



Dean of School's Report
February 17, 2016

1. **Admissions:** The application deadline closed on January 29, 2016. Placement exams are in progress.
2. **Honor Roll:** The second quarter ended on January 22. The following percentages of students made the honor roll: 15% made High Honor Roll; 39% made Honor Roll; 12% made Honorable Mention.
3. **Faculty Updates:** Teacher assessments are in progress in three parts: self-assessments, in-classroom observations, and individual meetings. "Intent to Return" forms were distributed to faculty. Full faculty meetings are being held to discuss school-wide topics including mastery, advisory, discipline, character grading, writing across the curriculum, and other topics.
4. **Curriculum & Scheduling Committees:** The Curriculum Committee started to plan for the next school year in the main subjects and required electives. Mr. Van Ewyk chairs the committee. The Committee has started to plan for the next school year. Mr. McKenzie chairs the committee.
5. **Founders' Web Site:** Phrases capturing the school's mission are being added to the home page. "In the Words of Parents" and "In the Words of Teachers" sections are being added to the web site.
6. **"Advisory" to "Round Table:"** Advisory was be renamed "Round Table" and features a new and updated syllabus in preparation for next school year to enhance the school's mission.
7. **Job Fair:** Founders will host its first Job Fair on March 9 from 4 to 7pm at the school.
8. **Popcorn Maker:** Several Founders' families contributed an industrial sized popcorn maker.
9. **Subcommittees:** Three new subcommittees were created - Professional Development, Smarter Balanced Test 2016, and Furniture.
10. **Smarter Balanced Test:** The testing windows for 2016 are: March 29-May 6 for grade 6; and April 12 - June 10 grades 7 and 8.
11. **Charity:** Ms. Small's Round Table raised money for school supplies, and Ms. Henry's Round Table will be raising money for the Boys and Girls Club.
12. **Teacher of the Month and Volunteer(s) of the Quarter:** The Founders recognized Ms. Henry in February as Teacher of the Month, and Patrice Benard is the Volunteer of the Quarter.
13. **Winter Soccer League:** Parent volunteer Tim Filep coordinates and coaches an indoor soccer league, along with Ms. Eframson. They play at the Bedford Sportsplex.
14. **Field Trips:** Enterprise City in March; Shakespeare Folio at Currier Gallery of Art in April; Science lake cruise on Squam Lake and Field/Forest trip in May; Washington DC trip and Great East Festival in May; Walden Pond in June.
15. **Dress Code & School Supplies 2016-2017:** The school Dress Code, and supplies (for grades 6-8) will be announced in March for the 2016-2017 academic year.