



News from The Hill

Head of School Blog



Dear Parents/Grandparents/Guardians,

Another great week on “The Hill.” Our sports teams continue to excel on the field of play. They have consistently shown commitment, courage, tenacity, and grit – and I am very proud of how they handle themselves on and off the field of play as well as in the classroom.

If you submitted an E-Book verification form on or before last Thursday, you and your student should have received notification regarding their e-books. If you have not submitted your E-book Verification form, please do so in order for your son/daughter to be able to access their e-books

You can like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, and Instagram. You can follow me on Twitter at TSA_DrM. #Generalpride. My door is always open. Stop on by! . Live life each day with an attitude of gratitude!

PROUD TO BE A GENERAL

F. L. Martin III

Dr. F.L. Martin III

Head of School

Upcoming Events

Sports This Week	Time
8/28 Varsity Tennis @ LMA	4
8/28 JV/V Volleyball	4/5
8/29 JV/V Volleyball	4/5
8/30 JV/V Volleyball @ WH	5/6
9/1 Varsity Football @ Orangeburg	
	Prep 7:30
9/2 Cross Country @ CIU	

Save the Date

September 4th No School in honor of Labor Day

September 8 Founder’s Day

October 21 Parent & Alumni Service Saturday



General's Cross Country Invitational at Patriot Park



"The Science of Today is the Technology of Tomorrow" - Edward Teller

STEAM Corner:
(Science, Technology, Engineering,
Arts, and Math)



Mrs. Hill is conducting a lab and reviewing safety procedures with her students. Safety is very important and enables students to successfully, and collaboratively engage in the learning process.

Lower School

The Lower School had their first chapel with Rev. Wes Conner. Rev Wes spoke about going out into the world and being the "light of the world" showing our love for one another. ~ Mrs. Heather Gore



STEAM (continued)

This week we discussed digital citizenship and our zero tolerance for cyber bullying. We also discussed online safety. Please continue to discuss these topics at home. Our goal is to have our lower school students logged into to our online programs as well as one-to-one by September 1. Learning to use technology and using technology to learn is necessary for growing competent and successful students in the 21st century. Thank you for all you have done to help and support us during this exciting change in curriculum here on the hill. Having a device is crucial in maximizing your child's potential to learn and grow. Using the online reading rooms, adaptive online curriculum and blogging will help your child soar! If your child does not have a device, please contact Mrs. Crowe as soon as possible at Paige.crowe@thomassumter.org.

This week, first and second grades gained access to an online reading room, Raz-kids. This program is best operated by downloading the app from www.kidsa-z.com. Raz-kids helps children learn to read and comprehend both fiction and nonfiction texts. Students have access to many books that they can listen to and read. This allows them the ability to practice applying their comprehension by answering a few questions. Your classroom teachers are working to determine their exact reading level through one-one reading conferences. If you notice, the books your child is reading are too easy or too hard, please send me an email and I will adjust.

Third through fifth graders have been provided access to their kidblog. Kidblog is a safe, student friendly blogging domain that helps students share their thoughts and engages them in reading while appreciating various style texts, opinions, and ideas. If you would like access to our grade level blogs, please use the following links and join codes. I know the students would love more interaction on their posts; 3rd grade join code: ivm5mjc <https://kidblog.org/class/tsa-steam-3>

4th grade join code: zeis87u <https://kidblog.org/class/tsa-steam-4>

5th grade join code: jm8j5kv <https://kidblog.org/class/tsa-steam-5>

Our year is off to great start! I am so excited to see what the rest of year holds. ~ Paige Crowe

Counselors Corner

The PSAT is coming up in October. If your student is a junior, in taking the PSAT, they have an opportunity to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Your junior should also be making a college list based on factors such as the size of the college you are looking for, location, majors offered, and admission requirements. You should also be thinking about other test options such as SAT and ACT (see dates and times below). Check out <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/~/-/link.aspx?id=5abbc9101441482587285f78ed859b17&z=z.aspx>. Any questions please see Mrs. Campbell.

SAT DATES FOR 2017-2018

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

ACT DATES FOR 2017-2018

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	October 27, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 19, 2018
April 18, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 22, 2018

Quote of the week:

Let love explode and bring
the dead to life
Let love explode and bring
the dead to life
A love so bold
To bring a revolution
somehow
Now I'm lost in Your
freedom
In this world I'll overcome
My God's not dead He's
surely alive!

God's Not Dead lyrics
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MISSION

The mission of Thomas Sumter Academy is to develop, in a safe and Christian environment, well-rounded individuals who are fully prepared for college and life.

VISION STATEMENT

Thomas Sumter Academy strategically envisions becoming the top college preparatory principled leadership K-12 school in South Carolina.

PHILOSOPHY

“Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge.” ~ 2 Peter 1:5

Thomas Sumter Academy is an educational institution serving students in an environment of Christian love and discipline within which students learn to link bodies of knowledge and develop an enthusiasm for living. Recognizing that academic success cannot stand alone, Thomas Sumter Academy places importance on participation in interscholastic athletics, fine arts, and extracurricular activities; in conjunction with the development of their faith, personal skills and attitudes in leadership, dependability, initiative, and fairness. A primary goal of TSA is to assist each student in maximum growth toward independence in thought and action.

Expectations are high, and the calling to be one's best is very real.

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How to Get Involved

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TSA Booster Club: Contact either Mrs. Christon Kessinger, Mrs. Janice Warren, or Dr. Martin.

Big Shout-Out to:

Mrs. Lisa Carino who cooked a great meal for our football players on Thursday before their game Friday.

