



October 23rd, 2020

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. I cannot believe November is right around the corner! Our big items in November will look a little different this year due to COVID-19. Grand-friends Day at the Main Campus will be a Grand-friends parade starting at 9 AM on November 6th. Our Veteran's Day Chapel and Thanksgiving Dinner will be done a little differently as well. I really appreciate your understanding and flexibility with our "new normal." We normally hold our Halloween HAC Pancake breakfast but this year we will not be conducting that event; however, we will be back in the spring for our March Pancake Breakfast.

Basketball conditioning has begun in earnest as we finish up our Cross Country and Football seasons. Both the Girls and Boys cross country teams did very well in their Regional competition on Wednesday. Every one of our runners showed their tenacity and grit throughout the meet. Go Generals!

Our upcoming Character Trait for the month of November will be HUMILITY: We have been learning about the value of LEARNING during October, but in November we will discuss a very important character trait found in our Servant Leaders. "Humility is the solid foundation of all virtues." ~ Confucious

"Absolute Value Corner:" I came across some more positive news. Take a look at and enjoy reading the article about two long lost friends: <https://www.today.com/news/holocaust-survivors-meet-again-after-71-years-miracle-reunion-t195527>

Be safe and enjoy your weekend. Hope to see you tonight! As I pray you know, my door is always open so please stop by. I appreciate your feedback. You may write a review on Google as well as upload pictures. You may also go to "Niche.com," Yelp, or "Greatschools.org" to write other reviews about TSA. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, and Instagram. You can follow me on Twitter at @TSA_DrM. #Generalpride.

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Dr. F.L. Martin III

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UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 23RD

SENIOR GENERAL SPEAKS

PEP RALLY

VARSITY FB VS. CALHOUN (7:30)

OCTOBER 24TH

TOPSAIL EQUESTRIAN SHOW (RAVENEL, SC)

OCTOBER 29TH

B-TEAM FB VS. LEE ACADEMY (6:00)

OCTOBER 30TH

COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY FOR SENIORS

VARSITY FB @ LEE ACADEMY (7:30)

OCTOBER 31ST

STATE CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ HHES

NOVEMBER 2ND

TSA GOLF TOURNAMENT- BEECH CREEK GOLF COURSE

FIRST PRACTICE DAY FOR WINTER SPORTS

NOVEMBER 3RD

FALL PORTRAIT MAKE-UP DAY

NOVEMBER 6TH

DRIVE-THRU GRANDFRIENDS DAY - MAIN CAMPUS

GRANDFRIENDS DAY- COLUMBIA CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 7TH

SERVICE SATURDAY

EQUESTRIAN @ AIKEN

STATE CHEER COMPETITION

DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

Week 11



Friday Night Lights!



Annual Fund, 2020-2021

You recently received a letter announcing our Annual Fund and upcoming Phone-A-Thon (October 27-28). Our students will be contacting you one of these two nights and I pray you will consider giving and/or pledging a gift to enable us to begin and finish the roof repair before May 2021. This year our annual fund will be focused on the Gym Roof repair that needs to be accomplished before we begin our Phase II of the Capital Campaign --- the gym restroom renovation. The restroom renovation is scheduled to be accomplished over the May thru mid-August of 2021.

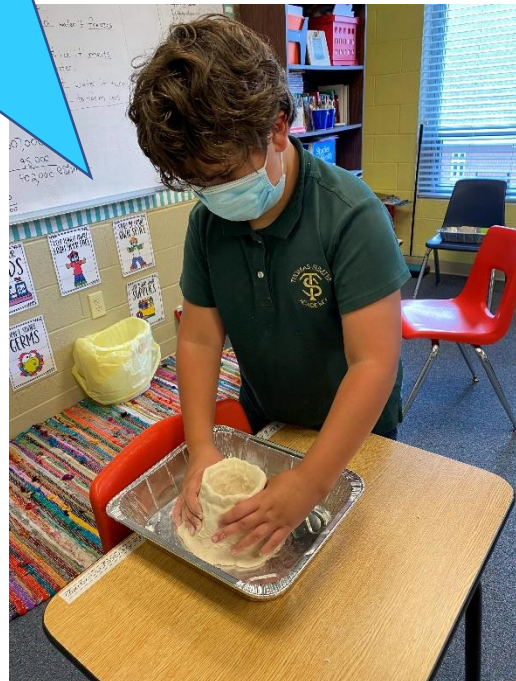
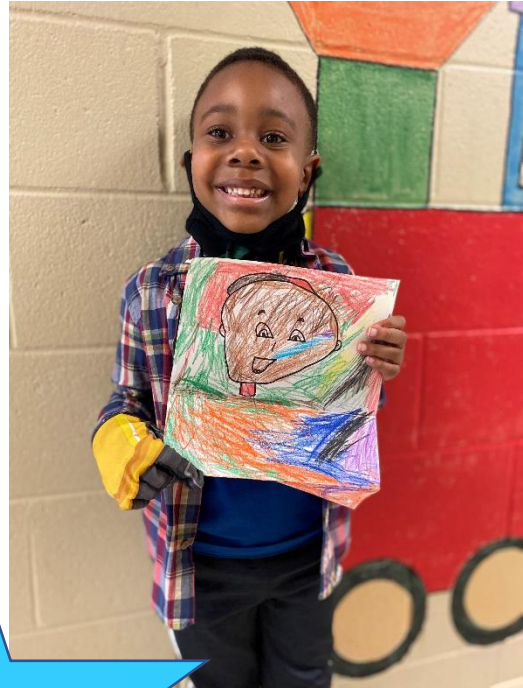
We have 247 families represented at the Main Campus and 32 families represented at the Columbia Campus. The analysis below provides an order of magnitude of the impact of each dollar received for this project – and any additional projects. We have collected over \$6,000 from current Board members along with a few past Board members already:

# TSA Families	Donation/Month	Total over 4 months	Total
100	\$100/month	\$400 per family	\$40,000
100	\$50/month	\$200 per family	\$20,000
150	\$100/month	\$400 per family	\$60,000
150	\$50/month	\$200 per family	\$30,000
200	\$100/month	\$400 per family	\$80,000
200	\$50/month	\$200 per family	\$40,000
247	\$30/month	\$120 per family	\$29,640
247	\$50/month	\$200 per family	\$49,400
247	\$100/month	\$400 per family	\$98,800

Just think of what we could accomplish if each family were able to contribute \$50 a month for 4 months. Two Chick-Fil-A nights out for a family of four is right around \$45. Remember, [Matthew 6:19-21](#): “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Thank you for considering how the gifts to Thomas Sumter Academy would help your sons and daughters, and the future of TSA.

Columbia Campus



Pre-4 Pumpkin Patch



The Pre-4 classes had a family day at Dorr Farms last Saturday. The children got to pet the animals in the petting zoo, go through the corn maze, take a wagon ride through the farm, decorate pumpkins, hear a story, and play on the playground. Thanks to Mrs. Debbie and Mrs. Morganne for such a fun time!

Root Beer Floats!!!



Third Grade got to enjoy some delicious root beer floats this week for their excellent behavior! A great prize for some great students!

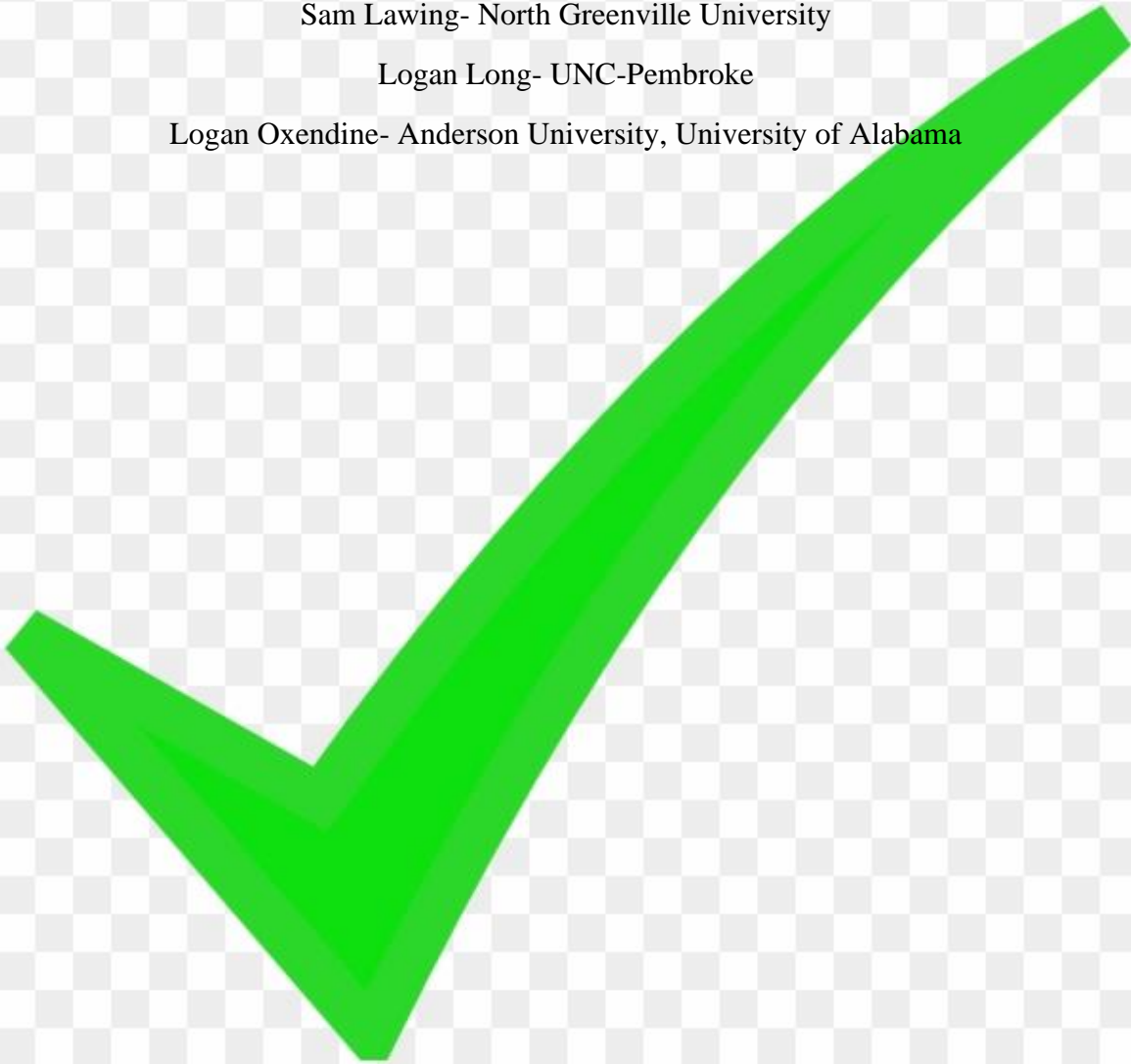


Senior College Acceptances

Sam Lawing- North Greenville University

Logan Long- UNC-Pembroke

Logan Oxendine- Anderson University, University of Alabama



Cross Country Regionals

Our Cross Country teams competed in the Regional Meet on Wednesday at Patriot Park in Sumter. The Girls placed 3rd overall, while the Boys finished 2nd! Congrats to Reese Distelzweig who finished 1st overall in the Girls' Division! Both teams will compete in the State Finals next Saturday (October 31st) at Heathwood Hall Episcopal School in Columbia, SC.

Congratulations to our Cross Country All-Region Team Members!

Reese Distelzweig (8th Grade)

Sam Lawing (12th Grade)

William Wright (9th Grade)

Jake Marshall (9th Grade)

Way to go, Generals!



October Character Trait Winners

Character Trait: Learning



Congratulations to all our Lower School Winners!

Pre-3: Spencer Hancock

Pre-4: Tindal Kate Anderson

Kindergarten: Hudson Smith & Karla McClary

1ST Grade: Ari Henry & Lane Russell

2nd Grade: Wesley Varner & Gabby Tisdale

3rd Grade: Ian Dara & Noah Cato

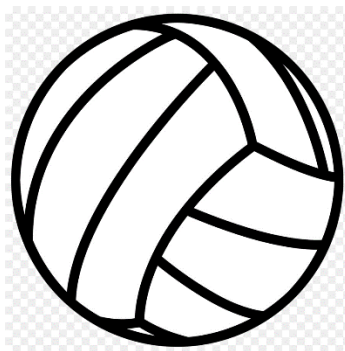
4th Grade: Liam Smith & Janvi Patel

5th Grade: Kason Carter & Riley Carnes

Thank You, Volleyball!



Our Varsity Volleyball team concluded their season on Monday at Palmetto Christian Academy. TSA is so proud of this group of young ladies and their representation of our wonderful school. We look forward to seeing this program grow for many years to come!



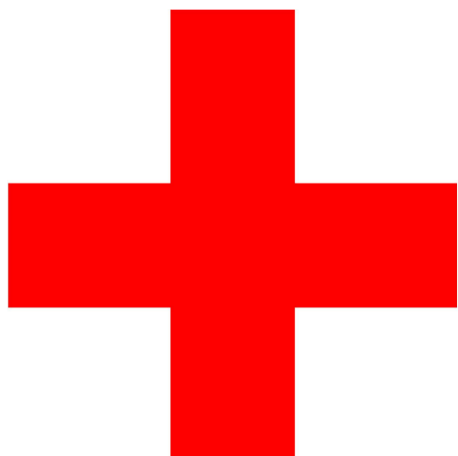
American Red Cross Blood Drive



A HUGE Thank you to everyone that made this week's Blood Drive a success! We collected 12 pints! TSA can't wait for the next one!

Save the Date: January 12, 2021

Please save the date and plan on coming out to donate and give the gift of life. Please get family, friends, co-workers to sign up to donate that day here at Thomas Sumter Academy in the gym.



**American
Red Cross**

TSA Gaiter Scarves for Sale!



The Cross Country & Varsity Girls' Basketball teams are selling TSA gaiter scarves for \$15. See Coach Rob or Coach Brunson for purchasing and more details!



JOIN US FOR A

CAMPUS WORK DAY

Saturday, November 7th
9:00 am – 12:00 pm



@ TSA



Thomas Sumter Academy
5265 Camden Hwy

PINE STRAW SALE

Oct. ~~3~~, ~~16~~, 23, 30

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Nov. 7 9:00 am – 11:30 am

You may arrange delivery and other pick-up times with
Ashleigh Goza - text or call (803) 459-6169

\$5 a Bale

\$20 Delivery Fee in Sumter/Dalzell area

*10 bale minimum for delivery

SAT / ACT Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
November 7 th , 2020	October 7 th , 2020	October 27 th , 2020
December 5 th , 2020	November 5 th , 2020	November 24 th , 2020
March 13 th , 2021	February 12 th , 2021	March 2 nd , 2021
May 8 th , 2021	April 8 th , 2021	April 27 th , 2021
June 5 th , 2021	May 6 th , 2021	May 26 th , 2021

ACT Date	Registration Deadline
October 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 25 th	September 17 th
December 12 th	November 6 th
February 6 th	January 8 th
April 17 th	March 12 th
June 12 th	May 7 th
July 17 th	June 18 th

Quote of the Week:

"Obedience is the road to freedom,
humility the road to pleasure, unity the
road to personality."

~ C.S. Lewis

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Big Shout Out:

To Ms. Cheryl Hale, the Vice Principal for
Academics at TSA-Columbia Campus!
Thank you, Ms. Hale for all you do!

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