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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

This morning we had a FANTASTIC school-wide assembly prepared by Mrs. Cormier, Mr. Van Ewyk and students to honor Constitution Day and announce "Constitution Week" at Founders. A special thank you to the student choruses for their songs and Mrs. Petit for accompanying on the piano. We are so fortunate to have students interested in the U.S. Constitution.

Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

Founders Celebrates "Constitution Week"

Next week, September 17-23, The Founders Academy will celebrate "Constitution Week" in conjunction with an initiative by the Matthew Thornton chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We will begin our observance with a morning assembly on Friday the 16th which will include patriotic songs sung by the school's chorus, revolutionary quotes read by students, and a history lesson. During the week of the 19th, the morning announcements will include a reminder of the importance of the Constitution. This will allow us to reaffirm the values of our "founders" and instill the lessons of the Constitution for our students, as the students are "the leaders of the future... and the guardians of our liberty."

"The Need for U.S. History in School" by Mr. Gaumont

A recent study done by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni shows that many of the top ranked national liberal arts colleges and universities in America do not require their undergraduate history majors to complete even a single course in United States History. Instead, students are given the opportunity to substitute fringe courses including "Pop Culture in the 20th Century" and "The History of Hollywood". This is an alarming trend.

Now more than ever, it is of the utmost importance that young people in The U.S. study American History. As we develop the next generation of leaders, it is key that students develop critical thinking and problem solving skills while learning the importance of character, responsibility and integrity. Schools like The Founders Academy which make U.S. History a cornerstone subject prepare young people to become active participants and difference makers.

Guide for Streamlining Communication with Students and Parents

As The Founders Academy continues to grow it is vital to have clear, uniform communication between faculty, parents, and students. After a careful review of feedback from faculty, parents, and students we have developed **an outline guide (please see the information below)**.

Teacher/Student/Parent Portal

- Brief description of assignment
- Due date
- Assignment grade

Google Classroom (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ZHT39NkFyo>)

- Course Syllabus
- Bio
- Photo
- Any additional expectations for class
- Link to your website
- Lesson Plans
- Detailed assignments
- Links to supporting materials used in class
- Links to all resources needed for assignments
- All worksheets needed in class or for homework
- Class notes and other presentations used
- Projects with deadlines
- Snow Packets
- Flipped Classroom (if using this method)
- Podcasts (if using this method)
- Electronic submission instructions for students

Website

- Course Syllabus
- Bio
- Photo
- Additional information regarding your classes
- Link to Google Classroom

Email

All email regarding a student must come from a designated Founders email account. This will end with tfanh.org.

Immunization Records

Immunization Records MUST be in by **September 23**. Your child cannot continue in school any further without them. Immunization forms can be obtained through your pediatrician or family doctor. If you have any questions, please contact kimberly.lavallee@tfanh.org.

Drama Club Updates!

High School Drama Club Update from Ms. Mote:

The High School Drama Club will have its first meeting on **Tuesday, September, 20th from 3:30-4:30**. At this meeting we will discuss the upcoming season of performances, what it means to be a High School Drama Club, and the New Hampshire Educational Theatre Guild Festival. We might even read through a portion of the script for "Little Women", our first High School Drama Club production! Students should let Ms. Mote (k.mote@tfanh.org) know if they plan on attending this meeting.

Middle School Drama Club Update from Ms. Mote:

Calling all actors! The time for auditions for our next Middle School Drama Club production is here! Next week we will be holding auditions for our production of "Wenceslas", an interpretation of the classical carol "Good King Wenceslas."

Auditions will take place on **Thursday, September 22nd and Friday, September 23rd during Study Hall and after school from 3:30-6:00**. Students who cannot make the after school auditions should come during study hall. Sign up sheets will be posted for students to sign up for either audition time, and there a limited number of spots for each audition session. In order to be considered for a role, actors will need to fill out an audition form which they can find in Ms. Mote's classroom (Room 143).

Rehearsals for the play will be on **Tuesdays and Thursday from 3:30-5:00**. (With the exception of our week of production rehearsals.) Please carefully consider the time commitment required before auditions. A schedule for rehearsals can be found in the audition form. The performance dates are: December 2nd and 3rd.

I look forward to another wonderfully creative year working with our Drama Club!

Picture Retake Day

Picture retake day will be Thursday, October 13.

Health Fair and Biometrics Testing

Rivier University Nurse Practitioner Students and Nursing staff under the supervision of licensed Family Nurse Practitioners will host its Health Fair and Biometrics Testing at Founders on **September 30th from 9:30AM - 2PM**. For more information, see this web page:

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=13636948>

You must be 16 years of age to have the above testing completed and need to be accompanied by a legal consenting adult if you are under the age of 18.

Recent News

Be sure to check out all the recent happenings and upcoming events in the “Recent News” section on the website!

<http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=1207671&pageId=1207687>

Plastic Silverware

Parents,

Please make sure that your students bring utensils with them if they need them for lunch. We have 30+ students per day getting plastic utensils from our rapidly dwindling supply. Thank you.

Craft Fair Vendor Meeting on September 28, 2016

Who is ready for The Founders Academy Craft and Vendor Fair?

We are getting truly excited about this event!

We need your help! There is still lots to do!

Please consider joining us on September 28th at 6:30pm at Founders for a Founders Academy Craft and Vendor Fair Committee Meeting!

What committee you ask? The one we are making on 9/28/16.

We are ready to share what we have done so far and what still needs to get done!!!

Please consider helping us out! This event will be absolutely amazing.....

Please let Robin Gage know if you can make it! We would love for you to join us!

Have you checked out our Facebook page yet? This page will give everyone a sneak peek at all the crafters and vendors who will be attending our event. The link for this is https://www.facebook.com/The-Founders-Academy-Craft-Vendor-Fair-809037905863093/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel. Please like this page and share it with everyone you know to help make this event a huge success!!

If you have any questions, email Robin Gage at robin.gage@tfanh.org or Kylene Normandin at kylene.normandin@tfanh.org.

Absent/Tardy Students

Please remember to email attendance@tfanh.org if your child is absent. Additionally, every third unexcused tardy shall constitute a one full day unexcused absence. Please review the Founders' entire Attendance Policy in the handbook section 2.2 here.

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.

"Most Needed" Items at Founders

Founders heavily relies on contributions and donations. As of now, the most needed items include:

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| - Copier paper | - Paper towels |
| - Scotch Tape | - Food/snacks for the food pantry |
| - Gallon jugs of Expo Whiteboard cleaner | - Tissues |
| - Wall/classroom clocks | - Plastic forks and spoons |

Items can be dropped off at the school or call in advance at 603.952.4705.

Thank you very much!



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