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PARENT/GUARDIAN NEWSLETTER

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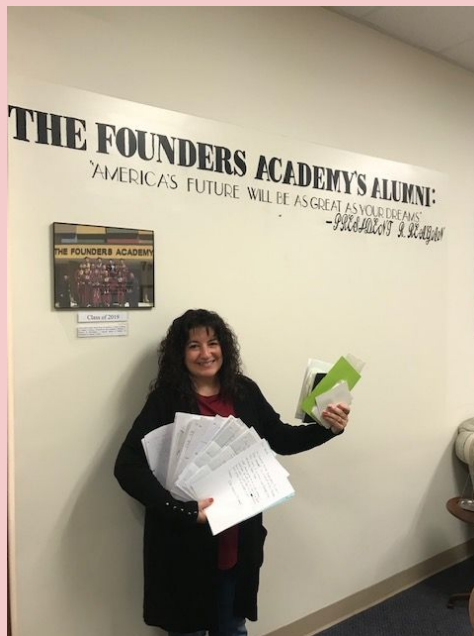
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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

One of Founders' first graduates, Jon Goncalo, will soon be completing boot camp after extensive training to earn the title U.S. Marine. His mother contacted Founders to see if students would write to his graduating platoon. She requested 85 letters. The Founders' students wrote 90+ letters to the platoon! Congratulations Jon, members of his platoon and Founders' students for recognizing their achievement! Here is a photo of Mrs. Goncalo by the "Alumni Wall" collecting the letters.



At Founders, we have various phrases that summarize our mission. One is "Honoring our Heroes." Founders takes great pride in honoring our Veterans. In fact, November is dedicated to Veterans and Thanksgiving.

There is no school on Monday, October 14, 2019 in observance of Columbus Day. The First Quarter of the school year ends on October 24, 2019.

With gratitude,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Registrar: Mr. McKenzie

Parents -

It is hard to believe that we have reached October and are quickly approaching the end of the 1st Quarter! The next 6 weeks can be kind of "weird", so here are some very important dates/schedule adjustments that will be coming up between now and Thanksgiving:

- 10/11 (Friday) - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop Day
- 10/14 (Monday) - NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- 10/18 (Friday) - students will follow a "Monday/Wednesday" schedule
- 10/24 (Thursday) - last day of Quarter #1
- 10/25 (Friday) - NO SCHOOL - Parent Conference Day
- 10/30 (Wednesday) - PSAT Testing for Grades 9 and 11. Students in Grades 9 and 11 will be dismissed at 12:30pm that day (with Manchester busses available at that time). Students in all other grades have NO SCHOOL that day.
- 11/1 (Friday) - students will follow a "Monday/Wednesday" schedule
- 11/5 (Tuesday) - Report Cards go out. Students will receive them in Round Table and then they will be emailed to parents in the afternoon.
- 11/8 (Friday) - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop Day
- 11/11 (Monday) - NO SCHOOL - Veterans Day
- 11/15 (Friday) - students will follow a "Monday/Wednesday" schedule

Thank you,
Greg McKenzie
Registrar

From Student Services: Mrs. Oliveira

Dear Founders Community,

Conversations are taking place in both the middle school and high school about college and career exploration. Student Services has hosted a number of college representatives, including ones from Plymouth State University, University of Hartford, and SNHU. Many more visits are scheduled, including Manchester Community College and Endicott College later this month. Seniors have begun working on applications and essays. Round Table teachers for sixth grade, eleventh grade, and twelfth grade were provided materials from NHHEAF to assist in discussions about college and career awareness, the college application process, and financial aid opportunities.

Please reach out to me or to our school counselor, Angela Parent if you have any questions or concerns about your child at school.

Respectfully,
Paula Oliveira,
Director of Student Services
Paula.oliveira@tfanh.org

Standardized Testing, AP Tests, Parent-Teacher Conference SIGN UPS By: Mrs. Hayes

Standardized Testing

This year students will take the AIR SAS test for math, reading, writing, and science. Additionally, students will be taking the PSAT and SAT tests for math, reading, and writing. Throughout the school year, students will be working with practice materials to prepare for these assessments.

The following is a list of the testing dates:

6th grade SAS (math, reading, and writing) March 25, 2020

7th grade SAS (math, reading, and writing) April 3, 2020

8th grade SAS (math, reading, and writing) April 17, 2020

8th and 11th grade SAS (science) Date TBD

9th and 11th grade PSAT October 30, 2019

11th grade SAT March 25, 2020

8th and 9th grade PSAT March 25, 2020

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Hayes (cassie.hayes@tfanh.org), Chairman of the Standardized Testing Committee.

AP Tests

This year AP tests need to be ordered by November 15th. If any student would like to take an AP exam, please contact Mrs. Hayes as soon as possible. Students can take AP exams for any course, not just the ones Founders offers.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We are holding a full day of parent-teacher conferences on Friday, October 25, 2019. There will be no school that day. You must sign up in order to meet with teachers. See the links below for the sign-ups; each time slot is 10 minutes long, so be prepared with your questions/comments. **The deadline to sign up is Friday, October 18, 2019 at 3pm.** Please note that the sign ups are grouped by the TEACHERS' last name (not the student or parent last names).

[Teachers A - E](#)

[Teachers F - H](#)

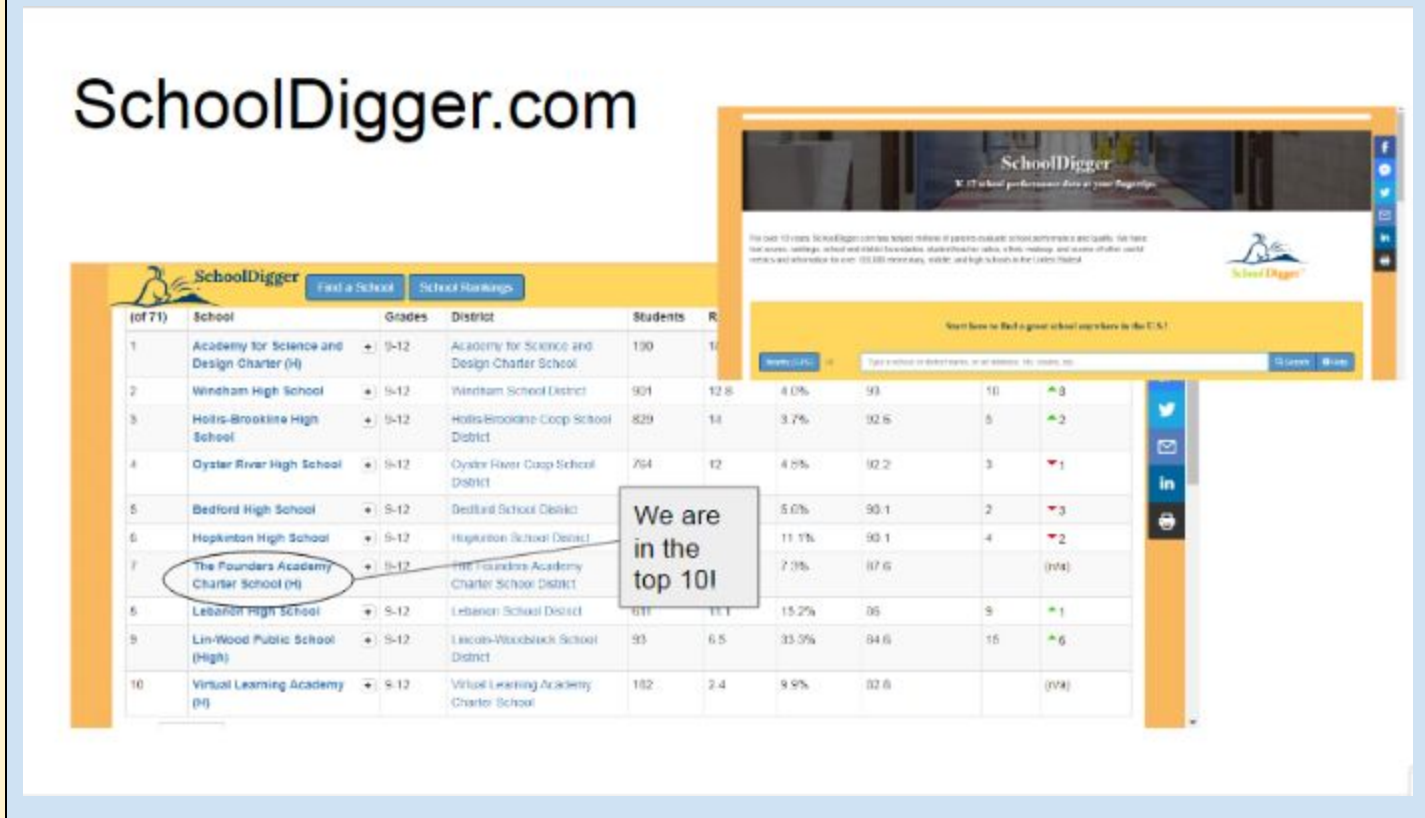
[Teachers K - P](#)

[Teachers Q - W](#)

School News

Congratulations Founders' High School!

Congratulations to Founders' High School on ranking 7th best in the State of New Hampshire according to Schooldigger.com! This website ranks high schools based on SAT Math and English scores and SAS Science scores.



Inside the Classroom: Science and Art Field Trip

Painting, Art Portfolio, and Natural History of NH classes collaborated for a field trip to Odiorne State Park. Art students spent the day landscape painting. Science students did quadrat inventories along a transect to determine species distribution and environmental zones.




Calendar Raffle: Coming Soon!

The next Calendar Raffle to benefit the school's Annual Fund is coming up soon. The raffle will be held November 1st through November 30th with total cash prizes to be awarded of \$2,500. To make this fundraiser a huge success, we need all of our Founders families to get involved. Each student will be sent home with a packet containing a letter explaining the raffle and 10 raffle tickets to be sold or purchased. Tickets are \$10 each and the sales period goes through November 30, 2019. Beginning November 1st, one ticket will be drawn daily and the winner will be awarded that

day's prize of \$50, \$100 or \$250. The great part is the winning ticket is re-entered into the drawing and is eligible to win all month long. Extra tickets (in multiples of 10) are available at the front desk to those willing and able to sell more. Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 students who sell the most. Winners can be viewed online [here](#).

If you have any questions, please email Lauren Brouillette at lauren.brouillette@tfanh.org.

Your support and participation is much appreciated!

 <div> Calendar Raffle To Benefit: The Founders Academy Public Charter School - 501 (c)(3) Charitable Org. 5 Perimeter Road, Manchester NH 03103 </div>						
November 2019						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 \$250	2 \$100
3 \$100	4 \$50	5 \$50	6 \$50	7 \$50	8 \$50	9 \$100
10 \$100	11 \$50	12 \$50	13 \$50	14 \$50	15 \$50	16 \$100
17 \$100	18 \$50	19 \$50	20 \$50	21 \$50	22 \$50	23 \$100
24 \$100	25 \$50	26 \$50	27 \$50	28 \$250	29 \$50	30 \$250
\$10.00 donation **all winners will be re-entered into the raffle daily Winners will be posted daily at www.thefoundersacademy.org Winners will receive their winnings via check in the mail						

Teacher of the Month

The Teacher of the Month for October is Mr. Gracza. Mr. Gracza is in his second year at Founders. He teaches Ethics, Rhetoric, Utopia/Dystopia, Speech Debate and World Religions. Over the summer, he offered a summer camp on debating. He makes his classes very lively, even dressing as an English Judge. Mr. Gracza is already thinking about the summer of 2020 as he and Mr. Ste Croix are planning the logistics for summer camps starting with parent and teacher surveys. Congratulations, Mr. Gracza, and THANK YOU for all you do at Founders!



Halloween Dress Up Day - October 31st

On Thursday, October 31st, Founders will have a costume dress-up day to celebrate Halloween. All costumes must be Dress Code appropriate with these additional rules:



- No face masks (partial or full).
- No fake or real weapons can be part of the costume.
- No fake blood.
- But moderate face paint is acceptable.

If the costume is disruptive to the school environment, students will be asked to change. If there are any doubts about the appropriateness of a student's costume, please bring a change of clothing.

We hope to see some fun and creative outfits!

Congressional App Challenge

Has your student already coded an award-winning app?

Has your student already created a winning app for the Congressional App Challenge? If your student has already developed an app for a previous project, there is a good chance that the app is eligible to be entered into this year's Congressional App Challenge.

Students currently enrolled in middle or high school who reside or attend school in a participating district can submit an app coded in any language on any platform as long as it was completed after November 1st, 2018. With over 300 Members of Congress hosting App Challenges in their local districts, and each district winner receiving an invitation to be honored at the United States Capitol, there's no better opportunity for your student to be recognized for their hard work.

Interested students must submit their application no later than **November 1st, 2019**. Full contest rules can be found here:

<https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/>

Last year one of our students won in our district and traveled to Washington, DC to present their app!

STEM Opportunity for High School Students

Is your high school student interested in STEM? They should apply to BAEs FOCUS program!

<https://www.baesystems.com/en-us/our-company/inc-businesses/electronic-systems/in-the-community/focus>

Each cycle takes only 18 students. There are 2 cycles remaining this year.

Program highlights

- Team building and Collaboration
- Project Management
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Presentation Skills
- Design Reviews
- Factory Tours

Technology/Business department Video on Typing

Video about the importance of Typing practice from Ms. Marcotte & Mr. Wales.

[Typing Video](#)

College Admissions Reps Visit Founders

The following colleges will have admissions representatives at Founders on the following days and times:

Manchester Community College - 10/16 at 9:30am
Endicott College - 10/31 at 1:30pm

Apply for an Award - NCWIT

Applications for the Award for Aspirations in Computing are Open!

Register for an Aspirations in Computing Application Q&A at aspirations.org/QAWebinars.

[Apply](#) by the deadline: November 5th, 2019 at 8:00 p.m. MT.

Fill out this [form](#) and encourage a student to apply!

If you have any questions or need help with the application see Ms. Marcotte (j.marcotte@tfanh.org).

Fundraising/Donations/Volunteer Opportunities

Donors Choose: Music Department

My name is Jessica B., and I am a senior at Founders. Over my nearly five years at the school, I have been extensively involved with our music program. This year, my goal for my senior project is to enhance the music program for current and future students.

As the music department is growing, there is a need for improvement in different elements of the program. One element is the ability to have school instruments on hand for students who wish to try a new instrument but don't necessarily have the money or space to own one. Some students have expressed an interest to learn the upright bass to play in the jazz band, string ensemble, and symphonic band. With that being said, this year I am funding an upright bass with its accessories for the school. To accomplish this I have been selling candy bars on Fridays as well as having a booth at music events. I am excited to say that I have recently launched a donors choose project with one of my mentors, Ms. Cormier. Please consider donating to my [project](#) and I appreciate all of your support. Thank you!

[Project Bass](#)

Thank you,

Jessica B.

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Thank you!!

Drama Club Fundraiser

Our Holiday Wreath Fundraiser has started! The Founders Academy Drama Club is partnering with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer you fresh and fragrant Balsam Fir Wreaths, Garland, and Swags for holiday decorating and gift-giving! Items can be picked up at the school on **Friday, November 22nd**, or you can pay to have them shipped directly to you!

Visit our landing page and enter our group code below to begin shopping!

Group code: D9ZC33

<https://ThreeRiversFundraising.com/fund/tfanh-wreath2019>

Bake Sale Items Needed!



The Founders Academy Parent Teacher Student Association is looking for donations for the bake sale during the Fall Festival.

Please provide prepackaged or preportioned treats that can be sold for \$1.00. Please also provide the list of ingredients.

[Sign up here](#)

THE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 19th 5:30-7:30

Signup Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c48a5a82ba2f58-fall1>

THE FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday October 19th 5:30 - 7:30

There will be food and music, face painting, pumpkin decorating a bake sale and the Middle School and High School Round table Scarecrow contest will be held. There will also be food and drinks.

Weather permitting it will be held outside behind the school. The cost will be \$5 per person up to \$20 per family. It is intended as an event for Founders Families to socialize and hang out as well as raise money for the PTSA. The pumpkin raffle winner will be drawn at 7:30.



The Founders Academy Parent Teacher Student Association is sponsoring our second annual Pumpkin Raffle!

The owner of the winning pumpkin, drawn during the Fall Festival, 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.

**\$Win
500!**

**Saturday
October 19, 2019
7:30**

[Sign up here](#)



**Only 100
pumpkins
available!**

**\$ 25
per pumpkin**

You do not have to be present to win

[FORM LINK](#)

Other

Themes of the Year and Month

Curricular Theme of the 2019-2020 School Year: "Perseverance"

Character Theme of the 2019-2020 School Year: "Move Forward"

Themes of the Month

September: School Functions and Purposes

October: Founders Codes and Themes of Citizenship

November: Veterans and Thanksgiving

December: Celebrate

January: Developing Self-Regulation

February: Presidential History and Character

March: Immigrants and Entrepreneurship

April: Defining Liberty and Understanding the Gifts of and Threats to Our Freedom

May: Self-Evaluation, Dreaming and Setting Goals

June: End of Year

School Calendar

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

Grid format: http://thefoundersacademy.org/calendar/2019_-_20_school_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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