



November 20th, 2020

Thomas Sumter Academy

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Dear TSA Generals,

Tenacity. Supports. Achievement. As we head out for Thanksgiving Break, I have a special prayer for each and every one of you that you may have a safe and healthy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your time to make memories during this special time of year. Also, take the time to rest and recharge.

We will have 2 weeks of classes before 6th-12th grade exams and three weeks until our Christmas holiday. The end of the semester is right around the corner!

Our Character Trait for November is HUMILITY: “Humility is perfect quietness of heart. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and kneel to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.” – **Andrew Murray**

Bible Verse for HUMILITY: [Matthew 5:3](#): “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Our Character Trait for December will be COMPASSION. What a great character trait for December as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!

“Absolute Value Corner:” Please take a moment and read this story. Just a WOW moment: <https://www.goodnewsnetwork.org/autistic-boy-can-name-any-car-ever-made/>.

Again, please enjoy your Thanksgiving Break! Be safe...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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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 20TH

SENIOR GENERAL SPEAKS

THANKSGIVING “GATHERING” FOR SENIORS

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON – COLUMBIA CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 23RD

START OF THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

NOVEMBER 30TH

VARSITY BOYS’ BASKETBALL VS. HOLLY HILL

DECEMBER 1ST

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ FLORENCE CHR.

DECEMBER 4TH

CHRISTMAS SHOP (4TH & 5TH GRADE)

CHRISTMAS BINGO - PTO

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL

DECEMBER 5TH

VARSITY BASKETBALL @ BARON CLASSIC – WILSON HALL

SAT

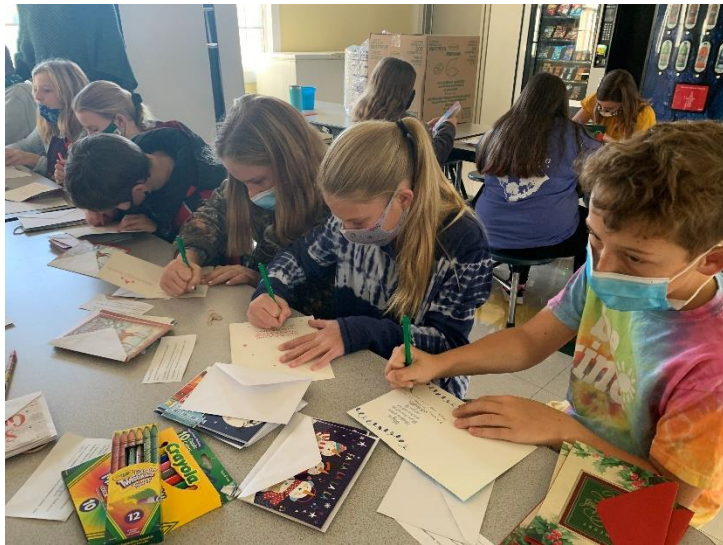
DENOTES SPORTING EVENT

Week 15



Awesome Job, JAC!

In this month's JAC meeting, the students signed Christmas cards for our local Veterans. Our 4th and 5th grade signed and wrote messages in a total of 1,000 cards! What an incredible act of kindness as we approach the holiday season!



Thanksgiving Dinner...COVID-Style!



Thank You to Mrs. Lisa Carino on an AMAZING Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday! The food was delicious! What an awesome way to get into the Thanksgiving spirit!

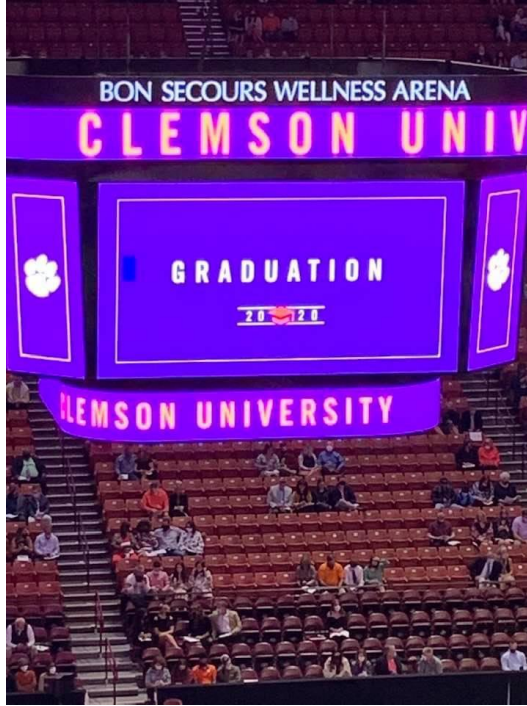
An Egg-Cellent Time!



On Thursday, Mrs. Hoagland's class participated in their very own Egg-Drop! Each student designed their own "Egg-Protection Device" and hoped their design prevented the egg from cracking. They did a phenomenal job! No eggs were harmed in the making of this experiment!



Congrats, Coach!



Last Saturday, Coach Watford had the awesome opportunity to walk in his Clemson University Commencement Ceremony in Greenville, SC. He completed his degree (Bachelor's of Behavioral Science in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management) last Spring but had his official graduation postponed due to COVID-19. Our TSA family is so proud of him and could not be more thankful that he's a General!

Congratulations, Coach!



Senior Gathering & Thanksgiving Parade



Seniors Aliyah Gibson, Sam Lawing, and Preston Houser did a terrific job as our Senior Speakers for the month of November. Following their speeches, our Senior class has the opportunity to enjoy some family-time with their loved ones in the courtyard and an awesome parade to celebrate Thanksgiving! Our Preschoolers, Kindergartners, and Seniors were no question the best-dressed students at school!



Lower School Chapel



This week at Lower School Chapel, we got to listen to two incredible speeches by 5th graders Jackson Boykin and Riya Patel. They both did an amazing job!

Our chapel speaker this week was our very own Coach Brunson. He told our Lower School students about what makes a team great and how we all play a crucial role on God's team!

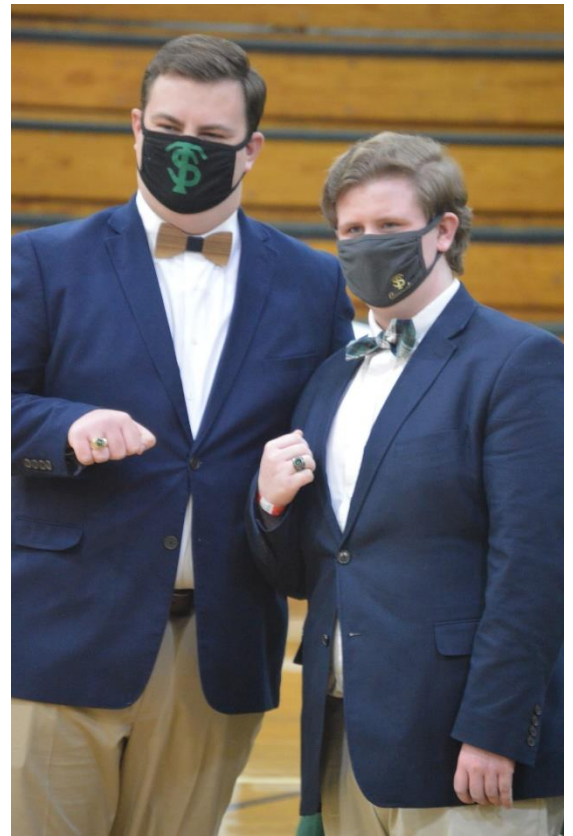


JUNIOR RING CEREMONY



On Thursday night, the Junior class received their official Thomas Sumter Academy class rings. They can choose a Senior that is very special to them to present the ring and officially turn it for the first time!

Congrats to the TSA CLASS OF 2022!



NJHS Coats for Christ

November 16 – December 4

NJHS is partnering with Sumter United Ministries to collect gently used coats, hats, scarves, and gloves.



Donations can be placed in the box by the front office.

Thank you for helping us be the hands and feet of Jesus this holiday season!

November Character Trait Winners



These outstanding Generals always display the great trait of Humility. Congrats to all our winners!

Pre-3: Tyler Yoder

Pre-4: Camille Street & Carter Maloney

Kindergarten: Summer Cato & Bristol Diorio

1st Grade: Baylee Gallucci & Sadie Colegrove

2nd Grade: Tripp Carnes & Gracie Saucedo

3rd Grade: Addison Conyers & Cody Hancock

4th Grade: Emma Hazen & Jackson Thompson

5th Grade: Eden Stokes & Riya Patel

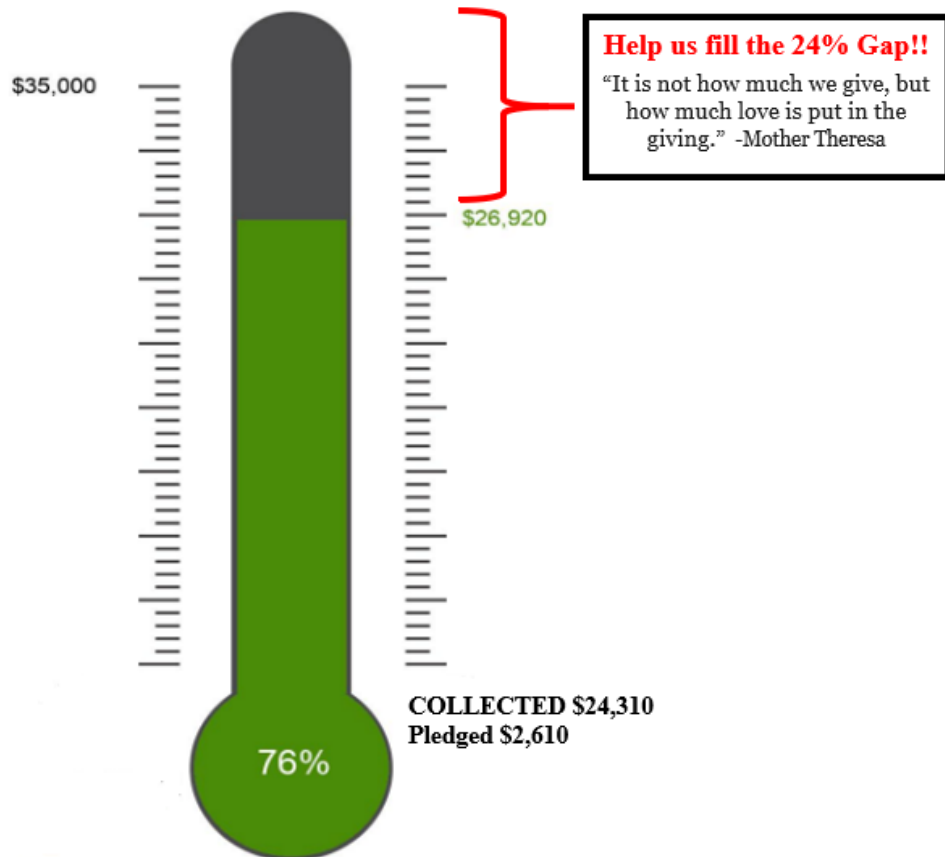
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Follow the Link to Order your 2020-2021 TSA Yearbook!

Thank You for Your Contribution!



Thank you to everyone who answered the call during our Phone-A-Thon.

Please remember to send in your pledges. You may pay online

www.thomassumteracademy.org or mail a check to

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Senior College Acceptances

Riley Brazell- University of Alabama, Auburn University

Zachary Evans- USC-Sumter

Aliyah Gibson- Charleston Southern University

Preston Houser: Coastal Carolina University

Sam Lawing: Charleston Southern University, Covenant College, Lees-McRae College, North Greenville University, Newberry College

Ethan Lisenby: The Citadel

Jade Leviner: USC-Sumter

Logan Long: UNC-Pembroke (Honors College), Gardner-Webb University

Jada Mark: University of Georgia

Logan Oxendine: Anderson University, University of Alabama

Abby Rourk- USC-Sumter



2020-2021, Children with Hair Loss Campaign

Student Name: _____

Student signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade: _____ **Homeroom:** _____

Email address: _____

Friend cutting your hair: _____

OPTIONAL: Will you have a hairdresser attending? If so,

Name of Hairdresser: _____

Name of Hair Salon: _____

*Participants will be limited 2-3 guests this year due to COVID-19. *
Morganne Anderson (PK4 Teacher) is also available to cut hair if anyone is in need of a hair dresser.

Parents.....please sign below to let us know that you are aware that your daughter is participating in the Children with Hair Loss Campaign.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Lower School students will have their assembly at 9 A.M. January 13, 2021.
Upper School students will have their assembly at 9:50 A.M. January 13, 2021.


***All participants must donate a minimum of 8 inches of hair to participate.
Please turn all forms into Eddy Hyder, Coach Brunson, or Lindsay Daniel.***

TSA PTO Presents...


Christmas BINGO

Friday December 4, 2020 6pm - 8pm
In the TSA Gymnasium

Bring your family out for a night of PIZZA and BINGO!
We will play 8 BINGO Games and have a 50/50 raffle. We have some
awesome prizes to be won!



TICKETS: \$10 per person (Includes 2 slices of pizza, dessert, drink, and
ONE Bingo card) Additional BINGO cards can be purchased the night of for
\$2 per card!



You must sign up by December 3rd! No tickets will be sold at the door!!
Please note to help keep everyone healthy tables will be set up to seat 6-8
people and wherever you sit is where you have to stay! There will be no
mingling allowed. No vender sales this year. Just a night of food and
BINGO FUN!

Name: _____

Child's Name and Teacher: _____

Number of People attending: _____ X\$10= _____

Please make all checks out to TSA PTO

The Winner of **THE GENERAL BOWL**



It was a fun day on "The Hill". The Clemson Tigers walked away with the win from our General Bowl this year. We had such GREAT participation, and we are all going to walk away winners.

Due to the overwhelming participation EVERYONE (F & S too) will be able to dress down (middle/high school) and wear pajamas (lower school) until Christmas Break. The only exception is Chapel Dress Up day for upper school students.

Happy Thanksgiving!!
Go Generals!!

Winners

EVERYONE

Dress Down (middle/upper) & pajamas (lower) until Christmas Break!!

Best Dressed Winners

Lower Clemson – Cody Hancock

Lower Carolina – Emmy Hurley

Middle Clemson – Porter Berrineau

Middle Carolina – Hanna Burnside

High Clemson – Logan Long

High Carolina – Catelyn Dunavant

Teacher/Staff Clemson – Mrs. Hoagland

Teacher/Staff Carolina – Mrs. Brinson



SAT / ACT Dates

SAT Date	Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
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
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:

"If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it."

— Marcus Aurelius

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BIG SHOUT OUT:

Lisa Carino for a great COVID
Thanksgiving Dinner!

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