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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The Teachers had a great time planning, presenting and learning at Teacher Orientation this entire week. Everyone can't wait to see the students for the start of the new year.

6th Grade Orientation was today. It was truly a delight meeting the incoming students and welcoming them to Founders.

See you on Tuesday when the first bell rings at 7:45AM. Remember that Tuesday (9/5) is using a Friday schedule along with an elongated Round Table. Thank you for your support and have a great, long weekend!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

From the Assistant Director of Student Services: IEP's and 504's



Hello Founders Academy Families,
Whether you are a new or returning student to Founders Academy, if your student has a 504 plan or IEP, please reach out to us for the following reasons: to check if your sending school has sent your child's 504 or IEP to us, to update your child's 504 plan or IEP or if you have questions or concerns about your child's 504 plan or IEP. The Founders Academy Student Services Department would like to have all 504 plans and IEP's reviewed, updated and shared with teachers as soon as possible. If you need to contact us, please email Mrs. Murphy at meghan.murphy@tfanh.org.

Thank you!
Student Services

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

School News

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!

Back to School Night and Parent Portal Training Information

Please know that teachers are planning a Back to School Night and Parent Portal training for September 21 from 4-7pm. This is a great way to meet your students' teachers and get more familiar with the portal. More details to come, including an agenda.

An Important Message regarding Parent Portals, and Google Classrooms

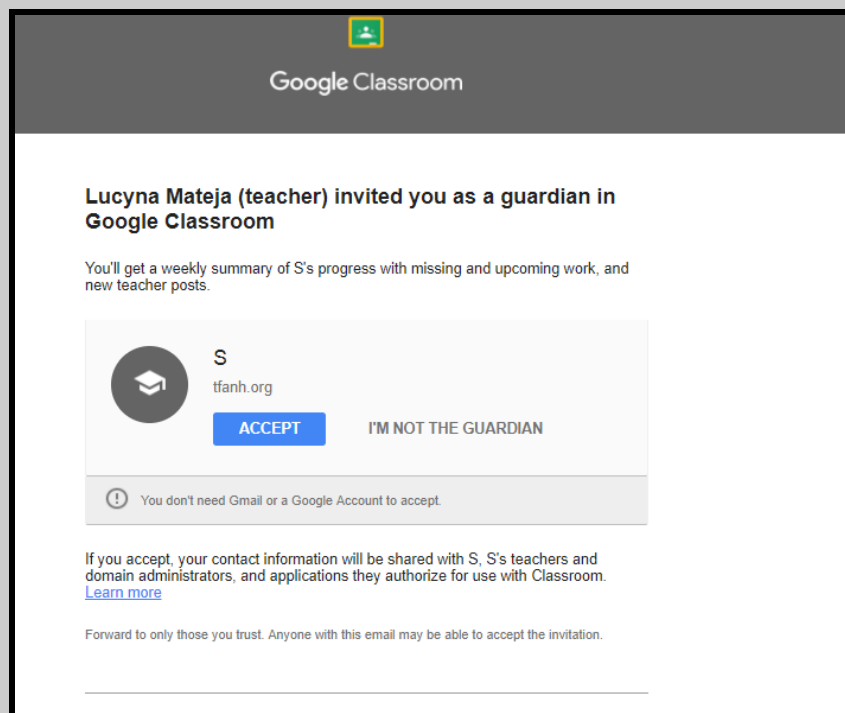
[A Message from Ms. Marcotte](#)

Parent Portal

Activation emails have been sent out for Parent Portals, these are time sensitive and are only active for 48 hours. Please sure you follow the directions in the activation email. For those new to the school there will be a Back to School night where parent portal training will take place on September 21, 2017. There is also a video tutorial designed to introduce parents to the portal as well which can be found [here](#).

Google Classroom Guardian Notification

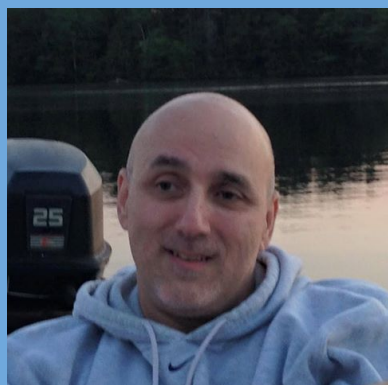
All teachers will be using Google Classroom this year to push out work. As a parent, you will receive an invitation for guardian notifications. An example of this is provided for you below:



As a parent, you can set how often you want to receive these notifications for your children. For more information about guardian notifications go [here](#).

Introduction: Stephen Fernandes

Founders is pleased to welcome Mr. Stephen Fernandes as an English teacher! Mr. Fernandes will be a member of the English Department. His office will be #144, and his email address is s.fernandes@tfanh.org. Welcome, Mr. Fernandes!



"Hello everyone! I have taught Middle School English, Reading and Writing for over 23 years. During 9 of those years, I was in charge of the Drama Program at The Cooperative Middle School in Stratham, NH. Each year, I directed the musical production, such as "1776", "L'il Abner", "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat", "West Side Story" and more. I also oversaw the summer productions which were directed by high school students and recent graduates. I received my BA at the University of New Hampshire and my Masters in Education from Notre Dame College. I am very excited to begin my first year at The Founders Academy teaching 7th Grade English and 6th Grade Writing."

Welcome, Mr. Fernandes!

"Cinderella" the Musical - Auditions

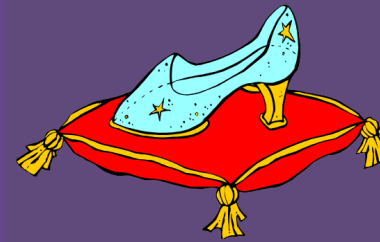
Interested in participating in Founders Academy's first musical? We will be performing a production of "Cinderella" and leading, secondary, and choral roles are all available.

Information and auditions are Sept. 11 OR Sept. 13. We will ask performers to read from the script and sing something acappella. Sign ups for those interested in technical positions will also be available.

Rehearsals are on Tues & Thursdays beginning Sept. 19th 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm.

For information contact Ms. Cormier @ j.cormier@tfanh.org

View the poster [HERE](#).



Math Books Needed, By Ms. Nichols

The Math Department here at Founders is looking for **course 3 math books**, and if you would like to donate an unused one we would greatly appreciate it!

Thank you.
Ms. Nichols

Donors Choose

Dear Parents,

As of today (8/30) we only have 11 days left to fund this project. I want to make sure my students have the materials they need to succeed in computer science through exploration of creating their own mobile apps. We will be using these devices in our Tech 1 & AP Mobile Computer Science Principles courses.

[There's an App for That and a Student Made it.](#)

If you chip in to help my students, you'll get awesome photos and our heartfelt thanks.

Thanks so much,
Ms. Marcotte

P.S. If you know anyone who may want to help my classroom, please pass this along!

Food Forms Updated On Website

The Pizza Monday and Fun Food Friday forms have been updated! Please submit your orders for September and October by **September 7th**. The link to the forms can be found [here](#).

Two School Administered Facebook Groups

Please know that Founders now maintains two school official Facebook groups. "Carpooling" is for families interested in carpool networking. "Volunteering Parents" is for those parents/grandparents willing to volunteer. In your conversations, please refer parents to both and encourage participation! Thank you.

Carpooling: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/123952141583545/>

Volunteering Parents: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1527282857342512/>

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](tel:603.952.4705) or nenabliss@tfanh.org. We'll add you to the list!

Running Start Information for Parents and Students

Manchester Community College (MCC) is partnering with The Founders Academy of Manchester this year to offer our Running Start Program to students in the following approved classes this FALL 2017:

- Android APPS Development (CIS 107M) with Joanna Marcotte
- Web Programming I (CIS 124M) with Joanna Marcotte

· Painting (ARTS 210M) with Jennifer Fortier

Additional classes may develop throughout the school year, and could be offered spring term or next academic year.

The Running Start Program is a concurrent enrollment program, sponsored by the Community College System of NH (CCSNH), that provides high school students with the opportunity to take college courses while also completing the requirements for high school graduation. These college courses are taught during the regular high school day by qualifying high school faculty who meet CCSNH credentialing standards. The reduced course fee of \$150 for each college course enables students to save 75% or more on the cost of a 3 credit or 4 credit course at any CCSNH campus.

The course registration process will take place immediately after the Running Start Coordinator visits the approved classes listed above. Betsy Stull, MCC's Running Start Coordinator, will be visiting all of the students in those classes on a soon to be arranged date in September. During her visit Betsy will provide the students with a registration packet with details on how to register by the established deadline. Her presentation will touch on the benefits of the Running Start program, transferability of the courses to other colleges, registration and payment, need-based scholarships, etc. She welcomes your students' questions!

Last year over 7,000 Running Start students from 100 high schools in NH, VT, and Maine participated in CCSNH's Running Start Program. 200 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and Canada have accepted CCSNH credits from many former Running Start students. Note: Transfer policies vary by college, so students are advised to check with the colleges they plan to attend.

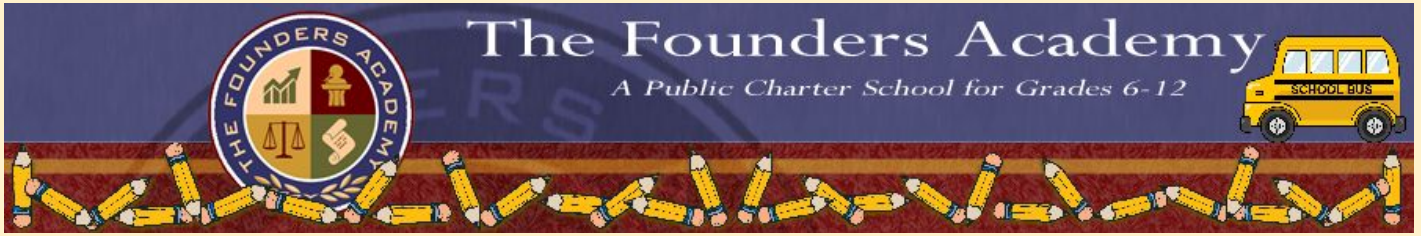
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Other News

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.



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