in, Carryout or Bertucci's-own Delivery.\*\*

**ALSO RAISE DOLLARS WITH 260**

\*Bertucci's awards funds raised from fundraising events based on a tiered give-back. Organizers can receive up to 25% when the event generates \$2,000 or more in net sales, excluding tax, tip, gift card sales, and off-restaurant. Give-back tiers: Raise up to \$999 in net sales and receive 15% back; Raise up to \$1,999 in net sales and receive 20% back; Raise \$2,000 or more in net sales and receive 25% back.

\*\*If ordering online, please select "Pay at Restaurant" and present this flyer when picking up your order to ensure the organization receives your donation.

Bertucci's of Manchester - Mall of New Hampshire, 1500 South Willow St., Manchester, NH 03106 Ph: 603-668-6204

### Most Needed Items (updated 9/19)

Founders relies heavily on donations for some of our essential items needed around the school. Below are the most needed at this time:

Forks

## Fall Festival Pumpkin Raffle

When - October 19, 2018 from 5:30 - 8:00 at the Founders Academy.

Access this link for the Fall Festival details:

[http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/governance/parent\\_teacher\\_student\\_association](http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/about/governance/parent_teacher_student_association)

The Founders Academy Parent Teacher Student Association is sponsoring our first annual Pumpkin Raffle. We are selling 100 pumpkins at \$25 each. Each pumpkin purchased will be placed in the Founders Pumpkin Patch in the field behind the school. At 7:30 on the night of the Fall Festival, one pumpkin will be randomly picked from the patch. The owner of that pumpkin will win \$500.00. The remaining money raised will go towards the TFA PTSA to help us fund more events and projects for the school. You do not need to be at the drawing to win the prize. Once all of the pumpkins are gone no other tickets will be sold. If you are interested in buying a pumpkin for a chance to support the PTSA and win \$500 please fill out the form below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeriRHdB859ai0dBfWfOBQEvcdFBO9ev1j5ltBArlh7Di8tWg/viewform?c=0&w=1>

## Mural Supplies Needed

Mrs Fortier's and Mr. Theriaque's Round Tables are creating murals for their Round Table projects, and they are in need of donations. Please help them out by looking around your home and seeing if there is anything you can donate. Leftover paint from previous home project would be a great help!

Here is a list of things needed:

Paint

Wall paint

Masking tape

Drop Cloths

Paintbrushes

Rollers

Anything related to wall painting

Thank you!

## AmazonSmile for Founders!

Use AmazonSmile to support Founders! Amazon contributes 0.5% of the price of your eligible

AmazonSmile purchases for Founders!

[smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3442950](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-3442950)

Thank you!!

## Founders' Snow Shovels

Winter is fast approaching! What better way to prepare for winter and to help your student's school than by buying one of The Founders Academy snow shovels. These SnoFighter 18" heavy-duty snow shovels are manufactured in Frankfort, Maine by Mount Waldo Plastics, and are the only snow shovels manufactured in New England. They are made with a solid ash shaft and D-grip handle for ease of use, and the shovel is made of heavy duty plastic that is easy on deck edges.

Support The Founders Academy and prepare yourself for this coming winter! Tell all of your family and friends about this exciting opportunity to support a local New England business and your student's school.

The snow shovels are \$20 each, to be paid at the front desk.



## High School Cafe Gofundme

"Michael Hubbard and David Gandia decided to remodel the high school eating area for their senior project. They have decided to get new tables, chairs, furniture, and repaint the walls because it is in need of change. The remodel would allow students not only to only eat there, but to have high school events as well. Any donations would be appreciated to help them reach their goal."

Click the link below to donate!

<https://www.gofundme.com/remodel-of-lower-cafeteria-tfa>

## Other

### School Calendar

Regularly check the school calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

**Grid format:** <http://thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2018%20-%202019%20School%20Calendar>

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/>

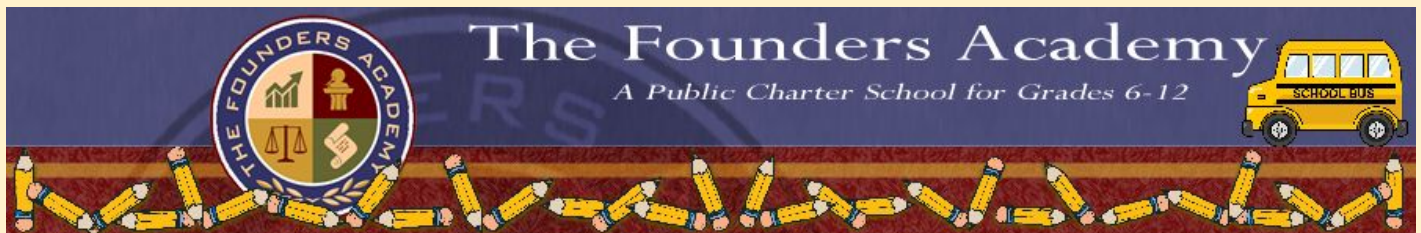
Founders' Facebook **Volunteering** Parents Group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527282857342512/>



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