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From the Dean of School



Happy Friday!

The Founders Academy wants to wish **Mrs. Bechis** and **Mrs. Lopez** all the best as they move on to new opportunities. Both Mrs. Bechis and Mrs. Lopez have been with Founders since it opened in 2014. During their time at Founders, they were particularly dedicated to their students and subject matter. They will be missed!

We also wish to thank **Ms. Prindiville**, **Mr. Dopson** and **Mr. Marville** for their services to the school last year!

This past week the volunteer force at Founders showed its strength! Last Tuesday, a Moving Day occurred with numerous student, parent, and teacher volunteers moving furniture, cleaning, and setting up classrooms. The crew was so efficient that they

finished in 3 hours and a second Moving Day was not necessary. Founders is so fortunate to receive assistance from generous volunteers. THANK YOU!

Have a great week!

Sincerely,
Maureen Mooney
Dean of School

The Library at Founders

This summer, the Founders' library has been expanding rapidly thanks in large part to the acquisition of a library from a middle school in Nashua. The donation included not only books and periodicals but also shelving and book stands. Ms. Mote, David B, Mrs. Benard, Mr. Van Ewyk and Mr. Gaumont have been invaluable in the effort of packing, transporting, and unpacking materials and assembling shelves. Mrs. Petit, Emily A, Madeleine G and Catherine H have been busy identifying and cataloging books. See photo below. We estimate that we now have more than 3,000 books but always welcome donations!



Hope you are enjoying the summer and doing lots of reading!

Mr. Gaumont's Summer Assignments

Mr. Gaumont will teach History levels 2, 3 and 4 next year along with Messrs. Van Ewyk and Waterbury. His summer assignments are the same as Mr. Van Ewyk and Mr. Waterbury's. See below. . .

Mr. Van Ewyk & Mr. Gaumont (Incoming U.S. History):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BsPCK5E_guMk_r0vVCuQp5UU7DYWmc-Fff3QSdbmFt8/edit?ts=57601c02

Contact Mr. Van Ewyk with questions: g.vanewyk@tfanh.org or m.gaumont@tfanh.org.

Mr. Waterbury & Mr. Gaumont (Incoming Level 1 and Level 2 History):

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CPzjIBrAtghhq52yjA7hEkijXFOpniMX3qQvONs2YLk/edit?ts=57586030>

Contact Mr. Waterbury with questions: d.waterbury@tfanh.org or m.gaumont@tfanh.org.

Required School Supplies for Middle School Students

Attention all Founders Academy middle schoolers! Here is a [list of school supplies](#) that you are required to have for the start of the school year. These are going to help you be as organized as possible for school each day, so that you are ready and prepared to learn. It is especially important that you have two 3-inch binders - one will be for your morning classes and one for your afternoon classes. If you are confused about how this is all going to work, have no fear - we will be covering this topic and much more at our **upcoming 6th grade orientation on Friday, Sept. 2nd, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**. We are greatly anticipating meeting all of you there! In the meantime, if you have any other questions or concerns about our upcoming orientation, please contact Mme Barlow at k.barlow@tfanh.org. Thank you, Mme. Barlow

Link to required middle school school supplies:

http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/students/back_to_school_supplies

Welcoming New Faculty: Christopher Kline



Welcome Mr. Kline as Founders' newest English teacher and Curriculum Coordinator! He joins Ms. Mote teaching higher levels of English in the Humanities Department.

"Mr. Christopher Kline is from Colorado, where he spent the last four years teaching high school history and coaching soccer. Before teaching, Mr. Kline served four years in the United States Marine Corps and did three deployments to Iraq. He is a graduate of Colorado State University, and has a great passion for history and teaching. He is currently pursuing his Masters Degree in American History from Norwich University. When he is not teaching, you can find him with his wife and two adorable girls doing eco tourism. His interests include all things outdoors, soccer, veteran's advocacy, and motorcycling."

Welcoming New Faculty: Samantha Blakeney

Mrs. S. Blakeney is joining Ms. Scantlebury, Mrs. Moore and Ms. Griffin as a science teacher in the Science/Math Department. Welcome!



"Mrs. Samantha Blakeney was born and raised in the Hudson Valley area of New York so don't be too angry about her love for the Yankees. It was there that she first went to college for literature and anthropology, but wound up switching to biochemistry because she wanted to try something new. She was instantly in love with science, but did not love life in a quiet, lonely lab. She decided she wanted to go back to school to be a teacher of science instead.

When she returned to college for her teaching degree, she was immediately drawn to the fun, frantic, and always entertaining world of middle schoolers. Mrs. Blakeney graduated this past spring from Southern New Hampshire University with a Bachelor's Degree in Middle School Science Education. She has spent the last 3 years being

mentored by teachers throughout Southern New Hampshire, working one-on-one with students who have learning disabilities and executive function disorders, and participating in Undergraduate Research related to increasing the research skills of students in order to promote success across all content areas. She has also worked as a mental health counselor and private tutor.

Being that her minor was in History, and that her plans are to pursue higher education in the History of Science, she was immediately drawn to the ideals of The Founders Academy. When she was initially invited to meet with the administrators, she loved the principles, passion, and pride that drive the faculty. Mrs. Blakeney is absolutely thrilled to have been offered the opportunity to teach Level 3 Integrated Science and Level 1 this year in such an interesting and innovative school.

Mrs. Blakeney lives in Manchester, NH with her husband."

Europe Trip 2017 Meeting

On Sept. 8, 2016, directly after our back-to-school night, we will be having a meeting for interested students and families about our upcoming European adventure in April 2017. We will be visiting four beautiful countries - Holland, Belgium, France, and England, and we would love to have you join us!

Questions, please contact k.barlow@tfanh.org

Heart and Sole: Girls' Running Program

Heart & Sole® is a 10-week afterschool program designed to meet the unique needs of middle school girls. Rich with themes that girls can relate to, the curriculum addresses the whole girl – body, brain, heart, spirit and social connection – and builds important life skills. Physical activity is a core element of this Girls on the Run program. The season culminates with a 5K Celebration event on November 20th in Concord, NH.

The Fall 2016 program will be held at The Founders Academy on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:15-4:45 pm, beginning on **Thursday, September 8th**.

Check out the flyer attached to this email, and to register or for more information, please visit the website: www.girlsontherunnh.org. For more information, contact renee.williams@tfanh.org.

Important Dates

School calendar online link: <http://www.thefoundersacademy.org/calendar>

NOTE: Dates are continuously added and possibly changed throughout the year. Please check the school calendars regularly.

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
July 11-29, 2016	Summer Camps
August 17, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
August 29-31, 2016	Teacher Orientation
September 2, 2016	6th Grade Orientation, 9:00AM - 2:00PM for all incoming 6th graders.
September 6, 2016	First Day of School
September 6, 2016	Beginning of the year Convocation
September 8, 2016	Back to School Night/Parent Portal Training/Meet Teachers, 5:30 - 7:30 PM
September 8, 2016	Europe Trip 2017 Meeting (immediately after Back of School Night) (contact is k.barlow@tfanh.org)
September 9, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for September 11, 2001
September 15, 2016	Picture Day
September 16, 2016	Constitution Day
September 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part I

September 21, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
September 23, 2016	Friday Assembly - Teacher Introductions Part II
September 30, 2016	Health Fair (Rivier University)
October 7, 2016	Friday Assembly - Brandon Karpf, U.S. Naval Academy
October 10, 2016	Columbus Day (No School)
October 13, 2016	Re-Take Picture Day
October 15, 2016	Admissions Information Day 8:30-12:30pm.
October 19, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
October 22, 2016	1st Annual Founders Craft Fair/Vendor Fair (contact robin.gage@tfanh.org for more information).
November 4, 2016	Last day of First Quarter; Locker clean-outs.
November 10, 2016 (Note the new date)	Parent Teacher Conferences. (No School)
November 11, 2016	First Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
November 11, 2016	Veterans Day (No School)
November 16, 2016	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
November 23-25, 2016 (Note the new dates)	Thanksgiving Recess (No School)
December 7, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence for Pearl Harbor Day
December 16, 2016	Friday Assembly - Morgan Andrews, Nationally Recognized Soccer Player
December 20, 2016	Deadline for Applications
December 21 2016 - January 2, 2017	Holiday Recess (No School)
January 16, 2017	Martin Luther King Jr./Civil Rights Day (No School)
January 18, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
January 20, 2017	Last day of Second Quarter; Locker clean-outs
January 21, 2017	Admissions Information Day 8:30-12:30pm.
January 27, 2017	School-wide Moment of Silence for the Challenger space shuttle crew, January 28, 1986

January 27, 2017	Second Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
February 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
February 20, 2017	Presidents Day
February 27 - March 3, 2017	Winter Recess (No School)
March 15, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
March 17, 2017	Best Practices at The Founders Academy; Staff Development/Workshop (No School)
March 31, 2017	Last day of Third Quarter; Locker clean-outs
April 7, 2017	Third Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
April 14, 2017	Staff Development/Workshop (No School)
April 17, 2017	Gen. John Stark Day
April 19, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 7:00AM
April 24 - 28, 2017	Spring Break (No School)
May 17, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00PM
May 26, 2016	School-wide Moment of Silence in honor of Memorial Day
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day (No School)
June 9, 2017	Last Day of School; locker clean-outs
June 9, 2017	End of the year Convocation
June 16, 2017	Fourth Quarter Report Cards emailed to parent/guardians on @tfanh.org email accounts.
June 21, 2017	Board of Trustees Meeting, TBA



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