



Dean of School's Report September 20, 2017

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- 1. Theme of the Year:** The new school year began on September 5, 2017 at 7:45 AM. The theme of the year is "Round Table." Each Round Table is to have a syllabus structured along the school's calendar, an assigned project, and each month is themed in order to better highlight the first item listed in the Founding Father's Character and Leadership Curriculum.
- 2. Opening Ceremonies:** Two ceremonies were held on Sept. 7th, one for high schoolers (lower cafe) and one for middle schoolers (outdoors). Mr. Gaumont oversaw the middle school ceremony, and Mr. Van Ewyk oversaw the high school ceremony. The agenda consisted of introducing new teachers, guest speakers, and student poet laureates. Founders was pleased to welcome Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas to both the high school and middle school ceremonies.
- 3. Patriot Day Assembly:** The school had an assembly on Patriot Day (Sept. 11th). The assembly was coordinated by Mr. Van Ewyk and his Round Table. It consisted of flag etiquette and a moment of silence in honor of the innocents lost on September 11th, 2001.
- 4. Facebook:** The school has established and now maintains two private Facebook groups, one for carpooling and one for volunteering parents. At this point there are a good number of parents that have joined both, and this is to help facilitate carpooling opportunities and more parent volunteer involvement. The volunteer landscaping effort to adopt a weekend was launched on the volunteer Facebook page.
- 5. Musical and Concerts:** "Cinderella" musical will take place on November 16-18. The music department under the chairmanship of Mr. Tellier has decided to have all chorus and band concerts at the school. The dates for each have been laid out and are as follows:
*All concerts begin @ 7 p.m.
Band Concerts on **December 11th** (Levels 1 & 3) and **December 12th** (Levels 2 & 4, Jazz Band)
Chorus Concerts on **December 6th** (Levels 1 & 4) and **December 7th** (Levels 2 & 3)
Snow Dates: December 13th and 14th
Band & Chorus concert **March 20th** (Levels 3 & 4, Jazz Band)
Snow Date: March 21st
Band Concerts on **May 21st** (Levels 1 & 3), and **May 22nd** (Levels 2 & 4)
Chorus Concerts on **May 29th** (Levels 1 & 4), and **May 30th** (Levels 2 & 3)
- 6. Citizenship Exam:** The Curriculum Committee is looking into a citizenship exam for students to take in high school prior to graduation.
- 7. John Stark Day Breakfast:** It is the hope of the administration to host a John Stark Day Breakfast annually on John Stark Day as a fundraiser. This year it's on April 9th, 2018. Collaboration with Outreach would be necessary.
- 8. Field Trips:** Mr. Van Ewyk, Mrs. Humphrey, Dean Mooney and 14 high school students traveled to New York City on Sept. 17th to appear on "Fox & Friends," on the morning of Sept. 18th, in honor of Constitution Day.
- 9. Advisory Board:** Brian Woodworth is going to be a member of the advisory board; he is an attorney turned World Language teacher who has years of experience both in practicing law and in teaching French and Spanish. He toured the school on Aug. 28th, 2017.
- 10. Teacher of the Month:** Congratulations to Ms. Eframson who is the Teacher of the Month for September 2017!

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- 11. THANK YOU** to those parents who donated and served a teacher appreciation luncheon during Teacher Orientation, a special thank you to those who contributed to the landscaping which includes the soccer field, to Kylee Normandin for "stepping up" to assist with the "FFG," to Ms. Cormier and her Round Table for hosting the Constitution Day assembly on Sept. 18, and to Mrs. Cassie Hayes who is doing a tremendous job as Director of Faculty.

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